SUPPORT FOR VETERANS THROUGH IMPROVED COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS - REVERSAL OF 2015-16 BUDGET MEASURES - SRCA REFORMS

This measure will reverse two Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 measures from the 2015-16 Budget, which were aligned with changes to the Comcare Scheme but did not proceed:

1. Calculating permanent impairment and the maximum payable - would have introduced a new method of calculating permanent impairment payment and a higher maximum payment amount for some claimants.
2. Multiple injuries arising out of the one event - would have provided for the impact of multiple injuries from a single event to be combined in calculating the person’s permanent impairment payment. The measure would have resulted in a lower permanent impairment payment for a large number of claimants compared to the current rules.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The 2015-16 measures were to have commenced on 1 July 2015; however, legislative changes were not passed by the Parliament.

This measure ensures consistent compensation arrangements for veterans and the general community.

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

Those clients who may have been affected if the 2015-16 measures had been implemented.

DATE OF EFFECT

This measure will start on 1 July 2018.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

The 2018-19 Budget provides $5.3 million over the forward estimates to support this measure.