

MEDIA RELEASE

Broader range of retirement income products critical to financial security for retirees

26 February 2016 – Challenger has welcomed the Government's statements that it will soon announce the results of its retirement income streams review.

Challenger Chief Executive Officer Brian Benari said: "The ageing of Australia's population is one of the great economic and social challenges of our time. We welcome the Assistant Treasurer's statement that the government will shortly announce specific policy to broaden the range of retirement income products for Australia's 4.5 Baby Boomers

"New products like deferred lifetime annuities are critical to improving financial security in retirement and helping retirees manage the risk of outliving their savings.

"They are an important component of superannuation funds developing comprehensive income products for retirement (CIPRs) as outlined by the Financial System Inquiry."

In a speech to CEDA today, Assistant Treasurer Kelly O'Dwyer said that to facilitate better retirement products that allow retirees to improve their standards of living, the Government would announce the results of its retirement income streams review shortly and would progress work on CIPRs.

In October 2015, the Government endorsed recommendations made by the Financial System Inquiry for superannuation fund trustees to facilitate pre-selection of a CIPR to help retirees meet their future needs.

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About Challenger

Challenger Limited (Challenger) is an investment management firm managing \$57.6 billion* in assets. It is focused on providing Australians with financial security for retirement.

Challenger operates two core investment businesses, a fiduciary Funds Management division and an APRA-regulated Life division.

Challenger Life Company Limited (Challenger Life) is Australia's largest provider of annuities.

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