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The Hon John Murphy MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600


Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2012 about two petitions recently submitted for consideration on assessments made under the *Social Security Act 1991* relating to the income test for Account Based Pensions, and superannuation income for people aged 55 or above.

The Department of Human Services delivers payments and services on behalf of a range of government departments and agencies. The policy and legislation relating to the above income assessments falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP. Therefore, I have passed your correspondence to Minister Macklin for consideration.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely


Kim Carr

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