

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: AT 42

Topic: *Reporting of quarterly reports of fees and charges*

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Senator SHERRY asked:

Reflecting back on the conversation that occurred on this matter, what struck me was that some institutions, major and middle range, did provide the data requested; others did not, for a whole range of reasons and excuses. When will APRA require the production of this information?

Mr Khoo—I might have to take that one on notice and refer that back to my colleague. As I said to you, we are actively working now with industry to try to get that resolved.

Dr Laker—It may well be that we have to go back and look at the way in which that particular return has been set up and make an amendment through the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act. That is a more formal process, and that takes time. So we need to look at whether or not we can work within the existing reporting framework or whether or not we need to go through the formal consultation steps to make that return clear in what it is seeking from the superannuation industry.

Answer:

APRA requires superannuation trustees to report all separately identifiable charges to superannuation entities in the entities' APRA returns.

Trustees are not required to report fees or charges to the entity that are not separately identifiable, for example, deductions from contributions that are paid to service providers via entities' trustees.

APRA would need to amend the superannuation returns to collect this information from trustees. Any revised reporting requirements would not become effective prior to the 2008 reporting period at the earliest.