MEDIA ALERT

PUBLIC HEARING
ON
PARLIAMENTARY (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2001

11 JULY 2001
SYDNEY

On Wednesday 11 July 2001, in Sydney, the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services will be holding a public hearing into the provisions of the Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001.

The Bill, which is a Private Member's Bill, intends to amend the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948* to give Senators and Members of the House of Representatives the freedom to opt out of the compulsory parliamentary superannuation scheme.

The Committee has received more than 2,500 submissions (including over 800 standard form submissions), 35 petitions with nearly 1500 signatures, as well as over 600 e-mails and other items of correspondence in relation to the Bill. Although a few associations made submissions, the vast majority of material received was from individuals.

The Committee will be taking evidence from the proponent of the Bill, Mr Peter Andren, MP, as well as government officials, industry associations and some individuals from the various States and the ACT who made a submission on the Bill.

The program for the hearing is attached.

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PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC HEARING

FURAMA HOTEL CENTRAL
28 ALBION ST, SURRY HILLS
SYDNEY
WEDNESDAY 11 JULY
8.30AM – 2.00PM

8.30am	**Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA)** Ms Philippa Smith, CEO Dr Michaela Anderson, Director, Policy and Research
9.00am	**Department of Finance and Administration** Ms Sandra Wilson, Branch Manager, Superannuation Branch, Business Services Group Mr Robert Dal Santo, Director, Parliamentary Superannuation
9.45am	**Australian Government Actuary** Mr Peter Martin, Acting Australian Government Actuary Mr Michael Burt, Actuary
10.15am	**Morning tea**
10.30am	**Remuneration Tribunal** Mr Richard Humphry AO, President
11.00am	**Mr Peter Andren, MP**
12.00 noon	**Lunch**
1.00pm	**Forum of individuals** Mr Noel Baxendell, ACT Mr Peter Cooke, TAS (teleconference) Mr Ben Kerry, SA (teleconference) Mr John McFadden, NSW Mr Glenn Marchant , VIC Mr Denis Meagher, WA (teleconference) Mr John Wildman, QLD
2.00pm	**Close**