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#### **WILKIE ALL TALK AND NO ACTION ON MILITARY SUPERANNUATION REFORM**

Andrew Wilkie, the Federal Member for Denison, has talked the talk, but failed to walk the walk on the important matter of reforming DFRDB and DFRB military superannuation pensions.

Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Technology and Personnel, Stuart Robert MP, said Mr Wilkie's speech in Parliament yesterday was long on rhetoric and short on substance.

'Mr Wilkie's speech was duplicitous and smacked of political opportunism,' Mr Robert said.

'The hypocritical rhetoric was designed to mislead those in the veteran and ex-service community and highlights Mr Wilkie's willingness to play politics with one of the most emotive issues in the veteran and ex-service community.'

'The simple fact remains Mr Wilkie supports keeping the Labor Party in power, a party that broke its 2007 election promise to military superannuants. Mr Wilkie supported Labor in 2010 knowing full well they intended to do nothing about DFRDB and DFRB military superannuation pensions.'

Mr Robert said there is only one party in the Australian Parliament that has a fairer indexation policy.

'The Coalition took a policy to the 2010 election that would provide fairer indexation and introduced a Private Member's Bill to effect that policy, only to have it defeated by the Labor-Green Government in 2011,' Mr Robert said.

'Mr Wilkie is simply trying to mask his own inaction by calling for the Labor-Green Government to again review the matter, despite Labor's categorical support of the widely discredited Matthews Review that recommends against any changes to existing military superannuation arrangements.'

'If Mr Wilkie is so keen to push for fairer indexation of military superannuation pensions, then why did he fail to speak on the Private Member's Motion on fairer military indexation that I introduced into the Parliament on 23 May 2011.'

Mr Robert said DFRDB and DFRB members would be better off today if the Labor Government, Greens and Independents supported the Coalition's Bill.

'It is now clear that the only way for fair indexation to be delivered is for the Government to change,' Mr Robert said.

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