



Jurisdictional Policy Advice No. 2006/12
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988
Redemption on request by former employee – Life Tables 2003-2005

Purpose

1. To advise determining authorities of the publication of new life tables which are relevant for the calculation of benefits under section 137 of the Act.

Background

2. Section 137 of the SRC Act provides for the redemption of incapacity payments upon the request of a former employee where the amount of incapacity payment is \$62.99 per week or less.
3. Section 13 of the SRC Act provides for indexation of relevant amounts in the Act, including the amount stated in subsection 137(1). The indexed amounts are listed on the Comcare website, and for sub-section 137(1) the current amount is \$88.37. This will increase again on 1 July 2007 in line with the Consumer Price Index.
4. The formulae used for calculating the amount payable on redemption to a former employee are set out sub-sections 137(2)-(5) and include a component for “expectation of life”.
5. Expectation of life means the number of years in the complete expectation of life of the former employee at the date of the determination, as ascertained by reference to the latest Australian Life Tables published by the Australian Statistician.
6. The Life Tables for 2003-2005 were published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on 30 November 2006. A link to this information is available on Comcare’s web-site on the Compensation Page.

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8. Determining authorities are to note the new life tables and amend redemption calculators so that any section 137 determinations from 30 November 2006 reflect the new life tables.

9. Enquiries about the application of this policy advice may be made by contacting the SRC Act Policy Section by telephone: 1300 366 979, or by email: SRC.Policy@comcare.gov.au.

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