



MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

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Monthly Activity Report for February 2008

February 2008 was a month of continued high volume trading activity across the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), influenced by ongoing market volatility due to global credit concerns and the expectation of rising interest rates in Australia.

Throughout the month ASX systems – including trading, clearing and settlement, and company announcements – operated normally. ASX continues to invest in its systems to meet the capacity needs of the market.

Cash markets (including equities, interest rates and warrants trades):

- Total cash markets trades for February 2008 were 8.0 million, up 80% on the previous corresponding period (pcp). Average daily trades of 378,889 were 72% up on pcp.
- Total cash market traded value was \$132.9 billion in February 2008, up 10% on pcp, with a daily average value of \$6.3 billion, up 5% on pcp.

Derivatives markets:

- Equity derivatives volume (excluding SPI 200) for February 2008 was 1.7 million contracts, down 20% on pcp, with a daily average of 81,321 contracts, down 24% on pcp.
- Total futures and options on futures contracts volume (excluding equity derivatives and CFDs) for February 2008 was 7.0 million, up 13% on the pcp, with a notional value of \$4.0 trillion. Average daily contracts volume during February 2008 of 333,666 was up 8% on the pcp.
- A total of 5,987 ASX CFD trades were transacted in February 2008 comprising a volume of 7.6 million contracts. The total notional value of all CFD trades for February was \$196.4 million, and the value of CFD open interest at the end of February was \$66.8 million.

Listings and capital raisings:

- In February 2008, 15 new entities¹ were listed, up 7% on the pcp, bringing total listed entities to 2,223 up 10% on the 2,020 for the pcp.
- Total capital raised in February 2008 amounted to \$2.7 billion, down 35% on the pcp but up 7% on a financial year-to-date basis. Capital raisings year-to-date comprise initial raisings of \$10.7 billion, up 2% on pcp, and secondary raisings of \$36.0 billion, up 8% on pcp.

A detailed activity statement for ASX group markets for February 2008 is attached.

¹ Entities include companies and trusts with quoted equities (including individual entities that trade as stapled securities) and also other entities with debt securities only.

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	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008 Financial YTD	Feb 2007 Financial YTD
Cash Markets				
Total Trading Days	21	20	171	169
Cash Market Volume				
Total Trades	7,956,675	4,409,498	56,617,915	28,403,976
Increase on PCP	80%		99%	
Average Daily Trades	378,889	220,475	331,099	168,071
Increase on PCP	72%		97%	
Cash Market Value (including Value of Crossed Trades)				
Total Value (\$billion)	132.875	120.784	1,109.295	792.615
Increase on PCP	10%		40%	
Average Daily Value (\$billion)	6.327	6.039	6.487	4.690
Increase on PCP	5%		38%	
Cash Market Behaviour Statistics				
Percentage of Turnover Crosses (%)	24%	30%	26%	32%
Off-Market Crossings Represent 10% and On-Market 14% of Turnover				
Non Billable Value (Above Cap) (\$billion)				
Non Billable Value (Above Cap) (\$billion)	2.989	N/A	37.060	N/A
Total Billable Value (\$billion)	129.886	N/A	1,072.235	N/A
Billable Value - Off-Market Crossings (%)	9%	N/A	10%	N/A
Billable Value - On-Market Crossings (%)	13%	N/A	14%	N/A
Note - Cash Market includes Equity, Warrant and Interest Rate Market Transactions				
Derivatives Markets				
Equity Derivatives Total Trading Days	21	20	171	169
Equity Derivatives Volume (excluding SPI 200)				
Total Contracts	1,707,736	2,127,962	16,334,929	14,657,438
Increase on PCP	-20%		11%	
Average Daily Contracts	81,321	106,398	95,526	86,730
Increase on PCP	-24%		10%	
Futures & Options Total Trading Days				
	21	20	172	170
CFD Market (commenced 5 Nov 2007)				
Total Trades	5,987	N/A	25,089	N/A
Notional Value Traded (\$million)	196.4	N/A	854.2	N/A
Total Open Interest Value as at 29 February (\$million)	66.8	N/A	66.8	N/A
Total Contracts	7,587,954	N/A	29,777,814	N/A
Futures Volume (including SPI 200)				
Total Contracts	6,753,180	5,774,243	59,286,400	50,250,846
Increase on PCP	17%		18%	
Average Daily Contracts	321,580	288,712	344,688	295,593
Increase on PCP	11%		17%	
Options on Futures Volume				
Total Contracts	253,810	408,233	1,884,520	2,533,592
Increase/(Decrease) on PCP	(38%)		(26%)	
Average Daily Contracts	12,086	20,412	10,957	14,903
Increase/(Decrease) on PCP	(41%)		(26%)	
Total Future & Options (Derivatives) Volume				
Total Contracts	7,006,990	6,182,476	61,170,920	52,784,438
Increase on PCP	13%		16%	
Average Daily Contracts	333,666	309,124	355,645	310,497
Increase on PCP	8%		15%	
Listings and Capital Raisings				
New Listed Entities	15	14	208	177
Increase on PCP	7%		18%	
Total Listed Entities (at End of Month)	2,223	2,020		
Increase on PCP	10%			
Initial Capital Raised (\$million)	194	207	10,697	10,493
Secondary Capital Raised (\$million)	2,497	3,945	36,012	33,218
Total Capital Raised (\$million)	2,691	4,152	46,709	43,710
Margin Balances - at End of Month				
Cash Margins Held (\$billion)	4.3	4.7		
Cash Equivalents Held (\$billion)	0.0	0.0		
Collateral Cash Cover Held (Equities and Guarantees)	2.5	2.1		