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Topic: ARIA Conflict Interest Policy

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Senator Cormann asked:

Senator CORMANN—Does ARIA have a conflict of interest policy?

Mr Jones—I would imagine so. I cannot say that I have personally seen it.

Senator CORMANN—I have been looking and I have not been able to find one. I would be interested on notice whether you are aware of a conflict of interest policy for trustees on the ARIA board of trustees.

Answer:

Australian Reward Investment Alliance (ARIA) is an APRA-regulated superannuation fund. Pursuant to section 56 of the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1997*, APRA is precluded from disclosing information received for the purposes of a prudential framework law from a regulated entity, where the information is not already in the public domain.

Part 2B Section 29PD of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* requires a registrable superannuation entity to make available a copy of the risk management plan to a member, or a unit holder, or an employer-sponsor of a registered superannuation entity. A risk management plan may include a board conflict of interest policy.

Accordingly, it would be possible for a member of the fund to approach ARIA directly for a copy of the risk management plan and board conflict of interest policy.