



RSL Media Release

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RSL to Continue to Press for More Equitable Indexation of Military Superannuation Payments

The National Executive and members of the Returned & Services League of Australia express great disappointment at the defeat in the Senate today of the Fair Indexation Bill introduced by Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs on behalf of the Opposition.

The RSL is also most disappointed that the Government has not yet formally responded to our detailed Military Superannuation Indexation submission of February 2010 in which we put a compelling case supporting the replacement of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for adjusting payments to military superannuants with an index which makes adjustments reflecting increases in the cost of living. As was acknowledged during the debate in the Senate today, the CPI is by definition a measure of inflation and is not designed to reflect changes in the cost of living.

We will not relent in our efforts aimed at convincing Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to pass legislation supporting the legitimate and reasonable expectations of military superannuants for fair indexation.

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