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Mr R R Ryan
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Dear Mr Ryan *Rickle*

I write to you because you have previously contacted me with your concerns with the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme.

I am pleased to inform you that a Coalition Government will, as part of its commitment to real action to support Australia's veterans, introduce new indexation arrangements for members of one of the main superannuation schemes for ex-service personnel, the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB).

This policy also includes Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (DFRB) Scheme members, who were compulsorily transferred to the DFRDB Scheme from its inception in 1972.

Under a Coalition government, from July next year, the approximately 63,000 beneficiaries of this scheme will have their pensions indexed to whichever is the highest of three indexes - the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) or the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI). Currently this superannuation scheme is indexed only in line with movements in the CPI.

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These changes have long been sought by veterans' organisations as part of a fairer indexation system. This change would bring indexation arrangements for these superannuants into line with the aged pension. You may be interested to read my attached press release on this issue.

That is the right thing to do given the unique nature and risks of military service. Australia's service personnel, past and present, after giving so much to their nation, deserve to live out their lives in the knowledge that they have financial security. Widows of superannuants of this scheme will also benefit from the announced changes.

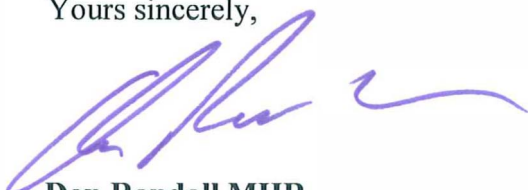


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Thank you once again for your interest in this issue and please let me know if there is anyway I can be of further assistance to you on this or any other matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Don Randall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Randall MHR
Federal Member for Canning



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Media Release

30th June 2010

Veterans benefits increase after long battle

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Canning MP Don Randall has welcomed the announcement that a Coalition Government would introduce new indexation arrangements for members of one of the main superannuation schemes for ex-service personnel, the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB).

“Under a Coalition Government, from July next year, around 63,000 beneficiaries of this scheme will have their pensions indexed to whichever is the highest of three indexes - the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) or the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI),” said Mr Randall.

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“These changes have long been sought by veterans’ organisations as part of a fairer indexation system. This change would bring indexation arrangements for these superannuants into line with the aged pension.

“Veterans have long mounted a strong and persuasive campaign for the indexation changes and many throughout Canning have been in touch to put their case forward.

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