

Senate Economics Committee hearings into the Superannuation Legislation Amendments (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005

Questions on Notice 20 June 2005¹

How is unclaimed money in the Superannuation Accounts Holding Special Account treated?

There are no specific rules relating to unclaimed money in the *Small Superannuation Accounts Act 1995*. However, Part 9 of that Act sets out the treatment of inactive accounts. If an individual's account is inactive for 10 years, the account balance will be debited from the Special Account. However, the individual, or their legal personal representative, may claim the account balance from the Commissioner of Taxation. The Commissioner of Taxation must keep a register of individual's account balances debited.

Has Treasury considered issuing guidelines to employers on how to select a default fund?

No. Apart from the requirement to offer a minimum level of insurance, the Choice of Superannuation Fund legislation does not impose additional obligations on employers in selecting a superannuation fund than already exist in the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

¹ The answers above are based on Treasury officials understanding of the questions on notice asked by Senator Sherry. In the limited time available we have not checked the questions against the Hansard record.