

## APPENDIX FOURTEEN

# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NATIONAL EX-SERVICE ORGANISATIONS REGARDING THE SPECIAL RATE AND OTHER RATES OF DISABILITY PENSION

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This appendix summarises the recommendations from national ex-service organisations regarding the special rate and other rates of compensation.

### **Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women**

- That the special rate be indexed quarterly by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE), whichever is the greater.
- That the Government immediately amend the provisions of the *Social Security Act 1991* to remove disability pensions granted under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) from being treated as income in the assessment of pensions administered by Centrelink.
- That the Government immediately amend the provisions of the VEA to ensure that the special rate is aligned to an amount of 75 per cent of MTAWE and that the special rate maintains its parity with whichever wage or income index the Government might use as a basis for pensions.
- That, upon the death of a totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) veteran, the special rate compensation continue to be paid to the TPI's carer and that they have access to a means-tested income support payment at the married rate.

- That bereavement payments be made to the estates of all veterans and not be limited to those who had a spouse at the time of their death.
- That the Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions (Gold Card) be provided to the spouses of all TPIs in recognition of the work they undertake in supporting and caring for TPIs.
- That the Government negotiate an arrangement with a private health fund, such as Defence Health, for private hospital and ancillary services cover for the spouses of TPIs.
- That the Government exempt past profits on funds held by veterans in superannuation and roll-over accounts from the assessment of their income support pensions.
- That the Government remove the spouse's earnings from the assessment of a TPI's rate of income support pension and that it adjust the free income areas to ensure that no TPI couples are disadvantaged.
- That the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* be amended to cover veterans with operational service prior to April 1994.
- That the VEA be amended to provide for lump sum payments in respect of permanent impairment.
- That the Government cover the full costs of all prescriptions for TPIs and that they be exempted from any co-payment arrangements.

The Federation also provided a submission dealing with rehabilitation (see Chapter 31).

### **Australian Gulf War Veterans Association**

- That the limited capacity of younger veterans, totally and permanently incapacitated after only a short working life, to provide for their retirement be recognised and addressed by way of the benefits they receive.
- That younger veterans who are totally and permanently incapacitated due to their service be compensated for their actual lost earnings and future earnings so that they might adequately provide for their families now and in the future.
- That partners of TPI pensioners (especially of younger veterans) be compensated for their actual loss of earnings should they cease work or be unable to return to work due to caring for their sick partner.
- That the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) fund a home loan scheme similar to that run by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, so that younger veterans unable to obtain commercial finance might be able to purchase their own home.

- Alternatively, that TPI veterans be permitted to convert part of the TPI payment to a lump sum payment for the express purpose of purchasing a home.
- That a home purchased under this arrangement be fully protected and not subject to property settlement should a veteran divorce later in life.
- That child support payments be made at a nominal rate through DVA rather than through the Child Support Agency and treated in the same manner as spousal maintenance in calculation of the service pension.
- That the economic and non-economic components of the TPI pension be clarified to avoid Child Support Agency assessment reviews.
- That the TPI pension (or at least the non-economic loss component) be protected from income assessments made under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act*.
- That the service pension be disregarded in income assessments made under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act*.
- That, if the service pension is abolished, the benefits currently attached to the service pension be retained.
- That the Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES) be opened up to the children of those veterans in receipt of a temporarily totally incapacitated (TTI) pension.
- That the VCES be strengthened to the benefit of younger veterans' children.
- That the widows of TPI pensioners continue to receive the deceased's TPI pension and a full service pension while there are dependent children either in the home or studying.
- That war widows be able to access any home loan initiatives that might be introduced in the future.
- That full gym membership be available to all veterans and that partially subsidised membership be available to their spouses.

The Association's submission also made recommendations concerning rehabilitation (see Chapter 31).

### **Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association**

- That disability pensions be considered as compensation by Centrelink.
- That any benefit received from the Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Service or the Military Compensation Scheme be deemed compensation for an accepted disability or disabilities.
- That a new, low-interest home loan scheme be introduced, and the existing Defence Service Home Loan scheme be reviewed.

- That the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service be renamed.
- That children of all veterans with psychosocial illnesses be provided with counselling services.
- That all veterans be allowed to participate in DVA-funded health and care programs (for example, Heart Health).

The Association's submission also made recommendations concerning rehabilitation (see Chapter 31).

### **Australian Special Air Service Association**

- That quarterly indexation of the special rate disability pension be provided.
- That the special rate disability pension be aligned to 75 per cent of MTAW and a legislative mechanism provided to ensure that the special rate pension maintains its parity with the wage or income index used by the Government as a basis for pensions.
- That Centrelink cease counting disability pensions as income.

### **Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council**

- That there be an immediate increase in the special rate pension, not less than \$65 per fortnight with sufficient increase over the following two or three years to bring the fortnightly amount to the new benchmark.
- That the benchmarking and indexation of the special rate pension be changed.
- That Centrelink cease counting disability pensions as income.
- That special benefits given to TPI pensioners be made available to intermediate rate and extreme disablement adjustment (EDA) recipients.
- That additional assistance for carers of disabled servicepeople be provided.
- That funeral allowances be increased.
- That allowances be given for war widows' funeral costs.

### **Extremely Disabled War Veterans Association of Australia**

- That pension rates received by EDA veterans be increased.
- That Centrelink cease counting disability pensions as income.
- That the system of assessing lifestyle rating for EDA applicants be reviewed.
- That spouses and longstanding partners of EDA veterans be eligible for a Gold Card.

- That Goods and Services Tax (GST) concessions available to TPI pensioners be available to EDA recipients.
- That the funeral allowance be increased.
- That EDA be available to all members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

### **Legacy Co-ordinating Council**

- That rental assistance be removed from the 'frozen' income support supplement (ISS) ceiling.
- That Gold Cards be provided for disabled dependants of deceased veterans in the same way as provided to those who became entitled prior to the enactment of the 1986 legislation.
- That the ISS be provided to war widows living overseas.

### **National Council of Extreme Disablement Adjustment Associations**

- That there be parity of compensation for veterans receiving the EDA with those receiving the disability compensation at the special rate.
- That there be the same access to GST exemption on motor vehicles as that enjoyed by special rate recipients.
- That a 'Home Assistance Allowance' be introduced to assist recipients of the EDA to remain in their own homes.
- That the Gold Card be issued to spouses of EDA recipients.

### **Naval Association of Australia**

- That Centrelink cease counting disability pensions as income.
- That war widow's pensions be provided for those widows who did not claim a war widow's pension, but who remarried and were subsequently widowed.
- That widows of DVA Gold Card veterans be provided with a Gold Card should their husbands predecease them.

### **Regular Defence Force Welfare Association**

- That the provision of TPI benefits be based on the manner in which modern compensation schemes work, similar to the process adopted in common law for determining damages.

- That there be a distinction between compensation for pain and suffering and loss of lifestyle, and income support.
- That 'in respect of income support policy it must pass a test which [is] flexible with respect to individual economic differences.'
- That Centrelink cease counting disability pensions as income.

### **Returned & Services League of Australia**

- That Centrelink cease counting disability pensions as income.
- That the TPI pension be indexed to variations in the CPI or MTAW, whichever is the greater.
- That the TPI pension be benchmarked to MTAW (whatever the final agreed monetary value of the TPI pension is).
- That there be acknowledgment that some erosion of the TPI pension has occurred over past years because of inappropriate indexation.
- That an increase in the TPI pension of not less than \$60 per fortnight be granted.

### **Royal Australian Air Force Association National Council**

- That the level of TPI pension should be fixed and maintained at a level commensurate with a standard that would be regarded as being suitable for an average Australian family.
- That an increased system of providing regular help to support carers of veterans be implemented.

### **Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia**

There should be three fundamental criteria to 'identify an appropriate model' for the special rate pension:

- the proposal should incorporate a real increase in the special rate pension to a sustainable rate;
- the proposal should be 'based upon agreed measures that move in accordance with the Australian economy and real wages, in order that it may be revisited and reviewed on a regular basis'; and
- the proposal should be acceptable both to the ex-service community and the Government.

The special rate of disability compensation should follow a model which is:

- sixty-two per cent of the Average Collective Bargain Wage; the 38 per cent deduction incorporates the tax-free-for-life status of the payment, and the

absence of any requirement to contribute either to Medicare or compulsory superannuation;

- less non-economic loss compensation equivalent to 70 per cent of the general rate pension;
- less taxation of 17 per cent;
- plus non-economic loss compensation equivalent to 70 per cent of the general rate pension.

In addition, TPI veterans would continue to receive the full rate of service pension in addition to the special rate pension, as well as carer's allowance from Centrelink.

Further recommendations are:

- That a means be identified whereby the payment could be 'revisited and reviewed twice annually or automatically indexed to ensure that living standards and quality of life of the recipients are maintained'.
- That erosion of the special rate disability pension since 1941 be addressed.
- That 'pension' be replaced with 'compensation' wherever appropriate in the VEA.
- That the VCES be expanded to include children of veterans whose disabilities are assessed at not less than 70 per cent and who are in receipt of the service pension or part disability pension from Centrelink.
- That the war widow's pension be adjusted to 75 per cent of the special rate pension, while retaining all current entitlements and benefits, regardless of the rate received by the partner prior to death, while continuing eligibility for the ISS for war widows.
- That all war widows be provided with entitlement to the DVA Concession Card, whether they are in receipt of the ISS or not.
- That a Gold Card be provided for spouses and partners of special rate recipients.
- That unpartnered veterans be provided with the same income support bereavement payments as partnered veterans.
- That disability bereavement payment, equal to six fortnightly payments, be provided to the estate of an unpartnered veteran.
- That the funeral benefit be increased in line with the Military Compensation and Rehabilitation Scheme and that a mechanism be provided so that it keeps pace with funeral costs.
- That offsetting of funeral and bereavement payments in the calculation of funeral benefits be discontinued.

- That provision of medical treatment be reinstated for the descendants of deceased veterans who would have been supported by their parents.
- That an income support supplement be provided for qualifying descendants of veterans.
- That criteria be established based on 'reasonable hypothesis' that the medical condition or deformity claimed by the descendant is a direct result of the service of the parent.
- That, should the condition be proven, assistance be provided as if that person were a veteran.

The VVAA submission also dealt extensively with the importance of rehabilitation as an adjunct to the disability pension structure (see Chapter 31).

### **Vietnam Veterans' Federation**

- That wives of TPIs be given a Gold Card 'in recognition of their contribution to the care of sick war veterans and as compensation for the damage to their psychological and mental health which results'.
- That the TPI pension be increased by \$30 per week as the first of a number of instalments to lift it 'to something more respectable', perhaps 60 to 70 per cent of 'the average wage'.
- That, to prevent future erosion, the special rate be indexed to increases in the CPI or 'the average wage', whichever is the greater.
- That a child supplement be added to the TPI pension.
- That the free area of the income test for the invalidity service pension be raised to \$800 per week.
- That any attempt to reduce benefits payable after the age of 65 be resisted, and the invalidity service pension cease to be taxed once the veteran reaches this age.

### **War Widows' Guild of Australia**

- That the anomaly whereby a war widow's rental assistance is combined with her ISS be removed.
- That a Gold Card be provided for those accepted after 1986 as disabled dependants of deceased veterans.
- That the entitlement to ISS for Australian war widows living overseas be restored.



## APPENDIX FIFTEEN

# DATA ON WAGE INDICATORS AND PENSION LEVELS USED IN ANALYSIS OF EROSION AND ADEQUACY OF PAYMENTS

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This appendix provides the data used by the Committee in its analysis in Chapter 29, on Erosion and Adequacy of Payments. The data is presented so that the veteran community and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) can see how the information presented in Chapter 29 was derived. The data includes levels of various wage indicators and pensions. Also included are the derivations of Male Total Weekly Average Earnings (MTAWE) levels net of tax. The Committee's calculations of rates of income support pensions, taking into account levels of disability pensions and war widow's pensions, are also given.

The sources for this data are the Australian Bureau of Statistics, DVA, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Toose Report (1975, Volume 2, Appendix 17).

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**Table A15.1 Basic Wage**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Basic wage — weighted average per week (\$)</b>	<b>TPI pension as a percentage of basic wage</b>
1920	8.55	93.57
1921	8.15	98.16
1922	8.00	100.00
1923	8.05	99.38
1924	8.45	94.67
1925	8.45	94.67
1926	8.80	90.91
1927	8.75	91.43
1928	8.80	90.91
1929	9.05	88.40
1930	8.70	91.95
1931	6.93	115.44
1932	6.49	123.27
1933	6.41	124.80
1934	6.60	121.21
1935	6.60	121.21
1936	6.80	117.65
1937	7.00	114.29
1938	7.70	103.90
1939	7.90	101.27
1940	8.00	100.00
1941	8.60	93.02
1942	9.00	88.89
1943	9.60	100.00
1944	9.60	100.00
1945	9.60	100.00
1946	9.70	98.97
1947	10.60	95.28
1948	11.40	92.98
1949	12.40	85.48

**Table A15.1 (continued)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Basic wage — weighted average per week (\$)</b>	<b>TPI pension as a percentage of basic wage</b>
1950	13.50	103.70
1951	17.60	99.43
1952	21.60	81.02
1953	23.40	79.06
1954	23.40	79.06
1955	23.40	83.33
1956	24.60	79.27
1957	25.60	85.94
1958	26.10	88.12
1959	27.60	88.77
1960	27.60	92.39
1961	28.80	92.01
1962	28.80	92.01
1963	28.80	95.49
1964	30.80	92.53
1965	30.80	92.53
1966	32.80	92.99

Figures obtained from June 1975 Independent Enquiry into the Repatriation System  
TPI = totally and permanently incapacitated

**Table A15.2 Federal Minimum Wage (FMW)**

Year	Date	Amount (\$)	Date	Amount (\$)	Date	Amount (\$)	Date	Amount (\$)
1971	1 Nov	43.65						
1972	1 May	45.65	1 Sep	48.65				
1973	1 May	51.28						
1974	1 Apr	69.28	1 May	72.52	1 Sep	81.52		
1975	1 Apr	84.46	1 Sep	87.41	1 Nov	87.41		
1976	1 Feb	93.01	1 May	95.80	1 Aug	98.30	1 Nov	100.46
1977	31 Mar	106.16	24 May	108.17	22 Aug	110.34	12 Dec	111.96
1978	28 Feb	113.66	7 June	115.13	15 Sep	127.13	12 Dec	132.19
1979	27 June	136.45	5 Nov	141.51				
1980	4 Jan	147.91	14 Jul	154.15				
1981	9 Jan	159.84	7 May	165.61	18 Dec	203.77		
1982	1 Jun	203.77						
1983	1 Oct	212.53						
1984	1 Apr	221.25						
1985	1 Apr	227.00	1 Nov	235.63				
1986	1 Jul	241.05						
1987	1 Mar	251.05	1 Sep	261.09	1 Dec	261.09		
1988	1 Feb	267.09	1 Aug	275.10				
1989	1 Feb	<b>285.10</b>	1 Aug	<b>295.10</b>				
1990	1 Apr	<b>308.20</b>	1 Sep	<b>308.20</b>				
1991	1 Jan	<b>314.40</b>	1 Aug	<b>325.40</b>				
1992	1 Jan	<b>325.40</b>						
1993	1 Dec	<b>333.40</b>						
1994	1 Dec	<b>333.40</b>						
1995	1 Apr	<b>341.40</b>						
1996	1 May	<b>349.40</b>						
1997	1 May	<b>359.40</b>						
1998	1 May	<b>373.40</b>						
1999	1 May	<b>385.40<sup>a</sup></b>						
2000	1 May	<b>400.40<sup>a</sup></b>						
2001	1 May	<b>413.40<sup>a</sup></b>						
2002	1 May	<b>431.40<sup>a</sup></b>						

<sup>a</sup> Actual rates from recent Safety Net Review cases.

Notes:

(a) 1971–2002 figures supplied by Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, 13 August 2002, C14 in the Metal Industry Award /FMW

(b) The numbers that are not bolded are notional FMW rates calculated by reference to national wage movements and assumed movements implied from the C10 rate. Bolded numbers are actual C14 rates (FMW).

**Table A15.3 Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) (\$)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>March quarter</b>	<b>June quarter</b>	<b>Sept quarter</b>	<b>Dec quarter</b>	<b>Weighted average (before tax)</b>	<b>Weighted average (after tax)</b>
1972	83.40	90.60	90.50	97.30	90.45	71.90
1973	90.80	100.80	103.10	112.20	101.73	82.23
1974	105.60	119.90	129.00	143.90	124.60	99.46
1975	134.00	145.70	146.90	163.70	147.58	110.82
1976	154.00	167.60	172.20	182.10	168.98	120.89
1977	171.30	185.20	190.20	198.00	186.18	140.44
1978	191.10	201.60	204.00	212.70	202.35	159.24
1979	207.60	216.80	222.60	231.90	219.73	171.51
1980	229.00	240.30	252.00	270.00	247.83	192.01
1981	252.20	274.30	283.30	296.00	279.03	215.08
1982	312.40	322.30	329.90	337.60	328.02	251.30
1983	341.00	343.30	349.70	362.00	351.52	271.13
1984	370.60	383.80	386.20	389.50	384.45	294.72
1985	392.70	397.20	403.10	413.90	404.29	307.11
1986	422.70	425.50	437.20	446.30	434.80	326.31
1987	444.50	450.90	457.00	470.00	458.20	343.48
1988	474.90	481.70	486.20	505.20	490.13	364.86
1989	511.60	519.10	527.10	540.00	527.42	394.63
1990	546.30	555.80	562.70	578.20	564.12	427.11
1991	585.60	569.90	575.40	589.70	581.22	442.81
1992	598.90	597.40	597.70	599.50	599.41	456.57
1993	611.20	612.50	618.10	619.00	616.43	469.17
1994	625.60	625.10	634.50	643.10	634.16	484.40
1995	650.10	652.70	654.80	662.70	656.61	500.67
1996	668.10	671.50	673.50	679.80	674.98	512.54
1997	688.70	686.30	693.80	709.10	696.75	526.25
1998	715.60	714.50	721.80	722.80	719.65	540.67
1999	727.00	733.00	727.10	741.10	734.07	549.68
2000	750.80	757.70	769.60	769.50	764.46	579.91
2001	780.50	789.40	801.40	811.50	799.38	617.19
2002	823.30	826.10			824.70	634.53

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Table A15.4 Consumer Price Index, 1972–2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>March quarter</b>	<b>June quarter</b>	<b>Sept quarter</b>	<b>Dec quarter</b>	<b>Weighted average for year</b>
1972	19.4	19.6	19.9	20.1	19.75
1973	20.5	21.2	21.9	22.7	21.58
1974	23.3	24.3	25.5	26.4	24.88
1975	27.4	28.4	28.6	30.2	28.65
1976	31.0	31.8	32.6	34.5	32.48
1977	35.3	36.1	36.8	37.7	36.48
1978	38.2	39.0	39.7	40.6	39.38
1979	41.3	42.4	43.4	44.7	42.95
1980	45.7	47.0	47.8	48.8	47.33
1981	50.0	51.1	52.1	54.3	51.88
1982	55.3	56.6	58.6	60.3	57.70
1983	61.6	62.9	64.0	65.5	63.50
1984	65.2	65.4	66.2	67.2	66.00
1985	68.1	69.7	71.3	72.7	70.45
1986	74.4	75.6	77.6	79.8	76.85
1987	81.4	82.6	84.0	85.5	83.38
1988	87.0	88.5	90.2	92.0	89.43
1989	92.9	95.2	97.4	99.2	96.18
1990	100.9	102.5	103.3	106.0	103.18
1991	105.8	106.0	106.6	107.6	106.50
1992	107.6	107.3	107.4	107.9	107.55
1993	108.9	109.3	109.8	110.0	109.50
1994	110.4	111.2	111.9	112.8	111.58
1995	114.7	116.2	117.6	118.5	116.75
1996	119.0	119.8	120.1	120.3	119.80
1997	120.5	120.2	119.7	120.0	120.10
1998	120.3	121.0	121.3	121.9	121.13
1999	121.8	122.3	123.4	124.1	122.90
2000	125.2	126.2	130.9	131.3	128.40
2001	132.7	133.8	134.2	135.4	134.03
2002	136.6	137.6			137.10

Information supplied by DVA and sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics

**Table A15.5 Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) Tax Calculations, 1972–2002**

Year	Half yearly MTAWE (%)	Not less than (half yearly) (\$)	Not more than (half yearly) (\$)	Prior brackets tax (half yearly) (\$)	Tax rate (%)	Half yearly tax (\$)	MTAWE after tax (half yearly) (\$)	MTAWE after tax (yearly) (\$)
1972	2351.70	2000	2400	338.65	31.90	553.73	1797.97	3738.96
	2351.70	2000	2400	304.15	30.30	410.72	1940.98	
1973	2644.85	2400	2800	425.35	33.30	506.89	2137.96	4275.93
	2644.85	2400	2800	425.35	33.30	506.89	2137.96	
1974	3239.60	3200	3600	701.35	37.90	716.36	2523.24	5171.79
	3239.60	3000	3500	500.00	38.00	591.05	2648.55	
1975	3836.95	3500	4000	690.00	44.00	838.26	2998.69	5762.71
	3836.95	2500	5000	605.00	35.00	1072.93	2764.02	
1976	4393.35	2500	5000	605.00	35.00	1267.67	3125.68	6286.46
	4393.35	2825	5650	683.65	35.00	1232.57	3160.78	
1977	4840.55	2825	5650	683.65	35.00	1389.09	3451.46	7302.86
	4840.55	3133	6266	412.87	33.75	989.15	3851.40	
1978	5261.10	3133	6266	412.87	33.75	1131.08	4130.02	8280.73
	5261.10	1947	8304	–	33.50	1110.39	4150.71	
1979	5712.85	1947	8304	–	33.50	1261.73	4451.12	8918.44
	5712.85	1947	8304	–	33.07	1245.53	4467.32	
1980	6443.45	1947	8304	–	33.07	1487.14	4956.31	9984.41
	6443.45	2021	8620	–	32.00	1415.34	5028.11	
1981	7254.66	2021	8620	–	32.00	1674.93	5579.73	11,184.10
	7254.66	2098	8947	–	32.00	1650.29	5604.37	
1982	8528.47	2098	8947	–	32.00	2057.91	6470.56	13,067.60
	8528.47	2231	8947	–	30.67	1931.43	6597.04	
1983	9139.58	8947	9750	2059.80	35.33	2127.83	7011.74	14,098.70
	9139.58	2298	9750	–	30.00	2052.62	7086.95	
1984	9995.65	9750	17,894	2235.75	46.00	2348.75	7646.90	15,325.47
	9995.65	9750	14,000	2104.13	46.00	2317.09	7678.57	
1985	10,511.52	9750	14,000	2104.13	46.00	2559.54	7951.97	15,969.95
	10,511.52	9750	14,000	2038.13	46.00	2493.54	8017.98	
1986	11,304.69	9750	14,000	2038.13	46.00	2866.33	8438.36	16,968.25
	11,304.69	9750	14,000	1957.42	44.25	2774.81	8529.88	
1987	11,913.29	9750	14,000	1957.42	44.25	3051.08	8862.20	17,860.76
	11,913.29	9750	17,500	1900.50	40.00	2914.73	8998.56	
1988	12,743.47	9750	17,500	1900.50	40.00	3257.18	9486.29	18,972.58
	12,743.47	9750	17,500	1900.50	40.00	3257.18	9486.29	



Table 15.5 (continued)

Year	Half yearly MTAWE (\$)	Not less than (half yearly) (\$)	Not more than (half yearly) (\$)	Prior brackets tax (half yearly) (\$)	Tax rate (%)	Half yearly tax (\$)	MTAWE after tax (half yearly) (\$)	MTAWE after tax (yearly) (\$)
1989	13,713.05	9750	17,500	1900.50	40.00	3657.13	10,055.92	20,520.96
	13,713.05	10,300	17,500	1745.50	39.00	3248.00	10,465.05	
1990	14,667.10	10,300	17,500	1745.50	39.00	3632.01	11,035.09	22,209.64
	14,667.10	10,350	17,500	1647.13	38.50	3492.55	11,174.55	
1991	15,111.81	10,350	17,500	1647.13	38.50	3669.32	11,442.49	23,025.92
	15,111.81	10,350	18,000	1530.00	38.00	3528.39	11,583.43	
1992	15,584.76	10,350	18,000	1530.00	38.00	3714.02	11,870.74	23,741.48
	15,584.76	10,350	18,000	1530.00	38.00	3714.02	11,870.74	
1993	16,027.30	10,350	18,000	1530.00	38.00	3887.71	12,139.58	24,397.06
	16,027.30	10,350	18,000	1530.00	35.50	3769.82	12,257.47	
1994	16,488.19	10,350	18,000	1530.00	35.50	3939.89	12,548.30	25,188.67
	16,488.19	10,350	18,000	1530.00	34.00	3847.82	12,640.37	
1995	17,071.86	10,350	18,000	1530.00	34.00	4054.44	13,017.42	26,034.85
	17,071.86	10,350	18,000	1530.00	34.00	4054.44	13,017.42	
1996	17,549.60	10,350	18,000	1530.00	34.00	4223.56	13,326.04	26,652.08
	17,549.60	10,350	19,000	1530.00	34.00	4223.56	13,326.04	
1997	18,115.53	10,350	19,000	1530.00	34.00	4423.90	13,691.63	27,365.15
	18,115.53	10,350	19,000	1530.00	34.00	4442.01	13,673.52	
1998	18,710.87	10,350	19,000	1530.00	34.00	4653.36	14,057.51	28,115.02
	18,710.87	10,350	19,000	1530.00	34.00	4653.36	14,057.51	
1999	19,085.93	19,000	25,000	4471.00	43.00	4794.24	14,291.69	28,583.38
	19,085.93	19,000	25,000	4471.00	43.00	4794.24	14,291.69	
2000	19,876.02	19,000	25,000	4471.00	43.00	5145.83	14,730.19	30,155.27
	19,876.02	10,000	25,000	1190.00	30.00	4450.95	15,425.08	
2001	20,783.75	10,000	25,000	1190.00	30.00	4736.88	16,046.87	32,093.74
	20,783.75	10,000	25,000	1190.00	30.00	4736.88	16,046.87	
2002	21,442.20	10,000	25,000	1190.00	30.00	4944.29	16,497.91	32,995.81
	21,442.20	10,000	25,000	1190.00	30.00	4944.29	16,497.91	

**Table A15.6 Special Rate Disability Pension (TPI)**

Year	Month	Amount (\$)	Month	Amount (\$)	Month	Amount (\$)	Weighted average per fortnight	Weighted average per week
1972	1 Apr	89.00	1 Sep	96.00	1 Dec	102.20	90.83	45.42
1973	1 Sep	111.20					111.20	55.60
1974	1 Mar	120.20	1 Nov	128.20			120.04	60.02
1975	1 May	136.20	1 Nov	148.20			135.52	67.76
1976	1 May	157.70	1 Nov	166.50			156.00	78.00
1977	1 May	180.30	1 Nov	188.80			177.12	88.56
1978	1 May	197.10	1 Nov	203.80			195.45	97.72
1979	1 Nov	221.80					206.76	103.38
1980	1 May	233.80	1 Nov	245.50			231.75	115.87
1981	1 May	255.30	1 Nov	267.00			253.97	126.99
1982	1 May	284.10	1 Nov	296.00			280.39	140.19
1983	1 May	315.50	1 Nov	329.10			311.27	155.64
1984	1 May	342.60					338.12	169.06
1985	1 May	351.50	1 Nov	364.90			350.75	175.38
1986	1 May	380.60	1 Dec	395.80			376.64	188.32
1987	1 Jun	418.00	1 Dec	432.60			409.96	204.98
1988	1 Jun	447.30	1 Dec	463.00			442.47	221.23
1989	1 Jun	481.50	1 Nov	497.90			476.49	238.25
1990	1 Apr	518.80	1 Sep	535.90			519.26	259.63
1991	1 Mar	554.10					551.11	275.55
1992	1 Apr	562.40					560.33	280.17
1993	1 Feb	571.70	1 Sep	579.10			573.34	286.67
1994	1 Mar	582.60	1 Sep	589.00			584.15	292.07
1995	1 Mar	597.20	1 Sep	615.10			601.79	300.89
1996	1 Mar	627.40	1 Sep	634.30			627.67	313.83
1997	1 Mar	636.80					636.39	318.19
1998	1 Sep	640.60					638.06	319.03
1999	1 Mar	645.10	1 Sep	647.00			644.99	322.50
2000	1 Mar	656.70	1 Jul	683.00	1 Oct	694.60	671.18	335.59
2001	1 Apr	708.50	1 Oct	722.00			708.40	354.20
2002	1 Apr	730.70	3 Oct	742.40			731.38	365.69

**Table A15.7 100 Per Cent General Rate**

Year	Date	Amount (\$)	Date	Amount (\$)	Date	Amount (\$)	Weighted average	
							Per fortnight	Per week
1972	Sep	28.00	Dec	32.00			25.65	12.83
1973	Sep	38.00					33.99	16.99
1974	Mar	44.00	Nov	50.00			43.90	21.95
1975	May	56.00					54.01	27.01
1976	May	59.60	Nov	62.90			58.95	29.47
1977	May	68.10	Nov	71.30			66.73	33.36
1978	May	74.40	Nov	76.90			73.59	36.79
1979	Nov	83.70					78.02	39.01
1980	May	88.20	Nov	92.60			87.43	43.72
1981	May	96.30	Nov	100.70			95.54	47.77
1982	May	107.10	Nov	111.60			105.44	52.72
1983	May	119.00	Nov	124.10			117.08	58.54
1984	May	129.20					127.85	63.92
1985	May	132.60	Nov	137.60			131.94	65.97
1986	May	143.50	Dec	149.20			141.64	70.82
1987	Jun	157.60	Dec	163.10			154.15	77.07
1988	Jun	168.60	Dec	174.50			166.79	83.40
1989	Jun	181.50	Nov	187.70			179.13	89.56
1990	Apr	195.60	Sep	202.10			195.27	97.64
1991	Mar	209.00					207.87	103.93
1992	Apr	212.10					211.90	105.95
1993	Feb	216.90	Sep	219.70			216.83	108.41
1994	Mar	221.00	Sep	223.40			220.98	110.49
1995	Mar	226.50	Sep	233.30			227.63	113.82
1996	Mar	238.00	Sep	240.60			238.09	119.04
1997	Mar	241.60					241.44	120.72
1998	Sep	243.00					242.06	121.03
1999	Mar	244.70	Sep	245.40			243.99	121.99
2000	Mar	249.10	Jul	259.10	Oct	263.50	254.60	127.30
2001	Apr	268.70	Oct	273.80			267.95	133.98
2002	Apr	277.10	3 Oct	281.50			276.60	138.30

**Table A15.8 Average Rates of Income Support Supplement (ISS) and War Widow's Pension (\$ per week)**

Year	War widow's pension and domestic allowance	ISS <sup>a</sup>	War widow's pension and domestic allowance <sup>b</sup> plus ISS	War widow's pension and ISS as % of MTAW
1972	26.81	15.80	42.61	59.26
1973	30.82	16.57	47.39	57.64
1974	37.41	18.70	56.11	56.42
1975	46.66	21.33	67.99	61.35
1976	52.85	24.43	77.28	64.50
1977	58.22	27.11	85.33	61.71
1978	63.00	29.50	92.50	58.89
1979	65.97	30.99	96.96	57.26
1980	72.56	34.30	106.86	56.29
1981	78.12	37.06	115.18	54.10
1982	84.95	41.06	126.01	50.58
1983	93.00	49.50	142.50	52.98
1984	100.75	53.40	154.15	52.50
1985	105.99	55.99	161.98	52.74
1986	112.78	59.31	172.09	52.74
1987	121.55	60.05	181.60	52.87
1988	130.74	60.05	190.79	52.29
1989	139.49	60.05	199.54	50.56
1990	152.23	60.05	212.28	49.70
1991	161.72	60.05	221.77	50.08
1992	164.90	60.05	224.95	49.27
1993	168.28	60.05	228.33	48.67
1994	171.26	60.05	231.31	47.75
1995	175.76	60.05	235.81	47.10
1996	183.76	60.05	243.51	47.51
1997	185.74	60.05	245.79	46.70
1998	188.87	60.05	248.92	46.04
1999	192.92	60.05	252.97	46.02
2000	198.86	61.17	260.03	44.84
2001	205.75	62.45	268.20	43.46
2002	213.97	62.73	276.70	43.61

ISS = income support supplement; MTAW = male total average weekly earnings

<sup>a</sup> ISS was formerly a 'frozen' rate of social security pension.

<sup>b</sup> The former domestic allowance is now a non-indexed component of the war widow's pension.

**Table A15.9 War Widow's Pension (WWP) Annual Weighted Average (\$ per fortnight)**

Year	Date	WWP	Domestic allowance <sup>a</sup>	Date	WWP	Domestic allowance	Date	WWP	WWP average	Domestic allowance average	WWP + domestic allowance average	
1972	1 Apr	36.50	16.00	1 Sep	40.00	17.00	1 Dec	43.00	17.00	37.41	16.21	53.62
1973	1 Sep	46.00	19.00							43.99	17.66	61.66
1974	1 Mar	52.00	19.00	1 Aug	62.00	19.00	1 Nov	62.00	24.00	55.05	19.77	74.82
1975	8 May	72.00	24.00	6 Nov	77.50	24.00				69.32	24.00	93.32
1976	6 May	82.50	24.00	4 Nov	87.00	24.00				81.69	24.00	105.69
1977	5 May	94.20	24.00	3 Nov	98.60	24.00				92.43	24.00	116.43
1978	4 May	102.90	24.00	2 Nov	106.40	24.00				102.00	24.00	126.00
1979	1 Nov	115.80	24.00							107.95	24.00	131.95
1980	1 May	122.10	24.00	13 Nov	128.20	24.00				121.13	24.00	145.13
1981	14 May	133.30	24.00	12 Nov	139.40	24.00				132.25	24.00	156.25
1982	13 May	148.30	24.00	11 Nov	154.50	24.00				145.91	24.00	169.91
1983	12 May	164.70	24.00	10 Nov	171.80	24.00				162.00	24.00	186.00
1984	10 May	178.80	24.00	8 Nov	183.80	24.00				177.50	24.00	201.50
1985	9 May	188.60	24.00	7 Nov	195.80	24.00				187.97	24.00	211.97
1986	8 May	204.20	24.00	18 Dec	212.40	24.00				201.55	24.00	225.55
1987	18 Jun	224.30	24.00	17 Dec	232.20	24.00				219.09	24.00	243.09
1988	16 Jun	240.10	24.00	15 Dec	248.50	24.00				237.49	24.00	261.49
1989	15 Jun	258.40	24.00	16 Nov	267.20	24.00				254.98	24.00	278.98
1990	19 Apr	282.40	24.00	20 Sep	291.70	24.00				280.46	24.00	304.46
1991	21 Mar	301.60	24.00							299.43	24.00	323.43
1992	2 Apr	306.10	24.00							305.79	24.00	329.79
1993	4 Feb	312.10	24.00	30 Sep	316.20	24.00				312.56	24.00	336.56
1994	31 Mar	318.10	24.00	29 Sep	321.60	24.00				318.52	24.00	342.52
1995	30 Mar	326.10	24.00	28 Sep	335.90	24.00				327.53	24.00	351.53
1996	28 Mar	342.60	24.00	26 Sep	346.40	24.00				342.92	24.00	366.92
1997	27 Mar	347.80	24.00							347.47	24.00	371.47
1998	26 Mar	354.60	24.00	24 Sep	357.30	24.00				353.74	24.00	377.74
1999	25 Mar	361.40	24.00	23 Sep	366.50	24.00				361.84	24.00	385.84
2000	23 Mar	372.00	24.00	5 Oct	378.90	25.00 <sup>b</sup>				373.41	24.30	397.72
2001	5 Apr	386.50	25.00	4 Oct	394.70	25.00 <sup>b</sup>				386.50	25.00	411.50
2002	4 Apr	405.80	25.00							402.94	25.00	427.94

<sup>a</sup> The former domestic allowance is now a non-indexed component of the war widow's pension.

<sup>b</sup> The increase in the non-indexed pension to \$25 occurred on 1 July 2000.

**Table A15.10 Comparison of TPI Rate against Dependant's Pension (Weekly)**

Year	TPI pension weighted average	Dependant's pension (\$)		Proportion of TPI pension (%)		
		Child	Wife	Wife	Child	Wife and child
1920	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1921	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1922	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1923	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1924	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1925	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1926	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1927	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1928	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1929	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1930	8.00	1.00	1.80	22.50	12.50	35.00
1931	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1932	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1933	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1934	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1935	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1936	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1937	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1938	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1939	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1940	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1941	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1942	8.00	0.78	1.40	17.44	9.69	27.13
1943	9.60	0.90	2.20	22.92	9.38	32.29
1944	9.60	0.90	2.20	22.92	9.38	32.29
1945	9.60	0.90	2.20	22.92	9.38	32.29
1946	9.60	0.90	2.20	22.92	9.38	32.29
1947	10.10	0.90	2.20	21.78	8.91	30.69
1948	10.60	0.90	2.40	22.64	8.49	31.13
1949	10.60	0.90	2.40	22.64	8.49	31.13
1950	14.00	1.15	3.05	21.79	8.21	30.00
1951	17.50	1.15	3.05	17.43	6.57	24.00
1952	17.50	1.38	3.55	20.29	7.86	28.14
1953	18.50	1.38	3.55	19.19	7.43	26.62
1954	18.50	1.38	3.55	19.19	7.43	26.62
1955	19.50	1.38	3.55	18.21	7.05	25.26
1956	19.50	1.38	3.55	18.21	7.05	25.26
1957	22.00	1.38	3.55	16.14	6.25	22.39
1958	23.00	1.38	3.55	15.43	5.98	21.41

Table 15.10 (continued)

Year	TPI pension weighted average	Dependant's pension (\$)		Proportion of TPI pension (%)		
		Child	Wife	Wife	Child	Wife and child
1959	24.50	1.38	3.55	14.49	5.61	20.10
1961	26.50	1.38	3.55	13.40	5.19	18.58
1962	26.50	1.38	3.55	13.40	5.19	18.58
1963	27.50	1.38	3.55	12.91	5.00	17.91
1964	28.50	1.38	4.05	14.21	4.82	19.04
1965	28.50	1.38	4.05	14.21	4.82	19.04
1966	30.50	1.38	4.05	13.28	4.51	17.79
1967	30.50	1.38	4.05	13.28	4.51	17.79
1968	33.50	1.38	4.05	12.09	4.10	16.19
1969	36.00	1.38	4.05	11.25	3.82	15.07
1970	38.00	1.38	4.05	10.66	3.62	14.28
1971	39.91	1.38	4.05	10.15	3.45	13.59
1972	45.42	1.38	4.05	8.92	3.03	11.95
1973	55.60	1.38	4.05	7.28	2.47	9.76
1974	60.02	1.38	4.05	6.75	2.29	9.04
1975	67.76	1.38	4.05	5.98	2.03	8.01
1976	78.00	1.38	4.05	5.19	1.76	6.96
1977	88.56	1.38	4.05	4.57	1.55	6.13
1978	97.72	1.38	4.05	4.14	1.41	5.55
1979	103.38	1.38	4.05	3.92	1.33	5.25
1980	115.87	1.38	4.05	3.50	1.19	4.68
1981	126.99	1.38	4.05	3.19	1.08	4.27
1982	140.19	1.38	4.05	2.89	0.98	3.87
1983	155.64	1.38	4.05	2.60	0.88	3.49
1984	169.06	1.38	4.05	2.40	0.81	3.21
1985	175.38	1.38	4.05	2.31	0.78	3.09
1986	188.32	1.38	4.05	2.15	0.73	2.88
1987	204.98	1.38	4.05	1.98	0.67	2.65
1988	221.23	1.38	4.05	1.83	0.62	2.45
1989	238.25	1.38	4.05	1.70	0.58	2.28
1990	259.63	1.38	4.05	1.56	0.53	2.09
1991	275.55	1.38	4.05	1.47	0.50	1.97
1992	280.17	1.38	4.05	1.45	0.49	1.94
1993	286.67	1.38	4.05	1.41	0.48	1.89
1994	292.07	1.38	4.05	1.39	0.47	1.86
1995	300.89	1.38	4.05	1.35	0.46	1.80
1996	313.83	1.38	4.05	1.29	0.44	1.73
1997	318.19	1.38	4.05	1.27	0.43	1.70
1998	319.03	1.38	4.05	1.27	0.43	1.70
1999	322.50	1.38	4.05	1.26	0.43	1.68
2000	335.59	1.40	4.12	1.23	0.42	1.65
2001	354.20	1.43	4.21	1.19	0.40	1.59
2002	365.69	1.43	4.21	1.15	0.39	1.54

TPI = totally and permanently incapacitated

**Table A15.11 Comparison of 100% General Rate (GR) against Dependant's Pension (Weekly)**

Year	GR Weighted average	Dependant's pension (\$)		Proportion of GR (%)		
		Child	Wife	Wife	Child	Wife and child
1920	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1921	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1922	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1923	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1924	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1925	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1926	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1927	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1928	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1929	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1930	4.20	1.00	1.80	42.86	23.81	66.67
1931	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1932	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1933	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1934	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1935	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1936	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1937	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1938	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1939	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1940	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1941	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1942	4.20	0.78	1.40	33.21	18.45	51.67
1943	5.00	0.90	2.20	44.00	18.00	62.00
1944	5.00	0.90	2.20	44.00	18.00	62.00
1945	5.00	0.90	2.20	44.00	18.00	62.00
1946	5.00	0.90	2.20	44.00	18.00	62.00
1947	5.00	0.90	2.20	44.00	18.00	62.00
1948	5.50	0.90	2.40	43.64	16.36	60.00
1949	5.50	0.90	2.40	43.64	16.36	60.00
1950	7.00	1.15	3.05	43.57	16.43	60.00
1951	7.00	1.15	3.05	43.57	16.43	60.00
1952	8.00	1.38	3.55	44.38	17.19	61.56
1953	8.25	1.38	3.55	43.03	16.67	59.70
1954	9.00	1.38	3.55	39.44	15.28	54.72
1955	9.50	1.38	3.55	37.37	14.47	51.84
1956	9.50	1.38	3.55	37.37	14.47	51.84
1957	10.25	1.38	3.55	34.63	13.41	48.05
1958	10.25	1.38	3.55	34.63	13.41	48.05
1959	11.00	1.38	3.55	32.27	12.50	44.77
1960	11.00	1.38	3.55	32.27	12.50	44.77
1961	11.50	1.38	3.55	30.87	11.96	42.83
1962	11.50	1.38	3.55	30.87	11.96	42.83



Table A15.11 (continued)

Year	GR	Dependant's Pension (\$)		Proportion of GR (%)		
	Weighted average	Child	Wife	Wife	Child	Wife and child
1963	11.50	1.38	3.55	30.87	11.96	42.83
1964	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1965	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1966	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1967	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1968	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1969	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1970	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1971	12.00	1.38	4.05	33.75	11.46	45.21
1972	12.83	1.38	4.05	31.57	10.72	42.29
1973	16.99	1.38	4.05	23.83	8.09	31.92
1974	21.95	1.38	4.05	18.45	6.26	24.72
1975	27.01	1.38	4.05	15.00	5.09	20.09
1976	29.47	1.38	4.05	13.74	4.67	18.41
1977	33.36	1.38	4.05	12.14	4.12	16.26
1978	36.79	1.38	4.05	11.01	3.74	14.74
1979	39.01	1.38	4.05	10.38	3.52	13.91
1980	43.72	1.38	4.05	9.26	3.15	12.41
1981	47.77	1.38	4.05	8.48	2.88	11.36
1982	52.72	1.38	4.05	7.68	2.61	10.29
1983	58.54	1.38	4.05	6.92	2.35	9.27
1984	63.92	1.38	4.05	6.34	2.15	8.49
1985	65.97	1.38	4.05	6.14	2.08	8.22
1986	70.82	1.38	4.05	5.72	1.94	7.66
1987	77.07	1.38	4.05	5.25	1.78	7.04
1988	83.40	1.38	4.05	4.86	1.65	6.51
1989	89.56	1.38	4.05	4.52	1.54	6.06
1990	97.64	1.38	4.05	4.15	1.41	5.56
1991	103.93	1.38	4.05	3.90	1.32	5.22
1992	105.95	1.38	4.05	3.82	1.30	5.12
1993	108.41	1.38	4.05	3.74	1.27	5.00
1994	110.49	1.38	4.05	3.67	1.24	4.91
1995	113.82	1.38	4.05	3.56	1.21	4.77
1996	119.04	1.38	4.05	3.40	1.16	4.56
1997	120.72	1.38	4.05	3.35	1.14	4.49
1998	121.03	1.38	4.05	3.35	1.14	4.48
1999	121.99	1.38	4.05	3.32	1.13	4.45
2000	127.30	1.40	4.12	3.24	1.10	4.34
2001	133.98	1.43	4.21	3.14	1.07	4.21
2002	138.30	1.43	4.21	3.04	1.03	4.08

**Table A15.12 Assessed Rate of Service Pensions and Social Security Pensions for Special Rate Veterans 1972–2002**

Effective date	Proportion of disability pension exempted (%) <sup>a</sup>	Special rate (\$)	Maximum rate of service pension (\$)		Basic income limit (\$)		Assessed rate of SS pension (\$)		Assessed rate of service pension (\$)	
			Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married
2002 3 Oct	100	742.40	429.40	358.40	116.00	102.00	178.84	250.72	429.40	358.40
4 Apr	100	730.70	421.80	352.10	112.00	100.00	174.32	245.96	421.80	352.10
2001 4 Oct	100	722.00	410.50	342.60	112.00	100.00	166.50	238.20	410.50	342.60
12 Jul	100	708.50	402.00	335.50	112.00	100.00	163.40	233.80	402.00	335.50
2001 5 Apr	100	708.50	402.00	335.50	106.00	94.00	100.75	205.38	402.00	335.50
11 Jan	100	694.60	394.10	328.90	106.00	94.00	99.80	202.25	394.10	328.90
2000 1 Oct	100	694.60	394.10	328.90	106.00	94.00	99.80	202.25	394.10	328.90
13 Jul	100	683.00	386.90	322.90	106.00	94.00	98.40	199.15	386.90	322.90
23 Mar	100	656.70	372.00	310.50	102.00	90.00	94.65	191.33	372.00	310.50
13 Jan	100	647.00	366.50	305.90	102.00	90.00	94.00	189.15	366.50	305.90
1999 23 Sep	100	647.00	366.50	305.90	102.00	90.00	94.00	189.15	366.50	305.90
1 Jul	100	645.10	361.40	301.60	102.00	90.00	89.85	185.33	361.40	301.60
25 Mar	100	645.10	361.40	301.60	100.00	88.00	88.85	184.33	361.40	301.60
1998 24 Sep	100	640.60	357.30	298.10	100.00	88.00	87.00	181.95	357.30	298.10
26 Mar	100	636.80	354.60	295.80	100.00	88.00	86.20	180.60	354.60	295.80
1 Jan	100	636.80	347.80	290.10	100.00	88.00	79.40	174.90	347.80	290.10

Table A15.12 (continued)

Effective date	Proportion of disability pension exempted (%) <sup>a</sup>	Special rate (\$)	Maximum rate of service pension (\$)		Basic income limit (\$)		Assessed rate of SS pension (\$)		Assessed rate of service pension (\$)		
			Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	
1997	3 Jul	100	636.80	347.80	290.10	100.00	88.00	79.40	174.90	347.80	290.10
	27 Mar	100	636.80	347.80	290.10	98.00	86.00	78.40	173.90	347.80	290.10
	2 Jan	100	634.30	346.40	288.90	98.00	86.00	78.25	173.33	346.40	288.90
1996	26 Sep	100	634.30	346.40	288.90	98.00	86.00	78.25	173.33	346.40	288.90
	28 Mar	100	627.40	342.60	285.80	94.00	82.00	75.90	169.95	342.60	285.80
	4 Jan	100	615.10	335.90	280.20	94.00	82.00	75.35	167.43	335.90	280.20
1995	28 Sep	100	615.10	335.90	280.20	94.00	82.00	75.35	167.43	335.90	280.20
	6 Jul	100	597.20	326.10	272.00	94.00	82.00	74.50	163.70	326.10	272.00
	30 Mar	100	597.20	326.10	272.00	90.00	78.00	72.50	161.70	326.10	272.00
	5 Jan	100	589.00	321.60	268.20	90.00	78.00	72.10	159.95	321.60	268.20
1994	29 Sep	100	589.00	321.60	268.20	90.00	78.00	72.10	159.95	321.60	268.20
	7 Jul	100	582.60	318.10	265.30	90.00	78.00	71.80	158.65	318.10	265.30
	31 Mar	100	582.60	318.10	265.30	88.00	76.00	70.80	157.65	318.10	265.30
	6 Jan	100	579.10	316.20	263.70	88.00	76.00	70.65	156.93	316.20	263.70
1993	30 Sep	100	579.10	316.20	263.70	88.00	76.00	70.65	156.93	316.20	263.70
	8 Jul	100	571.70	312.10	260.30	88.00	76.00	70.25	155.38	312.10	260.30
	4 Feb	100	571.70	312.10	260.30	86.00	76.00	69.25	155.38	312.10	260.30

Table A15.12 (continued)

Effective date	Proportion of disability pension exempted (%) <sup>a</sup>	Special rate (\$)	Maximum rate of service pension (\$)		Basic income limit (\$)		Assessed rate of SS pension (\$)		Assessed rate of service pension (\$)		
			Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	
1992	9 Jul	100	562.40	306.10	255.30	86.00	76.00	67.90	152.70	306.10	255.30
	2 Apr	100	562.40	306.10	255.30	84.00	74.00	66.90	151.70	306.10	255.30
1991	3 Oct	100	554.10	301.60	251.50	84.00	74.00	66.55	149.98	301.60	251.50
	11 Jul	100	554.10	301.60	251.50	84.00	74.00	66.55	149.98	301.60	251.50
	21 Mar	100	554.10	301.60	251.50	80.00	70.00	64.55	147.98	301.60	251.50
	10 Jan	100	535.90	291.70	243.20	80.00	70.00	63.75	144.23	291.70	243.20
1990	20 Sep	100	535.90	291.70	243.20	80.00	70.00	63.75	144.23	291.70	243.20
	19 Apr	100	518.80	282.40	235.40	80.00	70.00	63.00	140.70	282.40	235.40
	11 Jan	100	497.90	267.20	222.70	80.00	70.00	58.25	133.23	267.20	222.70
1989	16 Nov	100	497.90	267.20	222.70	80.00	70.00	58.25	133.23	267.20	222.70
	15 Jun	100	481.50	258.40	215.40	80.00	70.00	57.65	130.03	258.40	215.40
1988	15 Dec	100	463.00	248.50	207.10	80.00	70.00	57.00	126.35	248.50	207.10
	16 Jun	100	447.30	240.10	200.10	80.00	70.00	56.45	123.28	240.10	200.10
1987	17 Dec	100	432.60	232.20	193.50	80.00	70.00	55.90	120.35	232.20	193.50
	18 Jun	100	418.00	224.30	187.00	60.00	50.00	45.30	107.50	224.30	187.00
1986	18 Dec	100	395.80	212.40	177.10	60.00	50.00	44.50	103.15	212.40	177.10
	8 May	100	380.60	204.20	170.30	60.00	50.00	43.90	100.15	204.20	170.30

Table A15.12 (continued)

Effective date	Proportion of disability pension exempted (%) <sup>a</sup>	Special rate (\$)	Maximum rate of service pension (\$)		Basic income limit (\$)		Assessed rate of SS pension (\$)		Assessed rate of service pension (\$)	
			Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married
1985 7 Nov	100	364.90	195.80	163.30	60.00	50.00	43.35	97.08	195.80	163.30
9 May	100	351.50	188.60	157.30	60.00	50.00	42.85	94.43	188.60	157.30
1984 8 Nov	100	342.60	183.80	153.30	60.00	50.00	42.50	92.65	183.80	153.30
10 May	100	342.60	178.80	149.10	60.00	50.00	37.50	88.45	178.80	149.10
1983 10 Nov	100	329.10	171.80	143.20	60.00	50.00	37.25	85.93	171.80	143.20
12 May	100	315.50	164.70	137.30	60.00	50.00	36.95	83.43	164.70	137.30
1982 11 Nov	100	296.00	154.50	128.80	60.00	50.00	36.50	79.80	154.50	128.80
13 May	60	284.10	148.30	123.60	40.00	34.50	26.25	69.83	111.48	112.44
1 Jan	60	267.00	139.40	116.20	40.00	34.50	25.90	66.70	106.00	106.75
1981 12 Nov	50	267.00	139.40	116.20	40.00	34.50	25.90	66.70	92.65	100.08
14 May	50	255.30	133.30	111.10	40.00	34.50	25.65	64.53	89.48	96.44
1980 13 Nov	50	245.50	128.20	106.80	40.00	34.50	25.45	62.68	86.83	93.36
1 May	50	233.80	122.10	101.70	40.00	34.50	25.20	60.50	83.65	89.73
1979 1 Nov	50	221.80	115.80	96.50	40.00	34.50	24.90	58.30	80.35	86.03
1978 2 Nov	50	203.80	106.40	88.70	40.00	34.50	24.50	55.00	75.45	80.48
4 May	50	197.10	102.90	85.80	40.00	34.50	24.35	53.78	73.63	78.41
1977 3 Nov	50	188.80	98.60	82.20	40.00	34.50	24.20	52.25	71.40	75.85
5 May	50	180.30	94.20	78.50	40.00	34.50	24.05	50.68	69.13	73.21

Table A15.12 (continued)

Effective date	Proportion of disability pension exempted (%) <sup>a</sup>	Special rate (\$)	Maximum rate of service pension (\$)		Basic income limit (\$)		Assessed rate of SS pension (\$)		Assessed rate of service pension (\$)	
			Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married	Single	Married
1976 4 Nov	50	166.50	87.00	72.50	40.00	34.50	23.75	48.13	65.38	68.94
6 May	50	157.70	82.50	68.50	40.00	34.50	23.65	46.33	63.08	66.04
1975 6 Nov	50	148.20	77.50	64.50	40.00	34.50	23.40	44.70	60.45	63.23
8 May	50	136.20	72.00	60.00	40.00	34.50	23.90	43.20	57.95	60.23
1974 7 Nov	25	128.20	62.00	51.50	40.00	34.50	17.90	36.70	33.93	44.71
1 Aug	25	120.20	62.00	51.50	40.00	34.50	21.90	38.70	36.93	46.21
28 Mar	25	120.20	52.00	45.50	40.00	34.50	11.90	32.70	26.93	40.21
1973 27 Sep	25	111.20	46.00	40.50	40.00	34.50	10.40	29.95	24.30	36.90
1972 7 Dec	0	102.20	43.00	37.50	40.00	34.50	11.90	29.20	11.90	29.20
28 Sep	0	96.00	40.00	34.50	40.00	34.50	12.00	27.75	12.00	27.75

<sup>a</sup> The proportion of disability pension disregarded as income in the assessment of service pension. The taper rate (withdrawal rate of income in excess of the basic income limits) was 50 cents in the dollar until 2001, when it changed to 40 cents in the dollar.

**Table A15.13 Assessed Rates of Social Security (SS) Pension/Income Support Supplement (ISS) for War Widow/ers, 1972–2002 (\$ per fortnight)**

Effective date		War widow's pension	Maximum social security pension	Basic income limit	Assessed rate of SS pension/ISS
2002	3 Oct	446.80	429.40	116.00	127.20
	4 Apr	446.80	421.80	112.00	124.90
2001	4 Oct	435.50	410.50	112.00	124.90
	12 Jul	427.00	402.00	112.00	124.90
	5 Apr	427.00	402.00	106.00	124.90
2000	11 Jan	419.10	394.10	106.00	124.90
	5 Oct	419.10	394.10	106.00	124.90
	13 Jul	411.90	386.90	106.00	124.90
	23 Mar	396.00	372.00	102.00	120.10
	13 Jan	390.50	366.50	102.00	120.10
1999	23 Sep	390.50	366.50	102.00	120.10
	1 Jul	385.40	361.40	102.00	120.10
	25 Mar	385.40	361.40	100.00	120.10
1998	24 Sep	381.30	357.30	100.00	120.10
	26 Mar	378.60	354.60	100.00	120.10
	1 Jan	371.80	347.80	100.00	120.10
1997	3 Jul	371.80	347.80	100.00	120.10
	27 Mar	371.80	347.80	98.00	120.10
	2 Jan	370.40	346.40	98.00	120.10
1996	26 Sep	370.40	346.40	98.00	120.10
	28 Mar	366.60	342.60	94.00	120.10
	4 Jan	359.90	335.90	94.00	120.10
	28 Sep	359.90	335.90	94.00	120.10
1995	6 Jul	350.10	326.10	94.00	120.10
	30 Mar	350.10	326.10	90.00	120.10
	5 Jan	345.60	321.60	90.00	120.10
1994	29 Sep	345.60	321.60	90.00	120.10
	7 Jul	342.10	318.10	90.00	120.10
	31 Mar	342.10	318.10	88.00	120.10
	6 Jan	340.20	316.20	88.00	120.10
	30 Sep	340.20	316.20	88.00	120.10
1993	8 Jul	336.10	312.10	88.00	120.10
	4 Feb	336.10	312.10	86.00	120.10
	9 Jul	330.10	306.10	86.00	120.10
1992	2 Apr	330.10	306.10	84.00	120.10
	3 Oct	325.60	301.60	84.00	120.10
1991	11 Jul	325.60	301.60	84.00	120.10
	21 Mar	325.60	301.60	80.00	120.10
	10 Jan	315.70	291.70	80.00	120.10
1990	20 Sep	315.70	291.70	80.00	120.10

Table A15.13 (continued)

Effective date	War widow's pension	Maximum social security pension	Basic income limit	Assessed rate of SS pension/ISS
19 Apr	306.40	282.40	80.00	120.10
11 Jan	291.20	267.20	80.00	120.10
1989 16 Nov	291.20	267.20	80.00	120.10
15 Jun	282.40	258.40	80.00	120.10
1988 15 Dec	272.50	248.50	80.00	120.10
16 Jun	264.10	240.10	80.00	120.10
1987 17 Dec	256.20	232.20	80.00	120.10
18 Jun	248.30	224.30	60.00	120.10
1986 18 Dec	236.40	212.40	60.00	120.10
8 May	228.20	204.20	60.00	120.10
1985 7 Nov	219.80	195.80	60.00	115.90
9 May	212.60	188.60	60.00	112.30
1984 8 Nov	207.80	183.80	60.00	109.90
10 May	202.80	178.80	60.00	107.40
1983 10 Nov	195.80	171.80	60.00	103.90
12 May	188.70	164.70	60.00	100.35
1982 11 Nov	178.50	154.50	60.00	95.25
13 May	172.30	148.30	40.00	82.15
1 Jan	163.40	139.40	40.00	77.70
1981 12 Nov	163.40	139.40	40.00	77.70
12 May	157.30	133.30	40.00	74.65
1980 13 Nov	152.20	128.20	40.00	72.10
1 May	146.10	122.10	40.00	69.05
1979 1 Nov	139.80	115.80	40.00	65.90
1978 2 Nov	130.40	106.40	40.00	61.20
4 May	126.90	102.90	40.00	59.45
1977 3 Nov	122.60	98.60	40.00	57.30
5 May	118.20	94.20	40.00	55.10
1976 4 Nov	111.00	87.00	40.00	51.50
6 May	106.50	82.50	40.00	49.25
1975 6 Nov	101.50	77.50	40.00	46.75
8 May	96.00	72.00	40.00	44.00
1974 7 Nov	86.00	62.00	40.00	39.00
1 Aug	81.00	62.00	40.00	41.50
28 Mar	71.00	52.00	40.00	36.50
1973 27 Sep	65.00	46.00	40.00	33.50
1972 7 Dec	60.00	43.00	40.00	33.00
28 Sep	57.00	40.00	40.00	31.50