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Premier Steven Miles will be pressured by unions to commit to doubling combined parental leave for public servants ahead of the October election.

The Australian reports the move would mean each parent could access 18 weeks of government-funded leave.

The Queensland Council of Unions launched the pre-election campaign on Monday.

General secretary Jacqueline King said the existing entitlement of 14 weeks for the primary caregiver – 95 per cent of whom were women – and one week for their partner was exacerbating the gender pay gap.

Mr Miles said he was open to expanding parental leave entitlements for the state's 260,000 public servants and would meet with the union.