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i was just browsing through the attorney generals web site and cane across your information . there is a few issues i would like to address as i cant seem to find a government department to e-mail to . firstly i am lucky enough to have 50-50 share custody of my daughter thanks to what i consider a fairly costly court appearance ,no thanks to a very jealous spitefull,and very nasty ex-defacto.i have since married to a very wonderfull woman, actually the yummiest in the world. listening to my wife talking about the unfairness to men that happens in family breakdowns has urged me to pursue this matter. i have my daughter 1 week on and 1 week off . and i am still required to pay child support, WHY is this so .my daughters mother sits back and collects 380 dollars every month from me but she is working and earned 30,000 dollars last year, so where is her responsibility to pay for and financially care for my daughter, it seems to me like she does not have to have any responsibility. in todays society everybody is supposed to be equal, but i wish someone could tell me where equality comes into this equasion, two people equally share custody but only one is expected to pay for the childs living expenses while that child is at the other parents house just because one parent has a better paying job than the other parent , but i still give my daughter my lifestyle when she is at home with me . FAIRNESS and EQUALITY , i dont think so. my solution to this problem equally share custody and equally share the financial burden of raising children. secondly why is the child support that is paid to a parent not classed as income , i mean come on somebody can sit back and collect what i would describe as an income but it is not deemed as income by the tax department, but i am sure even blind freddy could see that this is money coming IN. yet the paying parent is still required to pay tax on his income even though he does not see one cent of the money he is paying out , once again FAIRNESS , i dont think so. i have looked through the child support formula used to calculate child support and i can not believe how involved this formula is. my god you would have to be a scientist or have a PHD in physics to make an accurate calculation from this formula. but there is a very simple solution . a big box of brekfast cereal can last one child a week, all for 4 dollars. 2 loaves of bread, fruit, muslie bars, all for a weeks lunch for about 10 to 15 dollars a week. a carefully planned family meal can work out to cost about 3 dollars a meal why some sort of a formula is not instigated such as this, maybe it would be too easy , on a final note i hope that the outcome of the commissions inquiry is for fairness and euuality for everybody.

many thanks rob salmon