

## Blatant theft!

Fact: CSA collect more money from some Non Resident Parents than the CSA and the Benefits agency combined pay out to the parent with care!

So what happens to this "extra" money?

Is it in any way paid to out to support Children?

Answer

No it is simply retained by CSA and included in the total figure reported to and passed to the government as money collected from Non Resident parents.

They Don't Even count it!

They simply pass it on to the treasury where your government can use it for anything it likes, bailing out failing banks, buying long overdue weapons for their two war fronts or maybe to help pay MP's salaries.

So your government solicits money from one parent in the name of supporting that parents children and simply keeps a proportion of that money, tells no one, makes no effort to count or account for that money and spends it as it pleases.

Do you think this is the behaviour you should expect from you government?

Are your children being robbed by Gordon Brown?

Are you in this situation? Get in touch with us we want to hear from you.

Want to know how they steal this money and what the CSA have to say on the matter? Read on...

ON 16TH Sept 2007

We asked CSA This Question under the Freedom of information act

We require to know the actual amount received and retained by CSA that is created by the difference in the amount paid to CSA by non resident parents and the amount that CSA actually paid out to the non residents parents partners where he/she was in receipt of benefits? This money has been acquired by a government agency soliciting money in the name of children however this money is never given to any children. We wish to know year on year how much is actually retained by the government.

CSA refused to provide any real answers to our question

Finally we made a last attempt to get an definitive answer

REF FO1/07/NOVEMBER/01cc Pater Hain MP

Dear Miss H Coupe,

This is now our 4th request for this information.

It would appear from your response that you do fully understand the question however you insist in replying with information that is of no interests nor has it been requested.

SPECIFICALLY

What is the actual, exact amount in pounds sterling year on year retained by the government in these cases and exactly how many cases does this represent?

Can we make this request any clearer?

We request the year, the total amount retained for that year, the number of cases relating to that amount.

The CSA collect this money and are responsible for accounting for it, we are now asking CSA to account for this retained money.

It is not possible to derive the figure that I am requesting from you from the reports that you suggest hence my request to

you to get this information.

If you are incapable of providing this information under the freedom of information act I am asking you to tell me who is in a position to answer this question as this money is contained within the reports and someone somewhere relating to CSA money accounting must have and be able to provide this information.

Telling us that the report is the only information you would hold is not good enough as you obviously hold all information relating to the collection of CSA money, you are CSA.

By letter 6 we were no further forward CSA simply refuse to provide an answer

REF FOI/07/September/04

16 Dec 22 2007cc Pater Hain

Dear Duncan Gilchrist,

We have no interest in CSA internal politics, reviews or back slapping.

Clearly our question has not been answered satisfactorily. Pointing us to the online report is futile. While we accept the figure passed to the treasury is both available and contains the actual figure we are seeking it is not possible to extract this figure from the information supplied in the report. If we are mistaken in this please feel free to correct us and explain how the actual figure we seek to uncover can be derived from any manipulation of the figures contained in this or any other report.

Failing that we ask under the freedom of information act that CSA confirm or deny the following 4 Questions, a simple yes or no is all that is required. Please do not add unsolicited information a simple YES OR NO.

1. CSA are held accountable for all money paid by Non resident parents demanded in the name of CHILD SUPPORT?
2. CSA are in possession of all income information relating to the parent with care?
3. Cases where more is paid by the NRP than is received by the PWC do exist?
4. CSA keep detailed case records for every NRP and every PWC?

Assuming you answered yes to all of the above then CSA must now have all the information to enable CSA to calculate the difference between that money received from an NRP and that money paid out to a PWC. This calculation would result in a negative where the NRP pays less than the PWC receives and a positive where the NRP pays more than the PWC receives.

We accept that where the PWC is on benefit this figure will be a negative in the majority of cases however our interest is in the amounts in every case where this figure is a positive. Under the freedom of information act we understand that while we may not be entitled to the actual figure from every individual case, we do have every right to know the total value of the combined amount passed to the treasury where this positive result occurs. As stated this figure is included in the £93,391.000 for 2006-07 but we want to know exactly how much it is and CSA are withholding that information year on year along with the total number of cases year on year that this figure applies to whether its one case for one pound or a thousand cases for millions of pounds.

In your letter you state "I can confirm that the figure published in the Child Support Agency's Annual report and accounts is the only figure that we hold for the sums paid to the Secretary of State in respect of benefit claimants" As the figure we seek is contained within the amounts in this report what you are actually saying is that you do have this information but your not prepared to divulge the information that we seek, nor are you prepared to make any effort to provide us with this information so in fact you are simply refusing to comply with the freedom of information act law?

Since our original request we have had to write 6 times constantly rephrasing the same question and each time CSA steadfastly refuse to provide the amount and the number of cases where this situation occurs. Each time we are given other irrelevant unsolicited information and pointed to the annual report.

Mr D Gilchrist Head of Government and parliamentary Relations finally wrote on the 7th of January.

"I am satisfied that all of the information that the child support Agency can supply under the freedom of Information Act legislation has been provided"

Finally CSA stop trying to fob us off and tell us to take it to the Freedom of information Commissioner which means either CSA are beyond the reaches of the Freedom of information act and don't have to comply which defeats the purpose of the act or the Freedom of information act is useless and worthless as clearly Government continue to steal this money from parents every month. IT'S LEGAL THEFT BY YOUR GOVERNMENT Is this the type of response that we should expect when we ask a government agency to account for money taken from parents in the name of their children?