

PARENTAL LEAVE, PUBLIC SECTOR

70. Mrs EDWARDES to the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) I refer the minister to the coalition's family friendly policy commitment to the introduction of six weeks paid parental leave and ask when will the Government introduce a similar parental leave entitlement broadly across the public sector?
- (2) If not, why not?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (1) The Government has no intention of proceeding with any matters on the basis that they were coalition policy commitments prior to the last election, which the coalition lost. The Government is currently looking to enhancing parental leave entitlements across the public sector and is yet to finalise the matter.
- (2) See (1).