Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: SBT 515 - 516

Topic: Superannuation Fund Legislation

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Senator Bushy asked:

- 515. What is the latest data (up to 20 October 2011) regarding numbers of extant APRA enforcement actions for superannuation regulation?
- 516. What issues and trends is APRA observing and do these issues give rise to the need for further legislation to protect Australia's superannuation funds and members, and if so what actions and or funding does APRA need?

Answer:

515. There are two current formal enforcement superannuation actions in which APRA is exercising its enforcement powers.

Other 'informal' enforcement actions may also be underway, for example, conditions being placed on a Registrable Superannuation Entity (RSE) license.

516. The major issues and APRA's observation of the industry are set out in APRA's 2011 Annual Report, pages 27-29.

A number of the proposed Stronger Super Reforms, including higher trustee duties and providing APRA with Prudential Standards-making powers are aimed at strengthening the prudential framework and providing greater protection to fund members. APRA will discuss its funding requirements with Government.