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Statement from LGBT Ireland on the Parent's Leave & Benefit Bill 2019

LGBT Ireland said that they as an organisation were "bitterly disappointed" that same sex male married couples were not included in the Parents Leave & Benefit Bill introduced by the Minister for Equality, David Stanton into the Dail (yesterday evening) but stated that they as an organisation "will hold the Gov to account" from their words from the floor when the Minister stated "that the provision to address this inequality will be contained in the forthcoming Social Welfare No 2 Bill" which is due before the Oireachtas in Nov."

The Social Welfare No 2 Bill in the main concerns the legislative changes from Budget 2019 but Minister Stanton stated on the record "that a provision to deal with the omission of same sex male couples will be part of this Bill" and we will hold him to that commitment on the Dail record, said Paula Fagan, CEO LGBT Ireland.

The Minister cited time pressures as to the reason to this omission and we at LGBT Ireland clearly stated that the Government cannot discriminate against same sex male married couples and the provisions in the bill due before the Dail in November can address this inequality and provide equality for all families", concluded Ms Fagan.

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