

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Inquiry into the Corporate Collective Vehicle Framework and other Measures Bill 2021

2021 - 2022

Division: Retirement Advice and Investment Division
Topic: Retirement Income Review – self-managed super funds
Reference: Spoken (17 January 2022)
Senator: Anthony Chisholm

Question:

Senator CHISHOLM: Okay. Has Treasury collected any data on retirement income outcomes in relation to self-managed super funds either as part of the preparation for this bill or previous work, including the retirement income review?

Mr A Hawkins: There is some detail in the retirement income review, and there is some information that Treasury would have available to it. If you're able to clarify further what you're interested in, in terms of outcomes, we would be happy to take that on notice—

Senator CHISHOLM: To try and clarify, I suppose, how does it compare to outcomes in the rest of the superannuation sector?

Mr A Hawkins: The distribution of balances in self-managed superannuation funds looks quite different from the distribution of balances in APRA regulated funds, so the nature of drawdown by self-managed funds would be quite different. We can take on notice some of the analysis that was done for the retirement income review and provide that to you.

Answer:

The Australian Taxation Office publishes annual and quarterly statistics on self-managed superannuation funds. The annual statistics include data on retirement phase drawdowns of self-managed superannuation funds. This data is used by Treasury as part of providing policy advice to Government on self managed superannuation funds.

Information on retirement outcomes in the Retirement Income Review is general in nature and does not distinguish between the type of fund of which the individual is a member. The Review did not make a comparison between retirement income outcomes for members of self-managed superannuation funds and members of large APRA-regulated funds.

Treasury used a large evidence base, including work undertaken by the Financial System Inquiry and Retirement Income and extensive industry consultation Review, to provide advice to Government on implementing the retirement income covenant.