

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS (SECOND REPORT)

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

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Uniform Consumer Credit Code

Mr THISTLETHWAITE: I am just going to one of those recommendations. I want to know whether it is your view that loans made for the purposes of foreign investment other than for investment in retail property should be covered by legislative protection such as the Uniform Consumer Credit Code?

Mr Hodges: I could not offer you an answer on the spot there. I am sure there are technical reasons for that.

Mr THISTLETHWAITE: It is something that the committee pointed to.

Mr Hodges: Yes. I just cannot recall the specifics around that, but I am happy to take that question on notice and come back to you with a view on that.

Answer: Loans made to consumers for investment in residential property by Australian credit licensees through their Australian business are subject to the requirements of *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009* (Cth) (NCCP) and the National Credit Code (NCC).

In terms of extending the operation of the NCCP to foreign investment more broadly (ie for purposes other than investment in retail property), we are not clear about the particular policy objective or consumer issue to be addressed. If further clarification is given, we are happy to provide a more detailed response.