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Conlon says the pension review may well be going to Government this week. **Yates** says they expect it will go to Kevin Rudd and the rest this week - it is due by Friday. He says media reports last week indicated they are recommending an increase in the single pension, and they are also going to recommend something for people in private rental. **Yates** says they also talk about people at the extreme end of vulnerability. He says they're putting to the Government a series of options, rather than recommendations. He says the Fair Go For Pensioners campaign - also including groups like the RSL and Ethnic Communities Council - has been looking for an increase of 25-35% of average weekly earnings. **Yates** says that people forget that what goes out in a pension increase comes back over a couple of years in taxes. He says every dollar spent giving an extra increase in the pension will flow on straight into the economy through spending. He says if the Harmer Review has given the Government a range of options the ball is very firmly in the Government's court.

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Interviewees: **Ian Yates**, chief executive, Council of the Ageing

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The state's peak seniors group is backing calls for \$100 weekly rises in the pension. The Council on the Ageing says an increase is well overdue and the Federal Government can't afford to take a conservative approach.

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