

Your responses suggest that it is not unreasonable for the partner to care for the child.

2.29 Exceptional circumstances — primary claimants who have no specific relationship with child

(2) For a person to whom this rule applies, the circumstances are as follows:

(c) the Secretary is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

(ii) it would be unreasonable for the partner of the child's birth mother, or the partner of the child's adoptive parent, to care for the child; and

2.31 Unreasonableness and interests of child

(1) For subparagraphs 2.28 (2) (b) (ii) and 2.29 (2) (c) (ii), it is unreasonable for a person to care for the child if the Secretary is satisfied that:

(a) there has been extreme family breakdown, or similar circumstances, in relation to the child's family situation; or

(b) there is a serious risk to the child's physical or mental wellbeing from violence, neglect or sexual abuse in the child's family situation.