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This measure will reverse two *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* measures from the 2015-16 Budget, which were aligned with changes to the Comcare Scheme but did not proceed:

**1. Calculating permanent impairment and the maximum payable** - would have introduced a new method of calculating permanent impairment payment and a higher maximum payment amount for some claimants.

**2. Multiple injuries arising out of the one event** - would have provided for the impact of multiple injuries from a single event to be combined in calculating the person’s permanent impairment payment. The measure would have resulted in a lower permanent impairment payment for a large number of claimants compared to the current rules.

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**

The 2015-16 measures were to have commenced on 1 July 2015; however, legislative changes were not passed by the Parliament.

This measure ensures consistent compensation arrangements for veterans and the general community.

**WHO WILL BENEFIT?**

Those clients who may have been affected if the 2015-16 measures had been implemented.

**DATE OF EFFECT**

This measure will start on 1 July 2018.

**HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?**

The 2018-19 Budget provides $5.3 million over the forward estimates to support this measure.