

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

4.13 The committee recommends that the Government instruct ARIA and ComSuper to advise members of the PSS and CSS of changes to their entitlements, and the general benefits and disadvantages associated with reducing member contributions and leaving the PSS. This advice should include an invitation for members to contact ComSuper to discuss their current and future individual benefits within the PSS or CSS before choosing to reduce their contributions or leave the PSS.

Recommendation 2

4.23 The committee recommends that the Government instruct ARIA, the DFRDB Authority, and ComSuper, to use their newsletter circulations to inform members of the restoration of pensions that had previously been cancelled upon remarriage, and that they liaise with SCOA, RDFWA, Centrelink, FACSIA and the Combined Pensioners Association and other relevant organisations to utilise their newsletters for the same purpose.

Recommendation 3

4.31 The committee recommends that Schedule 4 of the bill be amended to ensure that all successful applicants are restored their pension from 1 January 2008, regardless of the date their application is lodged with the Commissioner for Superannuation or the DFRDB Authority.

Recommendation 4

4.46 The committee recommends that the commencement date of Schedule 6 in the bill be backdated to 9 May 2006.

Recommendation 5

4.47 Subject to the recommendations in this report, the committee recommends that the Senate pass the bill.

