



The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP  
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**Balancing Work and Family**

I would like to make the following comments in relationship to the Committee's consideration of its terms of reference:

The childcare rebate is means tested, the value of the rebate is based on the parents combined taxable income. My husband and I have a combined taxable income of \$100,000 + per annum. ~~We received~~ We have two children under 5 in long daycare, and ~~they~~ receive approx. \$50 per fortnight off our daycare fees using the childcare rebate.

I have a friend that is a full time mother. Her husband earns over \$150,000 per annum. As a full time mother with two children under five, and no taxable income, the government provides her an allowance of \$110 per fortnight.

I think this is an example of one of the many inequities in the system.

It is quite discouraging to pay almost half my ~~gross~~ after tax income in daycare fees, and struggle with the guilt of not staying home with my children in order to improve our family life, ~~and~~ whilst my friend's family ~~is~~ is earning a higher combined taxable income and receiving a higher contribution from the government to stay at home.

Is this how you encourage mother to return to work?

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