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Dear Trustee/Administrator

#### JUNE 2010 APRA QUARTERLY RETURNS

APRA's records indicate that you are the trustee or administrator for a superannuation entity that is due to submit the June 2010 quarterly return to APRA. The returns are due by 04 August 2010 for superannuation entities in ACT, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, and 05 August 2010 for superannuation entities in Northern Territory and New South Wales.\*

In a review of the March 2010 quarterly returns, APRA discovered deficiencies in some of the reported information. APRA will request trustees and administrators to resubmit returns that contain inaccurate or incomplete information, or to provide an explanation for any significant anomalies in the return.

The most common errors identified in the data quality process for the March 2010 quarterly returns are outlined in Attachment A.

For a list of all current data quality queries and further information to assist with the completion of APRA reporting forms, please refer to the below link to the APRA website.

#### http://www.apra.gov.au/Statistics/Super-info.cfm

If an item is identified to be incorrect and a resubmission of the return is required, please advise Superannuation Statistics by emailing superstats@apra.gov.au.

If an item has been reclassified during the quarter, please resubmit previous quarterly returns to reflect the new classification of the item. This ensures consistency and accuracy across the quarterly returns and may reduce requests for clarification from APRA.

Additionally, if you confirm that data reported in the return is correct, please provide an explanation as to why the data is correct.

If you require further information, please contact the APRA Contact Centre on 1300 13 10 60.

Yours sincerely

Juanita Hoare

Manager, Superannuation Statistics

Due dates are 25 business days from end of the reporting period. Dates given in this letter apply to superannuation entities with a reporting period end date of 30 June 2010 only. The superannuation entity's registered address determines the state of the entity.

### Attachment A

# **Data Quality**

## The most common errors identified in the March 2010 quarterly return:

- Entities did not report 'net assets available to pay benefits' (SRF 110.0, item 12) equal to 'total' (SRF 110.0, item 16)
- Entities did not report 'net assets available to pay benefits at the end of the reporting period' (SRF 100.0, item 23) plus 'other items required to reconcile' (SRF 100.0, item 23.1) equal to 'net assets available to pay benefits' (SRF 110.0, item 12)
- Entities were asked to check their data and explain the movement when 'direct holdings of derivatives' (SRF 110.0, item 3.4) varied by more than 20% between the current and previous reporting periods.
- Entities did not report 'total direct equity investments that are listed on the ASX' (SRF 110.1B, part B, item 6) equal to the 'NMV in Australia of direct holdings of equity securities of listed corporations and units in listed unit trusts' (SRF 110.0, item 3.2).
- Entities did not report 'net assets available to pay benefits at the beginning of the financial year' (SRF 100.0, item 22) equal to the previous quarter's 'net assets available to pay benefits at the beginning of the financial year' (SRF 100.0, item 22). Note this query does not apply to the first quarterly return of the fund's financial year.
- Entities did not report 'Other types of lump sum benefit payments' (SRF 100.0, item 5.9) on a year to date basis. Note all items on SRF 100.0 should be reported on a year to date basis.