

MEDIA RELEASE

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Strongest superannuation contributions since the GFC

- *The Bond Report: June Quarter 2014*

Contributions to APRA-regulated superannuation funds are the strongest since the GFC according to *The Bond Report*, released today by the Financial Services Council.

Total contributions for the 2013-14 year were \$95 billion, up 7.4 per cent from the previous year.

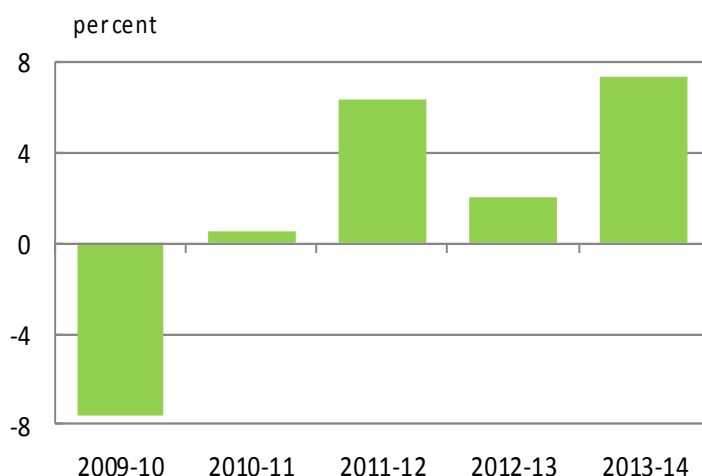
James Bond, FSC chief economist said: "A second year of double-digit returns, bipartisan support for no negative changes to superannuation and improved economic conditions in Europe and the US have converged to make a very strong year for contributions."

"The increase in compulsory superannuation contributions from 9 to 9.25 per cent has also impacted growth in the past 12 months," Mr Bond said.

"We are now seeing the positive impact of stability and certainty in superannuation."

This was reflected in the *FSC-ING Direct Superannuation Sentiment Index* released on 28 August which showed 'trust and certainty' in superannuation had the biggest positive shift amongst consumers between 2013 and 2014.

Change in total annual superannuation contributions



Source: Financial Services Council *The Bond Report: June Quarter 2014*

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Note to Editors

The Bond Report is produced each quarter. It is based on APRA 's Quarterly Superannuation Performance data. APRA is revising its superannuation data publications which will allow a more detailed analysis of voluntary and compulsory contributions and the impact of public policy changes on superannuation contributions and adequacy.

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