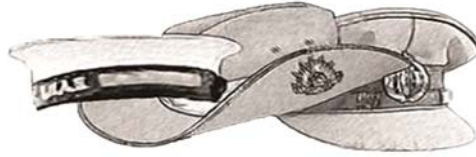


# FAIR GO!



UPDATE 3/2010 – 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2010

- **Government still unwilling to remedy the unfair indexation formula.**
  - **Much preparation still needed in the marginal electorates.**
  - **Coalition, Greens, Family First and Democrats support.**
    - **Action Groups Warned out to Stand To**
      - **Election Date 21<sup>st</sup> August**



Our Want is for the Government to remedy the unfair and discriminatory features of our military superannuation schemes (DFRB, DFRDB and MSBS), especially its grossly unfair indexation formula, by giving us the same indexation formula as the Age/Service pension so that our superannuation pension purchasing power is protected over time. [Read our report](#),

**AND**

We want the Opposition, and other parties, to support us in their election policy platforms and when in government to legislate the change.

## PROGRESS

Well the PM has called the election for the 21<sup>st</sup> August. Thank you PM.

We have our E Day and H hour. So now we can move from the Assembly Area to the Forming up Place and from there to the Start Line.

There is still preparatory work required within the marginal electorates to ensure that the candidates' answers to our questions on the matter are compared and exposed to the electorate, so that voters can make an informed choice at the ballot box.

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Our campaign's momentum continues as more ESOs join our partnership and we receive increasing support from the public.

Our Action Groups are on *Stand To*.

**n the political arena,**

The situation remains as stated in the last Update.

**The latest indexation change score is four parties for and one party seemingly against.**

### **Parties for Change**

The Coalition supports the indexation of DFRB/DFRDB superannuation pensions for members aged 55 years or over in the same manner as Age and Service pensions. [Read their Media Release here.](#)

Although this is a major breakthrough it still excludes current DFRB/DFRDB under 55 year old superannuates and MSBS superannuates on the CPI indexation formula. This is a disappointment to us and to serving ADF MSBS members. [Read the DFWA's response here.](#) We want these exclusions removed from the Coalition's policy.

[The Greens](#) supports us and retired public servants' superannuation payments being indexed to wages growth in the same way as age pensions rise. [Read the DFWA's media release here](#)

The Family First Party supports us. [Senator Fielding's online petition](#) has been effective in raising the matter to the public.

[The Democrats](#) are also supportive.

### **Against Change?**

**No prize for guessing the one Party seemingly against a change.**

And what news from the Government?

Silence and Stillness!

Nothing to indicate any change from their current position:

- to stand still firmly entrenched behind the Matthews report's recommendation #3 that the CPI is the most suitable index; and

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- a commitment to “consider” a better indexation method (recommendation #4) with assistance from veterans’ associations.

Still **NO response** to our offer to work with the Government’s (**Mr Hayes MP Werriwa**) commitment given in the House on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May “.....*the government is committed to considering a better indexation method for civilian and military superannuation pensions as outlined in recommendation #4 of the Matthews Report and encouraged veterans’ associations to work with government to find a better method.*”

Still **NO statement** from [Alan Griffin](#)’s commitment given in the House on 23<sup>rd</sup> June

*“My commitment, and I have made it quite public, has been that we will be releasing a position on military superannuation (the Podger Report) in the next few weeks. I will be ensuring that that is there for the ex-service community and the defence community to consider in the lead-up to the next election. I am committed to doing that and the government is committed to taking action.”*

Still **NO meeting** with the PM. Even [SA Premier Rann’s letter](#) to the PM seems to have had no effect

## HERE’S HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN!

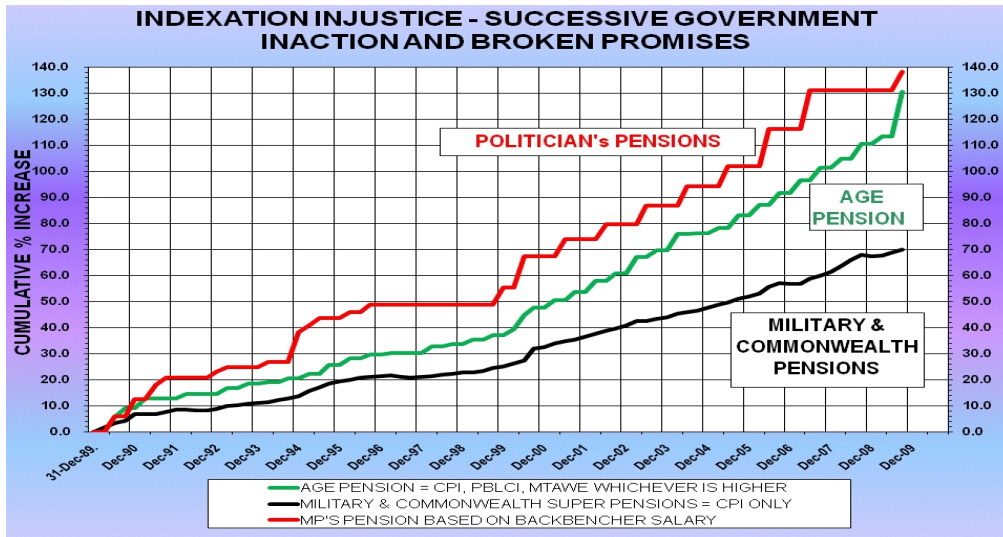


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AND ASK YOURSELF: IS THIS FAIR?**

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