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Mr Ken Ticehurst

Re: Child support submission

Dear Sir,
my wife and I separated 11 years ago.
To help minimise the impact of marital break down on my 4 year old daughter
I was determined to keep the family home.
To achieve this end I was forced to borrow from the bank to pay my former
wife her share of equity in the property.

The early stages of the separation created huge financial hardship, and to try
to alleviate this problem I started a second job.

Here in lies the problem, to hold a second Job one must pay 30% tax as I
couldn't fill a tax exemption form.

As a father I paid 18% of my wages for child support
Because I tried to maintain financial solvency with a second job
I was actually paying 48% of my wages from my second job to the
government and child support.

On occasions in discussions with friends about this problem their response
Would be "why do you bother?"

I really do believe that I, and people like myself are disadvantaged
Financially simply because we would prefer to struggle and swim rather than
sink and become a welfare recipient.

It would be absolutely marvellous if the father's who pay child support and
work second jobs were only taxed at their normal rate instead of 30% . What
a good incentive that would be.

Yours sincerely


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