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### **Review of Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions' *Points of Presence* Statistics**

The Reserve Bank welcomes the opportunity to comment on APRA's proposed changes to the Points of Presence (PoP) statistics. The Bank uses the PoP statistics for international reporting and in data published on the Bank's website.

In particular, the Bank uses the PoP statistics to compile data for the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). These data include aggregate series for the number of bank, credit union and building society branches in Australia, which are published in the BIS's annual *Statistics on payment, clearing and settlement systems in the CPMI countries*.

The Bank also uses the PoP statistics to compile data, which are published in [Statistical Table C8 – 'Points of Access to the Australian Payments System'](#) on the Bank's website. This table includes series on bank branches, non-bank branches and Bank@Post facilities.

Given that there are no readily available alternative sources for these data, the Bank's preference would be that the PoP data collection be streamlined rather than ceased altogether.

Yours sincerely

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