

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

INQUIRY *TREASURY LAW AMENDMENT (YOUR FUTURE, YOUR SUPER) BILL 2021*

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Topic: Insurance exclusions

Member: Senator Brockman

Type of question: Spoken

Date set by the committee for return of answer: Tuesday 13 April 2021

Question:

CHAIR: I accept we're probably getting into a question more directly for Rest, but do you know what exclusions exist within their policies?

Ms Cooney: I think that one's probably better directed to Rest. I can potentially take it on notice and provide it, as a trustee, but—

CHAIR: If you could take that one on notice, for Rest, I'd appreciate it, because I think that is an issue that has come up a lot today, so I would like to get some clarity on that.

Answer:

Rest has minimal exclusions related to insurance cover. Those exclusions are listed below:

General exclusion on all cover:

A benefit will not be paid if a claim arises directly from active service in the armed forces of any country or international organisation (other than the Australian Defence Force Reserve). This applies to Income Protection, TPD, Terminal Illness and Death cover.

Default Income Protection cover

A benefit will not be paid if a claim arises from a normal, non-complicated pregnancy or childbirth, or participation in assisted fertilisation techniques.

Voluntary Income Protection cover, or Income Protection cover transferred into Rest

A benefit will not be paid if a claim arises from a disability due to intentional self-inflicted injury (whether illegal or not), or an attempt, whether or not sane at the time.

Voluntary TPD cover or TPD cover transferred into Rest

A benefit will not be paid if a TPD claim is caused by intentional self-inflicted injury, whether or not sane at the time.

Voluntary Death cover

A benefit will not be paid for death by suicide within 13 months of the date cover started, or is increased.