

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation No. 1 of the 46th Parliament

Agency: Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman

Question No:

Topic: Response from Accounting Standards Board

Reference: Spoken p.14 (18 June 2021)

Member: Julian Hill

Question:

Mr HILL: You then made a series of recommendations. You said:

The accounting standards need to provide greater clarity and properly cover SCF to ensure that accounts cannot be manipulated, particularly to mask cash flow issues and insolvency. But your specific dot points under that didn't recommend a change to the accounting standards. They said that the board should provide further education on guidance notes. Do you have any update on the response that you've received? Is that an issue that you've continued to pay any attention to. I don't mean this as a criticism. Did you do the report—
Mr Billson: I'm not sure we've got anything back on that. We can check, though.

Answer:

My Office has not received advice from the Australian Accounting Standards Board in relation to providing further education in guidance notes regarding disclosure of Supply Chain Financing programs.

This is a matter that we continue to raise in appropriate forums.