

Inquiry into the Child Support program

Snapshot 1 – Negotiation.

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Others indicate serious challenges:

- Extremely difficult
- Too much to write in such a small space but it can only be described as a nightmare
- Sometimes good and sometimes very bad
- The worst experience in my entire life
- It has been a battle for 8 years as circumstances have changed over time
- Discussing issues with emotions running high
- There has been no ease in arranging child support, it has taken many phone calls, arguments & tears to arrange anything
- We both decided that we would do what was best for the boys so, despite the hurt and pain, we treated each other with civility
- Difficult as both sides have different ideas of what is fair
- Money is a battlefield. It's a source of anxiety and tension for both parties, whether due to fear or anger. It has become a prime source of revenge for both parties
- Every step was a challenge

For some people, negotiation has changed over time:

- In the early times it was very difficult. Given the passage of time it has improved and decision was for opt out of CS collection to private with great success.
- Initially difficult but since going through the child support it is a bit easier

And some responses report that negotiation is impossible:

- No communication and other party not willing to negotiate
- No communication at all, no negotiations at all, no compromise at all
- It does not work
- Negotiation is impossible
- I have given up

Thanks to everyone who has completed the Questionnaire.

We will publish further snapshots online in coming months.

For inquiry information, and to complete the Questionnaire,
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