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ZOMBIE MEASURES RISE AGAIN... IN THE 45TH PARLIAMENT

The Turnbull Government today reintroduced several zombie measures from the previous parliament including:

- **The One Month Wait for Newstart for young jobseekers**
- **Cuts to Family Payments**
- **Cutting the pension for migrant pensioners**
- **Abolishing the Pensioner Education Supplement**
- **Abolishing the Education Entry Payment**

Malcolm Turnbull talks about meeting in the “sensible centre”, but he’s actually doubling down on old zombie measures, including some from Tony Abbott’s time in office.

Nothing has changed under Malcolm Turnbull’s leadership, because Malcolm Turnbull is incapable of leading.

The *Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2016* will mean that young jobseekers under 25 will be pushed into poverty and hardship with nothing to live on for one month.

The Bill also includes changes to the eligibility age for Newstart will push jobseekers between the ages of 22 and 24 onto the lower Youth Allowance – a cut of around \$48 a week or around \$2,500 a year.

Changes to family payments include harsh cuts to Family Tax Benefits that will leave a single parent family on \$65,000 a year around \$3,000 a year worse off.

Christian Porter has also confirmed the Government’s intention to re-introduce legislation to cut paid parental leave to Australian mums.

I don’t think it’s [paid parental leave] dead in the water. That’s something I’ll be talking to new crossbench in the Senate about.

CHRISTIAN PORTER, RN DRIVE, 31 AUGUST 2016

If Malcolm Turnbull and Christian Porter get their way 80,000 families with new babies will be as much as \$11,800 worse because of the Liberals.

Because of Mr Turnbull new mums will be forced to choose between returning to work early and missing out on time with their newborn, or staying at home and having their living standards drastically reduced.

Labor will continue to oppose these unfair cuts to Australian families and pensioners.

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