



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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Parents disappointed Prime Minister has reneged on his promise to re-direct funds from his scrapped Paid Parental Leave scheme to childcare

Parents are feeling extremely disappointed that the Prime Minister will today announce savings from his scrapped Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme will go to funding small business tax cuts instead of making childcare more affordable for families

Jo Briskey, Executive Director of The Parenthood, said that thousands of mums and dads had been lead to believe that the Prime Minister was going to re-direct savings from the scrapped PPL to help them with their ever increasing childcare costs.

“Only four months ago the Prime Minister made a promise to Australian families that he would scrap his PPL to instead re-direct the funds into making childcare more affordable for families.” Ms Briskey said.

“We took the Prime Minister at his word and had understood his intention was to re-direct the \$5.5 billion the PPL was due to cost into childcare– including the \$2 billion expected to be raised from a 1.5 per cent levy on big business,

“Now reports are that the Prime Minister has decided that these funds will go to help fund a tax cut for small business instead”

“So effectively what families are expecting to hear today is another broken promise from the Abbott Government and that really there will be no bold ‘Families Package’ that will actually make childcare more affordable for families”

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