

Joint statement

16 November 2020

Income Compliance Program (“Robodebt”) Class Action Settlement

The Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the Applicants in the representative class action matter of *Prygodicz v The Commonwealth* have reached agreement for the settlement of the matter, which is now only subject to the approval of the Federal Court of Australia.

The class action relates to Centrelink debts raised by income compliance reviews since July 2015, which the Commonwealth refers to as its Income Compliance Program.

Both the Applicants and their solicitors, Gordon Legal, acknowledge that the Commonwealth’s agreement to settle the matter is not an admission of liability by the Commonwealth, and does not reflect any acceptance by the Commonwealth of the allegations that the Commonwealth, or any of its officers, had any knowledge of unlawfulness associated with the income compliance program.

Group members do not need to take any action at this stage.