

31 October 2018

## **2018 PENSION INCREASE**

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that a pension increase of **4.6%** has been awarded effective 16 October 2018. This increase equates to 100% of CPI as at 30 June 2018.

In addition to the above increase, the Board has also awarded a special payment of **7%** of annual pension (pension before the 2018 increase).

The above awards are applied pro-rata to pensioners who retired within the 12 months prior to 16 October 2018.

Pensioners are reminded that 80% of the official inflation rate (CPI) at 30 June is the target in terms of the Fund's pension increase policy. Awarding pension increases that the Fund cannot afford, will seriously impact the sustainability of future pension payments.

The Fund's investment strategy has proven to be successful over many years. However, pensioners are again reminded that the current high levels of market volatility and anticipated lower economic growth conditions are expected to result in lower investment returns and as a result, lower pension increases into the foreseeable future.

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