

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Paid Parental Leave

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- 1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?**
- 2. Please list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.**

Answer:

1. All employees with more than 12 months service who earn less than \$150,000 per annum and are the primary care giver of the child are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme. As eligibility is based on primary caring responsibility, a definitive number cannot be provided.
2. PM&C is currently providing one employee with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme and an addition five employees have been approved, with payments commencing shortly.