

Two babies take twice as long or longer.

Maternity leave needs to offer more leave to the parents of multiple births, ALL maternity leave is calculated on the basis of one baby one pregnancy therefore one benefit. Recently the Baby bonus challenged this and grants one benefit for each baby born. This should be extended to maternity leave otherwise it is a form of discrimination.

Women can and do have multiple births. This is much more demanding on the mothers health and the babies' Health. For example. You can have one baby awake 24 hours a day. Its not the same baby but it is a huge load for any new parents.

Many parents struggle with one new baby. If you have twins or triplets you need to double or tripple the work load and the expense.

To pay for this a small downward adjustment of the benefit more than pays for the small number of multiple births in a population

with thanks

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