

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS**

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**REI138QW:** Please provide as separated data, what the base salary and bonuses were, or are set to be, paid in the 2019/2020 and 2020/21 financial year for your:

- a. Chief Executive Officer or equivalent?
- b. Chief Investment Officer or equivalent?

**Answer:**

Fund executive remuneration is publicly disclosed in accordance with section 29QB of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act. Please follow this link <https://www.reisuper.com.au/about-us/governance/remuneration>

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**REI139QW:** Do you support superannuation funds delisting public companies?

**Answer:**

We have a duty and obligation to invest in the best financial interests of our members, which can be met by pursuing investment opportunities in listed and unlisted markets. These investment decisions are considered through a framework of what is in our members best financial interests.

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**REI140QW:** Property investments

- a. Do you have any current investments in the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation? If so, what is the size of your investments?
- b. Please provide information on the rental income for any residential property investments held for each year for the last five financial years.

**Answer:** a. No

- b. This question is not applicable to REI Super.

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**REI141QW:** Subscriptions to The New Daily

a. Has your fund ever considered subscribing your members to The New Daily through an opt-out model? If so:

i. Was this proposed initially internally, or externally?

ii. Who proposed it?

iii. Who approved it?

iv. What was the approval process?

v. What legal advice was sought?

vi. On what date did it proceed, or is it proposed to proceed?

b. Have the following groups ever enquired or requested your fund to subscribe your members to The New Daily:

i. Industry Super Holdings?

ii. The New Daily?

**Answer:** a. No

b. This is not applicable to REI Super.

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**REI142QW:** What arrangements, including donations, commissions, marketing expenditure or partnerships, do you have that lead to payments to research organisations or 'think tanks'?  
Please provide:  
a. Names of the think tanks.  
b. Payments made over the last five years.

**Answer:** This question is not applicable to REI Super.

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**REI0143W:** According to the Australian Financial Review (IFM's Tandem leaves workers in the lurch, 7 July 2021), IFM Investors have invested in a business that has left them wholly owning a subsidiary, Tandem Networks, that avoids them paying out the full entitlements of subcontractor. Therefore, if you are an owner of IFM Investors:

- a. Do you think it is acceptable that an investment made by your investment vehicle dishonours contractual arrangements with subcontractors?
- b. What inquiries have been made to ensure that subcontractors are being paid?
- c. What steps do you expect IFM Investors to go through should they not honour entitlements to subcontractors?
- d. Would you divest from IFM Investors should they not honour entitlements to subcontractors?

**Answer:** REI Super understands IFM provided the committee with additional details about this matter in the hearing of 29 July 2021. This information included relevant details that about the premise of the questions.

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**REI144QW:**

At the House Economics superannuation hearing on 8 July 2021 representatives of Australian Super and CBUS outlined they were not aware that IFM Investors (a company wholly owned by industry funds) had paid a bonus of \$12m, and were asked whether they had asked questions about the bonus and the bonus structures within IFM Investors.

According to the Australian Financial Review (IFM Investors gives \$12.7m bonus to UK Director, 14 February 2020) a bonus of \$12.7 million bonus was paid.

According to the Sydney Morning Herald (A lot of bling: Industry shocked at \$36 million bonus allegation, 22 March 2019) bonus structures existed to allow for bonuses of up to \$36m to be paid.

Therefore, if you are an owner of IFM Investors, please advise:

- a. What inquiries have been made, or will be made, about bonuses of that size with IFM Investors?
- b. What information you have sought, or will seek, from IFM investors about bonus structures within IFM Investors?

**Answer:**

REI Super operates and invests in the best financial interests of our members. Direct investments and engagement of service providers including fund managers is undertaken consistent with internal processes, prudential standards, and applicable laws. We understand IFM has provided the committee with information about the details of its remuneration structures via both verbal and written responses to the committee.