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Preamble

Background

The [OSC Service Commitment](#) was established to provide investors, registrants, and market participants with transparency on the standards and timelines they can expect when interacting with the OSC. As part of our ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency, this quarterly report has been created to provide timely updates to stakeholders on our performance against these targets. This report covers the period from July 1 to September 30, 2022, and includes the updated service standard targets and timelines as [announced](#) on June 28, 2022, effective July 1, 2022.

Performance Measurement

Each service standard has a corresponding **performance target**; this represents our commitment to the service level that stakeholders can expect when interacting with the OSC. The performance target generally applies for routine matters and assumes that applications and filings are received in an acceptable form. For more information on what this means, refer to the full [OSC Service Commitment](#) document on the OSC website.

Performance results against each standard are collected and presented on a quarterly basis for greater transparency.

Notice on Service Timelines

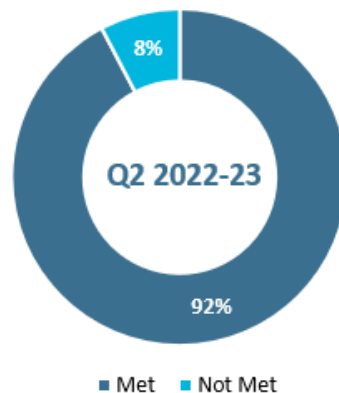
On December 7, 2021, in response to a significant and persistent increase in the volume and complexity of certain applications and filings, the OSC [announced](#) temporary changes to its service commitments. Performance results are measured against these temporary changes beginning on December 7, 2021, which falls during the OSC's Q3 2021-22 fiscal timeline.¹

Effective July 1, 2022, the [OSC announced](#) several updates to its service targets and timelines as a result of its annual service commitment review, this includes extending the temporary changes announced on December 7, 2021. The updated [service commitment](#), along with an [outline of the changes](#) can be found on the OSC website.

¹ As the temporary service standards became effective during Q3 2021-22, which runs from October 1-December 31, 2021, the results for this quarter have been captured on a consolidated basis. This means the period leading up to the changes (October 1 – December 6, 2021) measures results based on the previous service standard, while the remainder of the quarter (December 7-31, 2021) measures results based on the temporary standard.

This report outlines the service standards effective as of July 1, 2022, including the temporary changes to some service standard timelines and targets, which are effective until March 31, 2023. Where applicable, service standard updates and temporary standards have been flagged throughout the report and the related performance results are captured starting Q2 2022-23.

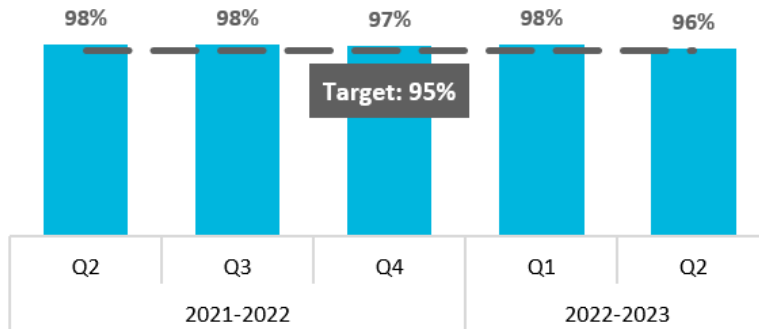
Summary of Results



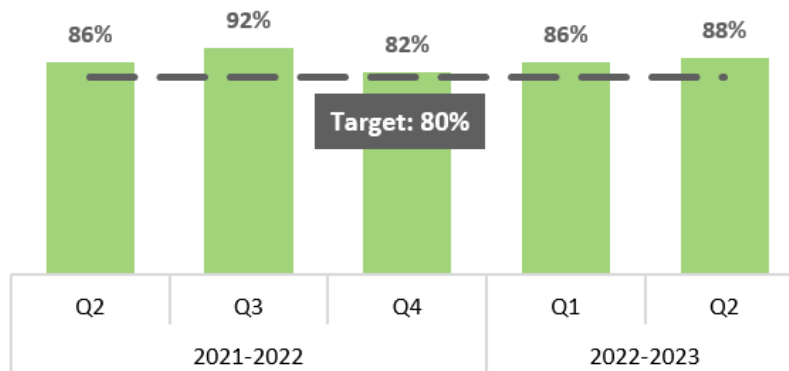
In Q2 2022-23, staff continued to provide a high level of service to our stakeholders. Overall, there were 39 service standards applicable for measurement this quarter, representing services requested. Where a service is not requested (e.g., no applications), the measurement is N/A and not included in the total number of service standards met/not met. Overall, for services requested, the OSC met or exceeded 92% (36 out of 39) of its quarterly performance targets in Q2 2022-2023. We have provided explanations for all Q2 standards that were not met; for any prior quarters, please refer to the corresponding quarterly reports.

1.0 General Questions & Complaints

1.1 Answer telephone calls received at the OSC Inquiries and Contact Centre (target: 95%)²

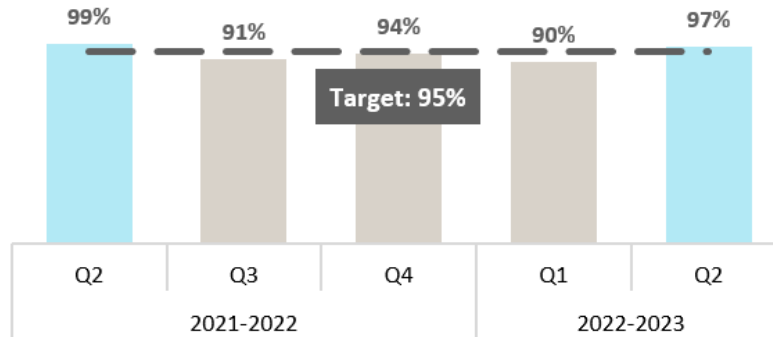


1.2 Answer telephone calls received at the OSC Inquiries and Contact Centre within 60 seconds (target: 80%)



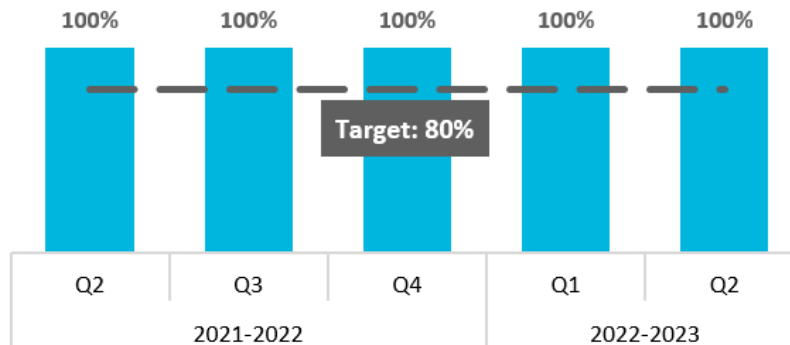
² This target accounts for a 5% call abandonment rate which may include spam, robocalls, misdials and signal issues among other uncontrollable variables.

1.3 Respond to written inquiries or complaints for routine matters received by e-mail, mail, fax, or online form within 5 working days or less (target: 95%)³



2.0 Investing and Personal Finance Questions

2.1 Respond to questions received through InvestingQuestions.ca within 10 working days of receiving the question (target: 80%)

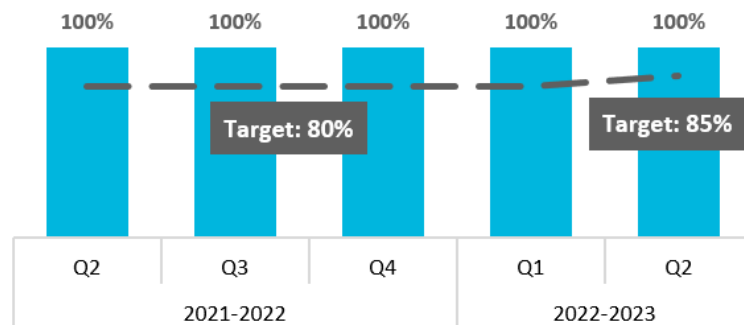


³ As of July 1, 2022, this service standard has been updated to the target and timeline noted in this report. The updated standard is reflected in OSC's performance result starting Q2 2022-23, whereas past results reflect our performance against the service standards applicable at the time. To see previous service standards or commentary for any standards not met, please refer to the applicable [OSC Service Standards Reporting](#) posted quarterly to the OSC website.

3.0 Prospectus Filings⁴

Prospectus filings (preliminary or pro forma prospectuses)

- 3.1 Provide a first comment letter for confidential prospectus pre-file, long form prospectus or simplified prospectus within 15 working days of the date of the preliminary receipt (for preliminary filings) or acknowledgement of receipt (confidential prospectus pre-file) and related materials in acceptable form (target: 85%)⁵**

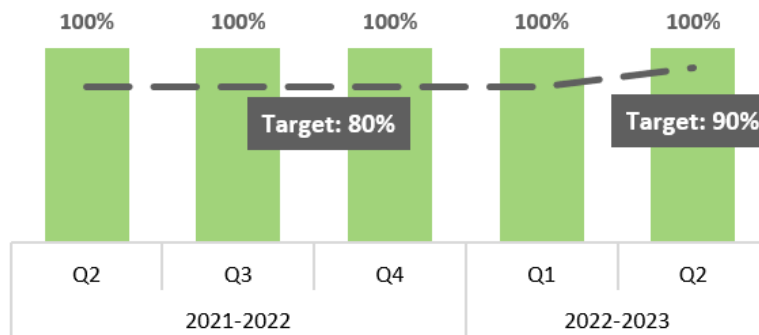


⁴ Prospectus filing results include those reviewed by Corporate Finance and Investment Funds and Structured Products.

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3.2 As part of the temporary changes, this service standard is considered in two parts: bought deals, and all other short form or shelf prospectus.

Part 1. Except for bought deals, provide a first comment letter for short form prospectus or shelf prospectus within 5 working days of the date of the preliminary receipt and related materials in acceptable form (target: 90%)⁶

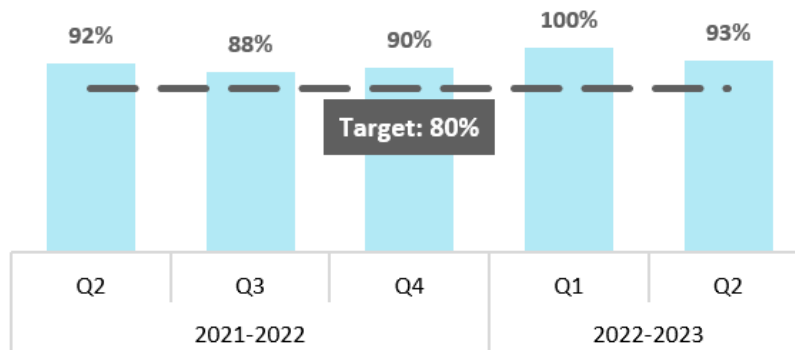


Part 2. For bought deals, provide a first comment letter within 3 working days of the date of the preliminary receipt and related materials in acceptable form (target: 80%)

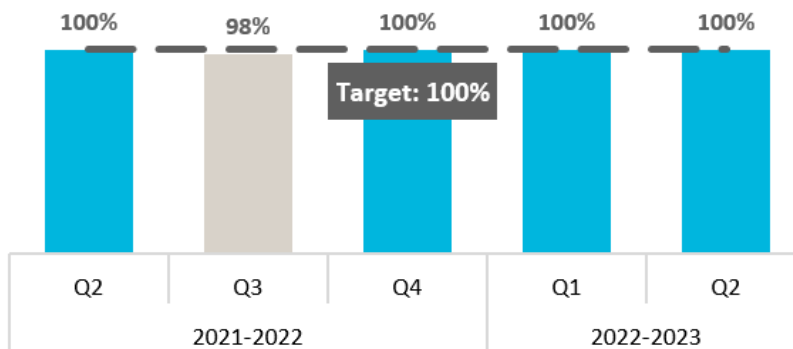


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3.3 Complete our review for routine offerings within 40 working days of the issuance of a receipt (for preliminary filings) and receipt of related materials in acceptable form (target: 80%)

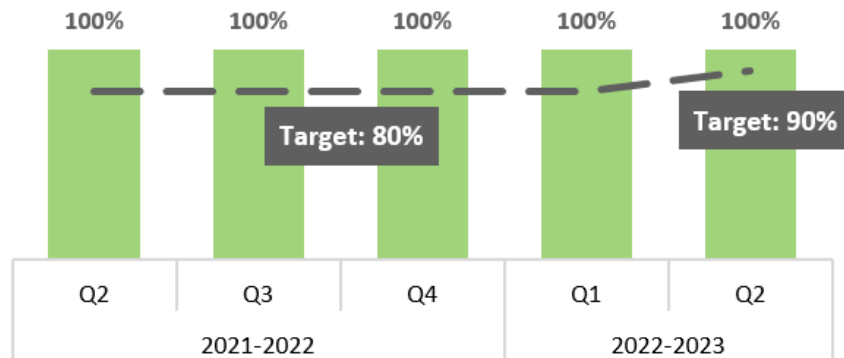


3.4 Issue receipt for final prospectus materials in acceptable form filed by 12:00 noon EST by the end of the same working day (target: 100%)



Prospectus amendments (before the OSC issues a comment letter)

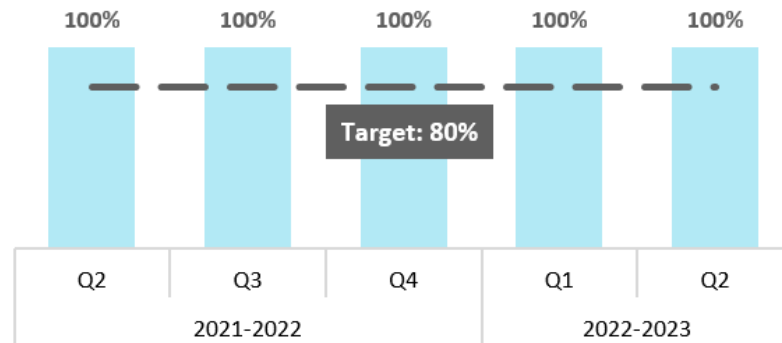
- 3.5 Issue a comment letter for long form prospectus or simplified prospectus on the later of the date that is 5 working days after the date of the receipt for the preliminary prospectus amendment and the original due date for the comment letter (target: 90%)⁷**



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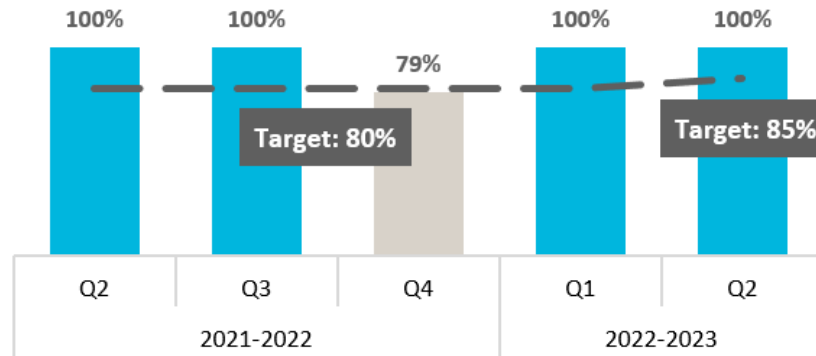
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No bought deals applicable to this standard were filed during Q2 2021-22 to Q2 2022-23.

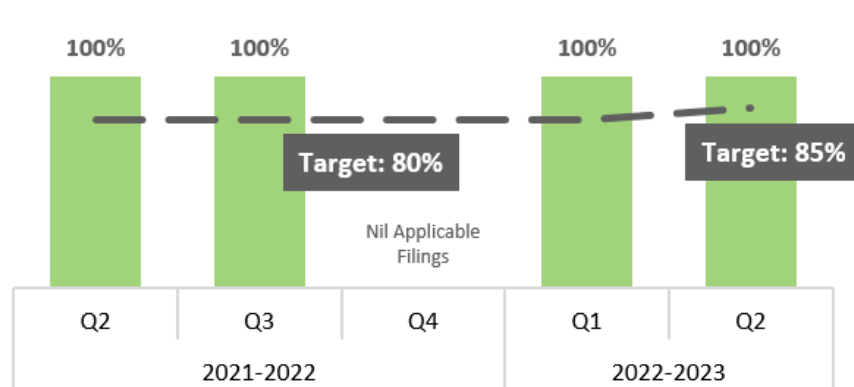
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Prospectus amendments (after the OSC issues final receipt)

3.7 Issue a comment letter for long form prospectus or simplified prospectus within 5 working days after the date that related materials are received in acceptable form (target: 85%)⁹



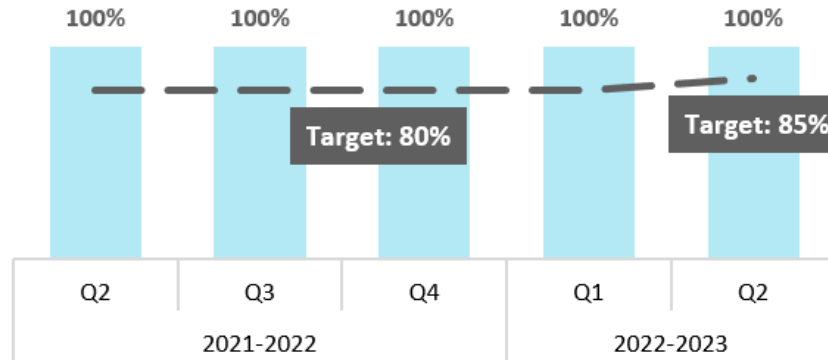
3.8 Issue a comment letter for short form prospectus or shelf prospectus within 5 working days after the date that related materials are received in acceptable form (target: 85%)



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Prospectus amendments (providing our decision)

3.9 Complete our review for routine offerings within 40 working days of the issuance of a receipt (for preliminary filings) and receipt of related materials in acceptable form (target: 85%)¹⁰

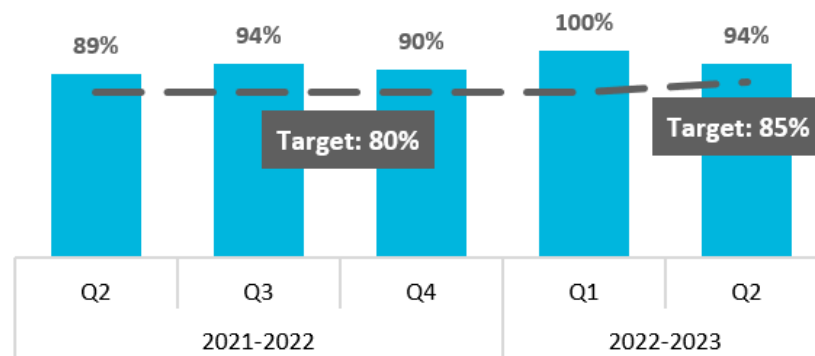


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4.0 Exemption, Recognition/Designation, and Exemption from Recognition Applications

Exemption applications

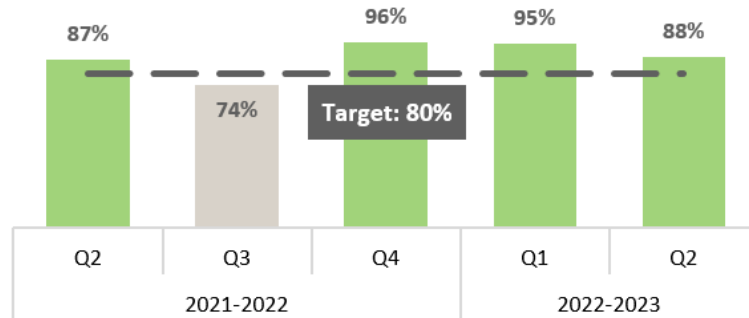
4.1 Issue a first comment letter within 15 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application in acceptable form (target: 85%)^{11, 12}



¹¹ Results include those reviewed by a number of OSC branches including Corporate Finance (CF), Office of Mergers & Acquisitions (OMA), Market Regulation (MR), Derivatives (DER), Compliance & Registrant Regulation (CRR), and Investment Funds and Structured Products (IFSP). This process is currently not applicable for non-routine exemption applications for OTC derivatives-related rules.

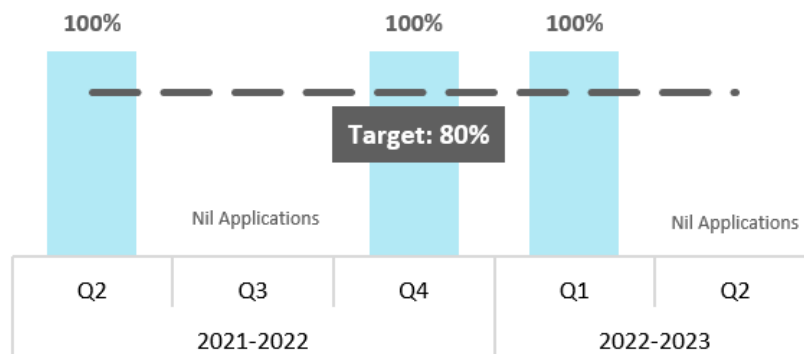
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4.2 Provide a decision on requests for routine exemptive relief within 45 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application (target: 80%)¹³



Application for recognition/designation and exemption from recognition¹⁴

4.3 Issue a first comment letter for routine items within 20 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application in acceptable form (target: 80%)



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¹⁴ Service standards for recognition/designation and exemption from recognition application results include those reviewed by the Market Regulation branch only.

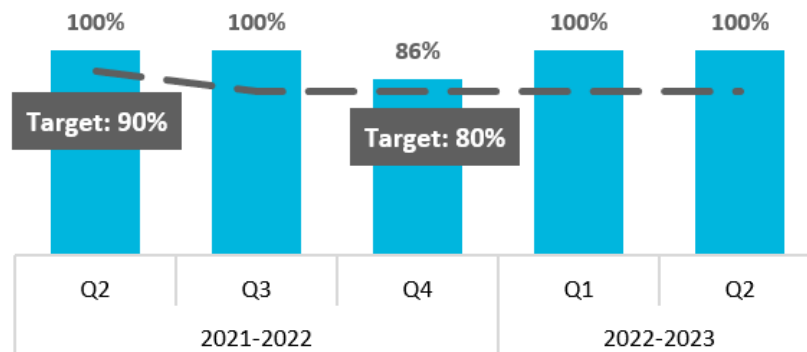
4.4 Complete our review for routine items within 6-9 months from receipt of a final application (target: 80%)



5.0 Circular Filings

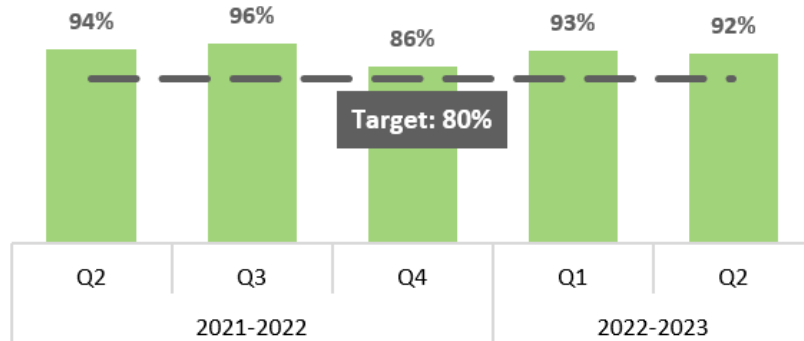
Management information circulars (Conflict of Interest transactions)

5.1 Provide comments, if applicable, within 5 working days from the date of filing of the circular (target: 80%)¹⁵



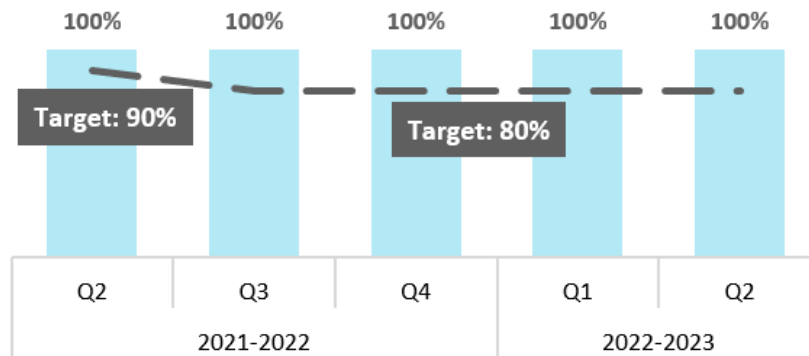
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5.2 Complete our review within 14 working days from the date of filing of the circular (target: 80%)



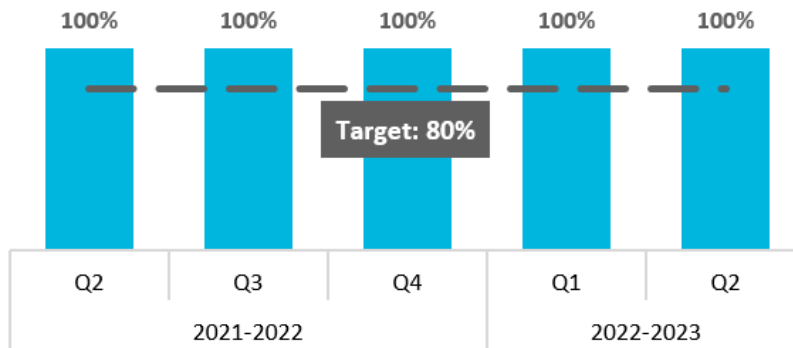
Take-over/Issuer bid circulars

5.3 Provide comments, if applicable, within 7 working days from the date of filing of the circular (target: 80%)¹⁶



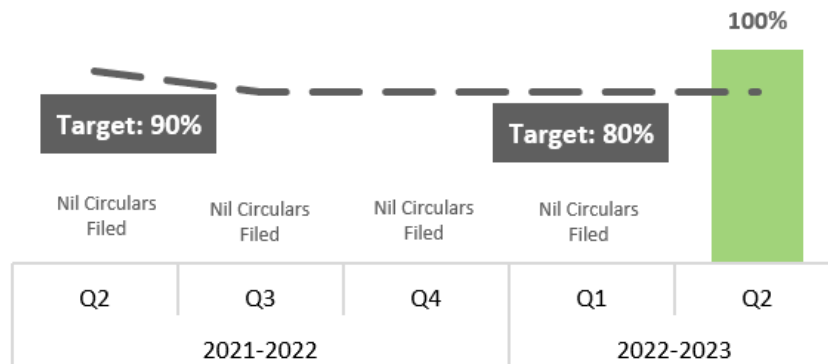
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5.4 Complete our review within 21 working days from the date of filing of the circular (target: 80%)



Dissident proxy circulars

5.5 Provide comments, if applicable, within 5 working days from the date of filing of the circular (target: 80%)¹⁷



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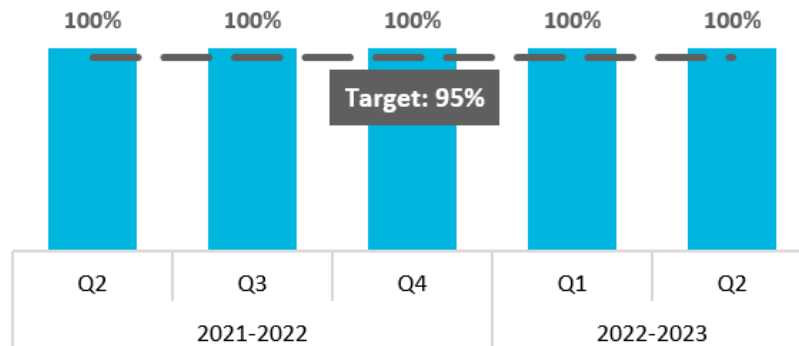
5.6 Complete our review within 14 working days from the date of filing of the circular (target: 80%)



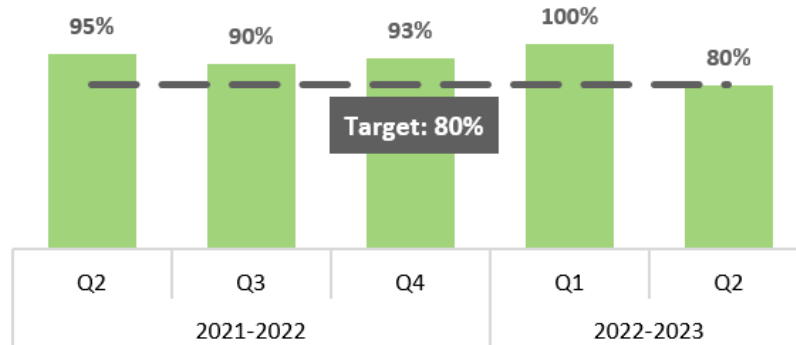
6.0 Registration Material Filings

New business submissions

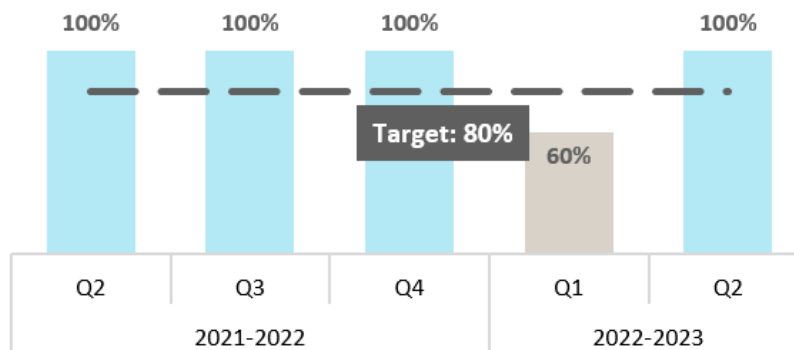
6.1 Acknowledge applications within 5 working days after receipt (target: 95%)



6.2 Provide initial comments on firm registration applications within 45 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application in acceptable form (target: 80%)¹⁸



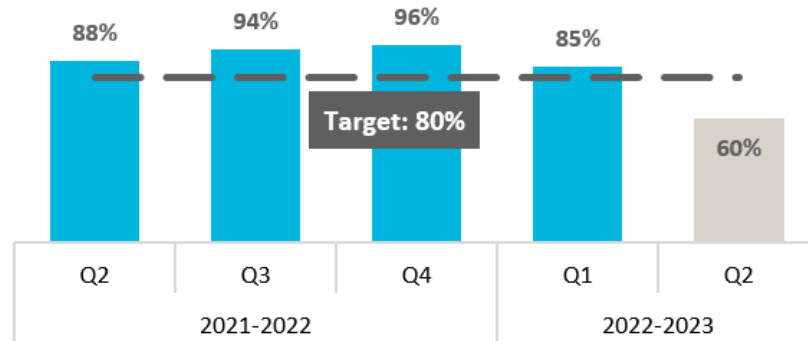
6.3 Provide a decision on routine applications and notify you within 120 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application in acceptable form (target: 80%)¹⁸



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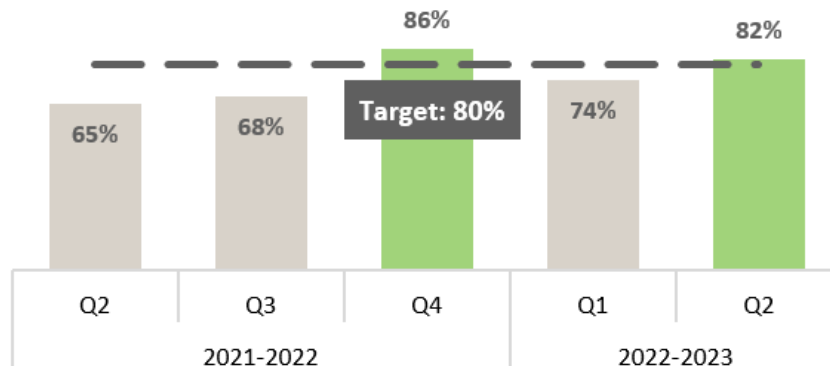
Dealing representatives

6.4 Provide a decision on routine applications within 10 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application in acceptable form (target: 80%)^{19, 20}



Advising Representatives, Associate Advising Representatives and CCO's

6.5 Provide a decision on routine applications within 30 working days of receiving a complete and adequate application in acceptable form (target: 80%)¹⁹

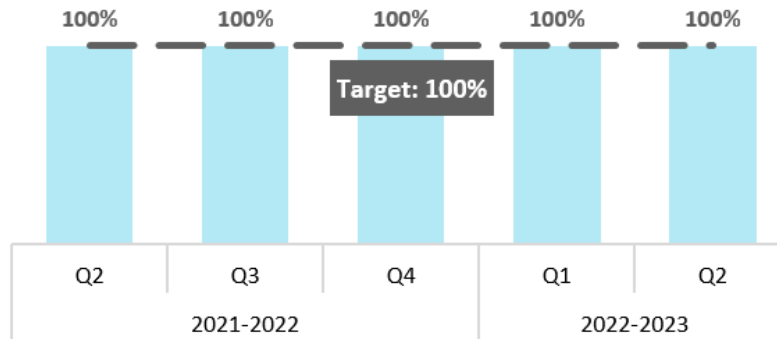


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²⁰ This standard was not met in Q2 2022-23 due to a number of technical/system issues throughout the quarter, ongoing staffing vacancies, and a significant increase in information updates from registrants as a result of the [amendments](#) to NI 33-109 – Registration Information, which came into force on June 6, 2022. Accumulated filings are expected to be addressed over the next quarter.

Notices of termination

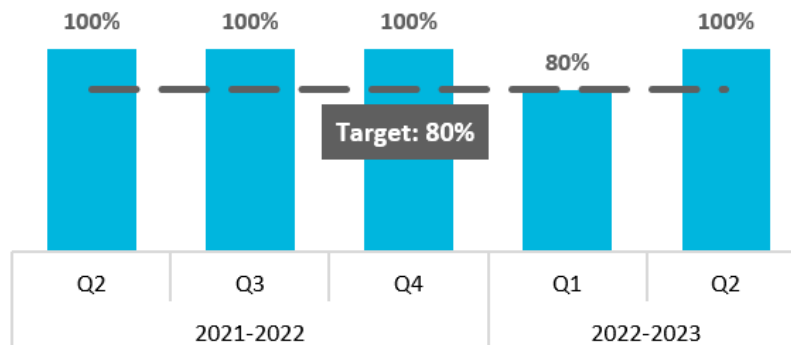
6.6 Complete our acknowledgement of a notice of termination within 24 hours of receipt (target: 100%)



7.0 OSC Reviews

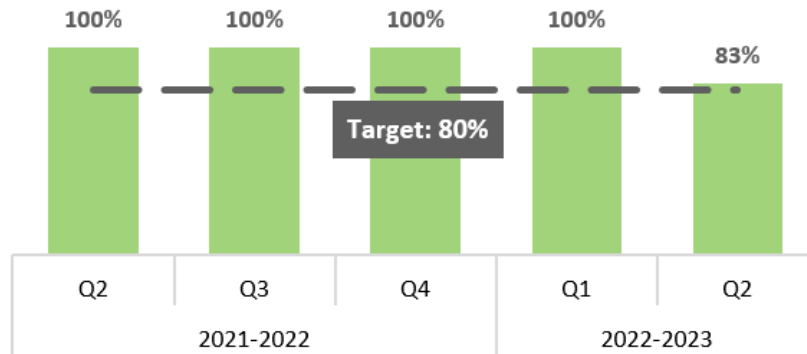
Continuous disclosure reviews (full reviews)

7.1 Respond to issuer’s correspondence within 10 working days of receipt (target: 80%)²¹



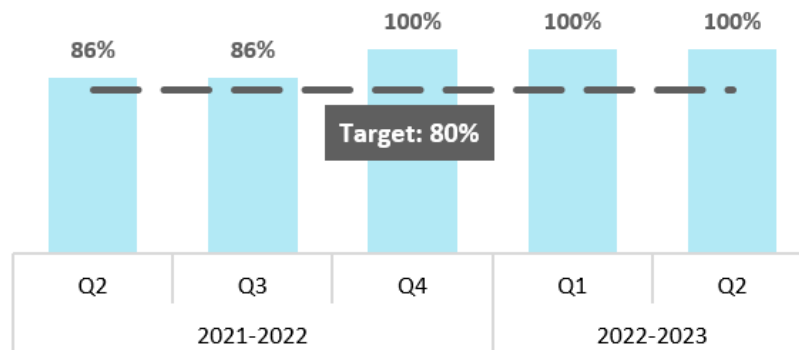
²¹ Service standards for full continuous disclosure reviews include those reviewed by Corporate Finance only.

7.2 Complete our review within 120 days from the issuance of our first comment letter (target: 80%)

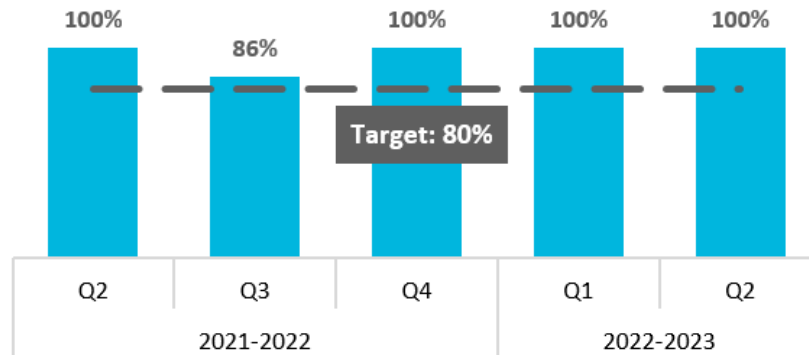


Insider reporting reviews

7.3 Respond to the issuer’s correspondence within 10 working days of receipt (target: 80%)

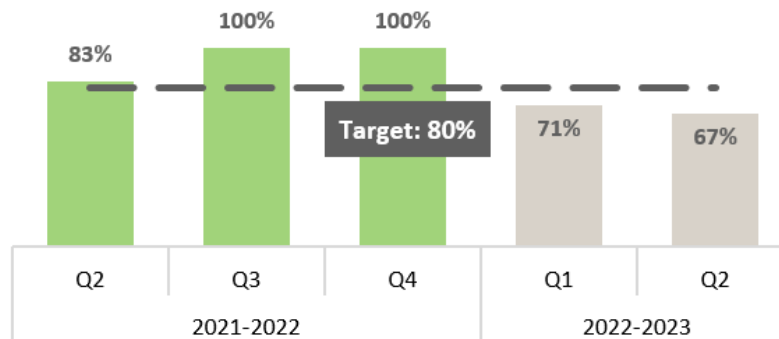


7.4 Complete our review within 120 days from the issuance of our first comment letter (target: 80%)



Compliance reviews – registrants

7.5 Complete our review and communicate our findings within 12 weeks of the initial meeting with the registrant (this excludes sweeps) (target: 80%)^{22, 23}



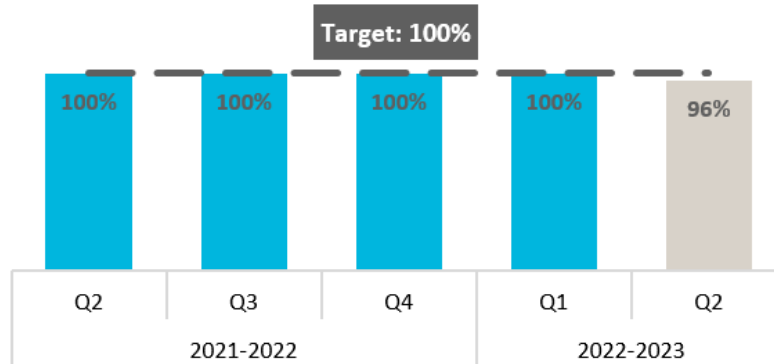
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²³ In Q2, a number of staff were deployed to address technical issues relating to the 2022 Risk Assessment Questionnaire which was sent to all registrants. The reallocation of workloads and ongoing staffing vacancies created delays in registrant compliance reviews and resulted in this standard not being met in Q2 2022-23. The technical issues have now been resolved, and recruitment of new staff is underway.

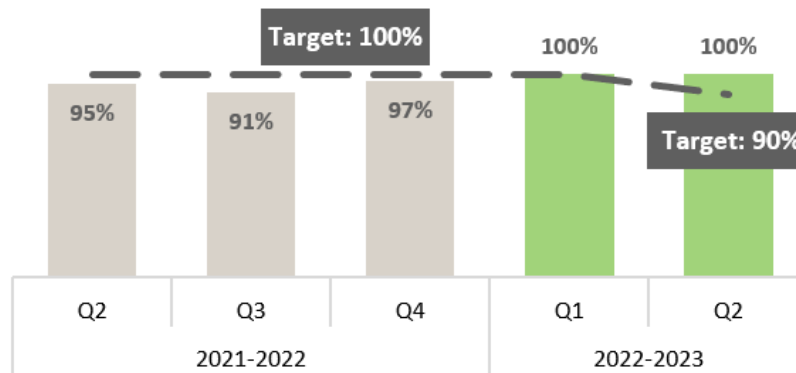
8.0 Requesting OSC Records²⁴

Requesting copies of company filings or Commission hearing materials²⁵

8.1 Acknowledge receipt of your request by the end of the next working day (target: 100%)²⁶



8.2 Complete requests within 5 working days (target: 90%)²⁷



²⁴ Includes calling or emailing OSC Records and Information Management.

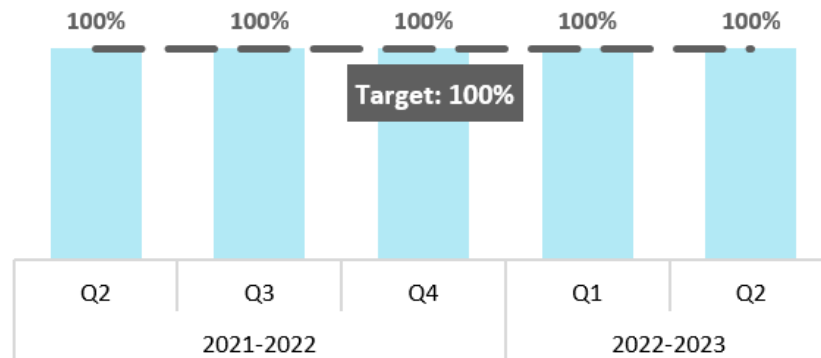
²⁵ This pertains to records available to the public through Records and Information Management only. This does not include records related to current proceedings before the Commission, as they are separately handled through the OSC Registrar.

²⁶ The service standard was not met this quarter due to receiving one email request with a misleading subject line; this resulted in an OSC acknowledgement being provided after the next working day from the time of receipt. The related request was serviced within the standard timeframe of five working days.

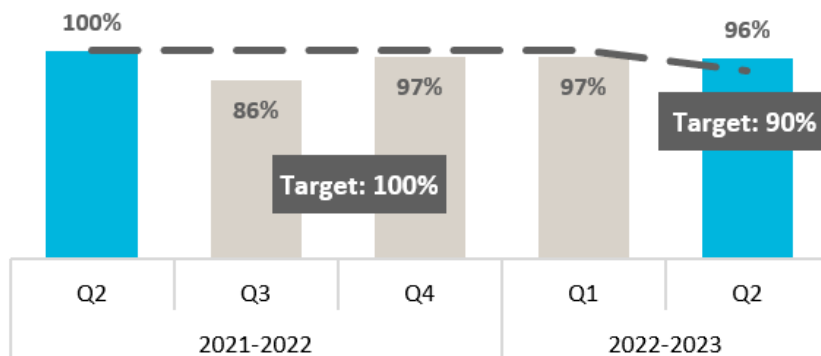
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Registrants requesting copies of their own registration records and related forms

8.3 Acknowledge receipt of your request by the end of the next working day (target: 100%)



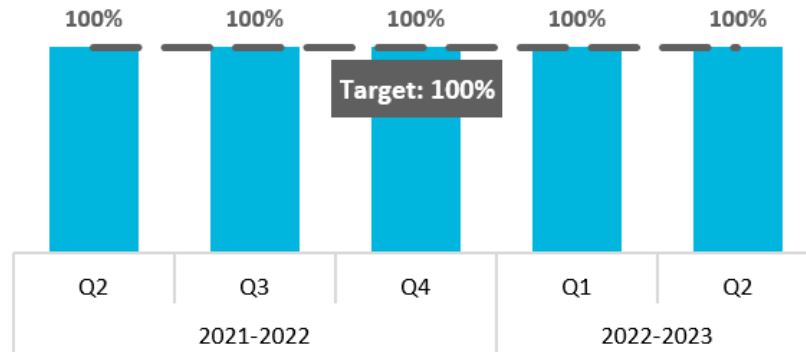
8.4 Complete requests within 5 working days (target: 90%)²⁸



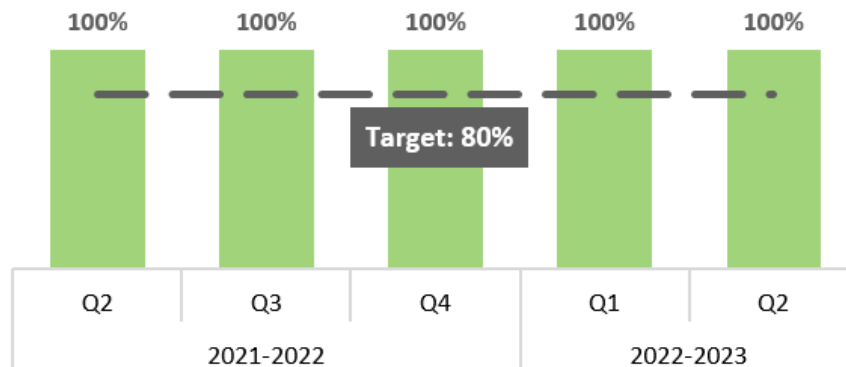
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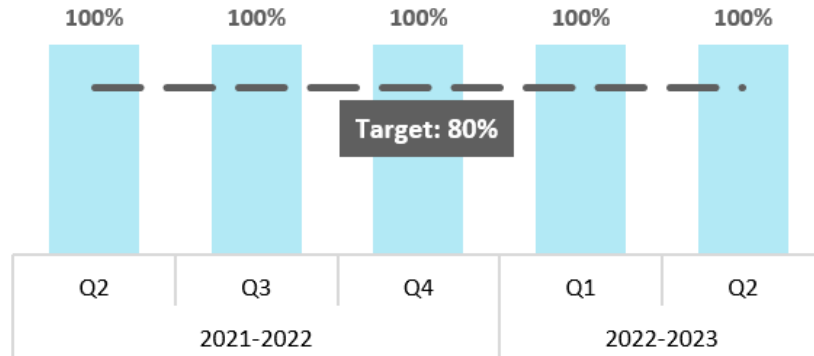
9.1 Acknowledge your Request for Support (RFS) form within 2 working days of receipt (target: 100%)



9.2 Conduct our eligibility review and contact you within 10 working days of receipt of your RFS form (target: 80%)



9.3 For eligible businesses, a telephone call or in-person meeting will be held to provide direct support within 20 working days of receipt of your RFS Form (target: 80%)



9.4 If you are eligible to receive continued support from OSC LaunchPad, within 20 working days of your direct support meeting, we may ask you to provide us with additional materials or a filing (target: 80%)

