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Paid Parental Leave will not "pay for itself"

The Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill says "It is expected that the cost of the scheme will be **offset** by **increases** in tax revenue and by **reductions** in baby bonus and family tax benefit Part B outlays and tax offsets for people receiving parental leave pay." (underlining and bold added). These offsets will go nowhere near funding this expensive scheme that no individual can "afford". It is more likely, as in Sweden, that this costly scheme will not pay for itself and will result in increased taxes.

The costs of the scheme will expand annually as more women are forced to get paid work in order to get preferential funding. It's government funding, it should go equally to every child born.

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