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### Investment update

The economic environment over the last year has been unprecedented in its uncertainty. But with over 30 years of managing super, we've experienced the ups and downs of investment cycles and always have our members' best interests in mind.

So we've made it easy for you to find out the facts about how investment performance affected your super in 2008/09. To find out more you can:

1. Read your personalised member statement – which we will start mailing to members in October.
2. Go to [www.pss.gov.au/factsinfocus](http://www.pss.gov.au/factsinfocus) to read **The facts in focus** or check out our new interactive **member statement guide**.

See the articles below for more details.

For the latest news about the PSS's investment performance, visit the [PSS monthly investment performance online](http://www.pss.gov.au/factsinfocus).

### Your member statements are on their way – get the facts

We will be mailing your annual member statement from late October 2009 (unless you have a manual statement then we will write to you, letting you know when to expect yours). You can check the website news items at [www.pss.gov.au](http://www.pss.gov.au) closer to this time, where we will post up-to-date news items about your statements.

### What is The facts in focus?

This year we've put together an interactive document called **The facts in focus** to help you find the information you're looking for.

It gives you factual answers to your questions about negative returns, investment performance, the investment landscape, planning for the future and how your super works. It also includes our **2008/09 Annual Report**.

Just go to [www.pss.gov.au/factsinfocus](http://www.pss.gov.au/factsinfocus) to download your interactive PDF.

### Want to get your annual member statement pack online in 2010?

It saves time and is easier to find – it's also better for the environment. It's easy to get your member statement pack online in 2010 – just visit [www.pss.gov.au](http://www.pss.gov.au), and log on to **member services online**. You will need to make sure your email contact details are up to date, then follow the links to review the relevant information and check the appropriate box to receive your full annual member statement pack online in 2010.

## Review – keeping you up to date with the investment market

**Review** is the new online quarterly investment report from our Chief Investment Officer. **Review** covers market developments and commentary from our investment team. To receive your copy, visit [www.pss.gov.au](http://www.pss.gov.au), log on to **member services online** and update your email contact details.

## Reduction to your ADIC premiums

From Thursday 3 September 2009, your premiums on additional death and invalidity cover (ADIC) are reduced. This follows our recent negotiation with AIA Australia Limited - the insurance company who underwrites ADIC. If you're a PSS contributing member and you're eligible, you may be interested in taking out ADIC. For more information see the [Additional death and invalidity cover fact sheet](#) or call 1300 000 377.

## At Work for You - get to know your super

You can find out more about your super by coming to an ARIA At Work for You workshop. Our At Work for You

### PSS public workshops

City	Date and time	Location
Adelaide	14 October 2.00pm	Holiday Inn
Brisbane	14 October 2.00pm	The Hilton
Canberra	21 October 2.00pm	Rydges Lakeside
Melbourne	18 November 2.00pm	Mantra on Russell
Perth	25 November 2.00pm	Crown Plaza
Sydney	2 December 2.00pm	Medina Executive
Canberra	2 December 2.00pm	Rydges Lakeside

workshops cover topics such as your options after work, ways to build your super, tax on super, insurance and managing super before retirement.

### What you can expect to learn at our workshops

You can expect to leave the workshop knowing:

- > the cost of living in retirement
- > scheme rules and options for:
  - > retirement
  - > resignation
  - > other times when you may need to access your super.
- > other ways they can contribute to your super
- > how your super will be taxed
- > what tools you can use to manage your super while still contributing
- > how to read and understand your member statement
- > how to get information when you need it
- > death and invalidity.

We offer public and in-house workshops around the country giving you the opportunity to learn more about the PSS in simple terms. It's easy to register – visit [www.pss.gov.au](http://www.pss.gov.au) and click on the **learning centre** then **At Work for You** workshops.

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