

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

### REVIEW OF THE APRA ANNUAL REPORT 2019

#### APRA19QON:

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**Dr LEIGH:** We had a conversation last time about APRA's enforcements activity, following the firm words from the royal commission about APRA needing to take a more robust approach on enforcement. You took on notice questions about APRA's enforcement-type activities. What I was really after were some statistics on how APRA's enforcement activity's changed. I draw your attention to ASIC's statement that:

*... since February 2018 ... ASIC had seen a 24 per cent increase in enforcement investigations, 130 per cent increase in enforcement investigations involving the big six financial firms and a 241 per cent increase in wealth management investigations.*

I wonder whether you might either supply to me now or undertake to supply to the committee those same statistics for APRA.

**Mr Lonsdale:** We are of course very happy to supply any statistics we can. We are happy to take that on notice.

#### Answer:

	January – December 2018	January – 6 December 2019
Notices to produce	2	64
Investigations commenced	1	3 *
Formal directions	2	3 *
Court Enforceable Undertakings	1	0
Licence conditions	1	2
Court action	1	0
Infringement notices	0	1**
Number of Entities moved from Normal to Oversight	22	20
Number of Entities moved from Oversight to Mandated Improvement	6	12

\* Further items under consideration as at 6 December may be completed by end of December 2019

\*\* In total 715 infringement notices were issued to Westpac in August 2019 in respect of FSCODA breaches. It was necessary to issue this number of notices due to the way the statute is written.