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FAIR INDEXATION DEFEATED 69-68 BY LABOR AND INDEPENDENTS

The Coalition's attempts to force Fair Indexation through the House of Representatives have today been defeated by Labor, the Greens and four Independent MPs.

Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Technology and Personnel, Stuart Robert MP, and the Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, said this represented another dark day for Australia's Parliament.

"Today, the Parliament has once again failed to support the Coalition's moves to introduce Fair Indexation legislation", Mr Robert said.

"The Coalition attempted to amend the *Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* in the House of Representatives to make condition of its passage dependent upon the introduction by the Gillard Labor Government of Fair Indexation legislation."

"Today, in a vote 69-68, Labor, Greens MP Adam Bandt, and Independent MPs Tony Windsor, Craig Thomson and Bob Katter all voted against the Fair Indexation amendment."

"Independent Member for Lyne, Rob Oakeshott, did not attend the Chamber to cast his vote."

"Today the House of Representatives had a chance to draw a line in the sand. That it has failed to do so is another shameful day for the Australian Parliament."

Senator Ronaldson said it was now increasingly clear that the only way to deliver fair indexation was to change the Government.

"Veterans' Affairs Minister Warren Snowdon called the Coalition's moves a stunt. Let me assure Minister Snowdon that 57,000 superannuants, and their families, don't consider fair indexation a stunt", Senator Ronaldson said.

"This Parliament has now twice rejected Coalition attempts to deliver fair, just and equitable indexation to our military superannuants and their families."

"If this Parliament won't do it then we need to elect a new one with a mandate to deliver this important reform. Only a Coalition Government will deliver the justice, fairness and equity our military superannuants deserve."

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