



Child Support – Some Essential Facts

- Typically, after separation, a parent can make an Application for the assessment of child support from the other parent through Centrelink.
- The Government assess a party's liability to pay child support according to a formula which is based on the children's ages, the income of both parents and the number of nights the children spend with each parent and other factors.
- This is an administrative function and, in most cases, this administrative function is designed to save parties money and the Court cannot (accept in limited circumstances) make Orders for child support.
- Parties can enter into their own negotiations as to an appropriate level of child support, including periodic and non-periodic payments and this can be included in a Child Support Agreement which can be binding or limited and which can be registered with the Child Support Agency.