

Committee Secretary
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Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry
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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS INQUIRY

I was concerned to learn that the Commonwealth is considering an amendment that will result in a presumption in favour of joint custody when making arrangements for children whose parents have separated.

While I have infinite difficulty in contacting my children due to their mother's behaviour and I love my children, I could not agree that it would be in their best interest to have to split their time equally between both parents.

I could not comprehend how any father who genuinely cares for their children could support such a presumption.

Clearly where it is in the best interest of the children the Court can and should find that children should split their time evenly between each parent or even live with their father where it is in the children's best interest to do so. However there appears to be no justification for such a presumption to be included in the law.

Yours Sincerely

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