# IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

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THE REGISTRY SYDNEY

No. S140 of 2015

Fourth Plaintiff

### **BETWEEN:**

# **BARRY THOMAS CUNNINGHAM First Plaintiff**

DR ANTHONY HAMILTON LAMB OAM Second Plaintiff

THE HONOURABLE BARRY COHEN AM

THE HONOURABLE JOHN COLINTON MOORE AO Third Plaintiff HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

AND:

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA** First Defendant

> REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL Second Defendant

## PLAINTIFFS' CHRONOLOGY

#### **Part I: Internet Certification**

The plaintiffs certify that this chronology is suitable for publication on the Internet. 1.

#### 30 Part II: Chronology

- 2. Given the lengthy period of time involved in the case, the chronology only sets out certain key events. The same abbreviations as used in the plaintiffs' submissions are used.
- A reference to a person being "first elected" is a reference to the first time the person 3. was elected to the House of Representatives. A reference to a person being 'first defeated" is a reference to the first time that the person was defeated in an election subsequent to being first elected. A reference to a person being "again elected" is a reference to a person being elected to the House of Representatives for a period subsequent to that person's first defeat. A reference to a person being "last defeated" is a reference to the last time the person was defeated in an election.

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Date	Event	Reference
1 Dec 1948	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948 (Cth) (Superannuation Act) commences operation, and provides in s18 for a fixed weekly pension to be paid to certain retired members	BD, Vol 1, p 205
1 Jan 1952	Superannuation Act amended by <i>Parliamentary Retiring</i> <i>Allowances Act 1952</i> (Cth) to provide, inter alia, for additional weekly pension under s 18 to persons 65 or over.	
16 Jun 1955	Superannuation Act amended by <i>Parliamentary Retiring</i> <i>Allowances Act 1955</i> (Cth), inter alia, to increase rates of weekly pension under s 18.	
1 Mar 1959	Superannuation Act amended by <i>Parliamentary Retiring</i> Allowances Act 1959 (Cth) inter alia, to increase rates of weekly pension under s 18.	
1 Nov 1964	Superannuation Act amended by the <i>Parliamentary Retiring</i> <i>Allowances 1964</i> (Cth), inter alia, to increase the rate of pension under s 18. Rate of pension amended to be a percentage, based on the age of the retired member, of parliamentary allowance the retired member was entitled to immediately before retirement.	BD, Vol 1, p 216
2 Jun 1965	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1965 (Cth) commences operation. Section 24B introduced to the Superannuation Act.	
29 Oct 1966	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1966 (Cth) commences operation. Amendments made to the Superannuation Act in relation to decimal currency.	
8 Nov 1967	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Increases) Act 1967 (Cth) provides directly for increases in pensions to certain persons entitled to a pension under the Superannuation Act.	
25 Oct 1969	Fourth plaintiff first elected.	SC [69]
1 Oct 1971	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances (Increases) Act 1971 (Cth) provides directly for increases in pensions to certain persons entitled to a pension under the Superannuation Act.	
2 Dec 1972	Second plaintiff first elected.	SC [32]
8 Jun 1973	Superannuation Act amended by the <i>Parliamentary and Judicial</i> <i>Retiring Allowances Act 1973</i> (Cth), inter alia, to increase the rate of pension under s 18. Rate of pension under s 18 amended to be a percentage, based on length of service, of parliamentary allowance payable from time to time.	BD, Vol 1, p 264
13 Dec 1975	Second plaintiff first defeated. No retiring allowance payable at this time.	SC [35], [50]

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Date	Event	Reference
13 Dec 1975	Third plaintiff first elected.	SC [52]
21 Jun 1976	Remuneration Tribunal issues Determination 1976/6 which, inter alia, provides for the terms of the Life Gold Pass	BD, Vol 2, p 321
12 Jun 1978	Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1978 (Cth) commences operation. Additional retiring allowance introduced to s 18.	
1 Jul 1980	Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment Act 1981 (Cth) commences operation. Rate of additional retiring allowance amended to be percentage of Ministerial salary/additional parliamentary office holder allowance payable from time to time.	BD, Vol 1, p 293
18 Oct 1980	First plaintiff first elected.	SC [12]
31 Mar 1984	Section 21B of the Superannuation Act, introduced by the <i>Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment Act 1983</i> (Cth), commences operation.	
1 Dec 1984	Second plaintiff again elected.	SC [37]
19 Feb 1990	Fourth plaintiff becomes eligible for Life Gold Pass.	SC [84]
20 Feb 1990	Fourth plaintiff ceases to be entitled to receive parliamentary allowance and begins to receive retiring allowance under the Superannuation Act including additional retiring allowance by reason of service as a Minister of State and in a parliamentary office.	SC [72], [81]
24 Mar 1990	Second plaintiff last defeated and begins to receive retiring allowance under the Superannuation Act including additional retiring allowance by reason of service in various offices.	SC [40], [50]
24 Mar 1990	First plaintiff first defeated and begins to receive retiring allowance under the Superannuation Act including additional retiring allowance by reason of service as Government Whip and Deputy Government Whip.	SC [15], [29]
13 Mar 1993	First plaintiff again elected and ceases to receive retiring allowance.	SC [17], [18], [28]
1 Jan 1994	Determination 1993/18 applies annual cap of 25 return trips to holder of Life Gold Pass issued or on after 1 Jan 1994.	SC [154]
1 Mar 1996	First plaintiff last defeated and again begins to receive retiring allowance under the Superannuation Act.	SC [19], [29]

Date	Event	Reference
2 Mar 1996	Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment Act 1996 (Cth) commences operation. Section 22T introduced to the Superannuation Act.	BD, Vol 1, p 307
5 Feb 2001	Third plaintiff resigns, and from the day after begins to receive retiring allowance under the Superannuation Act, including additional retiring allowance by reason of service as a Minister of State.	SC [55], [64]
5 Feb 2001	Third plaintiff becomes eligible for Life Gold Pass.	SC [67]
30 Dec 2002	2002 LGP Act relevantly commences.	SC [156]
5 Aug 2011	2011 Amendment Act relevantly commences.	SC [87]
Dec 2011	Remuneration Tribunal, Review of the Remuneration of Members of Parliament Initial Report.	BD, Vol 5, p 1811
6 Mar 2012	2012 LGP Act relevantly commences.	SC [90]
15 Mar 2012	Determination 2012/02 and Determination 2012/03 come into operation.	SC [99], [102]

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