

Primary Dealer Discussion Topic: 17-Week Cash Management Bill (CMB)

- ▶ Most primary dealers suggested that Treasury consider promoting the regular 17-week CMB to benchmark status:
 - ▶ Typical arguments in favor included: 1) that a 17-week bill would enable Treasury to moderate the scale of future increases to auction sizes for existing bill benchmarks and 2) that the regular 17-week CMB has attracted robust investor demand to-date, which would be expected to persist.
 - ▶ Those opposed generally argued that anticipated bill supply could reasonably be achieved with existing benchmarks over the near- to medium-term.
- ▶ How large could existing benchmark bill auction sizes become without resulting in significant yield deviations from fair value? The median primary dealer response was (in \$ billions):

	<i>Max Auction Size Without Causing Significant Yield Deviation from Fair Value</i>				
	<u>1-Month</u>	<u>2-Month</u>	<u>3-Month</u>	<u>6-Month</u>	<u>1-Year</u>
Median Primary Dealer Response	77.5	70	65	60	40

- ▶ The median primary dealer response implies that (in \$ billions):

	<u>1-Month</u>	<u>2-Month</u>	<u>3-Month</u>	<u>6-Month</u>	<u>1-Year</u>
Implied Funding Capacity	310 (77.5 x 4)	560 (70 x 8)	845 (65 x 13)	1,560 (60 x 26)	520 (40 x 13)
Max Privately-Held Bill Funding Capacity via Existing Benchmarks	3,795				
Current SOMA Portfolio Holdings	326				
<i>Total Implied Bill Funding Capacity via Existing Benchmarks</i>	4,121				

- ▶ For context, aggregate bill supply totaled \$3,714 billion at the end of FY2021.