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Potentially misleading evidence: At p 4 I say:

...One is to go much more closely to the Productivity Commission's recommendations, and in this area the Productivity Commission recommended that an employer could opt out of the award provision by demonstrating that a fund was comparable to the named fund in terms of the benefits to the members.

This is somewhat misleading. The actual situation is that the Productivity Commission's draft recommendations proposed employer opt out. This recommendation was not retained in the final report, instead the Productivity Commission recommended that awards should contain numbers of named funds and that a fund should not be excluded because it scored marginally less well than a fund which is named in the award. Something like the following would be more accurate:

...One is to go much more closely to the Productivity Commission's recommendations, and in this area the Productivity Commission **initially proposed** ~~recommended~~ that an employer could opt out of the award provision by demonstrating that a fund was comparable to the named fund in terms of the benefits to the members.

Thank you,

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