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SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO SUPERANNUATION CLAIMS OF FORMER AND CURRENT COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

I, Annette Gail Holden, , was a full time employee of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in Radio News in Adelaide, Perth and Canberra from 23rd March 1985 to 2nd June 1989.

I worked as a senior journalist, senior sub editor, acting News Editor and Chief of Staff.

On appointment and each transfer interstate I was told by ABC Human Resources personnel that "journalists (were) not eligible to apply or contribute to the superannuation scheme because (you) are temporary employees".

I remember asking on four different occasions, including twice in Adelaide in 1985 and 1986 because I was concerned about my lack of superannuation.

This refusal of access to contribute to superannuation whilst at the ABC was despite being a full time employee of the Commonwealth Public Service. My ABC duration was counted towards Commonwealth entitlements (other than superannuation) when I subsequently worked in various Government departments.

I strongly believe that denial of four years of superannuation contributions some 25 years ago has a significant impact on my future financial position and that without any doubt I was incorrectly advised by Human Resource (ABC) personnel on at least four occasions.

Annette Holden