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**Michael in the Morning**

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Bailey talks with Jim Lawless about the National Union of Retired Workers and their meeting in Canberra. Lawless says they had a 'fairly constructive' meeting with Jenny Macklin, Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, along with other retired union organisations and the **Council** for the **Aging**. Lawless says they negotiated a seat at the conference table for the Australian Pensioners and Superannuants League. Lawless says it appears, to their chagrin, that the Harmer Report won't be released until after the budget and says it's quite possible we'll never see it. Lawless says it is 'disturbing' and says their concern is the Government has heard the message on single pensioners and renters but not pensioner couples. Lawless mentions an article by Ray Ferguson in The Comet magazine. Lawless says they refuted claims that pensioners used the December grant at the poker machines. Lawless mentions his electricity bill, which went up by \$100. Lawless says Capricornia MP Kirsten Livermore always takes their message forward for them.

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**Interviewees:** Jim Lawless, National Union of Retired Workers

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