

SENATE INQUIRY INTO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE

PPL

Please amend this Bill.

This is the most ludicrous scheme ever devised. More money will be spent in administration and checking the complex provisions for eligibility than goes to the parent.

Why is childcare only considered WORK if it is taking place outside the home?

One income families who only have one tax-free threshold are being taxed to contribute to a PPL plan for women who work. This is a shocking discriminatory policy which fails to reward parents who prefer to bring up their own children. As a young father of three said to me, "Why would you have children to hand them to a stranger to bring them up?"

The PPL plan will not boost fertility because the mother will have to return to the workforce when paid leave cuts out [see Swedish experiment].

PPL funding is unfair, uneconomic, and against the national interest. It has been tried in other countries and proved a failure. Respected researchers around the world have been telling us for years that children brought up in childcare are much more likely to have learning/behavioural difficulties at school and into adolescence. They are more likely to have health, social, drug and alcohol problems.

It is in the best interests of the child, the family and the nation, for the child to be cared for by its parents.

Please support ALL mothers and fathers, and not just those in the workforce.

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