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Military superannuation reform remains a Coalition priority

The Coalition's commitment to military superannuation reform has been re-stated.

Speaking in the Senate following the tabling in Parliament of the Annual Reports of the DFRDB Authority and the MSBS Board for 2009-10, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, said the Coalition remained committed to reforms announced on 27 June 2010.

"The Coalition's clear statement on military superannuation reform was widely welcomed in the veteran and ex-service community and was a central plank in our veterans' affairs policy announced during the election campaign", Senator Ronaldson told the Senate.

"I say to the veteran and ex-service community that the Coalition's commitment to military superannuation reform is clear and it is rock-solid.

"The Coalition is committed to reform of the DFRDB superannuation scheme, Labor is not."

The Coalition's spokesperson on military superannuation, Stuart Robert MP, said he expected Labor to continue to discredit the Coalition's clear commitment in response to Labor's own lack of action.

"The Coalition's commitment to reform military superannuation arrangements represents an important first step", Mr Robert said.

"Prime Minister Gillard talks about reform in many areas, but refuses to take action for the benefit of military superannuants for reform of their superannuation pension entitlements."

Senator Ronaldson and Mr Robert confirmed that the Coalition will continue to fight for military superannuation reform.

"We call on the Gillard Labor Government to put aside their petty opposition to our plan for superannuation reform and support our pledge to begin better indexation arrangements from 1 July 2011", Senator Ronaldson and Mr Robert said.

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