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Secretary:

Hello,

I would dearly like your opinion on the following.

I am a recently separated father who is now paying CSA. I have recently joined the work force and am also paying back my HECS and SSF from my university degree. I have done some calculations using the CSA formula to work out payments in different income categories and have revealed some major concerns that I would appreciate some justification on. By the way my Ex is not working nor intends to.

If I make \$25000 per year and receive a promotion and make \$30000 per year. I actually receive \$8.80 less a week, she receives an additional \$27 per week. Therefore is of more benefit to her.

If I make \$40000 per year and receive a promotion and make \$50000 per year. I actually receive \$17.70 more a week, she receives an additional \$27 per week. Therefore is of more benefit to her.

If I make \$50000 per year and receive a promotion and make \$60000 per year. I actually receive \$48 more a week, she receives an additional \$34 per week. Therefore is of similar benefit to her.

How can this be possible? I work harder and longer and in some cases loose money while she makes more?

I knew the system was backwards but not to this extent. I am really looking forward to your justification of this matter.

In another matter:

How is it that my ex partner is allowed to know all of my personal information such as my salary. If I choose not to tell CSA, CSA go straight to my tax records and extract it anyway. Surely I have right of privacy over this information. I can not contact Centrelink and find out her payments, her financial situation yet without even asking CSA reveal all to her. I thought privacy acts were in place for a reason. I understand that I have to tell CSA so you can formulate a payment amount however surely if I choose this information must be kept confidential from my Ex partner. Otherwise for the next 18 years she is entitled to know my entire personal financial business. While I am kept in the dark about hers.

Regards

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