

Pregnant teenagers

Sir,—Replying to M. T. Moore and the Single Mothers Support Group (December 17) may I, as a single man say I have had a “gutsful” of supporting single mothers who find themselves in their present predicament. Let the persons responsible who brought these babies into the world pay for their upkeep and not rely on handouts from the State and single persons who are already taxed “to the hilt” without keeping other people's children.—Yours, etc.,

KEITH BROWN.

December 17, 1981.

Sir,—I fully support R. J. Burns in his reference to omitting the Domestic Purposes Benefit for unmarried mothers under 25. While we know many girls can care for a child quite capably, the example and training of children who are our future citizens is another matter. Surely, if we want to impress our young people with the example of responsible sex and parenting, we must teach them that to wait and select a mate carefully, is going to mean a stable love and home environment for both parents and children. If it takes a male and a female to produce a child, then it should be the “right” of every child to have a stable home with two parents. The “best education” any child can receive, comes from a home with parents who live out their love for one another.—Yours, etc.,

M. TAYLOR.

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