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To all RSE licensees

### **CHANGES TO APRA'S REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERANNUATION**

In 2013, APRA released the final reporting standards for the superannuation industry. Since the release of the final requirements, APRA has received further feedback from industry and other stakeholders on a range of implementation issues related to the new reporting requirements.

Having considered this feedback, APRA has decided to defer the implementation dates for some parts of the reporting framework and make changes to some reporting due dates for a transitional period. These changes are intended to provide additional time for industry to adapt to the new data collection requirements and enable further consultation on some aspects of the reporting requirements. This letter confirms changes to:

- the due dates for quarterly superannuation data collections for a transitional period;
- deferral and further consultation on select investment option reporting; and
- the superannuation data collection for the purposes of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

#### **Submission of quarterly data**

The suite of new reporting standards released in 2013 included a small number of reporting standards required to be submitted to APRA on a quarterly basis from either 1 July 2013 or 1 July 2014. The data under these reporting standards is required to be submitted to APRA no later than 28 calendar days after the end of the reporting period to which the data relates. Previously, quarterly data had been required to be reported within 25 business days after the end of the reporting period and was more limited in scope.

APRA has continued to receive feedback from the industry highlighting that a number of RSE licensees are experiencing difficulties in providing data to an appropriate quality standard within the revised timeframe. The reasons for these difficulties relate primarily to “teething issues” as RSE licensees implement new processes and systems and work with third party data providers to obtain the necessary data within the necessary timeframes. APRA will therefore temporarily extend the due date for all quarterly forms, currently required within 28 calendar days, to 35 calendar days by varying the due dates for all quarterly reporting forms, namely:

- *Reporting Standard SRS 320.0 Statement of Financial Position;*
- *Reporting Standard SRS 330.0 Statement of Financial Performance;*
- *Reporting Standard SRS 410.0 MySuper Transition;*
- *Reporting Standard SRS 530.1 Investments and Investment Flows;*
- *Reporting Standard SRS 533.0 Asset Allocation;*

- *Reporting Standard SRS 702.0 Investment Performance;*
- *Reporting Standard SRS 530.0 Investments* (commences 1 July 2014);
- *Reporting Standard SRS 531.0 Investment Flows* (commences 1 July 2014);
- *Reporting Standard SRS 532.0 Investment Exposure Concentrations* (commences 1 July 2014); and
- *Reporting Standard SRS 160.1 Defined Benefit Flows* (commences 1 July 2014).

This extension of the reporting due date will be effective for the current quarterly reporting period (ending on 31 March) and will continue until the quarterly reporting period ending on 30 June 2015. APRA, however, encourages RSE licensees that are able to submit the data under these forms in fewer than 35 calendar days after the end of the reporting period to do so.

After 30 June 2015, when the reporting due date will revert to 28 calendar days, RSE licensees must have the necessary systems, procedures and controls in place to report reliable data to APRA by the due date.

### **Select investment option reporting**

There are two new reporting standards which apply to select investment options. In recognition of the fact that RSE licensees had not previously been required to submit data about select investment options, APRA deferred the commencement of these reporting standards as they applied to select investment options to 1 July 2014 at the earliest, to allow a reasonable transition timeframe. The relevant reporting standards are:

- *Reporting Standard SRS 330.1 Statement of Financial Performance* (SRS 330.1); and
- *Reporting Standard SRS 533.0 Asset Allocation* (SRS 533.0).

APRA also indicated that *Reporting Standard SRS 702.0 Investment Performance* and *Reporting Standard SRS 701.0 Product Dashboard* would also be applied to select investment option reporting once the choice product dashboard requirements were finalised by the Government.

APRA has continued to receive feedback from industry seeking clarity on the requirements contained in these reporting standards, and outlining the significant challenges in attempting to report the data. As a result, in September 2013, APRA indicated that it would re-consult on the requirements of SRS 533.0 as they applied to select investment options as part of future consideration of choice product dashboard and choice investment performance reporting.

APRA notes that the choice product dashboard requirements are not yet finalised. As a result, and in light of the significant implementation challenges identified by industry, APRA considers it appropriate to further defer the commencement of these reporting standards as they apply to select investment options until 1 July 2015. To achieve this outcome, APRA intends to re-determine SRS 533.0 so that it applies in the context of MySuper products only and will adjust the requirements of SRS 330.1 so they apply only to defined benefit sub-funds.

APRA also proposes to undertake additional consultation on the select investment option data collection to ensure that an appropriate balance is struck between providing data that APRA and other agencies require for their purposes (including meeting the enhanced transparency objectives of the Stronger Super reforms) and the compliance burden for the superannuation industry in reporting the information. APRA will, therefore, undertake further consultation on select investment option reporting in the second half of 2014.

## Superannuation data collection for the ABS

The *Response to Submissions: Reporting standards for superannuation* released by APRA on 28 March 2013 advised that APRA and the ABS would conduct further consultation on additional data to be collected under reporting standards that are primarily for the purposes and use of the ABS.

The ABS has recently indicated it will postpone the implementation of this additional superannuation data collection until reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2015. Consultation on the proposed additional ABS data collection is expected to commence later in 2014. The revised implementation timeframe will allow RSE licensees further time to make any changes required to enable their reporting of the additional data.

The statistics produced by the ABS provide quarterly and annual data about the level of economic activity and the structure of Australian and state economies within a coherent system of concepts and classifications. To prevent data gaps and ensure continuity in the ABS statistical publications, it is necessary to continue *Reporting Standard SRS 110.1 Selected Disclosure of Investments* (SRS 110.1) for reporting periods ending on or after 1 July 2014. The operation of this standard will be extended by APRA until reporting periods ending on or after 1 July 2015.

This means that RSE licensees with relevant registered superannuation entities with total assets of at least \$50 million (at the end of the most recent year of income) will be required to submit either version A and B of *Reporting Form SRF 110.1 Selected Disclosure of Investments* until reporting periods ending on or after 1 July 2015.

APRA will advise the relevant RSE licensees when SRS 110.1 is re-determined and also confirm their reporting obligations in respect to versions A and B of SRF 110.1.

If you have any questions or require further information on the matters addressed in this letter please email [Statistics@apra.gov.au](mailto:Statistics@apra.gov.au).

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