Quarterly Life Insurance Performance Statistics Explanatory notes

Introduction

This publication includes data across two different capital frameworks. For more detail see *Change in capital framework* in this note.

Source of data

This publication is compiled primarily from regulatory returns submitted to APRA under the *Financial Sector* (*Collection of Data*) *Act 2001* by authorised life insurance companies. APRA-regulated life insurers are prudentially supervised under the *Life Insurance Act 1995*.

Blank copies of the returns and associated instructions are available on the APRA website.

Basis of preparation

Figures in this publication are prepared from the individual authorised insurer accounts, not consolidated insurance group accounts. Transactions between related entities within the same insurance group have not been eliminated. Examples of such transactions include loans between parents and subsidiaries.

Figures represent the total operations of Australian authorised insurers, not only business undertaken within Australia.

Total statutory funds data

Type of fund - investment linked and non investment linked business may not add up to the total statutory funds figures due to eliminations between statutory funds.

Class of business - ordinary business includes Australian ordinary business and overseas business. Superannuation and ordinary business may not add up to the total statutory funds figures due to eliminations between statutory funds.

Total statutory funds and total general funds may not add up to total entity figures due to general fund eliminations.

Change in capital framework

APRA introduced a common capital framework for required capital and eligible capital across general insurers and life insurers on 1 January 2013. The two existing requirements for solvency and capital adequacy were replaced with a single measure for required capital.