

**TAX BULLETIN
FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT ON
SUPERANNUATION SIMPLIFICATION**

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer has today introduced further Bills (in addition to the package of Bills introduced on 7 December 2006) on the Government's simplified superannuation reforms.

Apart from the effect of updating superannuation law and related legislation, the following announcements have also been made:

1. The Australian Government will now take responsibility for the management of unclaimed superannuation, which will provide a single access point for individuals searching for lost or unclaimed superannuation and a simpler national claims process going forward.
2. Clarification of transitional arrangements for employers and individuals with substituted accounting periods and relaxed arrangements for people contributing amounts related to personal injury or small business capital gains tax concessions up to 30 June 2007.
3. Additional transitional arrangement
 - ❑ People who may have become subject to the work test applying to superannuation contributions, or become ineligible to contribute to superannuation, between 10 May 2006 and the Government's previous announcement on 5 September 2006, can still take advantage of the higher contribution limits.
 - ❑ A person who was aged 64 between 10 May and 5 September 2006 will be able to make non-concessional superannuation contributions up to 30 June 2007 without having to satisfy the work test. A person aged 74 between those dates will be able to make superannuation contributions up to 30 June if they had satisfied the work test for the relevant financial year.
 - ❑ Individuals who were aged at least 65 but less than 74 between 10 May and 5 September 2006 will continue to have to satisfy the work test to contribute to superannuation.

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer's press release today may be found on:
<http://assistant.treasurer.gov.au/pcd/content/pressreleases/2007/008.asp>.

Affected societies should discuss any queries with their professional advisers, and also forward any general superannuation simplification issues or concerns to AFSA – who are participants in a consultative group with the *Australian Taxation Office* on implementation matters.

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