

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS
REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BANK OF QUEENSLAND

BOQ44QW: Pension Loans Scheme

The Pension Loans Scheme (PLS) is a Government scheme that allows older Australians, who own real estate in Australia, to get a voluntary non-taxable fortnightly loan from the Government to supplement their retirement income.

(a) Do you allow customers to use a property that has an existing mortgage or reverse mortgage with your bank as security for the PLS? If not, why?

(b) Do you allow the Government to lodge a caveat for the PLS against the title of a property that has an existing mortgage or reverse mortgage with your bank? If not, why?

Answer: BOQ does not have specific processes or procedures in place regarding customers looking to participate in the Pension Loan Scheme. However, as a general principle, we allow customers to take out a second mortgage on an existing property, provided it is supported by an appropriate deed of priority.