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Submission re Government inquiry

Please accept my submission in relation to "Whether the existing child support formula works fairly for both persons in relation to the care of, and contact with, their children".

Before looking at any formula, or change thereof, the Government really needs to address the increasing incidence of avoidance of child support. The formula is not the problem, the avoidance is. If the Child Support Agency, or any organisation given the job of collecting child support, is to be taken seriously by people who don't feel a need to help support their children, much wider powers need to be given to that organisation.

Speaking on a personal level, I have spent 12 years trying to receive child support, with limited success. I am now in a situation where the paying parent has quit his job, formed a company, is working for the company on a very low salary although with no obvious life style changes, being subsidised by the Government through a Family Tax Benefit but not paying child support.

Either the child support agency needs much more force behind it, or company laws need to be changed to address this problem.

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Best Wishes

