WMR Fixing Update

Update for ECB FXCG November 2019

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Refinitiv gave an update on activity through the 4pm WMR fixing window to the Global FX Committee in May 2017

Key trends in British Pound, Australian Dollar and Canadian Dollar that have continued since the lengthening of the window to 5 minutes are:

- Volumes peak during the benchmark window
- Spreads tighten during the benchmark window
- Large amounts could be executed in the benchmark window with lower market impact

Trends that have changed since the introduction of the longer window include:

• Distribution of trading through the window has changed over time

British Pound volumes on Refinitiv Matching have continued to peak during the benchmark window (5 min and 1 min fixing window)



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Australian Dollar volumes on Refinitiv Matching have continued to peak during the benchmark window (5 min fixing window)



Average quantity executed on **aud/usd** in 15s slices from 3.30pm to 4.30pm London time

Y-axes have same scale per graph



Since lengthening the fix window the distribution of volume through the benchmark window has changed



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British Pound spreads on Refinitiv Matching continue to tighten during the benchmark window



Spreads at 15s intervals from 3.15pm to 4.15pm London time on **gbp/usd**

X-axis 15s slices before and after 4pm

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X-axis 15s slices before and after 4pm

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Large amounts can be executed in British Pound during the benchmark window with lower market impact



Orange: during fix Blue: 1 or 5 minute periods during 8am-5pm London time where >25mio executed and outside fix



X-axis: quantities traded in each 1 min or 5min period

Y-axis: trading range for 1 min or 5 minute period

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outside fix

Does VWAP in the first quartile predict the final Fixing rate over the next three?





Questions?

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