

# Parents share cost concerns over Alberta's flat rate child-care fee: 'How is it fair?' <sup>[1]</sup>

"The flat fee will make this system more transparent, predictable and equitable for both parents and providers," said Jobs, Economy, and Trade Minister Matt Jones in defending the move to a flat rate fee.

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### Excerpt

Dozens of Alberta parents wrote to Premier Danielle Smith expressing concern over the cost increases they are bracing to face when the province moves to a flat-rate child-care fee on Tuesday — though the government insists the change will save money for the majority of parents.

The 94 emails were received by the premier's office between Jan. 31, the day after the change was announced, and Feb. 2. Copies of them were acquired via a freedom of information request.

Almost all the messages outline anxiety about dealing with potentially steep increases to child-care costs when the province moves to a \$362.25 monthly flat fee, or about \$15 per day, on April 1.

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