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Senate Economics Committee and Tony NUTT, Good Afternoon!

Please add paragraph below to my submission sent by email on 14 JAN 07.

I have just spoken to an administrator of the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme, and have been informed of the following:

The 'old' Parliamentary superannuation fund, is considered 'unfunded' and the 'new', is classified 'funded'. I consider this funded classification was decided on to give all current Parliamentarians a <u>future tax free</u> <u>future superannuation income</u>. These parliamentarians have a choice of available Superannuation funds, to which the Government forwards its contributions. Public sector superannuation contributors have never been given this choice, including those currently serving.

Let us have all Commonwealth employees treated in the "Same Vein" as regards superannuation or once again we will have ex Defence and ex Public Servants being discriminated against by the Howard Government, in relation to taxation of their superannuation entitlements from 01 JUL 07!

Persevere Bernie McGurgan (A Veteran)