

I was sent your terms of reference by Jenny Macklins office when I rang them with the suggestion I will but forward. I have rung both parties with this suggestion and have not had a good feedback from either of them.

I am a pensioner myself, and have used all of my super and am now surviving on a disability pension and tryin to pay as small mortgage I got when I paid out my credit cards. Everthing is paid for out of my pension each fortnight which leaves no money for emergencies.

The suggestionI made was as follows:

That the government grant a \$50 rise to all disability, age and veterans pensioners over the age of 55 years. this rise should be granted on their birthdays, thus alleviating a sudden influx of money out of Treasury. Given that it be granted on the birthday of each pensioner it would not drain the coffers as money will still be coming in all year to cover this rise. It would not add to inflation as most pensioners including myself would be able to save some money or possibly go out for a meal which is impossible in my current circumstances as I have to make sure everything is insured (including myself).

Fay Hicks