

REVIEW OF ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM LEVELS OF RELEVANT INCOME FOR MPF MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS

檢討強積金強制性供款最低及最高有關入息水平調整機制

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背景



MPF System

強積金制度

Relevant Income (RI) 有關入息	SEP mandatory contributions 自僱人士強制性供款	EE mandatory contributions 僱員強制性供款	ER mandatory contributions 僱主強制性供款
<min ri<br=""><最低有關入息水平</min>	\$0	\$0	5% x RI 5% x有關入息
≥Min RI – <max li="" ri<="">≥最低有關入息水平 –<最高有關入息水平</max>	5% x RI 5% x有關入息	5% x RI 5% x有關入息	5% x RI 5% x有關入息
<u>≥</u> Max RI ≥最高有關入息水平	5% x Max RI 5% x 最高有關入息 水平	5% x Max RI 5% x 最高有關入息 水平	5% x Max RI 5% x 最高有關入息 水平

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- Purpose of setting Min & Max RI 設立最低及最高有關入息水平目的
 - ➤ Min RI: relieve financial burden of mandatory contributions on lower income earners 最低有關入息水平:減輕強制性供款為較低收入在職人士帶來的財政負擔
 - ➤ Max RI: allow higher income earners flexibility to meet retirement savings needs 最高有關入息水平:給予較高收入在職人士彈性以滿足其退休儲蓄需要
- Adjustments reflect changes in income distribution of workforce 調整反映就業人口入息分佈變化

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Statutory adjustment mechanism (s.10A MPFSO) 法定調整機制 (《強積金條例》第10A 條)

- MPFA to review Min & Max RI at least once in every 4 years 積金局每四年就最低及最高有關入息水平進行不少於一次檢討
- Statutory adjustment factors 法定調整因素
 - ➤ Min RI: 50% of Median Earnings 最低有關入息水平:收入中位數的50%之數
 - ➤ Max RI: 90th Percentile Earnings 最高有關入息水平:第90個百分值的收入
- May consider other relevant factors
 可考慮其他相關因素

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- Statutory adjustment mechanism (s.10A MPFSO) 法定調整機制 (《強積金條例》第10A 條)
 - ▶ between fully-automatic & fully-discretionary 介乎全自動和全酌情之間
 - ▶ broad community consensus required before legislative amendments 修訂法例前須獲社會廣泛共識
 - ► flexible but lack of certainty 具靈活性但缺乏可測性
 - ➤ protracted discussions → close tracking of economic & employment situations difficult
 - 冗長磋商→難以緊貼經濟和就業情況

Proposed Automatic Adjustment Mechanism



建議的自動調整機制

• Objective: Align MPF contribution levels with earnings distribution of working population

目標:使強積金供款水平與就業人口入息分佈一致

- ▶ better reflect economic conditions 更有效反映經濟狀況
- ► enhance efficiency of MPF System 提高強積金制度效率
- Public consultation: 23 Jan to 5 Mar 2015

公眾諮詢:2015年1月23日至3月5日

Proposed Automatic Adjustment Mechanism 建議的自動調整機制



- Key features:
 - 主要特點:
 - a) Determine Min & Max RI at the same time once every 2 years 每兩年同時釐定最低及最高有關入息水平一次
 - b) Min RI → 55% of Median Earnings*, rounded up to next \$100 最低有關入息水平 → 收入中位數的55%之數*,向上捨入至最接近的\$100
 - c) Max RI → 90th Percentile Earnings*, rounded to nearest \$2,500 (each increase < \$5,000)
 - 最高有關入息水平 → 第90個百分值的收入*,捨入至最接近的 \$2,500 (每次增幅<\$5,000)

^{*} earnings data set of all employed persons (excl. FDHs) aged 18 to 64 收入數據涵蓋所有18歲至64歲受僱人士(不包括外傭)

Consultation Conclusions (General Views)

諮詢結果(一般意見)



• 35 075 submissions (35 062 public members & 13 stakeholder groups) 35 075 份意見書(35 062 份來自公眾人士及13 份來自相關界別團體)

Public members

公眾人士

- Vast majority not support Proposal 大部分回應者不支持諮詢建議
- 65% "not support" cases with additional comments 65% "不支持"回應者有發表額外意見
 - ➤ preferred existing mechanism (about 1/3 of 65% cases) 傾向沿用現行機制 (約佔65%回應者的三分之一)
 - ➤ automatic mechanism inflexible & no due consideration to all other relevant factors 自動機制欠缺靈活性及不能夠考慮所有其他相關因素
 - ➤ EEs' participation in adjustment process important 僱員在調整過程中的參與重要

Consultation Conclusions (General Views) 諮詢結果 (一般意見)



Stakeholder groups 相關界別團體

- Diverse views意見分歧
- Most ER associations & 1 trade union 大部分僱主組織和1個職工會
 - ▶ prefer existing mechanism 傾向沿用現行機制

Consultation Conclusions (General Views) 諮詢結果 (一般意見)



Stakeholder groups

相關界別團體

- All labour unions, 1 professional body, 1 ER association & MPF industry bodies/players
 所有工會、1個專業團體、1個僱主組織及強積金業界團體/機構
 - ► fully/generally prefer automatic mechanism 全部/普遍傾向支持自動機制
 - ▶ better protect EEs' benefits 更能保障僱員利益
 - ➤ ERs & trustees better prepared for new RI implementation 僱主和受託人就實施新有關入息水平可作更好準備



- Biennial cycle frequency raises administrative costs for trustees & ERs 兩年一次的頻率增加受託人及僱主的行政成本
- 1 labour union & 1 MPF industry player proposed frequency of once every year

1個工會和1個強積金業界機構建議每年一次

Consultation Conclusions(**Adjustment Benchmark/ Rounding Mechanism**)



諮詢結果(調整基準/捨入機制)

(a) **Min RI** 最低有關入息水平

Labour unions工會

➤ generally supported proposed benchmark with some suggesting SMW as additional benchmark 普遍支持建議基準,亦有提議法定最低工資為額外基準

Professional body 專業團體

➤ no insignificant adjustment → minimize impact on operating costs for SMEs

不作幅度太小的調整 → 減低對中小型企營運成本的影響

Consultation Conclusions (Adjustment Benchmark/ Rounding Mechanism) 諮詢結果 (調整基準/捨入機制)



- (a) Min RI 最低有關入息水平
- ER associations 僱主組織
 - ➤ generally less concern about Min RI automatic adjustment 對自動調整最低有關入息水平的關注一般較少
 - > some considered proposed benchmark reasonable 部分認為建議的調整基準合理
 - ➤ some concerned about more EEs exempted from MPF 部分關注更多僱員獲豁免強積金供款





(b) Max RI 最高有關入息水平

- More than half ER associations objected: perceived automatic increase by \$5,000 every 2 years 超過一半僱主組織反對:認為每兩年會自動上調\$5,000
- Other suggestions: raise cap for increase magnitude → minimize gap between Max RI & benchmark

其他建議:提高增幅上限 > 收窄最高有關入息水平及調整基準距離

MPFA Recommendations / Way Forward 積金局建議 /未來路向



- Lack of general support for Proposal 諮詢建議欠缺普遍支持
- Diverse views on individual features 個別元素意見分歧
- MPFA recommendations 積金局建議
 - ➤ Not to pursue Proposal for the time being 暫時擱置諮詢建議
 - ➤ Continue to review Min & Max RI according to s.10A MPFSO 繼續根據《強積金條例》第10A 條檢討最低及最高有關入息水平
- Government agreed with MPFA recommendations 政府接納積金局建議



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