

To whom it may concern

I would like to know why an income earner of \$180,000+ will receive most contribution from the government, while a low to middle income earner receives the least government contribution?

I understand that higher income earners pay more tax. But someone with an income of \$180,000 p.a. will still take home \$100,000 more than that of an average income earner of \$35000. Therefore should be more able to afford their own home.

I think that government contribution should be based on **regular payments into the account rather than amount of income**. It seems unfair that higher income earners are yet again getting a leg up.

It seems almost useless to middle income earners like ourselves to take advantage of this. For \$750, we may as well wait for another couple of months and save the money ourselves!

Mr Rudd did a very good job of avoiding giving a straight answer on Parliament Question Time which aired on the ABC at 2pm today (18/03/08). I would like a straight answer and so would many other australians.

<b>INCOME (MARGINAL TAX RATE)</b>	<b>Co-contribution %</b>	<b>Benefit based on full \$5000 contribution</b>
0-6,000 (0%)	15% (*min )	\$750 (= \$5,000 X 0.15)
6,000-34,000 (15%)	15% (*min)	\$750 (= \$5,000 X 0.15)
34,000-80,000 (30%)	15% (30%-15%)	\$750 (= \$5,000 X 0.15)
80,000-180,000 (40%)	25% (40%-15%)	\$1,250 (= \$5,000 X 0.25)
180,000+ (45%)	30% (45%-15%)	\$1,500 (= \$5,000 X 0.30)

Sincerely

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