Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

Financial report for the year ended 30 June 2018



Auditor-General's Department

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To the Chairman Parliamentary Superannuation Board

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, I have audited the financial report of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

Opinion

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme as at 30 June 2018, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2018
- an Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2018
- a Statement of Changes in Member Benefits for the year ended 30 June 2018
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2018
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2018
- notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the President of the Legislative Council and Board Member, Parliamentary Superannuation Board, Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office and the Manager, Financial Services, State Superannuation Office.

Basis for opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of my report. I am independent of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* establishes the independence of the Auditor-General. In conducting the audit, the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants have been met.

I believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office and members of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board for the financial report

The Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The members of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the scheme's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

My report refers only to the financial report described above and does not provide assurance over the integrity of electronic publication by the entity on any website nor does it provide an opinion on other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the report.

I communicate with the Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office and the Parliamentary Superannuation Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.

Andrew Richardson **Auditor-General** 21 September 2018

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2018

		2018	2017
	Note	\$000	\$000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	8	347
Contributions receivable)	33
Receivables		9	8
Investments	5	273 279	256 763
Total assets		273 296	257 151
Liabilities			
Benefits payable		268	196
Payables		17	17
Fotal liabilities excluding member benefits	-	285	213
Net assets available for member benefits	_	273 011	256 938
Member benefits			
Defined contribution member liabilities	3	27 440	23 540
Defined benefit member liabilities	4	192 085	199 718
Total member benefits	-	219 525	223 258
Total net assets	-	53 486	33 680
Equity			
Defined benefits surplus		53 486	33 680
Fotal equity	-	53 486	33 680

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2018

		2018	2017
	Note	\$000	\$000
Changes in investments measured at fair value		31 427	30 798
Interest revenue		3	4
Total revenue		31 430	30 802
Investment expenses	8	2 358	1 977
Administration expenses	9	263	235
Total expenses		2 621	2 2 1 2
Result from superannuation activities		28 809	28 590
Allocation to defined contribution member accounts		(2 072)	(2 365)
Net change in defined benefit member liabilities		(6 929)	(8 984)
Net operating result		19 808	17 241

The Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Member Benefits

For the year ended 30 June 2018

2018		Defined Benefit Members	Defined Contribution Members	Total
	Note	\$000	\$000	\$000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2017		199 718	23 540	223 258
Employ er contributions		1 472	2 919	4 391
Member contributions		472	H 2	472
Transfers from other super entities	-		71	71
Net contributions		1 944	2 990	4 934
Benefits to members		(16 506)	(1 162)	(17 668)
Net benefits allocated, comprising:				
Net investment income		26 624	2 448	29 072
Net administered expenses		(263)	(-)	(263)
Net change in member liabilities	_	(19 432)	(376)	(19 808)
Closing balance as at 30 June 2018	4 -	192 085	27 440	219 525
		Defined Benefit	Defined Contribution	Total
2017		Members	Members	
		\$000	\$000	\$000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2016		198 464	20 295	218 759
Employ er contributions		1 753	2 735	4 488
Member contributions		616	25	641
Transfers from other super entities	-	-	6	6
Net contributions		2 369	2 766	5 135
Benefits to members		(10 099)	(1 872)	(11 971)
Net benefits allocated, comprising:				-
Net investment income		26 472	2 351	28 823
Net administered expenses		(235)	8	(235)
Net change in member liabilities	-	(17 253)	14 14	(17 253)

The Statement of Changes in Member Benefits should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

Closing balance as at 30 June 2017

Over funded benefits closing balance 30 June	53 486	33 680
Transfer to/(from) equity	(2)	(14)
Net operating result	19 808	17 255
Over funded benefits opening balance 1 July	33 680	16 439
	\$000	\$000
	2018	2017
for the year ended 30 June 2018		

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The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		\$000	\$000
Bank interest received		3	3
Administration expenses paid		(282)	(252)
GST recoup from the ATO		18	18
Net cash flows from operating activities	11	(261)	(231)
Receipts from the sale of investments from Funds SA	-	17 555	11 137
Payments to F unds SA for the purchase of investments)2	(5 004)	(3 742)
Net cash flows from investing activities		12 551	7 395
Employ er contributions	-	4 398	4 472
M ember contributions		498	617
Transfers from other superannuation entities		71	6
Pension benefits to members		(11 279)	(10 254)
Benefit p ay ments to members	12	(6 317)	(1 686)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(12 629)	(6 845)
Net change in cash		(339)	319
Cash at the beginning of the financial period	_	347	28
Cash at the end of the financial period		8	347

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Objectives and Funding

(a) Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

The Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme) is a compulsory superannuation scheme which exists pursuant to the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974* (the Act). The Act provides for the payment of superannuation benefits to persons who have served as members of Parliament and makes provisions for the families of such persons.

The Parliamentary Superannuation (Scheme for New Members) Amendment Act 2005 (the Amendment Act) was proclaimed to come into operation on 15 September 2005. The Amendment Act amended the principal Act by closing the existing scheme (new scheme) now known as the PSS2 scheme. PSS1 (old scheme) was closed to new entrants in 1995. The current scheme is known as PSS3.

Contributions are deposited by the Treasurer into the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund (the Fund), established under section 13 of the Act. A separate division of the Fund has been established for the PSS3 scheme. The Fund is managed and invested by the Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia (Funds SA).

PSS1 and PSS2 members are entitled to pension based benefits determined in accordance with the Act to be a percentage of the members' salary. A member may elect to commute to a lump sum a percentage of their pension entitlement. PSS3 members are entitled to an accumulation style benefit.

The Scheme is an exempt public sector superannuation scheme and operates on a not for profit basis.

(b) The South Australian Parliamentary Superannuation Board

The Act charges the South Australian Parliamentary Superannuation Board (the Board), a body corporate, with responsibility for all aspects of the administration of the Act except for the management and investment of the Fund. The Act also provides the Board with the necessary powers to administer the Scheme. The Board, with the approval of the Treasurer, has contracted with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) to provide administrative services through a Service Level Agreement.

Under the Act, the Board is required to determine rates of return to be credited to each division of the Fund, with those rates being credited to each contribution account at the end of the financial year. In determining the rate to be applied, the Act requires that the Board have regard to the net rate of return achieved by Funds SA for each division of the Fund.

(c) Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia

Funds SA is a South Australian Government Entity established under the *Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia Act 1995*. Funds SA is responsible for the investment and management of the Scheme's funds pursuant to strategies formulated by Funds SA.

For further information on the investment of the Fund and the South Australian Superannuation Scheme Contribution Account (the Account), reference should be made to the annual report of Funds SA. The investment assets, liabilities, income and expense contained in this financial report are related to the investment activities of Funds SA.

(d) Funding arrangements

Under Section 39(1) of the Act, any payment to a member must be made out of the Consolidated Account (which is appropriated to the necessary extent) or from a Special Deposit Account with DTF established for that purpose. During the period ended 30 June 2018 all payments were made from a Special Deposit Account.

For PSS1 and PSS2 members, Section 14A of the Act requires every Member of Parliament with less than 20 years and one month's service, to make contributions of 11.5 percent of their base salary (including any additional salary) to the Treasurer. Section 14A(2) requires members of Parliament with 20 years and one month's service or over, to make contributions of 5.75 percent of their base salary and 11.5 percent of any additional salary. Under Section 14B of the Act, PSS3 members can elect to make contributions at a whole number percentage of the combined value of their salary and any additional salary. A separate contribution account is maintained for each member. Members' contributions are paid to the Treasurer who deposits those contributions into the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund, with \$472 000 (2017: \$641 000) being credited during the year ended 30 June 2018.

Employer contributions are paid to the Treasurer from SA Government entities to fund emerging superannuation liabilities. For PSS1 and PSS2 members, the employer contribution is 2.75 times the

member's contribution. For PSS3 members, the employer contribution is 15.4 percent of salary. A separate employer contribution account is maintained for each PSS3 member. These contributions are deposited into the Scheme, with \$4.39 million (2017: \$4.49 million) being credited during the year ended 30 June 2018. Employer contributions for the year have been made at the rate determined by the Scheme actuary.

Since 30 June 1994, the Government has undertaken a process of funding its accrued past service liabilities and the Scheme assets have broadly matched liabilities since 1997. The small size of the Scheme, the nature of the way member benefits accrue, the effect of elections and variations in investment performance mean that deficits and surpluses will arise from year to year.

2. Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

This financial report is a general purpose financial report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards, and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements promulgated under the provision of the *Public Finance and Audit Act* 1987 (PFAA), except as provided below.

This financial report has been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

This financial report is presented in Australian currency and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

The scheme is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing financial statements.

(b) New accounting standards

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2018 reporting period. The assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

AASB 9 Financial Instruments (AASB 9)

AASB 9 addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. The standard is first applicable to the Scheme for the year ending 30 June 2019. The new standard includes a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-performed approach to hedge accounting.

All of the Scheme's financial assets are currently measured at fair value through profit or loss and will continue to be measured on that basis under AASB 9. Super SA has conducted an assessment on behalf of the Scheme and has determined there will be no material impact of the standard on the Scheme's accounting for financial instruments.

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15)

The principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer, so that the notion of control replaces the existing notion of risks and rewards. AASB 15 is first applicable to the Scheme for the year ending 30 June 2019. Super SA has assessed the impact of the new rules on behalf of the Scheme and determined that there will be no material impact on the financial statements.

AASB 16 Leases (AASB 16)

AASB 16 is first applicable for the year ending 30 June 2020. Assets and liabilities will be reported on the balance sheet for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, even if they were previously classified as an operating lease.

The Scheme has no operating leases, and while Super SA is in the process of analysing the impact of the new standard on the Scheme, it expects there will be no material impact on the Scheme's financial statements.

There are no other "not yet effective" accounting standards that are expected to have a material impact on the Scheme in the current or future reporting periods.

(c) Financial assets and liabilities

(a) Classification

The Scheme classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities into the categories below in accordance with AASB 139.

Financial assets and liabilities held for trading

These assets are acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuation in price. All derivatives are classified as held for trading. Derivative financial instruments entered into by the Scheme, if any, do not meet the hedge accounting criteria as defined by AASB 139. Consequently hedge accounting is not applied by the Scheme.

Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition These financial assets are designated on the basis that they are part of a group of financial assets which are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with risk management and investment strategies of the Fund.

Other financial liabilities

This category includes all financial liabilities, other than those classified at fair value through profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are measured at their nominal amounts. Amounts are generally settled within 30 days of being recognised as other financial liabilities. Given the short-term nature of other financial liabilities, the nominal amount approximates fair value.

(b) Recognition

The Scheme recognises a financial asset or a financial liability when, and only when, it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Scheme commits to purchase or sell the asset.

(c) Initial recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in the income statement.

Receivables and financial liabilities (other than those classified at fair value through profit or loss) are measured initially at their fair value plus any directly attributable incremental costs of acquisition or issue.

For financial assets and liabilities where the fair value at initial recognition does not equal the transaction price, the Scheme recognises the difference in the income statement, unless specified otherwise.

(d) Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the Scheme measures investments at fair value through profit or loss. Subsequent changes in the fair value of those investments are recorded as 'changes in assets measured at fair value' through the income statement. Interest earned is recorded in 'Interest revenue'.

(e) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the Scheme.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic interest.

The Scheme uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy. Refer to financial statement note 5.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short-term deposits as defined above.

(g) Receivables and payables

Receivables are carried at nominal amounts due that approximate fair value. Receivables are normally settled within 30 days. Payables are carried at nominal amounts that approximate fair value. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Scheme prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid when the Scheme becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods or services.

(h) Benefits payable

Benefits payable are valued at fair value and relate to members who have ceased employment and provided the Scheme with appropriate notification on or prior to 30 June 2018 but paid after 30 June 2018. These also include pension payments payable on or prior to 30 June 2018 but paid after 30 June 2018.

(i) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Scheme and the revenue can be reliably measured, regardless of when the payment is received. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty. The specific recognition criteria described below must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Changes in fair values

Changes in the fair value of investments invested with Funds SA are calculated as the difference between the fair value at sale, or at balance date, and the fair value at the previous valuation point. All changes are recognised in the income statement.

Interest

Interest revenue on cash and other financial assets carried at fair value is recorded according to the terms of the contract and recognised in the income statement.

(j) Taxation

The Scheme is a constitutionally protected superannuation fund in terms of Section 295-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, Regulation 995-1.04 (Schedule 4) and is exempt from income tax. Therefore no income tax has been brought to account in this financial report.

(k) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except:

- When the GST incurred on a sale or purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), in which case the GST is recognised as part of the revenue or the expense item or as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset, as applicable; or
- When receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

(I) Foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Scheme is Australian Dollars, which is the currency of the primary economic environment the Scheme operates. The Scheme's performance is evaluated and its liquidity managed in Australian Dollars. Therefore, the Australian Dollar is considered as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions.

(m) Investments

Funds SA provides investments measured at fair value. Below is the basis for valuation of these investments.

(i) Inflation Linked Securities A

The Inflation Linked Securities portfolio invests in discretely managed portfolios and internal inflation linked securities. Discretely managed portfolios are invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date.

Internally managed inflation linked securities, the returns of which are linked to movements in either the Consumer Price Index or Average Weekly Earnings, have been valued using the discounted cash flow method. The valuation as at balance date was performed by an independent valuer.

(ii) Property A

The Property A portfolio comprises two sub-sectors:

Listed property trusts

These investments comprise arrangements whereby professional fund managers are appointed under an investment management agreement to manage and invest in listed property securities and real estate investment trusts. Investments in this sub-sector are in pooled funds and have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers.

Unlisted property vehicles

The unlisted property vehicles portfolio is invested and managed by external managers. Investments in this sub-sector have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers.

(iii)Australian Equities A

The Australian Equities A portfolio comprises investments in listed Australian equities, and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date. Investments in pooled listed Australian equities funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers.

(iv) International Equities A

The International Equities A portfolio comprises investments in equities listed on international share markets, and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date. Investments in pooled international vehicles have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Currency conversions have been made at the spot market mid-rates applicable at balance date balance date where applicable.

(v) Short Term and Long Term Fixed Interest

The Short Term and Long Term Fixed Interest portfolios have exposure to domestic and global debt instruments and is managed by external managers. The custodian appointed to hold the assets has valued the portfolio using market prices applicable at balance date.

(vi)Diversified Strategies Growth A

The Diversified Strategies Growth A portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international private equity funds and Australian and international pooled funds, which are invested and managed by external managers. The valuation of private equity investments is based on the most recent valuation performed by the fund managers plus or minus cash flows between the last valuation date and the reporting date. Both Australian and international private equity valuations are generally in accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines (December 2015). Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Currency conversions have been made at the spot market mid-rates applicable at balance date where applicable.

(vii) Diversified Strategies Income

The Diversified Strategies Income portfolio comprises investments in discretely managed investments and Australian and international pooled funds, and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at the balance date. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Currency conversions have been made at the spot market mid-rates applicable at balance date where applicable.

(viii) Cash

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Investments in externally managed pooled cash funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Deposits at call have been valued on the basis of principal plus accrued interest.

(ix) Socially Responsible Investment

The Socially Responsible Investment portfolio comprises an externally managed pooled vehicle (unlisted unit trust). The valuation is performed and supplied by the relevant fund manager.

(n) Operation of investment portfolio

Funds SA is responsible for the investment and management of the Scheme's funds pursuant to strategies formulated by Funds SA (refer Note 1 (c)). Funds SA operates a multi-layered notional unitisation structure to facilitate the administration of different investment strategies applying to the various public sector superannuation funds. For the year ending 30 June 2018, Funds SA managed eight distinct investment options each differing by strategic asset allocation:

- High Growth
- Growth
- Balanced
- Moderate
- Conservative
- Capital Defensive
- Cash
- Socially Responsible Investment.

During the financial year all of the above investment options were available to PSS3 members. The assets of the remainder of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme are invested in the Defined Benefit High Growth Investment.

Reference should be made to Funds SA's Annual Report for the strategic asset allocations applying to each of the investment options discussed in the preceding paragraphs.

(o) Member liabilities

Member liabilities are measured at the amount of accrued benefits.

Defined benefit member liabilities are measured as the amount of a portfolio of investments that would be needed as at the reporting date to yield future net cash inflows that would be sufficient to meet accrued benefits at that date when they are expected to fall due.

Defined contribution member liabilities are measured as the amount of member account balances as at the reporting date.

(p) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Scheme's financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

The significant accounting policies have been consistently applied in the current financial year and the comparative period, unless otherwise stated. Where necessary, comparative information has been presented to be consistent with current period disclosures.

Fair value of investments

When the fair values of the investments recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, their fair value is measured using valuation techniques including a discounted cash flow model. The inputs in these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required to establish fair values. Judgements include considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk and volatility.

Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of these investments.

Valuation of defined benefits member liabilities

The amount of member liabilities in relation to defined benefits has been determined using actuarial valuation techniques and assumptions. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions about the future. Actual developments in the future may differ from these assumptions. The assumptions include member turnover, future investment returns, pension indexation rates, mortality rates and future salary increases. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and its long term nature, defined benefit member liabilities are highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. Assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, the actuary considers an investment portfolio that reflects the opportunities reasonably available to the Scheme in the investment markets, and also reflects the Scheme's actual investments and investment strategy in respect of defined benefit member liabilities.

The mortality assumption is based on publicly available mortality tables. Future salary increases are based on the Wage Price Index produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and in consultation with the employer-sponsors.

3. Defined contribution member liabilities

The employee funded, defined contribution component for new scheme contributors has an accrued liability that is the balance of the employees' contribution accounts as at the end of the financial year. These accounts are valued using unit prices that are determined by the underlying investment movements.

Defined contribution members bear the investment risk relating to the underlying assets and unit prices or crediting rates used to measure the member liabilities. Unit prices are updated twice weekly.

	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
PSS3 accrued benefits	27 440	23 540

At 30 June 2018 all net assets attributable to defined contribution members have been allocated to those members (2017: nil unallocated). Defined contribution member liabilities are fully vested (that is, 100 per cent vested).

Refer to Note 12 for the Scheme's management of the investment risks.

4. Defined benefit member liabilities

The liability for accrued benefits is the Scheme's present obligation to pay benefits to members and has been calculated on the basis of the present value of expected future payments arising from membership of the Scheme up to the reporting date.

For PSS1 and PSS2 members, the accrued liabilities are the present value of expected future benefit payments arising from membership of the Scheme up to 30 June 2018. For PSS3 members, the accrued liability is the balance of the employee and employer contribution accounts as at 30 June 2018.

The accrued superannuation liability as determined by Bruce Watson, Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia from consulting actuaries Brett & Watson Pty Ltd is estimated at \$219.5 million as at 30 June 2018.

	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
PSS1 & PSS2 accrued benefits	192 085	199718
PSS3 accrued benefits (from above)	27 440	23 540
Total member liabilities	219 525	223 258

The expected future benefit payments have been determined using the same pensioner mortality assumptions as the 2016 triennial review of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme.

Salary increases of 4.0 percent per annum above the Adelaide Consumer Price Index (CPI) have been assumed. The CPI is assumed to be 2.5 percent. In accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1056 *Superannuation Entities* the expected future benefit payments have then been discounted to present values by a market-based, risk-adjusted discount rate of 7.0 percent per annum above the CPI.

The Board also uses sensitivity analysis to monitor the potential impact of changes to key variables about which assumptions need to be made. The Scheme has identified two assumptions (being the discount rate and the rate of salary adjustment) for which changes are reasonably possible that would have a material impact on the amount of the defined benefit member liabilities.

The assumed discount has been determined by reference to the investment returns expected on an investment portfolio that reflects the opportunities reasonably available to the Scheme in the investment markets, and also reflects the Scheme's actual investments and investment strategy in respect of defined benefit member liabilities.

The other variables about which assumptions have been made in measuring defined benefit member liabilities and for which changes are not considered reasonably possible, or for which reasonably possible changes would not be expected to have a material effect, include: pension indexation rates, mortality rates and resignations.

The following table outlines the sensitivity estimates of the PSS1 and PSS2 divisions, provided by the scheme actuary, on the discount rate, salary increase rate and pension increase rate.

	Member Liability result	benefit liability	Change in member benefit liability
Scenario	\$000	\$000	%
Base Case	192 085		-
Discount rate p lus 0.5%	182 697	(9 387)	(4.9)
Discount rate less 0.5%	202 339	10 254	5.3
Salary increase rate plus 0.5%	192 696	611	0.3
Salary increase rate less 0.5%	191 485	(599)	(0.3)
Pension increase rate p lus 0.5%	202 102	10 018	5.2
Pension increase rate less 0.5%	182 836	(9 249)	(4.8)

Change in

Vested benefits

	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
PSS1 & PSS2 vested benefits	197 435	209 460
PSS3 vested benefits	27 440	23 540
Total vested benefits	224 875	233 000

Vested benefits are benefits that are not conditional upon continued membership of the Scheme, or any factor other than resignation from the Scheme. Vested Benefits include benefits which members are entitled to receive had they terminated their membership as at the reporting date.

As advised in Note 1(d), employer contributions for the year have been made at the rate determined by the scheme actuary.

5. Fair value of financial instruments

Classification of financial Instruments under the fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 requires disclosures relating to fair value measurements using a three-level fair value hierarchy. The level within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The following table shows financial instruments recognised at fair value, categorised between those whose fair value is based on:

- Level 1 Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

Valuations are the responsibility of the Board. The valuation of investments is performed on a twice weekly basis and are subject to quality assurance procedures.

After the checks above have been performed the Board considers the valuation results, including assumptions used in the valuations.

The Board also considers the appropriateness of the valuation methods and inputs, and may request that alternative valuation methods are applied to support the valuation arising from the method chosen.

Valuation technique

The Scheme's investments are not quoted in an active market. The Scheme's investment manager, Funds SA considers the valuation techniques and inputs used in valuing these funds as part of its due diligence prior to investing, to ensure they are reasonable and appropriate and therefore the net asset value (NAV) of these funds

may be used as an input into measuring their fair value. In measuring this fair value, the NAV of the funds is adjusted, as necessary, to reflect restrictions on redemptions, future commitments, and other specific factors of the underlying funds and fund managers. In measuring fair value, consideration is also paid to any transactions of a fund. The Scheme classifies these funds as Level 2.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

Financial assets at fair value through profit	2018	2017
or loss - Level 2	\$000	\$000
Level 1 and level 3 are not relevant to the Scheme		
Unlisted managed investment schemes		
Funds SA	273 279	256 763
	273 279	256 763
Movement in the value of investments		
	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
Investments 1 July	256 763	235 336
High Growth A	509	590
Growth A	279	535
Balanced A	3 783	1 668
Moderate A	105	97
Capital Defensive A	(405)	44
Socially Responsible Investment	119	145
Defined Benefit	12 126	18 3 4 8
Change in investments	16 516	21 427
Investments at 30 June	273 279	256 763

7. Net assets

6.

Net assets provides a disaggregated breakdown of financial information by member category, as presented in prior years (i.e. PSS1 & PSS2 and PSS3). Under AASB 1056 the disaggregation of membership is by risk category and so is provided as defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC).

	PSSI &			
	PSS2	PSS3		
	Division	Division		
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Net assets available to pay benefits at 1 July	233 420	23 518	256 938	235 198
Contributions by employers	1 472	2 918	4 390	4 474
Contributions by members	472	5 - 5	472	641
Changes in investments measured at fair value	28 794	2 632	31 426	30 799
Interest revenue	3	-	3	4
Rollovers from other schemes		71	71	6
	30 741	5 621	36 362	35 924
Benefits paid	16 506	1 162	17 668	11971
Administration expenses	263		263	235
Investment expenses	2 174	184	2 358	1 978
	18 943	1 346	20 289	14 184
Net assets available to pay benefits at 30 June	245 218	27 793	273 011	256 938

8. Investment expenses

	DB Scheme	DC Scheme	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Investment expenses	2 174	184	2 358	1 977

Investment expenses comprise fees paid to Funds SA. Funds SA advises the amount applicable to the Scheme based on the Scheme's investment. Current year investment expenses increased due to higher total investments and investment performance for the financial year.

9. Administration expenses

	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
Administration expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	241	217
Other expenses ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	22	18
	263	235

(i) Administration expenses comprise the costs incurred by the Department of Treasury and Finance in administering the Scheme, which are met in the first instance from the Department of Treasury and Finance Operating Account.

(ii) Other expenses include Auditor's remuneration. Refer note 10.

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
Audit fees	16	17
	16	17

Audit fees paid or payable to the Auditor-General's Department relating to work performed under the PFAA were \$16 000 (2017: \$17 000). No other services were provided by the Auditor-General's Department.

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents 11.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits with the Department of Treasury and Finance. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related item in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$000	\$000
Cash and cash equivalents	8	347
Reconciliation of operating result to net cash flows f	from operating activities	
Adjustments for:		

regustinents for		
Net operating result	19 808	17 24 1
Changes in investments measured at fair value	(31 427)	(30 798)
Investment expenses	2 358	1 977
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	(1)	1
Increase /(decrease) in p ay ables	100 A	(1)
Allocation to members' accounts	9 001	11 349
Net cash flows from operating activities	(261)	(231)

12. **Financial instruments**

The Scheme's investments are managed by Funds SA predominantly by the appointment of investment managers as determined by the Funds SA Board. Each investment manager is required to invest the assets in accordance with the terms of a written mandate. The Funds SA Board has determined that the appointment of these managers is appropriate for the Scheme and is in accordance with the Scheme's investment strategy. The Funds SA Board

obtains regular reports from each manager on the nature of the investments made on its behalf and the associated risks.

The allocation of assets between the various types of financial instruments is determined by the Funds SA Board. Divergence from target asset allocations and the composition of the portfolio is monitored by the Funds SA Board on a regular basis.

The Scheme's investing activities expose it to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- market risk
- credit risk
- liquidity risk

The nature and extent of the financial instruments employed by the Scheme are discussed below. This note presents information about the Scheme's exposure to each of the above risks, the Scheme's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk.

The Funds SA Board has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Scheme's investment risk management framework.

The Scheme's investment risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Scheme, including those risks managed by the Scheme's investment managers, to set appropriate risk limits and controls and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Scheme's activities.

The Board receives regular reports from Funds SA concerning compliance with the Scheme's investment objectives.

(a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Scheme's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

I. Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of a change in foreign exchange rates.

The Scheme's currency risk is managed by Funds SA as investments include assets denominated in foreign currencies.

Funds SA strategic policy for the management of its foreign currency exposure is as follows:

- Foreign currency exposures in the diversified strategies (growth), diversified strategies (income) and fixed interest asset sectors are fully hedged to Australian dollars.
- Foreign currency exposures over the developed markets component of the international equities asset class are 50 percent hedged to Australian dollars.

For the purpose of managing foreign currency risk, within defined constraints, the exposure to foreign currency can be varied from the strategic policy stated above, by Funds SA.

II. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that a movement in interest rates will cause the value of fixed interest securities to deviate from expectations.

The Fund's interest rate risk is managed by Funds SA, as investments include fixed interest securities.

Funds SA manages interest rate risk through:

- Ensuring asset allocations of different investment products are consistent with the time horizon of each.
- The use of specialist external investment managers to manage Funds SA's cash and fixed income portfolios.
- The Scheme's receivables and payables are non-interest bearing. The carrying amounts of these assets approximate to fair value.

III. Other market price risk

Other market price risk is the risk that the value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

As the Scheme's financial instruments are valued at net market value (fair value) with changes in net market value recognised in the Income Statement, all changes in market conditions will directly affect investment revenue.

The Fund's other market price risk is managed by Funds SA, as investments include financial instruments exposed to market prices.

Funds SA manages the risk of financial market volatility through the adherence to two principles:

- Ensuring a diversity of exposures to different financial markets and sub markets.
- Ensuring asset allocations for different investment options are consistent with the time horizon of each.

IV. Investments sensitivity analysis

The Funds SA Board has determined that its forecast risk/return profile provides a reasonable measure of the sensitivity of the expected returns in each investment option in the year ahead. The following tables show the standard deviation around expected nominal returns for each investment option.

	Average Return	Market Risk	Average FUM	Potential impact of market risk (+/-) on Income
2018				Statement
Investment Option	%	%	\$000	\$000
High Growth A	8.5%	12.1%	3 854	466
Growth A	7.8%	10.2%	3 101	316
Balanced A	7.2%	8.9%	16 710	1 487
Moderate A	6.4%	7.0%	610	43
Capital Defensive A	4.7%	3.3%	203	7
Socially Responsible	6.4%	10.5%	1 045	110
DB High Growth Investment	8.4%	11.3%	239 243	27 034
				Potential
				impact of
	Average	Market	Average	market risk
	Return	Risk	FUM	(+/-)
				on Income
2017				Statement
Investment Option	%	%	\$000	\$000
High Growth A	8.3%	12.0%	3 304	396
Growth A	7.7%	10.2%	2 694	275
Balanced A	7.1%	8.9%	13 985	1 245
Moderate A	6.3%	6.9%	509	35
Capital Defensive A	4.6%	3.3%	383	13
Socially Responsible	6.2%	10.3%	913	94
DB High Growth Investment	8.3%	11.3%	224 264	25 342

Note that the 2017 values have been restated for consistency with the 2018 presentation.

The statistics shown above are averages calculated over 10 years, net of investment management fees and gross of tax. These investment statistics have zero percent tax rate applied and exclude franking credits.

Market risk is a useful historical measure of the variability of returns earned by an investment portfolio. The market risk shown above represents the range at which actual future returns are expected to occur either side of the nominal return approximately two thirds of the time.

The dollar value of the potential impact on the Income Statement arising from the market risk is indicative only. The impacts are not additive across investment asset classes, as each asset class operates in different markets and is subject to different conditions.

Actual movements in returns may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the underlying trusts invest. As a result, historic variations in rates of return are not a definitive indicator of future variations in rates of return.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Scheme.

The net market value of financial assets, included in the Statement of Financial Position represents the Scheme's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to those assets. The Scheme does not have any significant exposure to any individual counterparty or industry. The credit risk is monitored by Funds SA through ongoing reviews of the investment managers.

The Scheme does not have any assets which are past due or impaired and there is no concentration of credit risk.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Scheme will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Scheme's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its payment of benefits to members and liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Scheme's reputation.

For the Scheme's investments, Funds SA manages liquidity risk as follows:

- By giving careful consideration to the expected net cash redemption requirements of Funds SA's clients. The allocation to cash in the strategic asset allocation of each investment product is set at a level sufficient to manage expected cash redemptions.
- A large proportion of each investment product is invested in highly liquid investments such as actively traded equities, unit trusts or securities with short-term maturities.

For the Scheme itself, the liquidity position is monitored on a daily basis. The Scheme's cash and liquidity policy is to have sufficient cash balances to meet anticipated weekly benefit payments, expenses and investing activities.

The following tables summarise the expected maturity profile of the Scheme's financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Scheme can be required to pay. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

		Total	Carry ing
	Less than	contractual cash	amount
2018	3 Months	flows	liabilities
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Benefits payable	268	268	268
Vested benefits ⁽ⁱ⁾	224 875	224 875	224 875
Total	225 143	225 143	225 143
		Total	Carrying
	Less than	contractual cash	amount
2017	3 Months	flows	liabilities
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Benefits payable	196	196	196
Vested benefits ⁽ⁱ⁾	233 000	233 000	233 000
Total	233 196	233 196	233 196

(i) Vested benefits have been included in the "Less than 3 months" column, as this is the amount that members could call upon as at balance date. This is the earliest date on which the Scheme can be required to pay members vested benefits, however, members may not necessarily call upon amounts vested to them during this time.

(d) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives can be defined as financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, assets, liabilities, reference rates or indices. Funds SA uses derivatives to manage portfolio risk and to facilitate the implementation of investment strategies efficiently and cost effectively. Funds SA uses a variety of derivative instruments, such as over the counter swap agreements, forward rate agreements, futures and options.

Derivatives are an authorised investment within certain mandates managed by Funds SA's external investment managers for the purposes described above.

13. Segment information

The scheme operates in one reportable segment, being the provision of benefits to members. The scheme also operates from one reportable geographic segment, being Australia, from where its activities are managed. While the Scheme operates from Australia only, the Scheme, through its investment managers Funds SA, has investment exposures in different countries and across different industries. Revenue derived from interest and the realised and unrealised changes in the value of investments.

14. Related parties

The Parliamentary Superannuation Board is a statutory authority and is wholly owned and controlled by the crown. Related parties of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board include all key management personnel and their close family members, all Cabinet Ministers and their close family members and all public authorities that are controlled and consolidated into the whole of government financial statements and other interests of the Government.

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Key management personnel

In addition to members of the Board, the key management personnel of the Scheme includes the Treasurer, and the Chief Executive and members of the Executive Leadership Group, State Superannuation Office who have responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Scheme.

Compensation

Parliamentary Superannuation Board members do not receive compensation for Board responsibilities, however salaries and other benefits they receive as their remuneration and allowances are set by the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* and the Remuneration Tribunal of SA respectively, and are payable from the Consolidated Account (via the Department of Treasury and Finance). Key management personnel are compensated by the Department of Treasury and Finance their compensation is disclosed in the respective financial reports.

Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties

There were no transactions requiring disclosure for key management personnel or related parties.

Transactions with other government entities

There were no significant transactions with government entities other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements.

15. Events after the reporting period

There were no significant events after the reporting period.

Certification of the financial report

We certify that the attached general purpose financial report for the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme:

- complies with any relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under section 41 of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987;
- is in accordance with the accounts and records of the Scheme; and
- presents fairly the financial position of the Scheme as at 30 June 2018 and the results of its operation and cash flows for the year then ended on that date, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

We certify that the internal controls employed by the Scheme for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of the general purpose financial report have been effective throughout the reporting period.

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