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Treasury: Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 7) Bill 2014

Providing certainty for superannuation fund mergers

In a submission to Treasury in response to the request for comments on the draft Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 7) Bill 2014, the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) offered its support for the measure which seeks to ensure that individuals whose superannuation benefits are involuntarily transferred from one superannuation plan to another are not disadvantaged.

ASFA notes that the operation of the existing rules has been a matter of concern to trustees contemplating a successor fund transfer (SFT) whilst also noting that there are many other issues in relation to SFTs that also warrant a legislative solution.

In addition to suggesting some changes to the explanatory material, the submission provides some further examples of existing difficulties with successor fund transfers.