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A LIGHTHOUSE IN THE FOG? Impacts of the new Financial Accountability Regime on Policy Interpretation & Coverage

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>> Introduction

• Welcome

Takeaway points up front



>> The BEAR ... where it all began

- What is the BEAR?
- When did it commence?
- To whom does it apply?
- Broadly, what it entails ...

And what did Commissioner Hayne have to say about it?



>> The Four Obligations (BEAR)

- Accountability
- Key personnel
- Deferred remuneration
- Notification



>> The BEAR accountability obligations: who must observe them?

Corporates: ADIs

Accountable persons



>> The accountability obligations (BEAR)

- Honesty, integrity, and due skill, care and diligence
- Dealings with APRA
- Prevention of matters that would adversely effect prudential standing or reputation

 Ensuring the compliance of accountable persons and non-ADI subsidiaries



Who will pay the premium?

- Banking Act 1959 (Cth) section 37KA
- Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) section 199B



Who is covered by the policy?

• Who is an insured?



What will the policy cover?

- Defence costs?
- Investigation and pre-investigation costs?
- Hird v Chubb Insurance Company of Australia [2016] VSC 174



What won't the policy cover?

- Dishonesty and fraud type exclusions
- Prior known acts



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