

Welfare Review

Dept. of Social Services

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Dear Committee,

Private Submission to Welfare System Taskforce re: Welfare Payments to Religious Leaders

As a tax paying, medical practitioner with teenage children, who will ultimately be burdened with paying to maintain one of the most generous welfare systems in the world, I am writing to express my concerns about the ease with which religious men, especially Imams and Rabbis, can migrate to this country and then depend on Centrelink to support their very large families, at tax-payers expense.

I clearly remember the Imam, Abu Ben Brika, who migrated to this country in 1989, after Paul Keating overturned an AFP warning to prevent his entry, and then tapped into Centrelink benefits to stimulate his reproduction with 5 children produced while allowing him to foment a terrorist plot.

One of my Jewish pharmacist colleagues in Ripponlea explained to me how New York Jewish rabbis can enter Australia and then depend on Centrelink to support their very large families, of up to 15 children, providing over \$2000 per week in benefits. My colleague explained that they could only do this in Israel and Australia, as in America they only get support for children not produced while unemployed and then only for a limited period. I assume this loophole was approved of by Mr Robert Hawke. It is not uncommon to hear New York accents in Glen Eira Rd., Ripponlea.

I believe that religious men who represent a certain religious group should be financially supported by that group, and not by the general tax-payer who most probably does not affiliate with that religion.

Yours Sincerely,

Doug McKenzie