

## Summary of Media Activity 19/20/21 April 2005

Follow-up to Catholic Welfare Australia's appearance before the Public Hearing into the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services Inquiry into Family and Work Balance.

Held in Sydney, Tuesday 19 April 2005.

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<b>SYDNEY Nova FM 969</b>		
<b>News Grabs</b>		
<b>SYDNEY ABC 702</b>	16-24	0
<b>Interview with Sally Loane</b>	25-39	9,000
15:30pm Wednesday, 20 April 2005	40+	54,000
	All People	63,000
	ABs	17,000
	GBs	34,000
<b>SYDNEY 2UE</b>		
<b>Interview with Stan Zemanek</b>		
8:30pm, Wednesday, 20 April 2005		
<b>891 ABC Adelaide John Kenneally and Tony McCarthy</b>		
<b>7:17AM ACST Wednesday, 20 April 2005</b>		
Kenneally and McCarthy interview Father Joe Caddy, Catholic Welfare Australia about claims the \$3000 baby bonus may be contributing to domestic violence and gambling problems.		
Caddy states that a "boom and bust" cycle is being created by these types of payments, and comments that a structured payment system		

would be more practical.

**PERTH MIX 94.5 Radio News**

**5:30AM AWST Wednesday, 20 April 2005**

There are claims abusive partners are threatening their partners to get hold of the \$3000 Federal Government baby bonus payment.  
Refers To: Catholic Welfare Australia.

16-24	0
25-39	1,000
40+	11,000
All People	12,000
ABs	4,000
GBs	7,000
16-24	1,000
25-39	5,000
40+	8,000
All People	14,000
ABs	3,000
GBs	9,000
16-24	7,000
25-39	8,000
40+	14,000
All People	29,000
ABs	6,000
GBs	14,000

**PERTH 92.9 Radio News**

**6:30AM AWST Wednesday, 20 April 2005**

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**ABC NEWSRADIO (PNN) Rolling News**

**7:23AM AEST Wednesday, 20 April 2005**

NEWSPAPER HEADLINES. DAILY TELEGRAPH.  
Catholic Welfare Australia claims husbands and partners are bashing mothers to get the \$3000 baby bonus.

**SYDNEY 2SM Radio News**

**6:30AM AEST Wednesday, 20 April 2005**

It has been revealed a number of mothers are being bashed for \$3,000 baby bonuses by their abusive husbands and partners.  
Refers To: Catholic Welfare Australia.

Relayed to

ARMIDALE 2AD

DUBBO 2DU

GRAFTON 2GF

NEWCASTLE 2HD

LISMORE 2LM

MUDGEE 2MG

GUNNEDAH 2MO

INVERELL 2NZ

PARKES 2PK

TAREE 2RE

TAMWORTH 2TM

MOREE 2VM

TAREE 107.3 MAX-FM

DUBBO ZOOFM

TWEED HEADS 97AM

TOOWOOMBA 4AK

GYMPIE 4GY

**The Australian Newspaper**

**20 April 2005, page 4**

**"Baby bonus fuelling domestic violence"**

**The Sydney Morning Herald**

**20 April 2005, page 1**

**“Family-friendly policies no more than corporate lip service”**

**The Daily Telegraph**

**20 April 2005, page 3**

**“Partners bash mums for baby bonus cash”**

**Article in the Herald Sun, Melbourne**

**20 April 2005**

**Article in the Age, (Melbourne edition)**

**20 April 2005**

**[www.theaustralian.com.au](http://www.theaustralian.com.au)**

**2:42AM AEST Wednesday, 20 April 2005**

The Howard Government's annual \$3000 "baby bonus" is contributing to domestic violence in low-income households as parents fight over how to spend the money. Catholic Welfare Australia chief executive Frank Quinlan yesterday told a federal parliamentary inquiry into balancing work and family life that his agency was receiving increasing reports of household violence provoked by disputes over welfare payments.

All

1,380,000

People

**[www.themercury.com.au](http://www.themercury.com.au)**

**9:46AM AEST Wednesday, 20 April 2005**

Mothers are being bashed for their \$3000 baby bonus by abusive husbands and partners desperate to get their hands on the cash.

The bonus should be paid in fortnightly instalments, rather than as a lump sum, to ensure vulnerable mothers weren't targeted, according to Catholic Welfare Australia.

**Article in the Daily Telegraph (Sydney edition only)**

**21 April 2005**