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Australia Pays Women Up to \$22,000 for Aborting Their Babies After 20 Weeks

The Australian government is paying women as much as \$22,000 (US\$14,000) to abort their unborn children after 20 weeks' gestation.

In a July 2 letter leaked to Australian pro-life advocate [Dr. Joanna Howe](#), Senator Katy Gallagher, a member of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's cabinet, confirmed that a woman who intentionally aborted her child would be eligible for a \$4,255 (US\$2,752) Stillborn Baby Payment. Alternatively, that same woman could apply for up to \$22,754 (US\$14,714) in Parental Leave Pay.



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Both Albanese and Gallagher are members of the Labor Party.

Midwives' Tales

According to the [Daily Declaration](#), which describes itself as "Australia's Largest Christian News Site," Howe first reported on the abortion payout in June based on information from "at least two medical personnel":

One is a South Australian hospital administrator who said midwives are "traumatized and shocked" by the rise in late-term abortions of healthy babies. She revealed staff are being effectively "forced to sign off on Centrelink [Australia's social-security agency] forms" so women can claim payments — a process adding "a double level of trauma" by co-opting them into a system that financially rewards elective abortions.

The second is a midwife who described a traumatic late-term abortion in which the mother stated she would use her aborted baby bonus to fund a holiday to Bali — a remark that left the midwife in tears after delivering the baby stillborn.

As Dr. Howe explains, her sources are forced to remain anonymous because whistleblower protections in Australia only apply to those exposing illegal activity. And, since both late-term abortion and claiming Centrelink payments for them are legal, medical staff who speak out about what they're witnessing risk losing their jobs.

At the time, Howe had only these anonymous reports plus inferences drawn from the website of Services Australia, the country's overarching social-services agency. Regarding the Stillborn Birth Payment, the website [reads](#):

To be eligible for our payments, a stillbirth needs to meet our definition. A stillborn baby is one who had not breathed since delivery and had no heartbeat after birth.

To be considered stillborn, a baby also had to have a gestation period of at least 20 weeks or



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weighed at least 400 grams [14 ounces] at their birth.

Obviously, a baby aborted after 20 weeks would qualify as stillborn under that definition, making the baby's mother eligible for the Stillborn Baby Payment. Moreover, Services Australia says the mother of a stillborn (under the same definition) can opt for [Parental Leave Pay](#) instead.

Admission Letter

The "definitive proof" of Howe's hunch arrived, she said, in the form of the leaked letter. Written on Gallagher's behalf by Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Director Kathy Stevens, the letter stated bluntly: "The eligibility criteria for Stillborn Baby Payment do not exclude circumstances where the stillbirth was due to a medical termination, including an intentional abortion."

In other words, kill your baby, and hit the taxpayer-funded jackpot.

[According to Howe:](#)

Killing a baby after 20 weeks and up until birth entails injecting the baby's heart with potassium chloride or digoxin and is followed by the early induction of labor of that now stillborn baby.

In her letter, Stevens went on to explain that either the "mother or their partner" would be eligible for benefits "provided the child has been certified by a qualified medical practitioner as having been delivered and the definition of a stillborn child is met." She then cited Services Australia's definition of *stillborn*.

"A woman who has an intentional abortion — or even a man who forces a woman to have an intentional abortion — the Labor government will pay them \$4,200," said Howe.

"It's a dead-baby bonus for late-term abortions, paid for by all of us."

Referring to former Prime Minister John Howard, Howe [wrote](#):

The Howard Government's Baby Bonus was criticized because it incentivized teen pregnancies. This is far, far worse. Instead of receiving a \$5000 cash payment for birthing a baby at full term, the Albanese Government is now incentivizing late-term abortion in half the time.

That a Labor government would promote abortion is no shock. Gallagher is a member of pro-abortion activist organization EMILY's List Australia and signed a pro-abortion pledge to obtain the group's backing in her 2019 Senate run.

News Speak? No, Newspeak

Australia's mainstream media has, of course, been notably uninterested in the pay-to-abort revelations. The Daily Declaration's [Kurt Mahlburg](#) wrote last Friday:

With the exception of a single article in *The Advertiser* last year, the legacy press is refusing to touch this story — a curious silence given the overwhelming public interest in the scandal: an X thread I published on Wednesday [July 23] has almost reached [1 million views](#).



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The Daily Declaration, however, isn't about to let it go. Columnist [Mark Powell](#), for instance, had this to say:

In the dystopian classic *1984*, George Orwell coined the term “newspeak,” a fictional language for the totalitarian state of Oceania. By re-defining the meaning of words, the government could exert complete control over its citizens....

As we can all see now, Orwell was not only a brilliant novelist, but also very prescient.... But not even he could have envisioned a situation where a “baby bonus” would be paid to a mother for killing her baby or a Paid Parental Leave payment be given after one decided to not actually be a mother. And the fact that the political party responsible for this perversion is called the “Labor” Party just beggars belief.



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