

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Add 33

Topic: Unfunded Superannuation Liabilities

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Senator Sherry asked:

On the issue of fully funding unfunded superannuation liabilities:

- Are you aware of the last forecast for unfunded public sector superannuation liabilities-percentage and dollars-that was issued?
- Whether the statement of fully funding unfunded public sector liabilities includes the two military schemes (Defence Force and MSBS)?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2004, the unfunded general government sector superannuation liability was \$88.1 billion (source: Final Budget Outcome 2003-04). This was 10.8 per cent of GDP.

The policy release *Investing for the Future* says that the Future Fund will be established to offset unfunded superannuation liabilities. The Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme, the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Scheme and the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme all form part of the general government unfunded superannuation liability.