

## CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY

On 12 December 2002, the Senate referred planning for retirement to the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2003. This reporting date was subsequently deferred to 11 August 2003.

The Committee advertised its terms of reference widely in the press in mid-December. In addition, the Committee wrote to a large number of parties potentially interested in the inquiry, inviting them to lodge a submission.

The Committee received 49 submissions from a range of individuals and organisations. They included consumer groups, superannuation associations, financial industry organisations, professional financial and human resource organisations, peak employer and employee groups and government departments. A list of submissions is at **Appendix One**. The submissions are available electronically at the Committee's web site at [www.aph.gov.au/senate\\_super](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_super).

The Committee conducted the following hearings:

Monday 5 May 2003 – Sydney  
Thursday 8 May 2003 – Melbourne  
Friday 9 May 2003 – Adelaide  
Thursday 15 May 2003 – Canberra  
Friday 16 May 2003 – Canberra

Oral contributions were taken from 50 witnesses or groups of witnesses. A list of witnesses is at **Appendix Two**. The Committee took 324 pages of evidence. The *Hansard* of the hearings is available at the Hansard site at [www.aph.gov.au](http://www.aph.gov.au). References in this report are to the proof Hansard.

A list of tabled documents is at **Appendix Three**.

A list of previous Committee reports is at **Appendix Four**.