

# INDUSTRY PREPAREDNESS FOR AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

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## Background



- In October 2019, APRA requested information on insurer's operational readiness for implementing AASB 17 Insurance contracts (AASB 17)
- Unlike the September 2017 AASB 17 information request, this request was directed (not mandatory) towards all Life Insurers, General Insurers, Level 2 Insurance Groups (including reinsurers) and Private Health Insurers.
- The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has not finalised the final form of the accounting standard (including the effective date currently proposed as annual reporting periods starting on or after 1 January 2022).

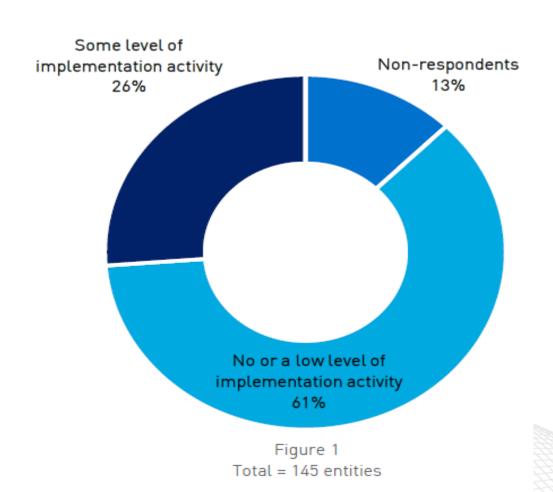




## **Initial findings**

## Response summary



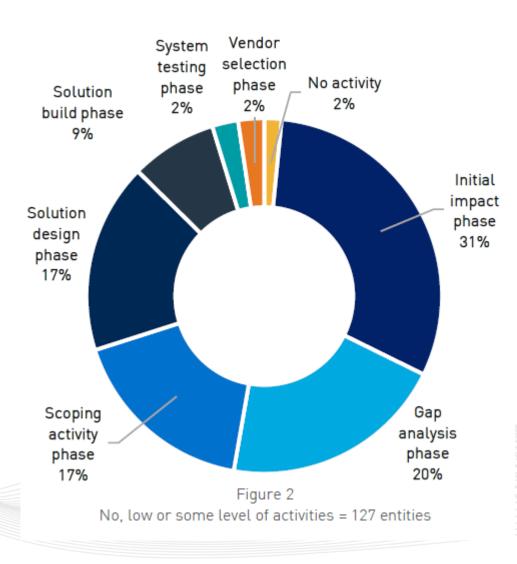


Strong response rate with 87 per cent response rate out of 145 entities.

However, 61 per cent of the insurers have undertaken no, or only a low level of, implementation activities.

## Level of preparedness





#### Of the 127 respondents:

- 2 percent have no activity
- 31 per cent are at the initial impact phase
- 17 per cent are at the scoping activity phase;
  and
- 20 per cent are at the gap analysis phase

#### **Governance and Controls**

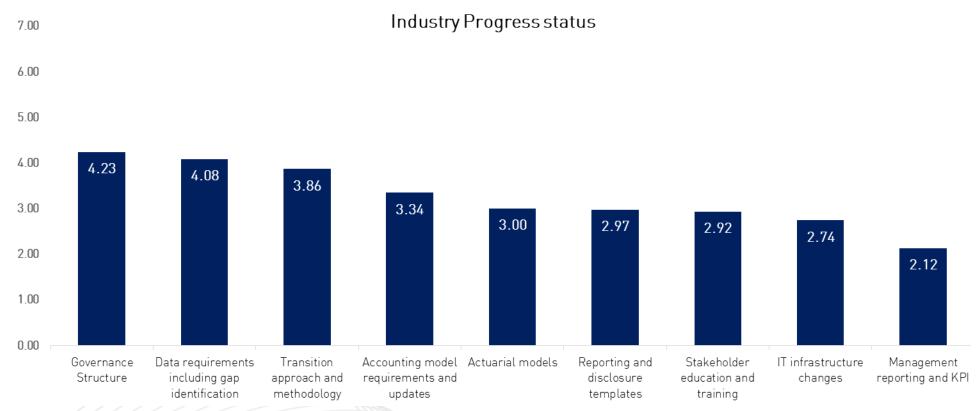


Good governance practices identified in well progressed entities:

- Established project governance structure and risk assessment framework with an accountable person identified(Typically CFO);
- Established project milestones and timeframes; and
- Earmarked implementation budget with resource allocation (external as well) identified.

## **Progress Status**





#### Of the 65 respondents, entities are most progressed on:

- Establishing Governance structure;
- Data requirements; and
- Transition approach and methodology.

## Areas of Impact





Only 65 respondents identified the key areas of impact. The key areas of impacts are:

- Business planning and forecasting;
- Expense and cost allocation; and
- KPIs & performance reporting.

## **Key Messages**



- APRA considers that most insurers have made limited progress towards AASB 17 implementation.
  Hence, APRA encourages all insurers to accelerate their operational readiness for implementing AASB 17.
- APRA acknowledges the uncertainty around the final form of the standard. However, APRA encourages insurers to focus on the implementation of parts that are certain.
- AASB 17 is expected to impact operational aspects of insurance business including, but not limited to:
  - business planning and forecasting,
  - KPIs and performance reporting, and
  - expense allocation.
- Too early to conclude on capital and earnings impacts.

## **Next Steps**



- Separately engage with insurers that have not responded to the survey.
- Repeat information request in August 2020.
- Benchmark entities against their October 2019 survey responses to track progress on AASB 17 operational readiness.
- Seek QIS information from insurers in the second half of 2020 for the development of new reporting and prudential standards.



## Thank you

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