



ALLIANCE OF DEFENCE SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

11 July 2012

*****MEDIA ALERT*****

LET THEM EAT CAKE!

Thursday 12 July, just two days before *Bastille Day*, the Government will deliver another kick in the guts for retired veterans. Their superannuation pensions will be adjusted to reflect the latest CPI change - a meagre **0.1%**.

That is just 6 cents a day for the average Military Superannuation Pensioner – Before Tax!

This paltry Cost of Living adjustment is what the Government says is '*Fair*' to compensate those veterans who have served their country for real price increases over the past six months.

Treasurer Swan goes further and calls military super pension schemes "**GENEROUS!**" If this is Mr Swan's idea of 'generous', one wonders what label he attaches to his own Parliamentary Super Scheme.

ADSO is outraged by the lowly *CPI crumbs* paid to retired veterans. What should have been paid were the promised pension adjustments to adequately maintain the purchasing power of their retirement incomes. At the same time, the Government then rubbed further salt in the wound by lining their own pockets and the pockets of their retired MP mates with, to take lead from the Treasurer's lexicon, obscenely generous increases in their own benefits. **Marie Antoinette would be proud of them!**

To express their disgust and increase public awareness of this gross injustice, ADSO representatives will assemble between 11.30am and 12.30 pm on Thursday 12 July, in the vicinity of electoral offices of selected Labor MPs and Senators (See locations listed below). They will hand out flyers and explain their grievances to members of the Public and media.

Electorate Office Locations:

Lilley: 1162 Sandgate Road, Nundah QLD 4012

Hindmarsh: 670 ANZAC Highway, Glenelg SA 5045

Petrie: 40 Hornibrook Esplanade, Clontarf QLD 4019

Brand: 1/15 Kent Street, Rockingham WA 6168

Griffith: 630 Wynnum Road, Morningside QLD 4170

Fremantle: 62 Wray Avenue, Fremantle WA 6160

Blair: Shop 28-29, 68 Hunter Street, Brassall QLD 4305

Perth: 953A Beaufort Street, Inglewood WA 6932

Dobell: Shop E1 Westfield, Tuggerah NSW 2259

Senator for SA Penny Wong: Level 4, 19 Gouger Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Eden-Monaro: Citylink Plaza, 24-36 Morisset Street
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Note: In other electorates protest letters will be presented or delivered.

Attachment: Flyer

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