

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 199

Topic: Comparison of number of alerts under ASX and ASIC

Senator Abetz asked:

Senator ABETZ—You say that there have been 300 alerts. How does that compare to the ASX alerts?

Mr Tregillis—I do not have those figures. As I said, that is an average figure, just to give you an indication of the type of numbers of alerts that we would get on a daily basis. I would have to take on notice the question of a comparison with ASX alerts.

Answer:

From 1 August to 31 October 2010, the first three months of ASIC's market supervision, we received 19,597 alerts (0.055% of trades). This is similar to the number of alerts received by ASX in a quarter. ASX reported receiving 17,097 alerts in the December 2009 quarter (0.053% of trades), 18,638 in the March 2010 quarter (0.061%) and 22,248 in the June 2010 quarter (0.063%).

Source: ASIC data, ASX Market Supervision Quarterly Activity Reports, ASX Monthly Trading volumes. The average number of daily alerts for the period 1 August to 31 October 2010 was 301.

The average number of alerts per day by month was:

August	265
September	345
October	294

The number of alerts can be affected by a range of factors, including general market volatility, level of corporate transactions, system calibration and trading conditions generally. The aim is to set the alerts at a level where the number of false positives is minimised.

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