

CRIS: ASIC INDUSTRY FUNDING MODEL (2023–24)

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A Summary of ASIC's 2023–24 regulatory costs and estimated levies for subsectors

Key points

This document summarises:

- ASIC's costs and levies for 2023-24 by regulatory activity and industry sector (see paragraphs RG 000.1–4 and Table 1–Table 3);
- estimated costs and levies for 2023-24 by industry subsector (see paragraphs RG 000.5–RG 000.6 and Table 4); and
- forward estimates for future financial years (see paragraphs 7–9 and Table 5–Table 6).

Summary of ASIC's estimated costs and levies for 2023-24

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ASIC's regulatory costs are funded through appropriation from the Australian Government budget. We expect to recover \$345.6 million of regulatory costs via cost recovery levies and statutory levies for 2023–24. This includes -\$4.8 million in allowance for capital expenditure, less costs funded by own-source revenue, and adjustments for under and over recoveries from 2022–23.

Note 1: The -\$4.8 million includes \$0.5 million that was not recovered from deregistered companies. This amount is carried forward in accordance with s10(6)(b) of the *ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Act 2017* (Cost Recovery Levy Act).

Note 2: We reduce the levies by costs funded by own-source revenue. We are not paying industry but there is a levy reduction this year to account for the large own-source revenue that we have received as part of our court awarded costs.

2 Table 1 outlines how we expect to recover our 2023–24 regulatory costs for each of our regulatory activities that are subject to industry funding.

Note: In this CRIS, we round figures to one decimal place in the text and three decimal places in tables. Items may not add up to totals due to rounding.

| Activity | Cost recovery levies | Statutory levies | Fees for service |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Supervision and surveillance | \$64.803m | \$0.740m | Nil |
| Enforcement | \$71.919m | \$57.971m | Nil |
| Other regulatory activities | | | |
| Industry engagement | \$10.193m | \$0.116m | Nil |
| Education | \$0.164m | \$4.599m | Nil |
| Guidance | \$3.421m | \$0.039m | Nil |
| Policy advice | \$8.941m | \$2.779m | Nil |
| Indirect costs | | | |
| Commission, legal services and risk management | \$19.903m | \$0.227m | Nii |
| Digital, data and technology | \$51.534m | \$0.589m | Nil |
| Corporate support | \$21.081m | \$0.241m | Nil |
| Property and accommodation services | \$30.804m | \$0.352m | Nil |
| Fees for service activities | | | |
| Licence applications or variations | Nil | Nil | \$3.423m |
| Registration application services | Nil | Nil | \$1.026m |
| Compliance review of documents | Nil | Nil | \$7.727m |
| Requests for changes to market operating rules | Nil | Nil | \$0.617m |
| Assessment of applications for relief | Nil | Nil | \$9.407m |
| Total | \$282.763m | \$67.654m | \$22.201m |

Note: In addition to the industry funding levies, there will be a recovery of -\$4.8 million in allowance for capital expenditure, less costs funded by own-source revenue, and adjustments for under and over recoveries from 2022–23.

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Table 2 outlines the regulatory costs expected to be recovered by industry funding levies for each sector.

Table 2: Regulatory costs to be recovered via industry funding levies by industry sector

| Sector | Cost recovery levies | Statutory levies | Total levy |
|---|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Corporate | \$63.923m | \$27.363m | \$91.286m |
| Note: For this sector, the regulatory costs recovered through levies do not include the costs recovered from small proprietary companies. The costs for that subsector are recovered through a \$4 increase to the annual review fee. | | | |

| Sector | Cost recovery levies | Statutory levies | Total levy |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Deposit taking and credit | \$41.792m | \$7.884m | \$49.676m |
| Investment management, superannuation and related services | \$56.071m | \$9.582m | \$65.653m |
| Market infrastructure and intermediaries | \$51.409m | \$12.688m | \$64.097m |
| Financial advice | \$47.282m | \$6.249m | \$53.531m |
| Insurance | \$17.443m | \$3.888m | \$21.332m |
| Total | \$277.920m | \$67.654m | \$345.574m |

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The activities for which regulatory costs will be recovered via a statutory levy are set out in Table 3.

Table 3: Regulatory costs to be recovered by statutory levies by activity

| Activity | Estimated costs |
|---|-----------------|
| Enforcement (funded by Enforcement Special Account (ESA)) | \$56.504m |
| Education | \$4.545m |
| Whistleblower legal framework | \$2.647m |
| Fighting scams | \$3.958m |
| Total | \$67.654m |

Summary of estimated regulatory costs and levies for 2023–24

- 5 Table 4 outlines the regulatory costs expected to be recovered by industry funding levies for each subsector.
- 6 An entity can belong to more than one subsector. We have provided further information to help entities determine the subsectors to which they belong (PDF 229 KB) on our website.

Table 4: Overview of costs to be recovered through industry funding levies by subsectorCorporate sector

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| Listed corporations | \$61.706m | Minimum levy of \$4,000, plus \$33.88 per \$1m of market capitalisation above \$5m |
| | | Maximum levy of \$677,390, for entities with a market capitalisation of greater than \$20bn |

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Unlisted public companies | \$5.073m | \$339 |
| Large proprietary companies | \$9.447m | \$924 (\$928, less \$4 collected via the annual review fee) |
| Small proprietary companies | \$42.231m | Not applicable – levied via the annual review fee of \$4 |
| Auditors of disclosing entities | \$5.652m | \$78 per \$10,000 of revenue |
| Registered company auditors | \$2.103m | \$657 |
| Registered liquidators | \$7.304m | Minimum levy of \$2,500, plus \$95.04 per appointment and notifiable event |

Deposit taking and credit sector

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Credit providers | \$28.517m | Minimum levy of \$2,000, plus \$37.06 per \$1m of credit provided above \$100m (other than for small and medium amount credit contracts) |
| Small and medium amount credit providers | \$6.957m | \$47.20 per \$10,000 of credit provided under small and medium credit contracts |
| Credit intermediaries | \$3.109m | Minimum levy of \$1,000 |
| Deposit product providers | \$5.553m | Minimum levy of \$2,000, plus \$1.75 per \$1m of total deposit liabilities above \$10m |
| Payment product providers | \$5.530m | Minimum levy of \$2,000, plus \$9.43 per \$10,000 of total revenue from payment product provider activity |
| Margin lenders | \$0.010m | \$438 |

Investment management, superannuation and related services sector

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Superannuation trustees | \$27.322m | Minimum levy of \$18,000, plus \$11.66 per \$1m of assets above the \$250m threshold |
| Responsible entities | \$33.587m | Minimum levy of \$7,000, plus \$20.78 per \$1m of assets above the \$10m threshold |
| Wholesale trustees | \$2.061m | Minimum levy of \$1,000, plus \$0.18 per \$1m of adjusted total assets |
| Operators of notified foreign passport funds and regulated former notified funds | \$0.233m | No leviable entities |
| Custodians | \$0.563m | \$413 |

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Investor directed portfolio services (IDPS) operators | \$0.141m | Minimum levy of \$10,000 |
| Managed discretionary account (MDA) providers | \$1.281m | \$5,448 |
| Traditional trustee company service providers | \$0.465m | \$42,432 |

Market infrastructure and intermediaries sector

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Large securities exchange operators | \$6.873m | \$3.47 per \$1m of total transactions |
| Large futures exchange operators | \$1.085m | \$1,084,559 |
| Small futures exchange operators | \$0.038m | \$37,856 |
| Small securities exchange operators | \$0.633m | \$312,003 |
| Small securities exchange operators with self-listing function only | \$0.001m | \$1,359 |
| New specialised market operators | \$0.014m | \$13,590 |
| Established specialised market operators | \$0.488m | \$30,567 |
| Overseas market operators | \$0.461m | \$16,849 for an entity operating for a full year |
| Tier 1 clearing and settlement (CS) facility operators | \$4.925m | \$1,234,583 |
| Tier 2 CS facility operators | \$0.106m | \$106,196 |
| Tier 3 CS facility operators | \$0.036m | \$36,311 |
| Tier 4 CS facility operators | \$0.000m | \$0 |
| Exempt CS facility operators | \$0.019m | \$9,513 for an entity operating for a full year |
| Australian derivative trade repository operators | \$0.383m | \$191,627 |
| Exempt market operators | \$0.014m | \$6,795 for an entity operating for a full year |

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|--|-----------------|---|
| Credit rating agencies | \$0.054m | Minimum levy of \$2,000, plus \$14,121 for credit rating agencies with a supervisory college |
| Benchmark administrator licensees | \$0.123m | \$61,738 |
| Large securities exchange participants | \$18.186m | Minimum levy of \$9,000, plus \$0.0165 per transaction and \$0.00034 per message |
| Large futures exchange participants | \$0.614m | Minimum levy of \$9,000, plus \$0.001 per lot and \$0.0002 per message |
| Securities dealers | \$4.969m | Minimum levy of \$1,000, plus \$23.37 per \$1m of annual transaction turnover |
| Corporate advisers | \$2.182m | Minimum levy of \$1,000, plus \$5.83 per \$10,000 of total revenue above the \$100,000 threshold |
| Over-the-counter (OTC) traders | \$6.800m | Minimum levy of \$1,000 plus \$3,469 per full-time equivalent staff engaged in OTC trading activity |
| Retail OTC derivative issuers | \$15.834m | \$198,941 |
| Wholesale electricity dealers | \$0.258m | \$5,857 |

Financial advice sector

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|--|-----------------|---|
| Licensees that provide personal advice to retail clients on relevant financial products | \$48.394m | Minimum levy of \$1,500, plus \$2,878 per adviser |
| Licensees that provide personal advice to retail clients on products that are not relevant financial products | \$0.269m | \$483 |
| Licensees that provide general advice only | \$2.985m | \$2,721 |
| Licensees that provide personal advice to wholesale clients only | \$1.884m | \$976 |

Note: 'Relevant financial products' are financial products other than basic banking products, general insurance products, consumer credit insurance, or a combination of any of these products (see s910A of the Corporations Act).

Insurance sector

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Insurance product providers | \$13.125m | Minimum levy of \$20,000, plus \$1.95 per \$10,000 of revenue above the \$5m threshold |

| Subsectors | Estimated costs | Estimated levy |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Insurance product distributors | \$0.476m | \$134 |
| Risk management product providers | \$0.081m | \$1,087 |
| Claims handling and settling services providers | \$7.650m | Minimum levy of \$500, plus \$1.13 per claim under insurance products in relation to which the entity provides claims handling and settling services |

Forward estimates for future financial years

Industry funding levies

7 Table 5 provides estimates of our revenue and expenses for costs recovered through industry funding levies for 2023–24 and 2024–25.

Table 5: Forward estimates for costs recovered through industry funding levies

| Figure type | Actual figure for 2022–23 | Estimates for 2023–24 | Estimates for 2024–25 | Estimates for 2025–26 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expenses | \$349.5m | \$345.6m | \$382.4m | \$382.4m |
| Revenue (costs recoverable) | \$346.2m | \$345.6m | \$382.4m | \$382.4m |
| Balance (revenue minus expenses) | (\$3.3m) | \$0.0m | Nil | Nil |
| Cumulative balance | (\$3.3m) | \$0.0m | Nil | Nil |

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The \$0.5 million balance carried forward from 2022–23 to 2023–24 represents 2022–23 costs that were not recovered from deregistered companies. This amount is carried forward in accordance with s10(6)(b) of the Cost Recovery Levy Act.

Fees for service

9 Table 6 provides estimates of our revenue and expenses for costs recovered through fees-for-service for 2024–25 and 2025–26.

| Figure type | Actual figure | Estimates | Estimates for | Estimates for |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | for 2022–23 | for 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2025–26 |
| Expenses | \$19.4m | \$22.201m | \$31.3m | \$ 31.3m |

| Figure type | Actual figure for 2022–23 | Estimates for 2023–24 | Estimates for 2024–25 | Estimates for 2025–26 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenue (costs recoverable) | \$11.5m | \$22.201m | \$ 31.3m | \$ 31.3m |
| Variance (revenue minus expenses) | (\$7.9m) | Nil | Nil | Nil |

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The variance for 2022–23 is due to an increase in costs since 2017, when the fees were set.