



Portable super and social security for expats

An agreement which aims to close gaps in social security coverage for people migrating between Australia and Estonia will be examined at a public hearing in Canberra on Monday.

The Agreement between Australia and Estonia on Social Security ensures that the responsibility for providing benefits is shared and that people moving between Australia and Estonia to live or work will find it easier to claim benefits including the aged pension and superannuation.

Committee Chair, Angus Taylor MP, says that Australia is ratifying an increasing number of such agreements as growing numbers of people live and work across national boundaries.

"In today's mobile world, it is essential that social security obligations are shared. Benefits need to be portable and neither employers nor employees disadvantaged. While it is important to make sure that employees receive their full entitlements, employers need to be protected from having to pay compulsory payments in both countries simultaneously," he said.

According to the 2011 census, there are 8550 people in Australia who identify as being of Estonian ancestry and 2000 Estonian-born residents. Australia has the sixth largest expatriate Estonian community after Finland, Russia, Sweden, Canada and the USA.

***Public Hearing: Monday 30 November 2015,
Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House Canberra***

11.10am *Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Estonia on Social Security*

11.45am *Close*

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