

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SENATE

CHILDCARE REBATE BILL 1993

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for Family  
Services, Senator the Honourable Rosemary Crowley)

**GENERAL OUTLINE**

The amendment to this Bill concerns the definition of a family in respect of those eligible for the Childcare Rebate.

Clause 5(2)(i) allows for the possibility of a same sex relationship, where certain conditions as outlined in Clause 5(2) are met, to be treated as a family. The amendment will require that only relationships between persons of the opposite sex will be recognised as constituting a family for the purpose of Clause 5.

This amendment brings the definition of family in this Bill, in fact, in line with the definition of member of a couple contained in the Social Security Act 1991.

The eligibility of children of single parents who live in a same sex relationship will not be affected by this amendment provided all other eligibility conditions outlined in this Bill are met.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

This amendment has no financial impact.

**NOTES ON AMENDMENT**

This amendment provides for the inclusion of a subparagraph 2(b)(ia) ("the other person is of the opposite sex") into subparagraph 2(b) of Clause 5 of the Bill. The amendment will have the effect that the definition of family will require that the partner of a person will be of the opposite sex.

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