	House of Representatives Standing Cost in rea on Family and Community Affairs
Sent: Monday, 7 July 2003 9:02 AM	Submission No: 133 Date Received: 7-7-03
To: Committee, FCA (REPS) Subject: Re shared custody	Secretary:

I am writing in response to an email from **Sector and** regarding shared custody between separated parents. I have read the 9 page report by Pathways to the Future and have browsed though the 16 page government response.

I whole heartedly agree the some thing has to be done to eliminate the lengthy and expensive process of obtaining contact with a child.

In my experience it took me 6 months and \$168 and that is with Legal Aid to obtain a court order for contact with my daughter, which was made by the **General** Court on May14 2003, and still I have not had the fortnightly weekend contact that was made by the court and it is now July 7.

Regards

