# **Media Release**



# Life Insurance Risk Premium Inflows & Sales for Year Ended June 2019

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# Life Insurance Risk Market Inflows were fairly flat in 2018/19, up 0.8% to \$16.5bn.

### Overview of Life Insurance Risk Market Inflows & Sales: 12 months to June 2019

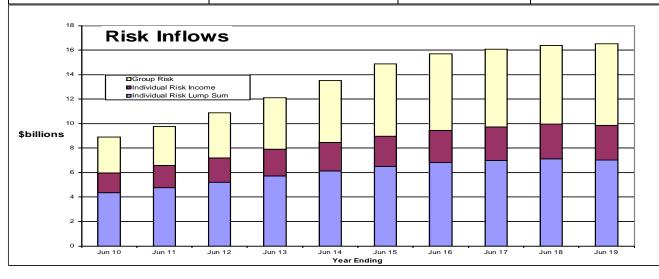
The Life Insurance Risk Market is comprised of both Individual Risk Lump Sum & Risk Income Insurances plus Group Risk Insurance.

Growth in Risk Inflows almost ground to a halt over the past year, only increasing by a relatively marginal 0.8%. While MetLife (23.8%), ClearView (12.4%), AIA (6.1%), and to a lesser degree, TAL (3.3%) and Zurich (1.3%) all managed to report increases in their annual Risk Inflows, those of both CommInsure (-11.1%) and AMP (-10.6%) were significantly lower.

Total reported Premium Sales dropped by close to a quarter, or 24.0%, with all markets substantially lower in particular Group Risk where sales almost halved year on year. Most companies reported lower Risk sales led down by BT/Westpac (-62.5%), AIA (-51.1%), CommInsure (-32.7%), AMP (-25.0%) and TAL (-20.4%) that posted double digit percentage falls. In contrast to this negative trend MetLife (173.0%) saw its sales jump thanks to a recovery in its Group Risk business while Zurich (4.1%) was also higher year on year.

# **Total Risk Premium Inflows**

\$millions	Year Ended Jun-19	Annual Growth	Market Share	Year Ended Jun-18	Market Share	Year Ended Jun-17	Market Share
TAL Group	3,857.1	3.3%	23.4%	3,734.2	22.8%	3,643.9	22.7%
AIA Australia	2,682.0	6.1%	16.3%	2,527.8	15.4%	2,332.2	14.5%
Zurich Australia Group	2,359.2	1.3%	14.3%	2,329.3	14.2%	2,278.4	14.2%
MLC Life Insurance	1,920.3	-1.2%	11.6%	1,943.6	11.9%	1,924.1	12.0%
AMP Group	1,669.0	-10.6%	10.1%	1,866.0	11.4%	1,929.9	12.0%
BT / Westpac Group	1,256.4	-0.9%	7.6%	1,268.0	7.7%	1,053.3	6.6%
Comminsure Group	1,168.0	-11.1%	7.1%	1,314.2	8.0%	1,587.1	9.9%
MetLife Insurance	815.3	23.8%	4.9%	658.6	4.0%	660.8	4.1%
ClearView Life	252.6	12.4%	1.5%	224.8	1.4%	189.5	1.2%
Others	517.5	3.6%	3.2%	499.6	3.0%	471.8	2.9%
Total	16,497.3	0.8%	100.0%	16,366.2	100.0%	16,070.9	100.0%
\$millions	Year Ended Jun-19		Annual Growth	Year Ended Jun-18	Annual Growth	Year Ended Jun-17	
Individual Risk Lump Sum	7,014.6		-1.7%	7,133.1	2.0%	6,992.7	
Individual Risk Income	2,839.6		0.9%	2,814.1	3.4%	2,720.3	
Group Risk	6,643.	2	3.5%	6,419.0	1.0%		6,357.9
Total	16,497.	3	0.8%	16,366.2	1.8%		16,070.9



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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.

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