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Mr CRAIG KELLY: Let's just take this as an example: when a business has a million-dollar loan, what capital requirement would you have if that's not in default compared to what capital requirement you would

have if it is in default?

Mr Hartzer: ...I'm happy to take it on notice and try to give you a

sense of it, but we can't give you a simple answer to it.

Answer: For a typical agribusiness loan of \$1 million or over with a two-year

maturity for a business with turnover of \$5 million or less, the capital required is 3.3% of the loan amount. For a well secured defaulted loan of \$1 million or over the total capital and provision required is 18.5%

of the loan amount.