

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Paid Parental Leave

Senator: Ryan

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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. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.
3. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?

Answer:

1. The ANAO does not determine eligibility for payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme. The eligibility is determined by the Family Assistance Office.
2. The ANAO is paying Paid Parental Leave to eligible staff when the Family Assistance Office advises that payments are due. For this financial year to date, the ANAO has paid nine (9) staff Paid Parental Leave. Their classifications are:

1 x APS 3
1 x APS 5
4 x APS 6
2 x EL 1
1 x EL 2

3. The ANAO is required by legislation to participate in the Australian Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme, administered by the Department of Human Services. Employees apply directly to Centrelink for assistance. The ANAO, as employer, is funded to provide Parental Leave pay to its eligible employees. The government provides the necessary

Paid Parental Leave funds to the ANAO first. This financial year to date, the ANAO has paid nine staff members under the Paid Parental Leave Scheme.