

**Stephen Ordish employed as PMO with DSTO Salisbury (then Weapons Research) from 1982 to 1997**

When I started with Weapons Research Establishment (Salisbury) South Australia in 1982 I requested details on how to join the government superannuation scheme and was told by my supervisor ( [REDACTED] ) that because I was classed as a “permanent temporary” I was ineligible to join the scheme. I did find the term “permanent temporary” to be very confusing but had to accept the knowledge of my supervisor.

There were other employees in this group who were also labelled “permanent temporaries”.

I have only just found out that this information was incorrect and that I had been denied access to superannuation along with many other blue-collar workers in my situation. I found out only by reading of the ABC staff case in the Advertiser on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The department of finance at no time informed me that there had been incorrect information given by supervisors at DSTO (which was the name of the facility when I left work).

I took a redundancy package in 1997 in which super was paid at 3 to 1 so because I had not been allowed to join the Com super until Paul Keating introduced mandatory super in approx 1992, my redundancy package was considerably affected.

I am aware that there are limitations on claiming for this lost super but as I have only just been made aware that I was wrongly denied access to super, then I can hardly be expected to have made any claim earlier. As previously mentioned, at no time have I been informed by any government agency or office.

I thank senator Nick Xenaphon for his support in trying to correct the injustice to myself and my fellow government “permanent temporary” employees.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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