

**Senate Select Committee on  
Superannuation and Financial Services**

**The benefit design of Commonwealth public  
sector and defence force unfunded  
superannuation funds and schemes**

**Submission No. 8**

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Dear Sirs & Madam,

I wish to support any submissions made by the S.C.O.A. and in particular that section where Superannuation Pensions be reviewed each six months in lieu of the present whereby they are reviewed each twelve months

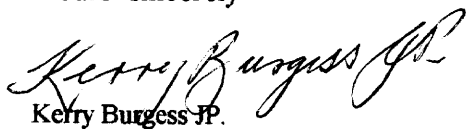
The structure of the Public Service today is quite different today to when I first joined in 1939 as a Telegraph Messenger at the age of 14 years, Primary School Education with a 50 year career ahead of me. I doubt today if any Public Servant would have a career of that length of time. Today Political Appointments have cut off many opportunities for advancement and along with so many redundancies has further reduced.

You will no doubt gather that I speak generally for the older generation of Public Servants of which there are not too many left. Like my former workmates who come under this category we all worked hard and made many sacrifices by purchasing units of Superannuation at times costing more per unit than the actual rise. At one stage I accrued 12 reserve units [the maximum you could have] however towards the end of my working days they soon disappeared as a result of promotions and salary rises.

In conclusion the Committee may in their wisdom consider some taxation relief after a certain age say 70 or 75. The number of beneficiaries would be small and would not cost the Government that much in today's terms where a billion here a billion there is like the old days of referring cost as a couple of bob here couple bob there [how times have changed].

Trusting some points may be of interest and the end result being that some the older bobs will get some long overdue benefit.

Yours sincerely

  
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