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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL -  
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION (DOMESTIC ABUSE) BILL**

Dear Maeve,

You raised one question during the third reading debate for the Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Bill that took place on 16 June 2023. I pledged to respond in writing.

The point you raised was in reference to collection fees, more specifically whether consideration has been taken to exempting victims of domestic abuse from collection fees.

The Child Maintenance Service is committed to supporting separated parents in difficult circumstances and we strive to strengthen our services for victims of domestic abuse.

As you will already be aware, the fees for the use of the collect and pay service are 20% on top of the maintenance liability for the paying parent and 4% of the maintenance received for the receiving parent.

Alongside development of the secondary legislation for the Bill, we will look at the charging structure for the use of the collect and pay service and how this will interact with the proposed changes for victims of domestic abuse in these cases. We will engage with a range of stakeholder groups, as well as other government departments, and devolved administrations where necessary, to ensure we get these proposals right. Secondary legislation will be brought in as soon as parliamentary time allows; we hope this to be early 2024.

A copy of this letter will be deposited in the house library

My best wishes  
James Younger

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