

ASX Limited

2008 Half-Year Results

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The financial statistics, including comparables, in this report are based on ASX's pro-forma income statement which itself is not audited, but is based upon externally audited accounts. The pro-forma income statement is presented as if ASX and SFE were combined during the relevant periods.

There have been no material changes to accounting policies during the period.

There have been some minor changes to classifications within some revenue and expense items. These changes are detailed in the half-year report. All comparatives reflect a consistent application of these changes.

All references to previous corresponding period (pcp) are for the six months to 31 December 2006.

All figures are in Australian dollars.






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Introduction

Robert Elstone
Managing Director and CEO

Financial Highlights – Six Months to 31 December 2007

- Operating revenue up 21.2% to \$314.7 million 
- Cash operating expenses down 9.3% to \$68.2 million 
- Normal profit after tax up 34.5% to \$187.4 million 
- EPS up 27.6% to 109.7 cents per share* 
- Interim dividend up 36.2% to 98.5 cents per share 

Based on ASX's normal pro-forma accounts.

Comparisons relative to previous corresponding period – six months to 31 December 2006.

* Based on weighted average shares on issue for the six months to 31 December 2007.

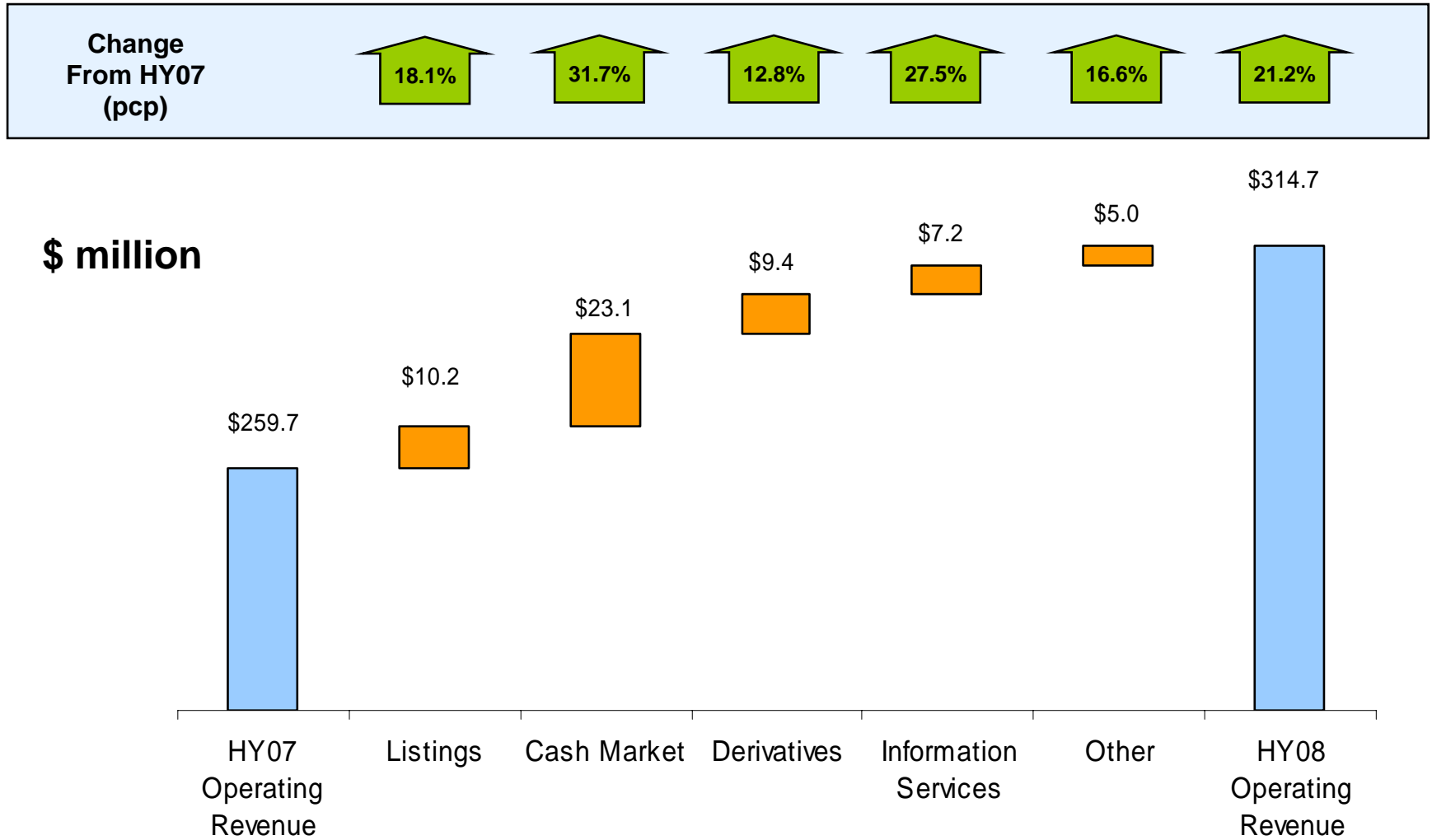
Business Highlights – Six Months to 31 December 2007

- Record trade execution volumes for cash equities, equity derivatives and interest rate derivatives
- Best practice availability of core systems applications
 - 99.9% trade execution and clearing & settlement
 - 99.9% depository
 - 100% company announcements
- Rigorous adherence to licence and prudential obligations as a market operator and provider of capital efficiency for risk transfer as a central counterparty, as reflected in ASIC and RBA assessments
- Continuation of strong medium-term performance trends
 - Tightening bid/offer spreads and deepening liquidity
 - Declining average cost of trading, clearing and settlement
 - Reducing order execution latency
 - Record levels of rebates paid to qualifying participants
- New business development initiatives
 - Successful launch of ASX CFDs
 - Listing of 'iShares' exchange traded funds on international indices

ASX Financial and Operational Highlights

**Alan Bardwell
Chief Financial Officer**

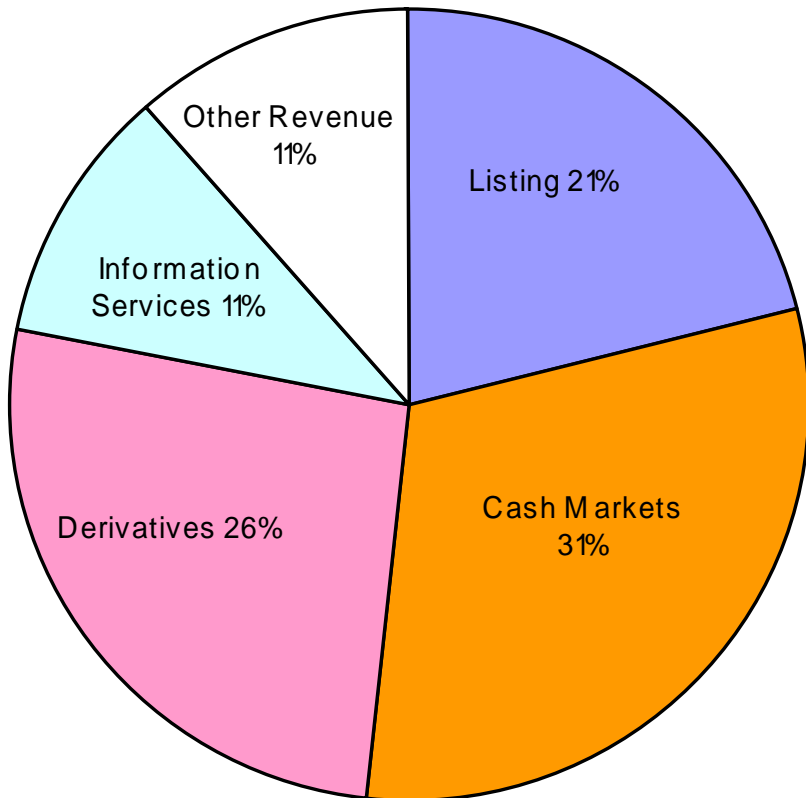
Revenue Highlights – Six Months to 31 December 2007



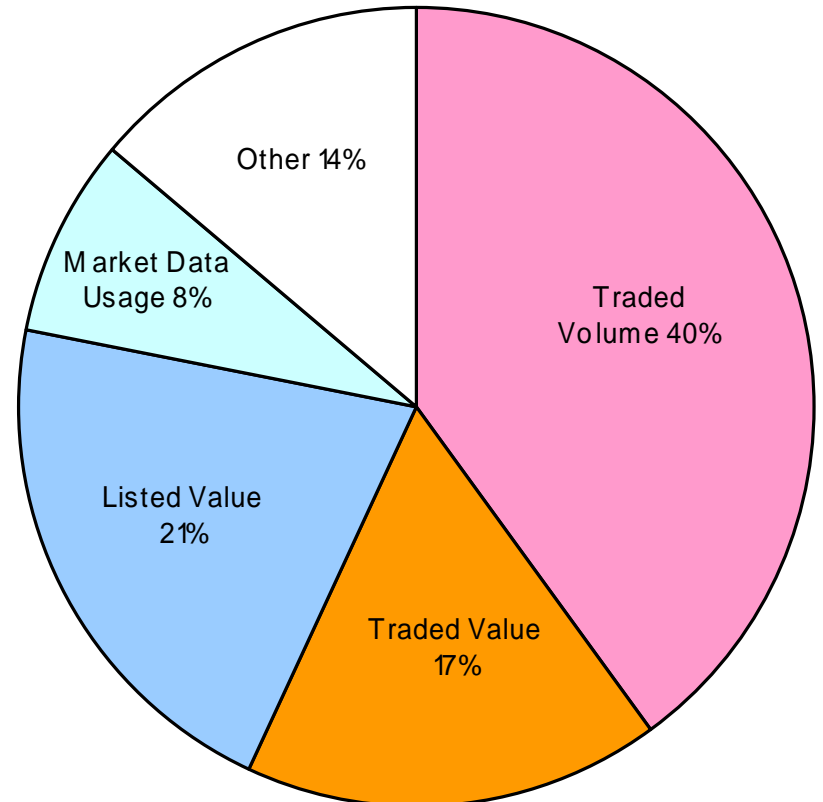
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Operating Revenue – HY08

Category

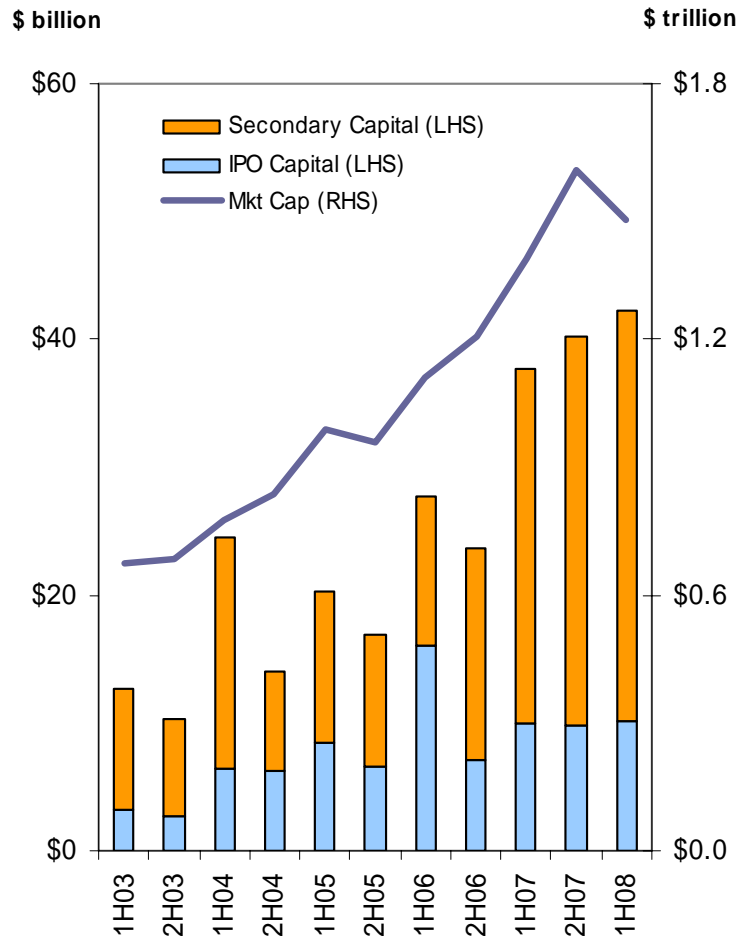


Business Driver



Revenue diversification between category and business drivers

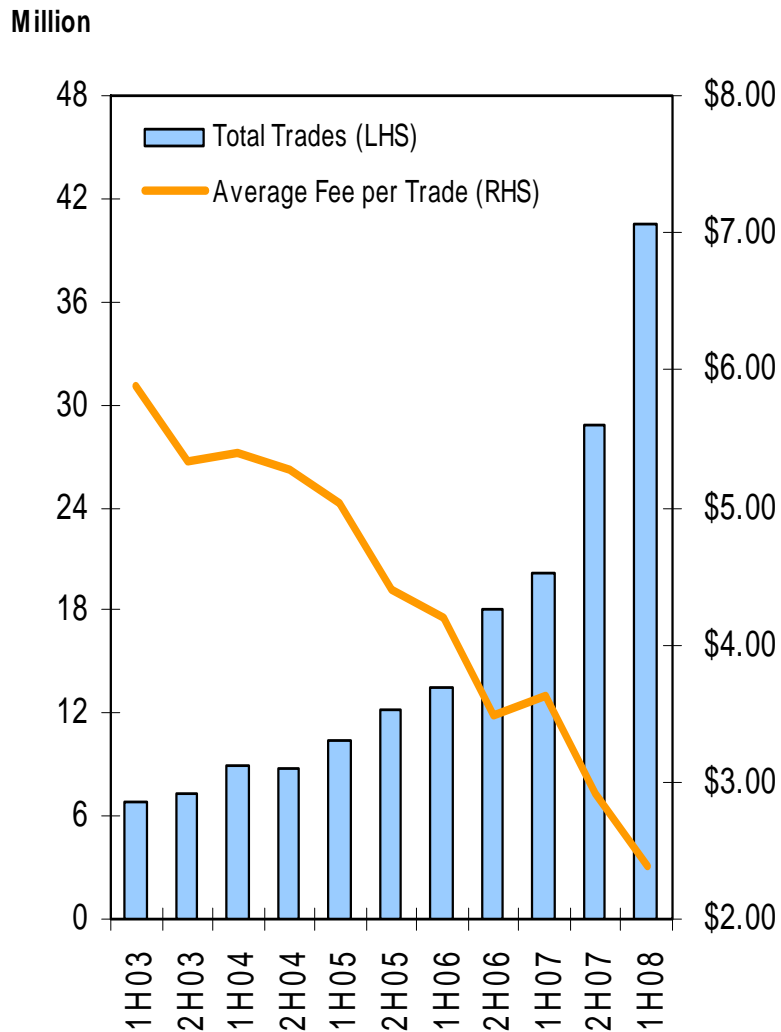
Market Activity - Listings



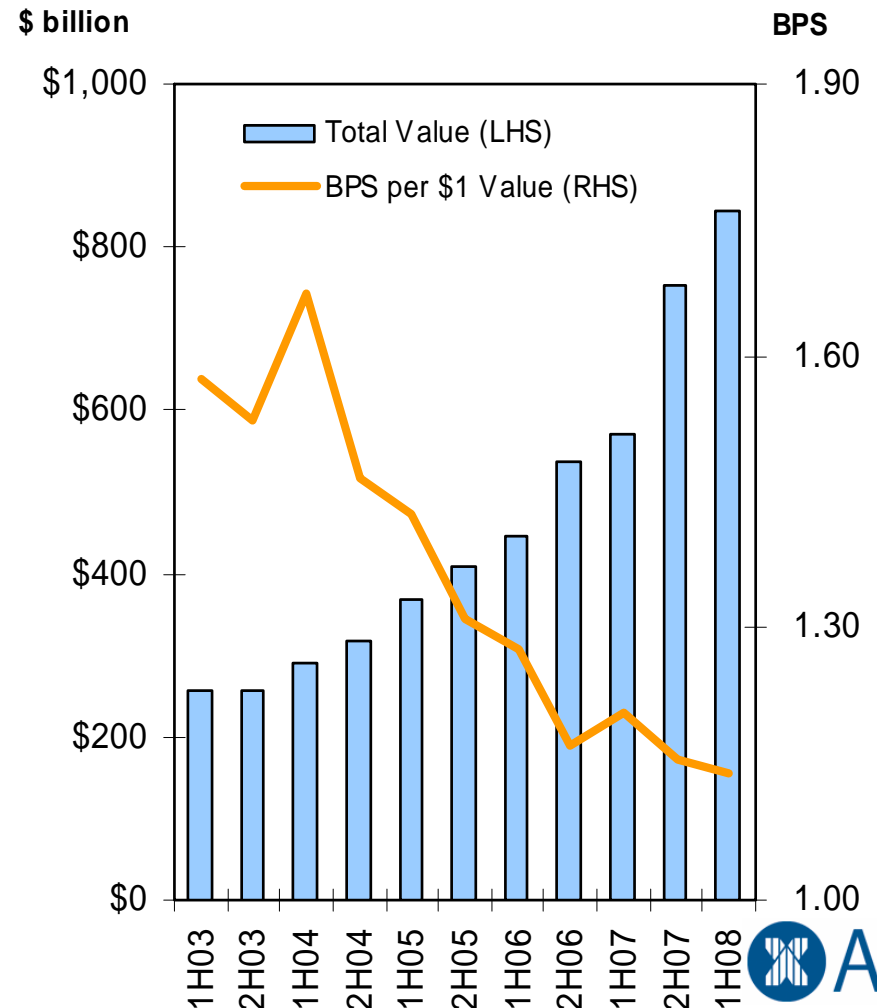
- 177 new listings in HY08 (147 pcp)
- 2,209 listed entities at 31 Dec 07 (2,014 pcp)
- \$42.2 billion of total capital raised in HY08 (\$37.7 billion pcp)
 - \$32.1 billion of secondary capital raised in HY08 (16% up on pcp)
- \$1.5 trillion of total domestic market capitalisation at 31 Dec 07 (\$1.4 trillion 31 Dec 06)
- 3,686 new warrants listed in HY08 (2,590 pcp)

Market Activity – Cash Market

ASX Cash Market – Volume

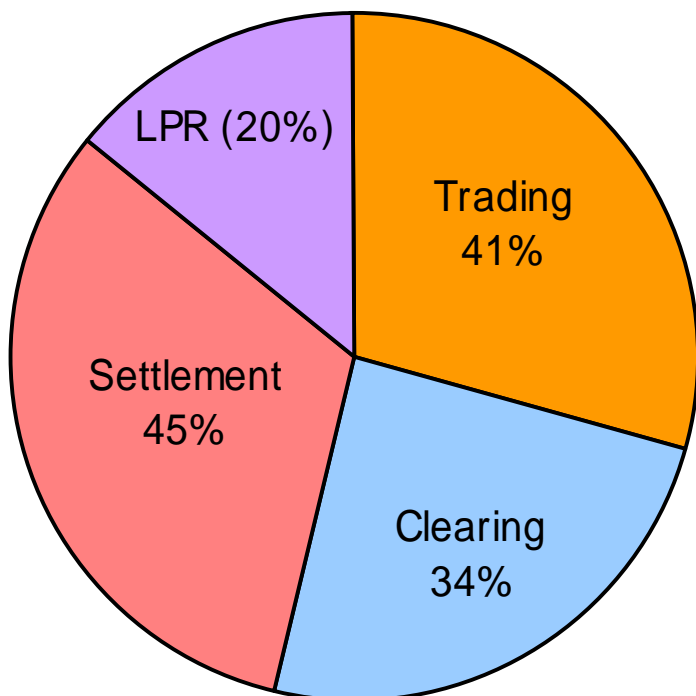


ASX Cash Market – Value



Cash Market Revenue Composition

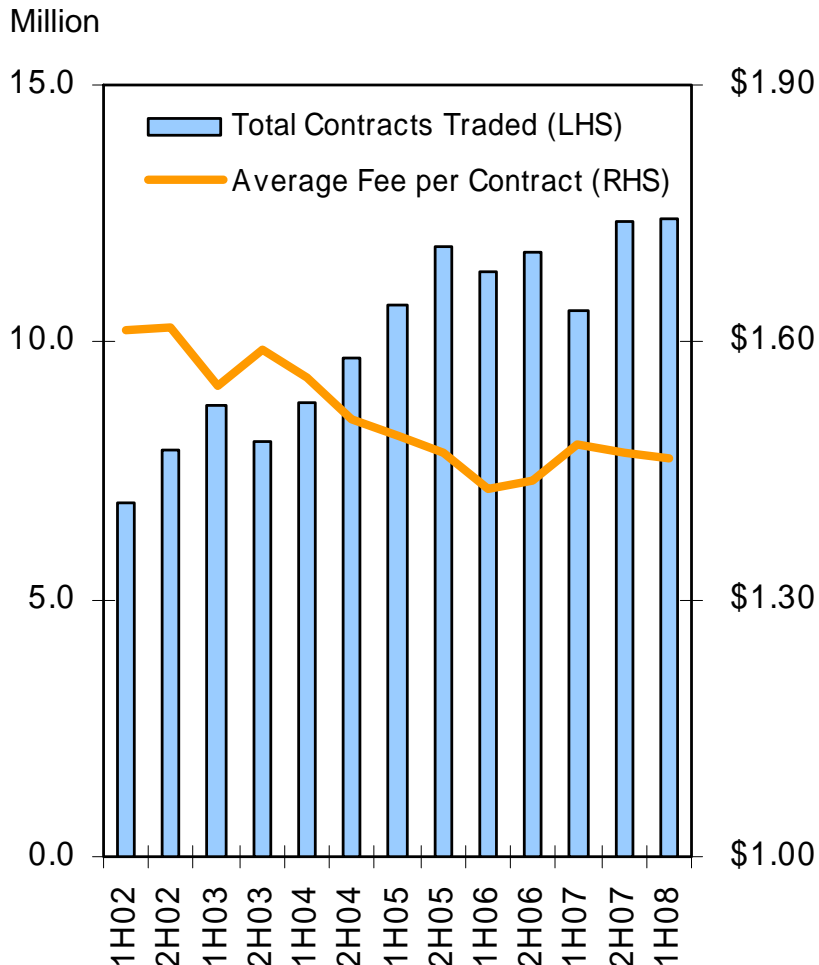
Cash Market Net Revenue



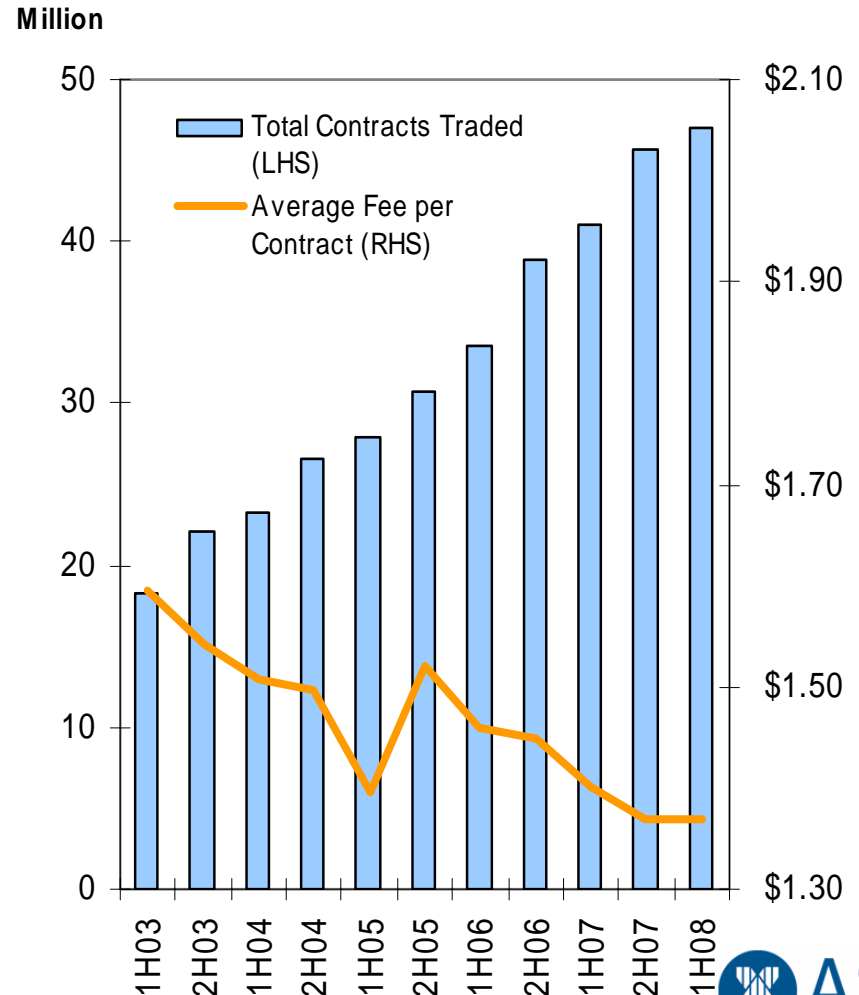
	1H08	1H07
Gross Cash Market	\$116.0m	\$80.1m
Rebate	\$19.7m	\$7.0m
Net Cash Market	\$96.3m	\$73.1m
Rebates % of Gross	17%	8.7%

Market Activity – Derivatives

Equity Derivatives



Derivatives – Futures & Options



Financial Performance – Expenses

Expenses	HY08 \$ million	HY07 \$ million	Variance \$ million	Variance %
Staff Expenses	38.0	41.0	3.0	7.3%
Occupancy Expenses	6.7	9.0	2.3	25.6%
Equipment Expenses	11.7	13.5	1.8	13.6%
Administration Expenses	8.5	9.5	1.0	10.6%
Variable Expenses	3.3	2.1	(1.2)	(55.6%)
Total Cash Operating Expenses	68.2	75.2	7.0	9.3%

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Financial Performance – Income Statement

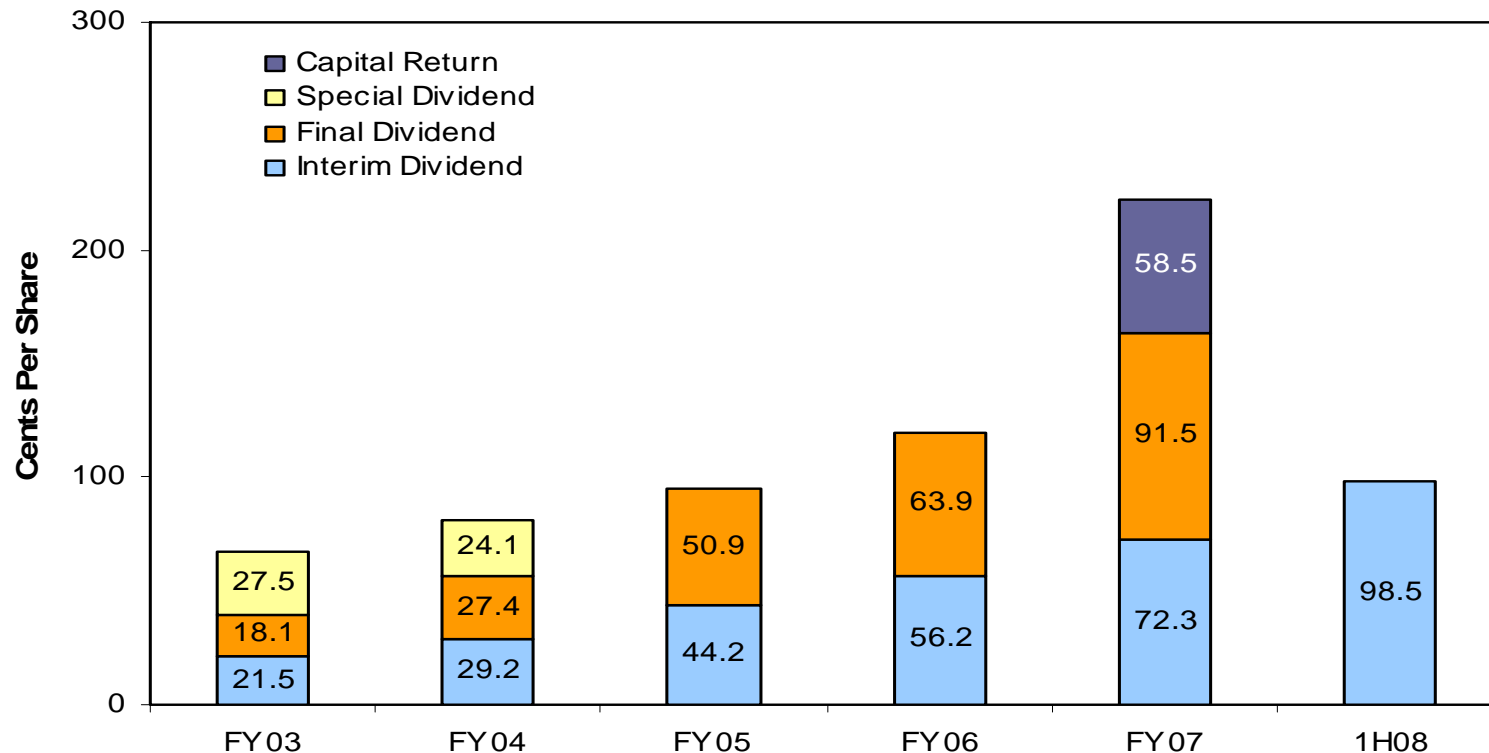
	HY08 \$ million	HY07 \$ million	Variance \$ million	Variance %
Operating Revenue	314.7	259.7	55.0	21.2%
Cash Operating Expenses	68.2	75.2	7.0	9.3%
EBITDA	246.4	184.5	61.9	33.6%
Depreciation and Amortisation	7.3	7.6	0.3	4.0%
Interest and Dividend Income	28.0	21.4	6.6	30.9%
Normal Profit Before Income Tax	267.1	198.3	68.9	34.7%
Income Tax Expense	79.7	59.0	(20.7)	(35.3%)
Normal Profit After Tax	187.4	139.3	48.1	34.5%
Significant Items After Tax	-	(17.2)	17.2	
Profit After Income Tax	187.4	122.1	65.3	

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Capital Structure and Management

- Dividend policy – 90% of Normal NPAT, fully franked
- Interim dividend – 98.5 cents up 36% pcp
- Adequate capital held as surplus over risk requirement



ASX Markets Supervision

Eric Mayne
Chief Supervision Officer

Markets Supervision Highlights

- ASX Markets Supervision
 - Released revised ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations in Aug 07 – start 1 Jan 08
 - Assumed responsibility for supervision of CFD market in Nov 07
 - Integrated ASX and SFE disciplinary processes – start Mar 08
 - Introduced education and research program
- ASX and SFE supervision activities
 - Guidance on IPO/waiver decision-making processes
 - Completed review of ASX Operating Rules
 - Interaction with ASIC on insider trading, market manipulation, continuous disclosure practices and JORC Code disclosures in resources sector
 - National compliance workshop program for participants
 - Review of CGC disclosures, suspended companies and directors' trading
- Expansion of supervisory resources
 - 10% increase in headcount for FY08
 - Eight supervision technology projects in progress - \$7m-\$8m spend over next two years

Markets Supervision Highlights

- Monitoring and enforcement activity for period
 - 70,214 company announcements processed (up 15% on pcp)
 - 944 price queries issued (up 42% on pcp) resulting in 606 subsequent market announcements
 - 37 (ASX and SFE market) referrals to ASIC (38 pcp) including
 - 8 possible breaches of insider trading
 - 11 possible breaches of continuous disclosure
 - 10 possible breaches of market manipulation
 - \$482,900 in fines imposed by the Disciplinary Tribunal/Committees against 18 participants for 54 rule contraventions

Outlook and Post Balance Date

Robert Elstone
Managing Director and CEO

Post Balance Date – Market Events

- Very strong market activity levels throughout Jan 08
- Sell-off in global equity markets
- Societe Generale fraud
- Widening interest rate differentials between Australia and US
- Participant capital adequacy ‘pulse check’ in mid-Jan; broker settlement delay
- Thorough ‘stress testing’ of ASX group activities – market supervision, operational reliability, risk management and wholesale payments services

Post Balance Date – Activity Levels

- 16 new entities listed Jan 08 (consistent with pcp)
- Total cash market trades for Jan 08 were 8.2m (up 115% on pcp) with average trade size continuing to decline
- Daily record of 665,623 cash market trades (\$10bn in value) on 22 Jan 08 (up 16% on previous record)
- ETO contracts up 10% on pcp
- 323,944 average daily futures market volume Jan 08 (up 29% on pcp)
- Non-roll month daily record for the SPI 200 futures contracts of 66,494 on 22 Jan 08 with notional value of \$8.7bn

Outlook – Business Initiatives

- Robust pipeline of new listings
- Proposed rule changes for SME capital raising and the issuance of non-voting shares
- Development of ASX Quoted Assets (AQUA)
- Second generation of CFD products
- Creation of ASX Clearing Corporation
- Work with Department of Climate Change and industry on establishment of an emissions trading scheme
- Continued investment in systems capacity

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