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## DFRDB Fair Indexation Bill to be tabled in the Senate

The Coalition will take action on military superannuation reform.

On behalf of the Coalition's spokesperson on military superannuation, Mr Stuart Robert MP, the Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, will tomorrow table a Bill in the Senate to index DFRDB pensions in line with the Coalition's 27 June 2010 commitment.

The *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010*, will enable DFRDB superannuants aged 55 and over from 1 July 2011 to have their pensions indexed at the higher rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) or the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI).

Mr Robert said the introduction of this Bill confirms the Coalition's resolve in taking the crucial first step towards reforming military superannuation arrangements.

"The Coalition made a commitment to veterans and ex-service personnel and we are going to see that commitment through", Mr Robert said.

"I call on those independent members who have previously voiced their support for the provisions contained within this legislation to support this Bill and to support those veterans and ex-service personnel who have given so much to their country.

The Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Michael Ronaldson, said that he had listened to the considered views put forward by the veteran and ex-service community and was pleased to be able to introduce the Bill on behalf of the Coalition.

"The issue of military superannuation reform has been raised with me during every meeting I have held with veterans and ex-service personnel. With this Bill, the Coalition meets our election commitment to change DFRDB indexation arrangements and to help support our veterans and ex-service personnel", Senator Ronaldson said.

"This is in stark contrast to the Gillard Labor Government, which promised much to those in the veteran community but has repeatedly failed to deliver due to their own self interest and poll driven policy paralysis.

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