

Life Insurance Risk Premium Inflows & Sales for Year Ended September 2020

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Life Insurance Risk Market Inflows were almost flat, down just 0.4% at \$16.1bn.

Overview of Life Insurance Risk Market Inflows & Sales: 12 months to September 2020

Year on year overall Risk Premium Inflows remained virtually unchanged, decreasing by a very marginal 0.4%. While sub-market leader TAL (15.7%) and ClearView (7.9%) reported Inflow increases these were offset by the falls recorded by both BT / Westpac (-20.8%) and AIA (-10.1%). With the exception of Clearview, all these results were mainly driven by changes in their respective Group Risk business.

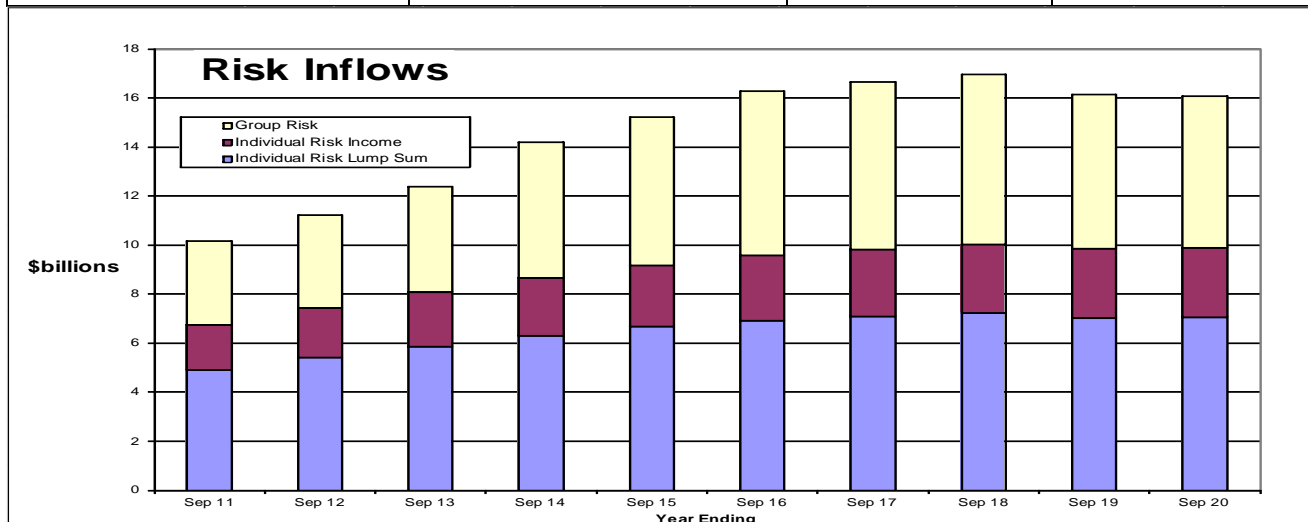
Overall annual Sales in the Risk market jumped sharply by more than a quarter, or 28.9%. Year on year TAL (193.8%) and AIA (61.1%) both posted very large increases however those of all the other Risk market insurers were lower with in particular MetLife (-44.0%), MLC (-15.9%), Zurich (-13.5%), Resolution (-11.3%) and BT / Westpac (-11.1%) all experiencing double digit percentage falls. Again in the cases of TAL, AIA and MetLife it was Group Risk Sales were by far the main contributor to these overall results.

The Life Insurance Risk Market is comprised of both Individual Risk Lump Sum & Risk Income Insurances plus Group Risk Insurance.

Total Risk Premium Inflows

\$millions	Year Ended Sep-20	Annual Growth	Market Share	Year Ended Sep-19	Market Share	Year Ended Sep-18	Market Share
TAL Group	4,393.2	15.7%	27.3%	3,795.5	23.5%	3,764.1	22.2%
AIA Australia Group	3,060.1	-10.1%	19.0%	3,402.1	21.1%	3,875.9	22.8%
Zurich Australia Group	2,308.8	1.8%	14.4%	2,268.6	14.1%	2,343.9	13.8%
MLC Life Insurance	1,780.0	-2.3%	11.1%	1,821.0	11.3%	1,906.5	11.2%
Resolution Group	1,572.4	-4.6%	9.8%	1,648.0	10.2%	1,808.8	10.7%
BT / Westpac Group	943.4	-20.8%	5.9%	1,191.2	7.4%	1,279.2	7.5%
MetLife Insurance	752.5	-4.3%	4.7%	786.7	4.9%	749.5	4.4%
ClearView Life	276.0	7.9%	1.7%	255.8	1.6%	232.0	1.4%
Others	985.5	1.6%	6.1%	970.0	6.0%	1,014.3	6.0%
Total	16,072.0	-0.4%	100.0%	16,139.0	100.0%	16,974.2	100.0%

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Individual Risk Lump Sum	7,051.3	0.3%	7,027.9	-2.5%	7,210.7
Individual Risk Income	2,850.2	0.6%	2,832.7	0.1%	2,830.7
Group Risk	6,170.5	-1.7%	6,278.4	-9.4%	6,932.8
Total	16,072.0	-0.4%	16,139.0	-4.9%	16,974.2



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The Life Insurance Industry is analysed using the statistic “Premium Inflows”, which is defined as In Force Premium at the end of the reported period, plus Single Premiums during the reported period. This is very similar to the statistic “New Inflows”, used in the Funds Management Industry, and means that Life Insurance Companies can be assessed in a similar fashion to other fund managers.

The Statistics provided in this Report represent funds that flow through Life Companies’ Statutory Funds, and as such exclude funds that flow through Unit Trusts and Master Funds. Consequently this Report concentrates on the market shares held within the Life Industry Funds, and not the overall Retail Funds Industry.

For the balance of this report it is important not to read too much into some of the reductions in business as some companies may have a deliberate strategy of getting rid of unprofitable business and moving funds from Life Office products to Trust based products (i.e. non-life insurance based). We can provide more details, in specific cases, on request.

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This Report is based wherever possible on data collected from the various Life Companies; prior to 1998, a part of the data was based on that collected by the Insurance and Superannuation Commission (now APRA), to whom acknowledgment is given. However for many years now (10 plus) the vast majority of Companies have been providing their actual quarterly data directly to Plan For Life. When actual reported data is not available, estimates based on previous trends and/or Companies’ annual reports to APRA, suitably extrapolated and/or interpolated as appropriate have been used; these have no material effect on the overall quality of the data.

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