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Department/Agency: Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
Question: 197
Topic: Wi-Fi network
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Question:

1. Is there a wi-fi network on the department/agency premises?
2. If yes:
 - a) Who provides the wi-fi network?
 - b) What is the cost of operating and maintaining the wi-fi network?
 - c) What is the speed of the wi-fi network, for both uploads and downloads?
 - d) What level of security is the wi-fi network set to?
 - e) What access protocols are in place to access the wi-fi network?
 - f) Who can access the wi-fi network?
 - g) With what electronic devices can the network be accessed? Can personal devices of staff access the network?

Answer:

1. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority provides a wi-fi network for its staff, and visitors. The wi-fi network is currently available in the Sydney office only but is to be expanded.
2.
 - a) APRA's wi-fi is managed by APRA's internal IT team.
 - b) APRA's wireless network was only established in June 2016. It is too soon to provide details about ongoing operating and maintenance costs.
 - c) The wireless network speed can provide connections to APRA's network of up to 50 Mbps.
 - d) APRA's internal wi-fi network operates at a protected level while the authenticated guest network is at an unclassified level.
 - e) APRA's wi-fi access protocol is compliant with the Australian Government's Information Security Manual. Authenticated access is required and uses WPA2-Enterprise with EAP/TLS.
 - f) APRA's wi-fi network is available to staff with APRA issued devices. The authenticated guest network is only provided to registered visitors to APRA.
 - g) The wi-fi network can only be access by APRA-supplied and protected devices (secured by a certificate). Personal devices cannot access the corporate wireless network.