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Re: Submission to the Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great interest and support that finally an inquiry is being raised in regards to the injustices provided to non-custodial parents by and with the present systems and in my particular case the Child Support Agency and

the formula it applies to non-custodial parents such as my-self.

In my own personal situation and other non-custodial fathers that i know of personally the CSA formula is in reality

spousal maintenance hidden in disguise using the child only as a lever to make the non-custodial parent pay for the

the next 10, 15 or 20 years from a decision made to separate that is no-ones fault and the custodial parent should

be made to be more accountable for where and how all this money is spent each week in a effort to stop enhancing

their own lifestyle and the child misses out.

The amount required using the CSA formula always is double or more for what a child of a given age requires as determined by various surveys conducted by different groups over the years and i'm sure if the government calculated the amount if it was paying using the 'survival of the species method' that it applies to

unemployment benefits etc..., the amount would be much, much lower. The is no incentive for the non-custodial parents to get on with their lives as they are continually financially penalized as well as any new spouses or wives also are made to suffer as well and any extra

incomes generated, even years after seperation in proportioned back to the ex-spouse and they had nothing to do

with the extra income.

I have my child every second weekend, every monday and 1 month a year on my annual leave and i receive no financial

relief from the CSA using the current CSA formula, however the Family Assistance Office, using the same court

orders calculate the percentage as 31% shared care so i don't know why 2 governments use 2 different ways of calculating care for the same child using the same court orders ? The 30% level needs to be reduced to reflect the reality of care provided and the amount payable needs to

brought back to more realistic terms of hows much a child needs at a given age. If the non-custodial parent is paying - say

40 cents in the dollar tax and the child support wants another 27 cents in the dollar as payments that only leaves 33 cents in the

dollar to support him-self and to try and get on with his life, he would better off on the dole and/or working for cash jobs only, it the

only avenue left to go or suicide as many do.

Yours Faithfully,
 Wayne Larsen.

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