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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

ON APPEAL FROM THE FULL COURT
 OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

BETWEEN:

MATTHEW CHAPLIN

Appellant

and

SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

First Respondent

LEGAL AID NSW

Second Respondent

APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

Part I: Certification

This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II: Chronology

Defined terms

AAT1 (CAB, Tab 1)	The decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Social Services & Child Support Division) in <i>Re Chaplin and Secretary, Department of Social Services</i> (Member Byers, unreported, 8 January 2024)
AAT2 (CAB, Tab 2)	The decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (General Division) in <i>Re Secretary, Department of Social Services and FTXB</i> [2024] AATA 3021
J (CAB, Tab 5)	The decision of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia in <i>Chaplin v Secretary, Department of Social Services</i> (2025) 311 FCR 44; [2025] FCAFC 89

relevant period	The period between 10 July 2014 – 24 June 2015 in which the Appellant received youth allowance payments
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No.	Date	Description	Reference
Substantive events			
1.	2011	The Appellant first began receiving youth allowance payments while working as a casual employee at a grocery store.	AAT2, [2] (CAB 22), [36] (CAB 34), [40] (CAB 35).
2.	March 2014	The Appellant ceased studying and his youth allowance payments were cancelled.	AAT2, [36] (CAB 34).
3.	10 July 2014 – 24 June 2015	The relevant period in which the Appellant received \$2,804.02 in youth allowance payments in fortnightly instalments.	AAT2, [1] (CAB 22), [39] (CAB 35); J, [3] (CAB 103), [71] (CAB 117), [74] (CAB 118).
4.	1 August 2014	The Appellant resumed studying and was once again granted youth allowance payments with effect from 10 July 2014. The Department told the Appellant that he was required to report every two weeks on reporting periods that ended on a Wednesday.	AAT2, [36] (CAB 34), [44] (CAB 37-38); J, [71]-[73] (CAB 117-118).
5.	2016	The Appellant finished his studies and ceased receiving youth allowance.	AAT2, [36] (CAB 34).
6.	2017	The Appellant ceased employment at the grocery store.	Statement of Mr Chaplin at [11] (ABFM 4).
7.	8 April 2019	Centrelink received information from the Australian Taxation Office about the Appellant's income for the 2014/15 financial year.	AAT1, [1] (CAB 6); J, [4] (CAB 104).
8.	11 June 2019	The Appellant obtained and provided payroll extracts to Centrelink.	AAT1, [2] (CAB 6);

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		J, [78] (CAB 118).		
Procedural events				
9.	2 October 2019	The Appellant was advised that the Secretary's delegate had assessed that the Appellant had been overpaid youth allowance in respect of the relevant period by \$911.98.	AAT2, [3] (CAB 22); J, [83]-[87] (CAB 119-121).	
10.	28 April 2020	An Authorised Review Officer issued a Review Outcome in respect of the Appellant.	AAT2, [4] (CAB 23); J, [89]-[90] (CAB 121-122).	
11.	19 May 2023	The Appellant applied for Review of Decision (AAT1) at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.	AAT1, [6] (CAB 6); J, [91] (CAB 122).	
12.	8 January 2024	The Administrative Appeals Tribunal handed down the Decision and Reasons for Decision (AAT1), determining to set aside the decision under review and remit the matter for reconsideration.	AAT1 (CAB, Tab 1).	
13.	7 February 2024	The Respondent applied for Review of Decision (AAT2) at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.	J, [94] (CAB 123).	
14.	28 February 2024	The Secretary issued a notice to the Appellant's employer requiring it to provide information about his employment during the relevant period.	AAT2, [47] (CAB 38); J, [95] (CAB 123).	
15.	28 August 2024	The Administrative Appeals Tribunal provided the Decision and Reasons of Justice Kyrou, President, Senior Member Kennedy and Senior Member Trotter.	AAT2 (CAB Tab 2).	
16.	24 September 2024	The Appellant filed his Notice of Appeal from a Tribunal.	CAB Tab 3.	
17.	15 October 2024	The Secretary filed a Notice of Contention.	CAB Tab 4.	
18.	15 July 2025	The Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (Thawley and Hespe JJ, Kennett J dissenting) made orders	CAB Tabs 5 and 6.	

No.	Date	Description	Reference
		dismissing the appeal and provided reasons for judgment.	

Dated 23 December 2025

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