

*The final paragraph of the terms of reference for this inquiry refers to the 'Australian Bankers' Association's April 2016 six point plan to enhance consumer protections and in response to Government reforms and actions by regulators'. Point 6 of that plan states that the Banks support an industry funding model for ASIC. A 'user pays' model or industry funding was floated back in early 2014.*

*a) Was your bank always in support of such an approach?*

*i. If not, why is it now?*

*b) In what way would this funding be of assistance to ASIC and how would it, in your view, improve ASIC?*

- a) Commonwealth Bank supports an industry funding model for ASIC. In March 2015, we publicly stated in our submission to the Financial System Inquiry that: "Commonwealth Bank views strong and appropriately resourced regulators as a benefit to consumers, industry and the community and therefore in principle supports Recommendation 29, which proposes that ASIC's funding be recovered through industry funding."

This was later reinforced with Commonwealth Bank's support of the Australian Bankers' Association's submission (dated October 2015) in response to Federal Treasury's consultation on a proposed industry funding model for ASIC.

- b) As stated in Commonwealth Bank's Financial System Inquiry submission dated March 2015, we believe that a strong and appropriately resourced regulator benefits consumers, industry and the community.