

There is support for continuing the family allowance program in its present form because it provides women, many of whom have no other income in their own name, at least some recognition of their role as mothers and homemakers. We are sympathetic to those concerns.

While we recognize that awarding family allowance benefits automatically to mothers may constitute a *prima facie* breach of section 15, we think that the sex-based distinction in this case is justifiable. The payment is intended for the benefit of the child or children in the family, not the mother. Strictly speaking, it is not the mother who gets the benefit of the payment, but the children. There is no denial of benefits to fathers. We support continuation of the family allowance program in its present form, to the extent that payment is made to the mother.