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Question: BET 10

Topic: Credit card debt is a quarter of non-housing debt

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Senator: Dastyari, Sam

Question:

ACTING CHAIR: Considering that credit card debt is a quarter of non-housing debt—it has gone up and it is now a quarter—are you saying that only three per cent of the debt that credit card debt makes up a quarter of is nonperforming? We are saying: hang on.

Dr Edey: It is better if I do not get pinned down too much to figures here, because I do not have the exact numbers in front of me.

ACTING CHAIR: Take it on notice—

Answer:

See answer to BET 9 for data on the share of credit cards in total non-housing personal debt.

The non-performance ratio for total personal loans is currently close to 2 per cent. The non-performing ratio for credit card loans (as a share of total credit card loans) increased in the aftermath of the global financial crisis before falling back somewhat in recent years, and currently stands at around 1.5 per cent (Graph).

Graph 1

