

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS

Westpac Banking Corporation

WBC22QW: Whether the valuations on infrastructure investments financed by the bank are:

(a) independently completed?

(b) whether they are completed and/or reviewed annually?

(c) in reference to (b), if they are reviewed by whom?

(d) in reference to (b), if not annually, how often, the trigger, and the average timeframe between review?

Answer: Valuation of infrastructure assets (where applicable) is typically performed by third party specialist independent valuers (usually, a big four accounting firm) annually on behalf of directors/shareholders of the borrower.

We do not typically receive a copy of the valuation report but the value of the asset is included in annual and half-yearly covenant compliance certificate signed by directors/finance executive.