

I wish to put forward my case as to the early release of my super. I am 56 y.o and have to undertake 2 full knee replacements. I currently work in a casual position so i am not entitled to sick leave, and i understand i do not at present qualify under either compassionate grounds or hardship for the early release of my super. I can apply for sickness benefits through centrelink but as this is only \$650.00 per fortnight it does not cover my fortnightly outgoing expenses. I can apply for income protection through my super, but this is not available to me for 2 months after i cease work. I have no savings as back up, so i fail to see how i am expected to live for the 4 months i require off work. If i dont have this surgery my knees will make it impossible for me to work and i would have to leave my job. I have exhausted all avenues including reaching out to Minister Darren Chester and Minister Kelly O'Dwyer for their opinion. I currently only have about \$20,000 in my super account which is not going to set me up for my retirement. I am asking that they release part of my super now, when i need it the most. I would e grateful for any feedback on my situation as i dont want to rely on government money for the rest of my life if it can be avoided by the early release of part of my super. Thankyou. Jane Heenan. [REDACTED]