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Merrie Hennessy is a policy adviser with APRA, focussing on superannuation (as the pensions sector is known in Australia). Ms Hennessy has been with APRA since its inception in 1998 and with one of of APRA's predecessor organisations before that. She has experience of fund supervision, provision of technical advice and guidance material, and was involved in the development of legislation for compulsory licensing of trustees and the implementation of that program between 2004 and 2006. In her current role as policy adviser Ms Hennessy liaises with the Government agencies on superannuation matters at the operational level. For the last 3 years she has participated in APRA's contribution to the work of the IOPS, including development of the joint OECD/IOPS licensing guidelines and more recently to the development of modules for the Risk-based Supervision Toolkit and other work on the supervision of defined contribution pension funds.