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RE: Previous correspondence and addendum

The previous correspondence was marked *private and confidential* upon reflection and after some discussion this document should clearly be treated as a normal submission. I therefore request that you ignore the markings of private and confidential . In this way the Committee will be better able to observe some of the issues that have occurred in Victoria over the past few years and the impact of these issues.

A major omission from the previous correspondence is my view that:

Persons in similar circumstances to me and who are clearly making every effort to find work either, as a small business or as an employee should be entitled to financial support from the government. This financial support should in my opinion, be entitlement for the unemployment benefit and Health Care Card in order to provide some equity in the system.

The alternative if there is no support, is for persons in my circumstances being forced to draw on their savings, with the subsequent penalties of shorter interest periods and, ultimately a far smaller final sum being available for retirement purposes. I believe that in this way the government will ultimately save money by providing this level of support.

In addition to the above, I have since become aware of the 'Mature age workers' program that is being run by the New South Wales government. It is my opinion, that the Victorian government should be encouraged to run a similar program to ease the unemployment of mature age workers.

In summary, even though I was a loyal and committed employee who adopted an ethical and business like approach to their work, I have been denied my rightful superannuation entitlements and the quality of life I should reasonably expect. The reason for this denial of superannuation rights is the failure of the Victorian Government to accept accountability for the actions of its Public Servants.

Yours sincerely,

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PS. Full documentation of the superannuation issue is available on request.