



Cash Market Information for ADI RITS members

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As outlined in the [Reserve Bank of Australia's Cash Rate Methodology](#), the Interbank Overnight Cash Rate (Cash Rate), is the Reserve Bank Board's operational target for monetary policy. It is calculated as the weighted average of the interest rate at which overnight unsecured funds are transacted in the domestic interbank market (the cash market). The Cash Rate is also an important financial benchmark in the Australian financial markets and is the (near) risk-free benchmark rate (RFR) for the Australian dollar. It is used as the reference rate for Australian dollar overnight indexed swaps (OIS) and the ASX's 30-day interbank cash rate futures contract. The Cash Rate is also known by the name AONIA in financial markets.

To promote the efficient and effective functioning of the AUD interbank overnight cash market, the members of the Australian Financial Markets Association (AFMA) Cash Committee have asked that AFMA reach out to ADIs with Exchange Settlement Accounts (ESA's), and ADIs that may use a settlement agent for the management of their ESA, to promote a number of ways in which to connect with other cash participants and to best identify borrowers and lenders of overnight unsecured cash.

The following avenues are available when either borrowing or lending overnight unsecured cash.

The Bloomberg Interbank Queue Cash page (BIQC1)

The Bloomberg Interbank Queue Cash page is a venue that ADIs can use to publish bid/offer intentions to borrow/lend overnight unsecured cash. This is not an executable page and the publishing bank will need to be contacted via BBG chat, email or recorded telephone to initiate and confirm a trade. ADIs should contact Bloomberg (the page administrator) should they wish to be given access to publish their interest to the page.

The RITS membership list

It is recognised that not all ADIs have access to the Bloomberg service and for these ADI's cash trading has traditionally occurred via telephone, with borrowing and lending counterparties 'ringing around' seeking market interest. The RBA's [RITS Membership List](#) and the contact details for active ADI Cash Desks can be found within RITS via the Member Contacts page in the RITS Information Facility. ADIs are encouraged to ensure that both the Liquidity and Settlements contacts in this page are kept current at all times as this will facilitate efficient and effective communications between borrowers and lenders alike, and particularly regarding the maintenance of appropriate credit lines.

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Reserve Bank Information & Transfer System
09 June 2022 08:50:43
User [REDACTED] Member [REDACTED]
Current Sessions MSS/9AM
Sessions Close DAY 16:30 SCS 17:15 EVE 22:00 REPORTS 22:30
SWIFTDAY 16:30 SWIFFINAL 18:05 SWIFT/ACLR END 18:30
RITS Messages [REDACTED]

Outstanding Auths and Messages
0 Cash transfer Authorisation(s)
0 General Authorisation(s)
0 Message(s)

Reserve Bank Information & Transfer System Information Facility

Member Contacts

All members have provided the RITS Help Desk with an operational and a liquidity contact for the delivery of correspondence and to contact when required.

These details are private and should be used only for purposes directly related to RITS.

The list of contact details is available from [Member RTGS Contacts \(PDF\)](#).

AFMA Cash Committee membership

The AFMA Cash Committee is open to AFMA member firms which participate in the AUD overnight unsecured cash market. AFMA welcomes approaches from ADIs interested in serving on this Committee, and which currently is comprised of representatives of 15 member organisations. Members of this Committee are available to provide introductions and information to other ADIs if required.

ADIs seeking to transact in the cash market should familiarise themselves with the [AFMA Cash Conventions](#) and the [RBA Cash Rate Procedures Manual](#).

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