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The Chief Executive Officer,  
WA SUPER,  
Floor 19, 140 St. Georges Tce.,  
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Attention: Fabian Ross

Dear Fabian,

**RE: DETAH COVER BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE TO PARTNERS/NOMINATED DEPENDANTS  
OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

The Organisation's Committee of Management at its March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting has directed me to write to WA Super regarding the above matter.

It has come to our attention though advocacy by job delegates and members that partners/dependant of deceased members who were member of WA Super have experience considerable difficulties and hardships arising from the sudden death of their partner.

In particular in a recent case a dependant of a suddenly deceased member was apparently advised by the Fund that the payment of Death Benefits as provided by the Fund could take up to 12 months to be released.

The dependant concerned was looking for early release of a part or all of the insured benefit so that she could meet immediate costs and obligation such as arranging funeral services and other related obligations.

We feel that the Fund should be able to arrange with the Insurers for a part benefit to be released to meet such preliminary obligations given the obvious strain, distress and hardship that all such dependants face when their loved ones become deceased, and where that is clearly established as fact by publication of a Death Notice .

It would seem reasonable that given that default Death Insurance is in the order of \$ 40,000.00 that a preliminary payment in the order of \$ 15,000.00 would not be excessive and would certainly be of great assistance to those members' whose retirement savings are held in Trust by the Fund.

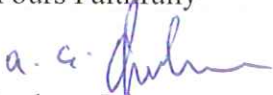
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We would appreciate this correspondence being tabled for the consideration of the Board of Directors at its next full meeting.

We look forward to your advice.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'a. c. Johnson', written over a series of horizontal dashed lines.

Andrew Johnson

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