

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

CBA60QON: CHAIR: Sorry, Ms Hammond, can I just interrupt and ask a follow-up question to that because it's contextually relevant? Does the CBA have any data on young home mortgage applicants who get financial assistance from parents or other family members to support their deposit?

Mr Comyn: We would, Chair. It would probably understate the actual numbers. Sometimes you see survey data where people would say what proportion of their homes are being supported by the bank of mum and dad often or family members. Applicants may—obviously, we'd prefer they didn't—disclose their savings as opposed to a gift, but I suspect that parents or family members are helping a substantial proportion of new borrowers in the market at least at some point.

CHAIR: The data suggests that it's always underreported but, on notice, could you get us that data; and, for the secretary, could we ask that of all of the four major banks? Sorry, Ms Hammond.

Answer: Home loan customers may receive financial assistance from family members towards the formation of a deposit.

Customers do not always disclose that a portion of their deposit came by way of a gift, nor are they required to do so in every instance. As such, we are unable to provide reliable data on the proportion of loans overall where this occurs.