

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST No. 16/17-049

Paid Parental Leave Data

1. The number of paid parental leave recipients by income range (\$0-\$10,000,\$10,001-\$20,000, \$20,001-\$30,000 through to \$140,001-\$150,000).

A total of 170,501 recipients started receiving Parental Leave Pay (PLP) in the 2015-16 financial year. The eligibility for the payment is based on the Adjusted Taxable Income provided by the claimant during the claim process and is reflective of their income in the financial year prior to the PLP claim or the birth of the child.

Adjusted Taxable Income	Recipients	Percentage
\$0 - \$10,000	5,316	3%
\$10,001 - \$20,000	13,322	8%
\$20,001 - \$30,000	20,140	12%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	24,296	14%
\$40,001 - \$50,000	26,019	15%
\$50,001 - \$60,000	21,165	12%
\$60,001 - \$70,000	17,119	10%
\$70,001 - \$80,000	13,939	8%
\$80,001 - \$90,000	10,223	6%
\$90,001 - \$100,000	6,908	4%
\$100,001 - \$110,000	4,514	3%
\$110,001 - \$120,000	2,811	2%
\$120,001 - \$130,000	2,035	1%
\$130,001 - \$140,000	1,481	1%
\$140,001 - \$150,000	1,213	1%
Total	170,501	100%

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- 2. The estimated number of Paid Parental Leave recipients who will no longer be eligible for Paid Parental Leave as a result of the Government’s proposed changes to Paid Parental Leave and their median income**
- 3. The estimated number of Paid Parental Leave recipients who will lose part of their Paid Parental leave entitlements as a result of the Government’s proposed changes to Paid Parental Leave and their median income**
- 4. The estimated number of Paid Parental Leave recipients who will be unaffected by the Government’s proposed changes to Paid Parental leave**

Answers for Q2 – Q4

The figures in the table below are based on the changes proposed in the Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016, which is currently before Parliament. Dad and Partner Pay (DAPP) is not affected by these changes.

The estimated median incomes in the table have been indexed to the 2015-16 financial year.

Effect on PPL entitlement	Estimated number of people affected	Estimated approximate median income
No longer eligible for PPL	7,000	\$69,000
Eligible for reduced number of weeks of PPL	72,000	\$62,000
Unaffected	90,000	\$43,000