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Secretary:

Dear Sir,

I am a Father.

I am writing to tell you of some of my experiences as a separated father.

I have made an application to the family court for joint residency for our daughter. The Court has set interim orders in place which compromise this end objective and my role as a father.

This order has resulted in my ex thinking she has "won" and has tried to take AVO's against me which involved lying to the Police and most recently interrupted contact with our daughter.

At other times, my ex has been very abusive and aggressive. The same things she accuses me of.

I have tried to mediate and reason with my ex both through simple talking and our solicitors. Often I have suggested mediation or parental counseling but it was refused by my ex.

There is nothing left to me but pay through the nose for it to go through the court.

I do not mind supporting our child but I think there should be some level of financial accountability as to how the money is spent. In my case I think my ex is not spending the money wisely.

I love our daughter very much and hate being away from her. My family is very close and they miss seeing their granddaughter/niece/grandniece. I hurts that at the moment that our daughter will not know what a close family she has.

I could go on with every negative that I have experienced but this is not the forum for that.

I would be pleased to appear b4 the inquiry if they want the opinion of a Father

Yours Sincerely



PS: six weeks was way too short for a topic of this magnitude. Sorry for the criticism.