

APRA Quarterly Performance

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Summary

The latest statistics show total superannuation assets declined by 0.8 per cent in the March 2025 quarter to \$4.1 trillion and were 5.9 per cent higher than a year ago.

Among the sectors, corporate funds declined the most in the March quarter, down \$10.1 billion (-21.7%) to \$36 billion - much of it due to Qantas Super merging into ART. Other sectors also declined in this quarter, with retail funds down \$8.1 billion (-1.0 per cent) to \$798 billion and SMSFs down \$7.4 billion (-0.7 per cent) to \$1,006 billion, the public sector was down by \$6.0 billion (-0.8 per cent) to \$743 billion and industry funds declined the least - down by \$3.3 billion (-0.2 per cent) to \$1.49 trillion.

Overall net returns for entities with more than six members was -0.8 per cent in the quarter and up 5.0 per cent on an annual basis. The quarter saw elevated policy volatility fuelling uncertainty in the market outlook. Coming off from high valuations, equity markets (notably the US) have been pricing in further downside risks stemming from escalating trade tensions whilst paring back dovish expectations of easing from central banks.

The industry funds recorded -0.7 per cent net return for the March quarter. In other sectors, public sector funds (-0.6 per cent), corporate funds (-0.6 per cent), and retail funds (-1.1 per cent), all registering negative net returns for the quarter. For the year to March 2025, net return for public sector funds was 5.4 per cent, followed by industry funds (5.1 per cent), retail funds (4.7 per cent) and corporate funds (4.5 per cent).

The past quarter has seen superior returns for profit-to-member funds relative to

retail funds in the context of a challenging investment environment. Furthermore, longer-term returns for profit-to-member funds remain superior to their retail counterparts.

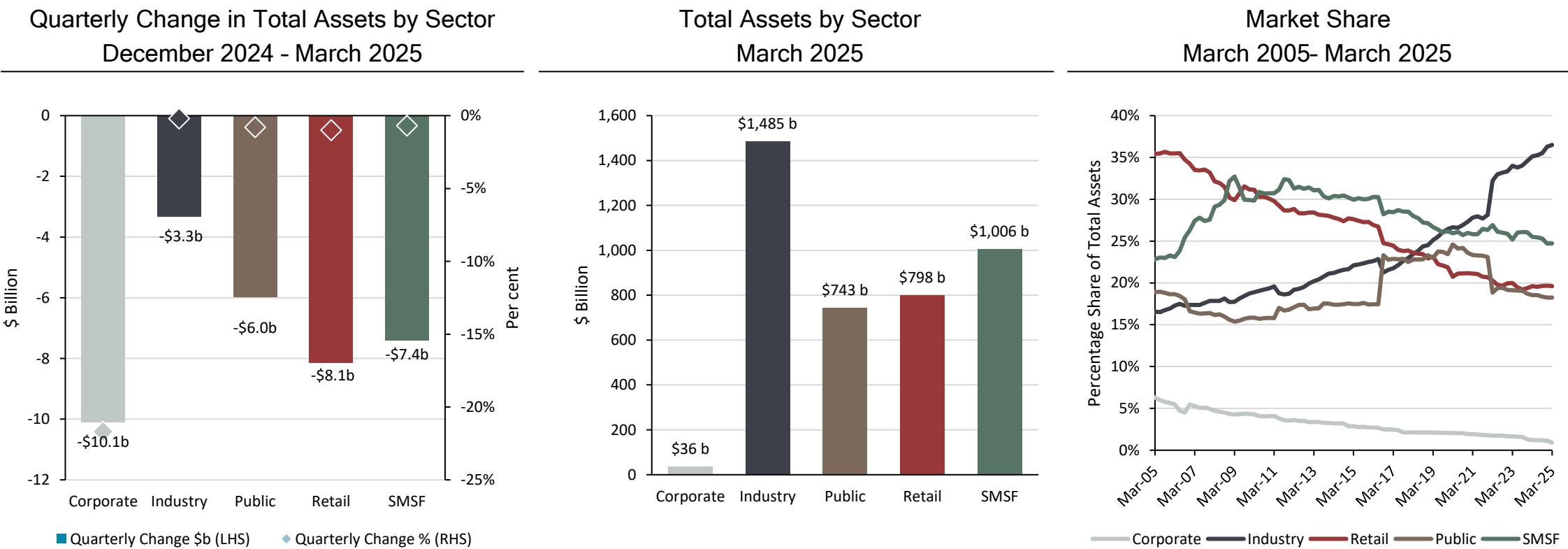
For APRA-regulated funds, net contribution flows (contributions plus net benefit transfers less benefit payments) for the year to March 2025 were \$67.0 billion, compared to \$59.1 billion for the year to March 2024.

The industry sector continues to gain market share due to higher contributions from members and their employers. Total contributions for the year to March 2025 were \$108.4 billion for the industry sector, up from \$92.9 billion for the prior year to March 2024.

This latest edition of SMC's Quarterly Performance brief introduces new APRA-regulated sector annual contribution and benefit payment charts (see slide 6). Growth in sector-wide annual contributions have picked up in recent years, supported by a stable labour market. This growth is expected to continue with the legislated increase in the super guarantee rate to 12 per cent on 1 July 2025. In the year to March 2025, employer and member contributions were \$147.1 billion and \$55.7 billion respectively (totalling \$202.8 billion), while benefit payments in the form of lump sum and pension were \$70 billion and \$57.6 billion respectively (\$127.5 billion in total).

Quarter by quarter analysis of sector financial flows shows industry funds continued to record a stronger net flow position (more contribution inflows than benefit payments) compared to other sectors (see slides 7-10).

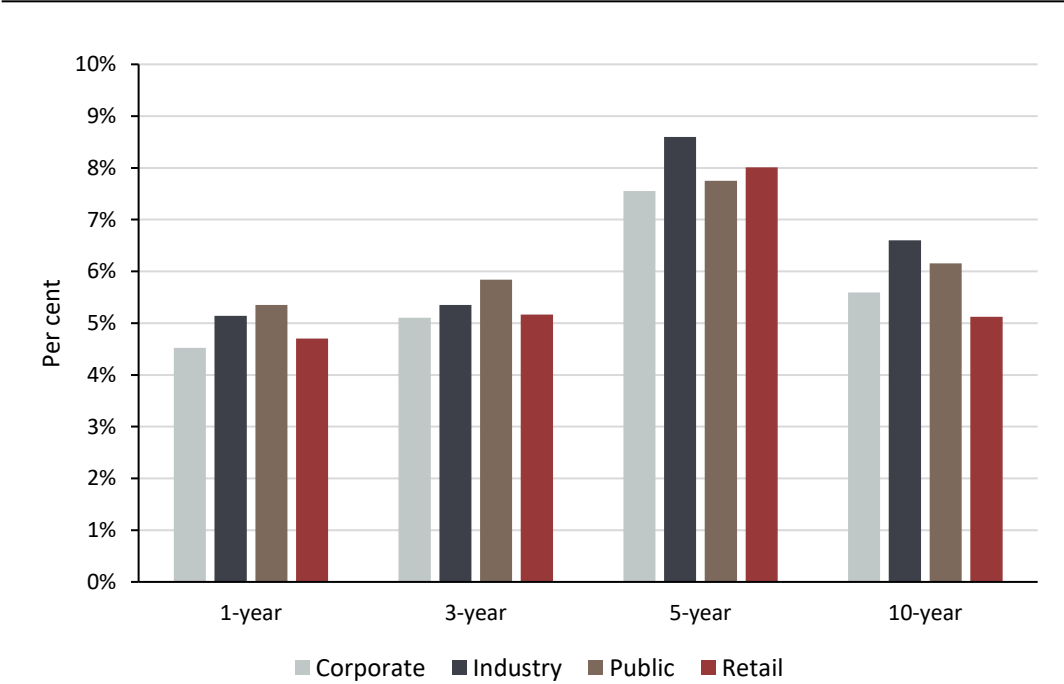
Profit-to-member sectors' market share continues to rise in a volatile investment environment



Note: Public sector shown here represent both APRA-regulated and APRA-exempt public sectors. Total asset values for (i) APRA-regulated public sector and (ii) Exempt public sector superannuation schemes are \$569.5b and \$173.4b respectively as of March quarter 2025. Market share percentages excludes Single-member ADFs, Small APRA funds and Balance of life office statutory funds. SMSF timeseries between December 2004 and September 2014 contains interpolated values based on annual figures provided by the annual bulletin. The large change in corporate sector assets in the March quarter of 2025 is due to the merger of Qantas Super into ART, with the merged entity now being an industry fund.

Profit-to-member funds continue to maintain strong performances across long term horizons

Average Annual Net Return by Sector - March 2025



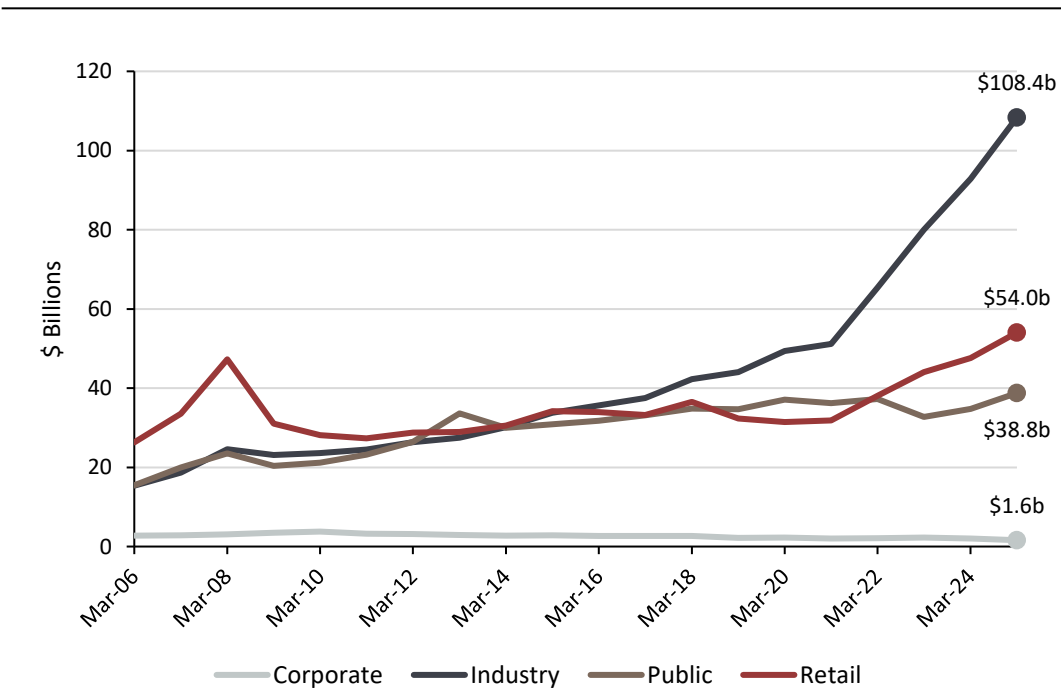
Comparison of Net Returns - March 2025

	Quarter	1yr	3yr	5yr	7yr	10yr	20.5yr
All	-0.8%	5.0%	5.4%	8.1%	6.2%	5.9%	6.2%
Industry	-0.7%	5.1%	5.4%	8.6%	6.6%	6.6%	7.0%
Retail	-1.1%	4.7%	5.2%	8.0%	5.8%	5.1%	5.4%
Public	-0.6%	5.4%	5.8%	7.7%	6.4%	6.2%	6.8%
Corporate	-0.6%	4.5%	5.1%	7.6%	5.9%	5.6%	6.4%
Outperformance (Profit-to-member vs Retail)	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%	1.2%	1.5%
Outperformance (Industry vs Retail)	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.6%	0.8%	1.5%	1.6%

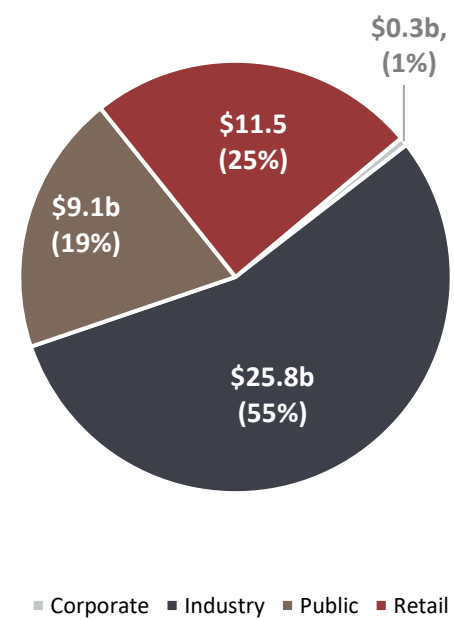
Note: Returns are annualised for periods greater than 1-year. All performance metrics calculated on an asset-weighted net returns basis.
Source: SMC Analysis, APRA Statistics - Quarterly Superannuation Performance, March 2025

Profit-to-member sectors account for a majority share of super contributions to APRA-regulated funds

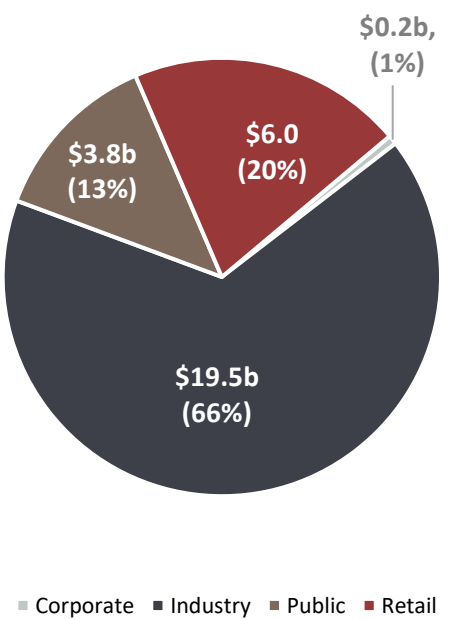
Growing Total Annual Contributions



Sector Share of Total Contributions (March Quarter 2025)



Sector Share of SG Contributions (March Quarter 2025)



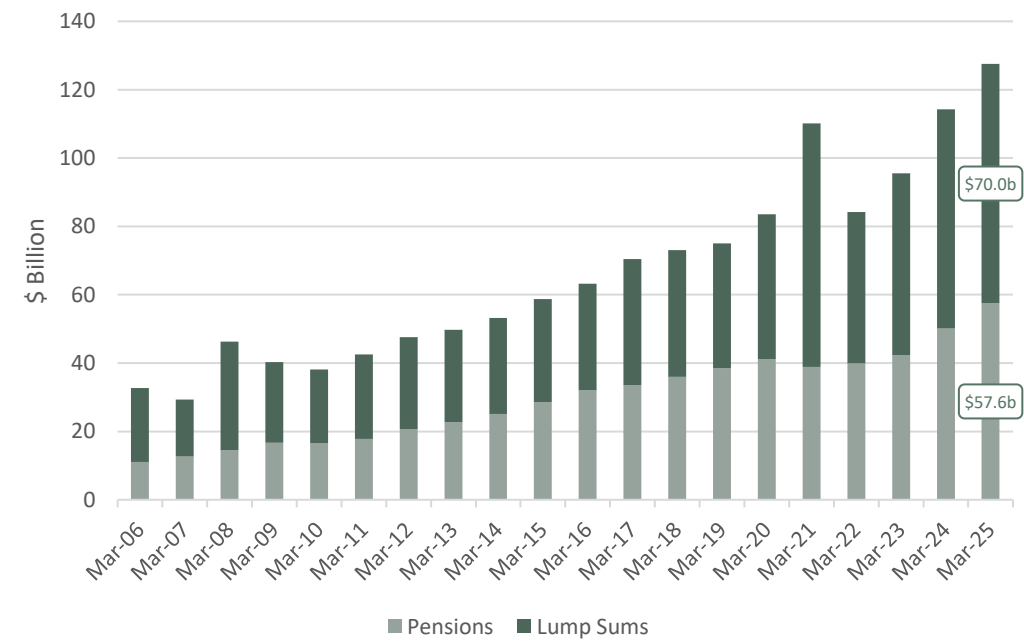
Note: APRA regulated sectors only, excludes SMSFs.
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Annual total benefit payments from APRA-regulated funds have reached \$127.5 billion

APRA-regulated Sector Contribution Flow - March 2025



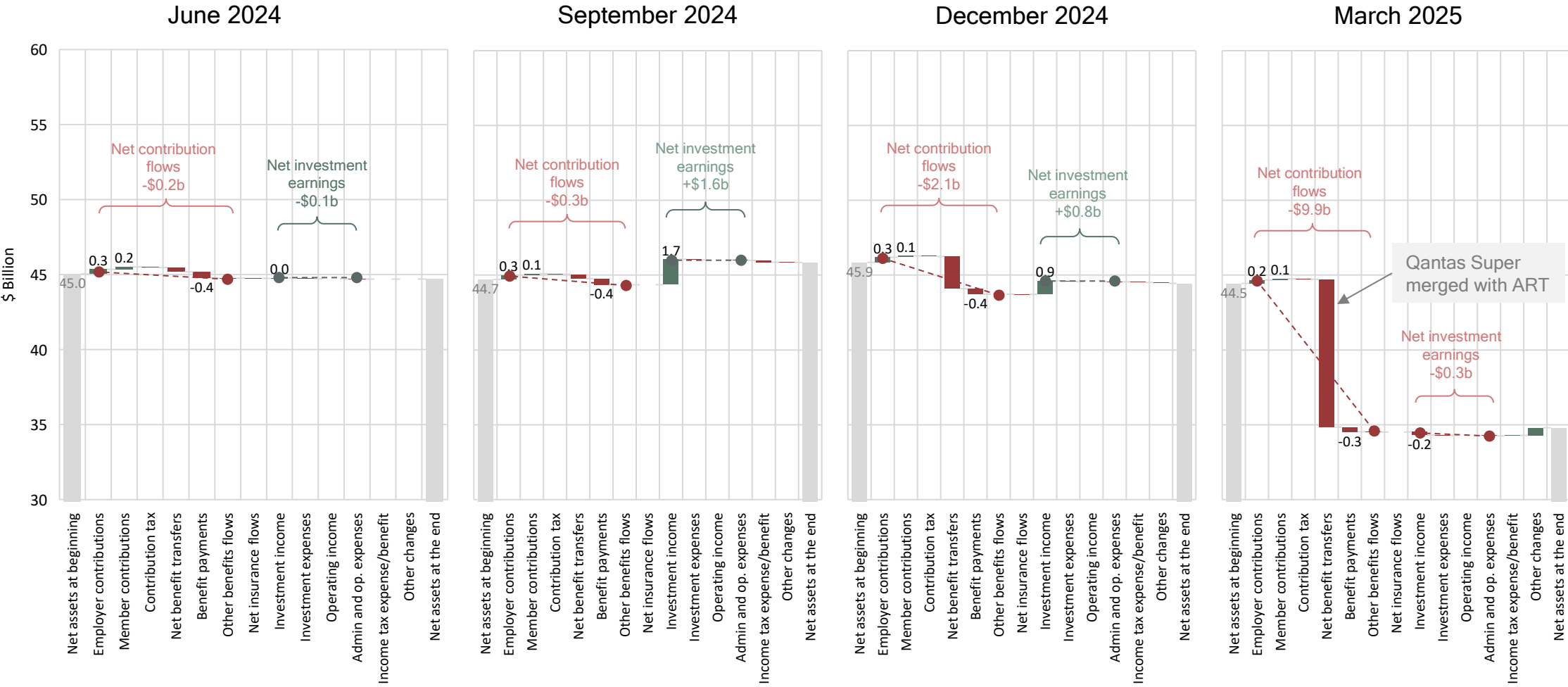
APRA-regulated Sector Benefit Payment - March 2025



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Corporate sector contribution flows and investment performance

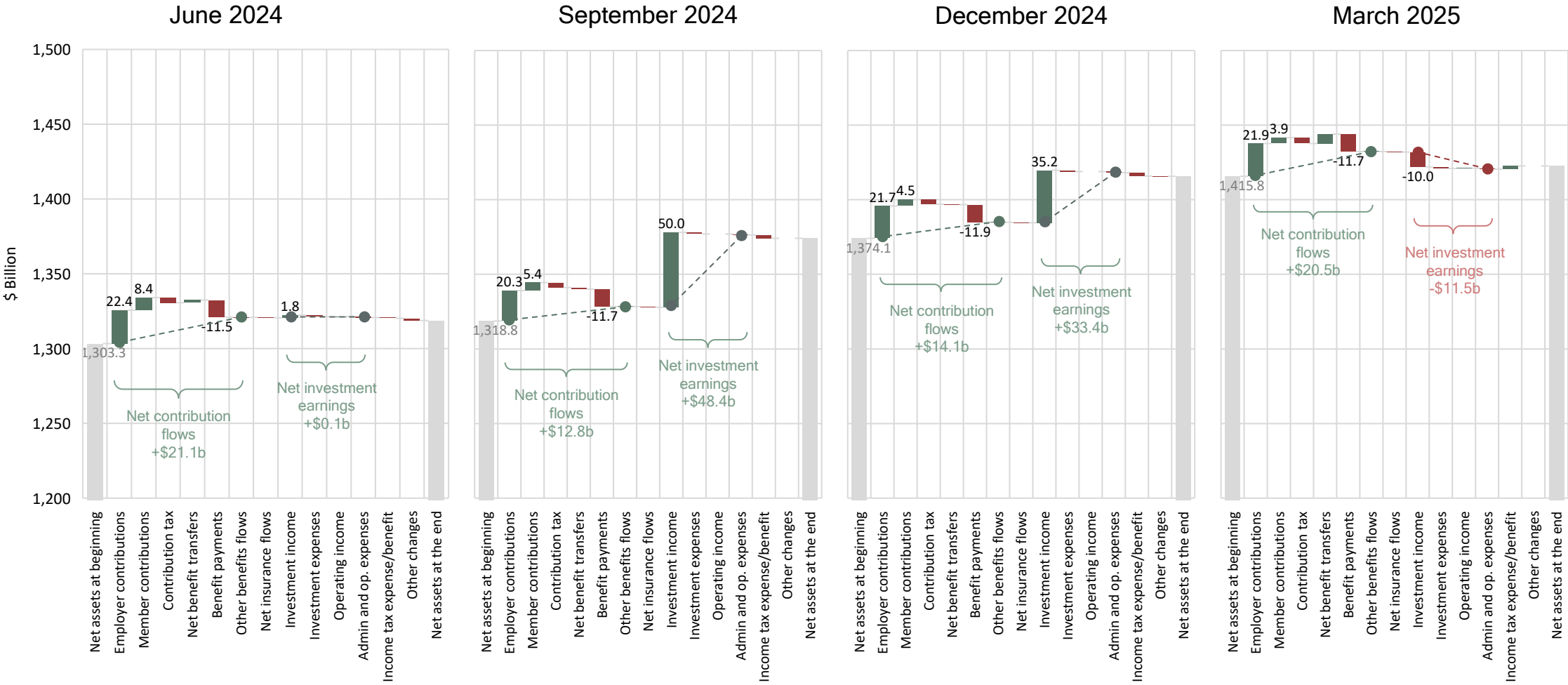
Corporate Sector Quarterly Financial Performance



Note: Net contribution flows excludes contribution tax and surcharges. Net investment earnings excludes income tax expense/benefit.
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Industry sector contribution flows and investment performance

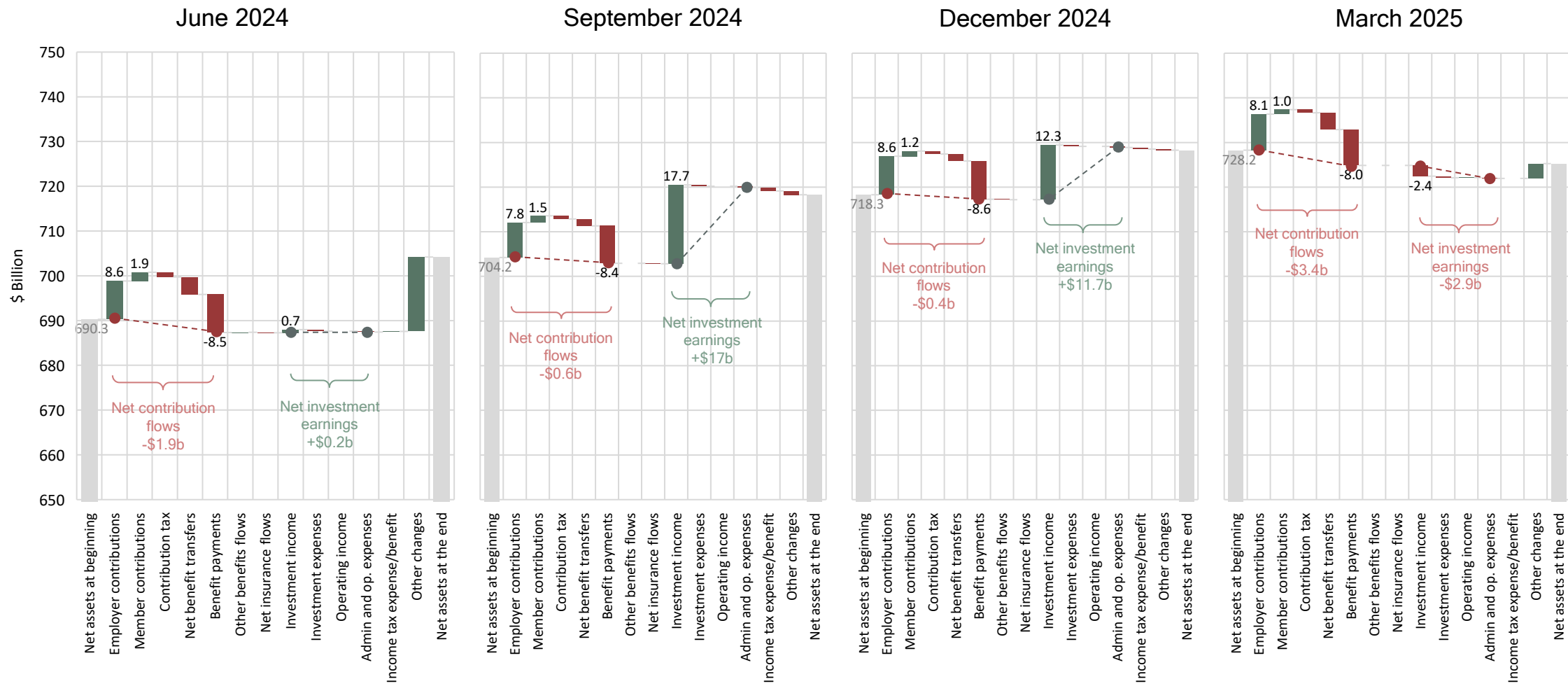
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Public sector contribution flows and investment performance

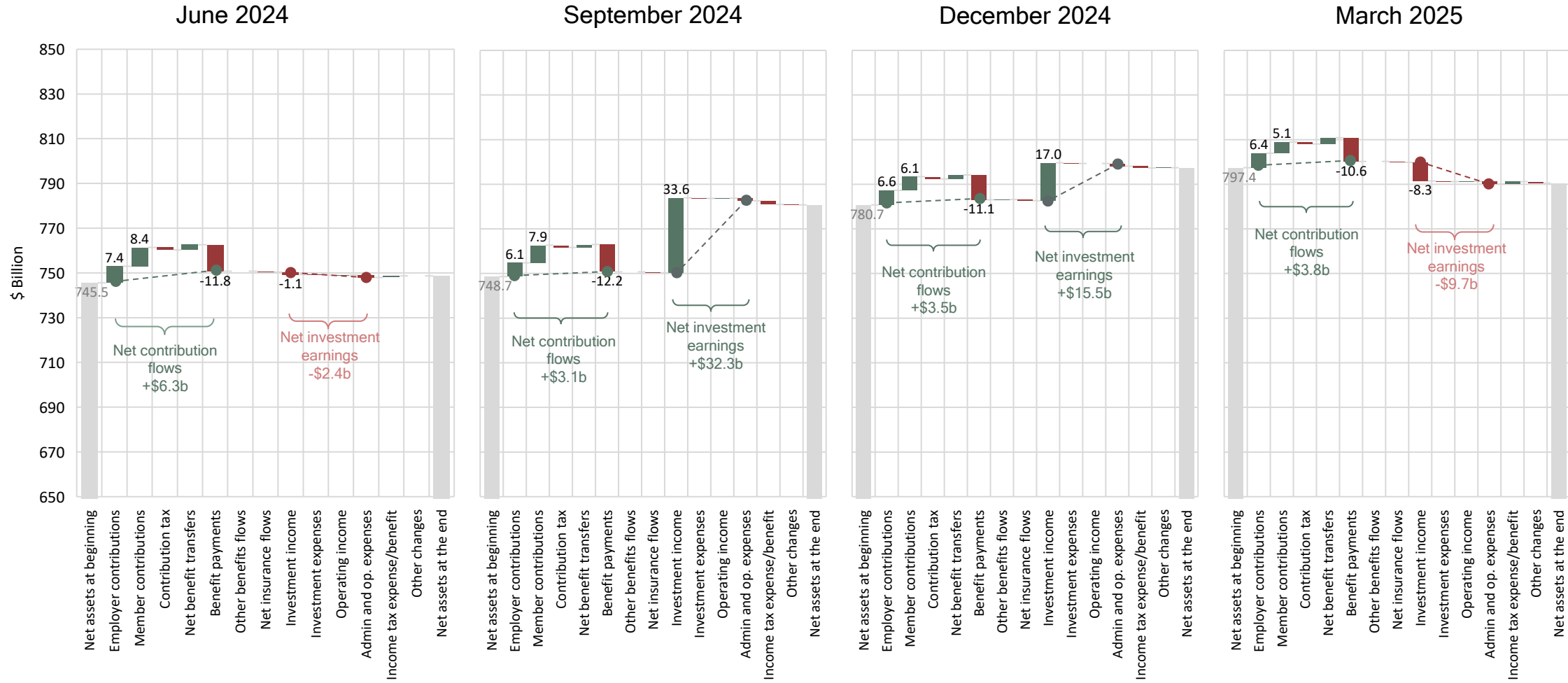
Public Sector Quarterly Financial Performance



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Retail sector contribution flows and investment performance

Retail Sector Quarterly Financial Performance



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