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### ALP Policy Gets It Wrong and Pensioners Pay

Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Mal Brough, today said that pensioners will be short changed by Kevin Rudd's pensioner policy.

"Under the Coalition's policy pensioners will get \$250 in March. Under Mr Rudd's policy pensioners will get \$125 in March," Mr Brough said.

"It is disgraceful that Mr Rudd has again copied a Coalition policy but has made a mistake that leaves pensioners out of pocket.

"Today Kevin Rudd sought to copy the Coalition's plan for assisting pensioners, self-funded retirees, carers and Disability Support Pensioners.

"But once again he tried to add a twist. And he got it wrong again. Where he didn't copy Coalition policy he got it wrong.

"Mr Rudd's quarterly payments leave pensioners worse off.

"Kevin Rudd will short change pensioners, carers and DSP recipients by \$125 in March 2008.

"This is a repeat of Labor's tax policy, which copied 91.5% of the Coalition's but made a mistake with the remaining 8.5%, leaving middle income earners \$600 worse off.

"Mr Rudd has no plan of his own, this is another shameless case of me-too from Mr Rudd. Again it is a dud copy and he had duded the pensioners." said Mr Brough.

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