CAMA RBA SHADOW BOARD – COMMENTS

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No comment.

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No comment.

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No comment.

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No comment.

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The RBA should keep the cash rate unchanged at its August meeting. Recent inflation data suggest that underlying inflation continues to ease broadly in line with the Bank's forecasts, while the labour market has softened gradually rather than sharply. Given that monetary policy remains restrictive and its full effects are still flowing through the economy, the RBA should allow more time to assess incoming data before considering any further policy adjustment.

MARIANO KULISH

Inflation in Australia was above target well before the Middle East conflict; the oil-price shock exacerbated a pre-existing problem. With energy prices now easing, some of that pressure will come off headline inflation in the months ahead. But the underlying figure has not followed: the trimmed mean held at 3.6 per cent over the year to June, still above the target band, with the persistence concentrated in housing and services. At a cash rate of 4.35 per cent, this leaves the real cash rate barely positive and the stance not restrictive enough. After a period in which inflation has been outside the band for the better part of five years, I would err on the side of tighter policy. The unwinding of the energy shock does not resolve the underlying problem, and waiting for it to do so risks another year of above-target outcomes and further erosion of confidence in the target. I therefore recommend that the cash rate be increased by 25 basis points to 4.60 per cent.

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No comment.

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No comment.

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No comment.