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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND (GEPF) MEMBERS

GEPF pensioners or members will not lose lump sum in 2015

The Government Employees' Pension Fund (GEPF) would like to dispel any rumours that its pensioners and members will lose their gratuities (lump sum) upon retirement from the public service.

We would like to inform members that while the government is in the process of formulating proposals regarding retirement reform, the changes coming into effect on 1 March 2015 on annuitisation are aimed at aligning provident funds to pension and retirement annuity funds at retirement and will **not** affect pension funds.

GEPF will retain the payment of benefits to members as contained in the GEP Law and Rules. GEPF is a defined benefit pension fund and changes related to provident funds will therefore **not** affect members of GEPF.

While government wants to encourage workers to preserve their savings until retirement, no laws have changed to stop withdrawal when workers change jobs.

GEPF would like to inform its members that it is in constant engagement with the National Treasury around the retirement reform process and would like to re-assure its pensioners and members that their pensions are safe and secure. Members should not resign prematurely, instead they should contact GEPF's offices to answer any questions they may have in this regard.

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