

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERANNUATION SECTOR

NAB

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In regards to NAB's use of proxy advisers:

- a. Does NAB engage or use proxy advisers?
 - i. If so, which advisers does NAB engage with and how?
 - ii. How are they remunerated?
 - iii. What advice do they provide?
 - iv. How does NAB use that advice?
 - v. Why does NAB believe that it needs to use Proxy Advisers?
 - vi. What process does NAB have in place to ensure there are no breaches of the corporations law?
 - vii. What policies, business practices or decisions have proxy advisers asked NAB to modify?

Answer:

NAB does not appoint or contract proxy advisers on a commercial basis. The only engagement with proxy advisers is in relation to their role as advisors on behalf on institutional investors that hold NAB shares. In these circumstances NAB will respond to surveys from proxy advisers which are then used to prepare reports for their clients on particular issues. On occasion, NAB will also purchase reports from proxy advisers which summarise the views of institutional investors. Separately, prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), NAB may have engagement with proxy advisers in relation to issues that are subject to AGM resolutions. This ensures we are able to explain our approach and position, from which proxy advisers are then able to assess and give recommendations to their clients.

With regard to the use of proxy voting in MLC Wealth, please refer to previous questions sent by the Committee to NULIS (NU95QW and NU16QON).