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#### **WATERSHED MOMENT IN MILITARY SUPERANNUATION REFORM**

All 150 Members of the House of Representatives have today supported the Coalition's plan for fairer indexation of military superannuation pensions.

Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Technology and Personnel, Stuart Robert MP, today said that the House of Representative's support for the Coalition's Private Member's Motion was very welcome news and cemented the willingness of this Parliament to legislate for the fairer indexation of military superannuation pensions.

'All Members of the House of Representatives today agreed *on the voices* with the Coalition's motion to support the concept of the unique nature of military service and to support the Coalition's policy to more fairly index military superannuation pensions,' Mr Robert said.

'I am very pleased that all Members of the Lower House, including Government, Greens and Independent Members, supported the Coalition's motion.'

'This is a watershed moment in the Coalition's long fight to ensure Australia's service personnel, past and present, after giving so much to their nation, are able to live out their lives in the knowledge that they have financial security.'

Mr Robert also said that given the strong show of support from all Members of the House of Representatives that he expects the Government, The Greens and Independent Senators would be consistent in their support for the Coalition's *Fair Indexation Bill* currently before the Senate; and which calls for the same outcome as contained in this motion.

'In the face of the overwhelming support expressed by the House of Representatives today, I expect the Gillard Labor Government to drop their petty opposition to the Coalition's Bill currently before the Senate and vote with their colleagues in the House,' Mr Robert said.

'I also again urge all Greens and Independent Senators to vote in support of the Coalition's Bill given the huge showing of support the Coalition's policy received today from Lower House MPs.'

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