

APPENDIX 2

Public Hearing

Friday, 19 June 2009

Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)

Senator Sue Boyce

Senator Mark Furner

Senator Gary Humphries

Senator John Williams

Witnesses

Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS)

via teleconference

Ms Clare Martin, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Peter Davidson, Senior Policy Officer

National Council of Single Mothers and their Children

Ms Terese Edwards, National Director

Sole Parent's Union

via teleconference

Ms Kathleen Swinbourne, President

Australian Council of Public Sector Retiree Organisations

Mr Thomas Hayes, Vice President

Association of Independent Retirees Australia

via teleconference

Dr Barry Ritchie, Chairman, Retirement Income Research Group

National Seniors Australia

Mr Michael O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer

COTA Over 50s

via teleconference

Mr Ian Yates AM, Senior Executive, COTA Seniors Voice

Mr Jonathan Kennedy, Senior Policy Officer

LHMU

via teleconference

Ms Melissa Coad, Political Strategist

Family Relationship Services Australia

Ms Sam Page, Executive Director

National Welfare Rights Network

Ms Kate Beaumont, President – *via teleconference*

Mr Gerard Thomas, Policy and Media Officer

Catholic Social Services

Mr Frank Quinlan, Executive Director

UnitingCare Australia

Ms Susan Helyar, Director, Services Development

Mr Michael Brown, Director Government Relations

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Mr Andrew Whitecross, Branch Manager, Pension Review Taskforce

Ms Alanna Foster, Branch Manager, Seniors and Means Test Branch

Mr Peter Southwell, Acting Manager, Family Payments Branch