Registered Fundraising Organisations

How many organisations are registered with fundraising regulators around Australia?
Across all Australian jurisdictions, there were 13,964 current registrations in 2011. This represents a very small increase since the previous year (+0.06%). Since 2007–08, there has been an increase of 2.4% in registrations for a fundraising licence or authority. The Northern Territory does not have specific fundraising legislation.

How does this compare with those registered with the ATO in relation to Deductible Gift Recipient status?
As at October 2010 there were 27,028 Deductible Gift Recipients and 53,773 tax concession charities. There are estimated to be about 600,000 nonprofit entities.

How many organisations have multiple licences in more than one jurisdiction?
It is not known, but there are about 900 organisations registered with ASIC as having an Australian Registrable Business Number (ARBN), which carry on activities across Australian jurisdictional borders. For various reasons this is likely to be less than the actual number of organisations carrying on such activities. On Tasmania’s register, where local incorporated bodies are excluded from registering, we estimate that there are probably about 391 organisations which might be national organisations.

Which register has the most organisations?
New South Wales has 5,206 registrations followed by Queensland with 3,835 and then Victoria with 2,388. Registration numbers depend on definitions and registration requirements which are different in each jurisdiction. For example in Tasmania (which only has 590 registrations) incorporated associations with a registered office in the state are not required to register for a fundraising licence.

How many staff are engaged in administering fundraising licences/authorities?
Across Australia, there are 16.95 equivalent full time staff directly engaged in administering fundraising legislation at the end of 2010-11. This is an average of 0.6 full time staff per 500 registrations across Australia.

How many complaints are received by fundraising regulators?
A total of 204 complaints were received by regulators in 2010–11. During the four years since 2007–08 there were 703 complaints.

How many prosecutions are made by fundraising regulators?
A total of 10 prosecutions were reported across Australian jurisdictions in 2011. From 2007–08 to 2010–11 the total number was 47.
How many inquiries has the Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) received (2007 to March 2011) about fundraising ethics?

Around 209 inquiries have been received in the FIA ethics log since 2007 and nine formal complaints have been received. These have all been resolved without recourse to internal disciplinary action, except one.

Most inquiries came from fundraisers and were about:
- Legislation: 20
- Tax: 27
- Research: 16
- Compliance: 96
- Information: 111
- Ethics/Complaints: 16

A further breakdown of the most common inquiries across all categories is:
- Licensing/Compliance: 46
- Performance based remuneration: 7
- Donation practice: 6
- Privacy: 6
- Fundraiser's remuneration: 5
- Receipt practice: 5
- Costs of fundraising: 3

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(E) = estimate

* For Victoria: investigations or enforcements.

Source: Annual reports and correspondence from each jurisdictional office.