ASIC releases 2017-18 Annual Report

ASIC has released its 2017-18 Annual Report, releasing details of its enforcement action over the past year.

In the 2017-18 period, ASIC's surveillance led to:

- 22 criminal convictions,
- \$42.2m in civil penalties
- 133 people/companies removed, restricted or banned from providing financial services or credit, and
- 50 people disqualified or removed from directing companies.

Further, ASIC's investigations led to:

- 27 court enforceable undertakings
- \$351.6m in compensation or remediation for investors and financial consumers
- \$122m in compensation for add-on insurance sector consumers, and
- 55 infringement notices totalling \$2.02m.

ASIC's strategic initiatives for the future will be:

- an enhanced strategic planning framework and internal governance framework
- accelerating enforcement initiatives
- new supervisory approaches, including onsite visits to large financial institutions, and
- encouraging the adoption of regtech.

The report also includes information on ASIC's interaction in the community, its financial performance and cooperation with peer agencies and the public.

Read the full report here