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Hi Jane

An email I received today (below) re a potential conduct issue involving Hostplus. S 47F, S 37(1)(b)

Cheers Karen

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**Subject:** RE: Some intel- market integrity within super [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 37(1)(b), s 47F

Thanks for your email. I will pass this on to colleagues internally. But would request that you also encourage your information source to submit a report of misconduct (ROM) to ASIC. If they are an employee they could also contact our Office of the Whistleblower.

Best regards

Karen

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Hi Karen,

I have reliable confidential intel that someone sold out of the SMSF infrastructure option of Hostplus, yesterday, at **February prices.** Apart from the blatant market integrity issue here, there is the further issue of not treating members equally, so it warrants analysis.

The reason is that by opening up a portion of their fund to SMSF investors, they effectively picked a group of clients who are more engaged than the others and have taken advantage, to the detriment of everyone else left in the fund.

I don't know who else to tell so I am telling you. This is a really important issue and demonstrates the danger of carrying unlisted assets in a DC environment, something I have long been worried about. There's only a limited amount of time left to investigate and act on the issue as I am also worried there will be a run on their fund thanks to their lack of liquidity coalescing with early release.

s 37(1)(b), s 47F, s 45, s 47E (d)