# Position Paper: Means Test Rules for Lifetime Retirement Income Streams January 2018 – Key Assumptions for Modelling in Attachment A

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| Real earnings rate (gross of fees) | 3.30% | |
| Inflation | 2.50% | |
| Real discount rate | 3.30% | |
| Age Pension Indexation | 3.00% | |
| Mortality | ALT2010-12 with 25yr imp. rated down 3 yrs | |
| Inflation indexed immediate life annuity price (purchased at 65) | | 4.70% |
| Inflation indexed deferred life annuity price (20yr deferral, purchased at 65) | | 25.00% |
| **Fees** | |  |
| Account based pension | | 1.00% |
| GSA/DGSA | | 0.80% |

Note for deferred products, the account-based income stream (ABIS) component is assumed to be drawn down to zero at the deferral age e.g. for a deferred life annuity vesting at age 85, the ABIS component is drawn down completely from age 65 to age 85 when the deferred life annuity begins payment.

# Age Pension Means Test Thresholds

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|  | Single | | Couple | |
| Annual Max Rate | $23,254 | | $35,058 | |
| **Asset Test** | Homeowner | | | | Non-homeowner |
| Single Couple | | | | Single Couple |
| Free area threshold | $253,750 $380,500 | | | | $456,750 $583,500 |
| Cut out | $551,883 $829,967 | | | | $754,883 $1,032,967 |
| Taper | $3 per fortnight for every $1,000 above the relevant free area | | | | |
| **Income Test** | Single | Couple | |
| Annual | $4,368 | $7,800 | |
| Cut out | $50,877 | $77,917 | |
| Taper |  | 50% | |
| **Deeming** | Single | Couple | | |
| Thresholds | $50,200 | $83,400 | | |
| Rate - below threshold | 1.75% |
| Rate - above threshold | 3.25% |