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To The Secretary,

I would like to have a say on the Child Support System. The Gov't is going on about the Custody of the children. This is NOT the problem. The problem is the amount that one has to pay. How does 1 Child need \$800 a month? This is 18% of my Gross wage. 18% for one and 36% for 6? Between my new partner and I we pay 45% in Child Support. The Custody idea will not work as I know from my case that my daughter is not going to want to live with me because her mother gets more money from me than I will get from her. I have had my daughter come to live with me before and because I didn't have her for the 109 days I had to pay the mother while I had the daughter here.. Is That Fair? Why do you think that there are so many male suicides? Why do you think males take themselves and their children out and kill all? In the town where I live there are many Payers and their ex-partners are getting \$1700-\$2300 a month. Again ..Unfair. Untaxed, Dont have to declare, and they can earn what they like on top of that. Why is it that 1 child is worth 18% but if the child was 1 of 6 it is only worth 6%?

The gov't makes it easy for a single woman (Please find attached Why not dump your man) and makes it hard on the male. I have been fighting this issue for over 4 years now and no-one wants to listen. What makes it even harder is when the daughter phones and tells you that aren't paying enough and the mother gets the son to threaten to kill you if you don't pay.

Please consider looking into the amount one has to pay.

Kev Johnstone.