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Inquiry into the provisions of the Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Bill which makes changes to a number of Acts including the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973.

2. At the outset I should explain that the Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees has no legislative responsibility for the DFRDB Act but we are supportive of the general thrust of the changes. In this regard we understand that changes are currently being drafted for our Minister's signature which will put the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme (MSBS) rules in relation to post retirement relationships commencing after age 60 on an equal footing with the DFRDB and civilian schemes.

3. As noted in the explanatory memorandum the MSBS has never provided for the cancellation of a spouse pension on remarriage and thus changes to the MSBS are not required to bring the MSBS into line with the DFRDB scheme in this regard.



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