

25QW: From Mr Matt Thistlethwaite MP
Topic: Platform industry

Question:

Did ASIC do any consumer testing about whether the indirect cost disclosure approach to platforms in RG97 was effective? Did you do it before devising RG97? If not why not?

Answer:

A key objective of updating RG97 was to provide guidance on pre-existing regulatory requirements, including requirements introduced as part of Stronger Super, rather than introduce changes to the way fees need to be disclosed. There has been extensive public consultation with industry in relation to RG 97 over an extended period of time and in light of this objective and consultation we did not undertake consumer testing. Further, the treatment of platforms more generally has not varied with the introduction of Stronger Super. Through the updated RG97, ASIC has made it clearer that our disclosure expectations in the case of superannuation platform (for example, providing examples to show the cumulative effect of fees and costs).