Queensland

Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment of Deed Regulation (No. 1) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 5

made under the

Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990

General outline

Short title

The *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment of Deed Regulation (No. 1) 2011.*

Authorising law

Sections 12 and 31 of the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990.*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Greater flexibility in determining the funding proportion to allow for the changing balances between the employee and employer components is required following a recent reallocation of the defined benefit and accumulation asset pools held within Treasury and the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (QSuper scheme). Without this amendment, the current funding provisions of the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Deed 1990* (QSuper Deed), which are very prescriptive in the manner in which employer and employee components are determined, will eventually become inoperative.

Achievement of policy objectives

The regulation achieves the policy objectives by amending the QSuper Deed to allow the Board of Trustees of the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (QSuper Board) to determine the funding proportion for defined benefit payments between the employee and employer funded components on the advice of the Actuary.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

This amendment is consistent with the policy of the authorising law in that regulations can be made in order to administer the QSuper scheme.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

This amendment is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Following the implementation of this amendment, in order for the proportions of employer and employee funding of defined benefits to be decided, the State Actuary's Office will supply its advice to the QSuper Board as part of its regular periodical review of the State's superannuation arrangements. As such, it is not expected that the implementation of this amendment will result in significant additional costs.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles. This amendment relates to contributions at an employer (State) and QSuper fund level, and does not have a direct impact on individual benefits.

Consultation

Consultation has occurred with the QSuper Board, the Government Superannuation Officer, the State Actuary's Office and the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel in regards to the regulation. Treasury's Long Term Assets Advisory Board was consulted on the reallocation of assets.

ENDNOTES

1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .

2 The administering agency is the Treasury Department.