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Reform Planned for Parental Allowance by the new German Government for 2007

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Aims of the planned leave legislation (family and demography rhetoric)

- * **„We need more children in families and more family within society“: encouraging family building**
- * **(„Without children the country will have no future“)**
- * **strengthen father involvement in parenting, gender equality**



Parental leave and benefit at present and plan for 2007

	<u>actual status</u>	<u>plan 2007</u>
Length of leave	36 months	idem
Paid for	24 months	12/24 months
	300/450 for budget option 18 months	income replacing up to 1800 € at 67% of income
Who?	both parents	both parents „must for fathers“: 2 months



further aspects of planned legislation

**low-income and families
not gainfully employed**

minimum payment

costs

3 billion €

**integrate all transfer payments to families into
one system: „Familienkasse“ according to the
French „caisse familiale“
= recommendation of the 7th family report
commission and other bodies**



Questions raised by new legislation project

critical points: „social justice“ – uneven treatment of family work according to market income (conservative and catholic organisations, trade-unionists, few voices from the red-green spectre)

enforcing, not encouraging labour market integration of mothers with children under 3

**low level of public and media awareness
„windows of opportunity“**

