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MySuper a step closer

Superannuation industry bodies welcomed the passage of the third tranche of the Government's MySuper legislation through the House of Representatives with the complete support of the Parliament.

The Bill, the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Further MySuper and Transparency Measures) Bill contains key elements of the MySuper framework.

In particular the Bill includes provisions dealing with the transition from existing superannuation products to the new framework. Despite differing views on how this should work, the industry has been able to negotiate an outcome which strikes a reasonable balance between the interests of members who have made discrete investment choices and members who have not, or who have chosen for trustees to make those decisions for them.

The amended transitional provisions should ensure engaged members have their investment choices protected while ensuring others who are invested wholly in 'default' investment options (excluding cash only options) have their balances transferred to MySuper.

Engagement is a big issue in super and we should encourage more Australians to engage with their retirement savings.

For those who don't engage or who don't feel confident making decisions MySuper is designed to best protect their interests.

The amended transitional provisions in the bill are critical – they ensure there is a workable transition so that engaged 'choice' members don't have their arrangements disrupted and those who should benefit from MySuper do so.

The amendments moved by the Government and supported by the Opposition ensure there will be minimal disruption when the transition to MySuper occurs on 1 July 2017.

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