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## To the Chancellor Adelaide University

### Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Adelaide University for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

In my opinion the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and Australian Accounting Standards, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Adelaide University as at 31 December 2025, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, and
- b) complying with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

The consolidated financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2025
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2025
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2025
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2025
- notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and President and the Chief Financial Officer.

### 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 Adelaide University. 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 (including Independence Standards)* have been met.

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

### **Information other than the financial report and auditor's report**

The Vice Chancellor and President is responsible for the other information. The other information is the report by the members of the Transition Council accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of the Vice Chancellor and President and the Transition Council for the financial report**

The Vice Chancellor and President is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* 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.

In preparing the financial report, the Vice Chancellor and President is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, taking into account any policy or funding decisions the government has made which affect the continued existence of the entity. The Vice Chancellor and President is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the assessment indicates that it is not appropriate.

The Transition Council is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report**

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and section 50 of the *Adelaide University Act 2023*, I have audited the financial report of the Adelaide University for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

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 Adelaide University's internal controls
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Vice Chancellor and President
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Vice Chancellor and President's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause an entity to cease to continue as a going concern
- 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 Vice Chancellor and President and the Transition Council about, 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Blaskett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Blaskett  
**Auditor-General**

22 May 2026

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

		University	
		2025	2024
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Revenue and income from continuing operations</b>			
State and Local Government financial assistance	3	10,000	10,000
Other revenue	4	3,337	1,442
Investment income	5	973	202
Transition grant revenue	6	362,923	134,904
Workforce transfer service fee revenue	7	966,936	-
<b>Total revenue and income from continuing operations</b>		<b>1,344,169</b>	<b>146,548</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
Employee-related expenses	8	1,064,190	33,255
Depreciation and amortisation	9	6,375	485
Interest on lease liabilities		1,008	-
Other expenses	10	187,195	83,406
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>		<b>1,258,768</b>	<b>117,146</b>
<b>Operating result attributable to Adelaide University</b>		<b>85,401</b>	<b>29,402</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to Adelaide University</b>		<b>85,401</b>	<b>29,402</b>

*The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	University	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	58,828	10,021
Receivables	12	292,965	-
Other financial assets	13	795	41
Other non-financial assets	14	31,392	7,660
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>383,980</b>	<b>17,722</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	15	60,893	395
Intangible assets	16	27,715	11,214
Other non-financial assets	14	6,400	242
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>95,008</b>	<b>11,851</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>478,988</b>	<b>29,573</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	17	24,141	127
Provisions	18	245,047	-
Lease liabilities	19	1,378	-
Contract liabilities	20	39,055	-
Other liabilities	21	155	44
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>309,776</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	18	21,437	-
Lease liabilities	19	32,972	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>54,409</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>364,185</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>114,803</b>	<b>29,402</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained earnings		114,803	29,402
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>114,803</b>	<b>29,402</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	University	
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Balance at 8 March 2024</b>	-	-
Operating result	29,402	29,402
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>29,402</b>	<b>29,402</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>29,402</b>	<b>29,402</b>

	University	
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2025</b>	29,402	29,402
Operating result	85,401	85,401
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>85,401</b>	<b>85,401</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>114,803</b>	<b>114,803</b>

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		University	
		2025	2024
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Inflows:			
State and Local Government Grants		10,000	10,000
Receipts from student fees and other customers		41,901	-
Interest received		819	162
GST Refunds		1,011	83
Outflows:			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,924)	(224)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	29	<b>48,807</b>	10,021
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>48,807</b>	10,021
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</b>		<b>10,021</b>	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	11	<b>58,828</b>	10,021

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

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## 1. Establishment of Adelaide University

### History

On 2 July 2023, the Councils of the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide entered into a Heads of Agreement to record the terms and conditions on which both universities would support the creation of a future combined University, Adelaide University, subject to enabling legislation by the South Australian Parliament.

On 14 December 2023, the Adelaide University Act (2023) was proclaimed by the South Australian Governor and became operative. Under the Adelaide University Act (2023), the Adelaide University legal entity was established on 8 March 2024. The Adelaide University Transition Council was formally appointed on this date and is responsible for steering the strategic objectives of Adelaide University.

On 8 March 2024, the Councils of the University of South Australia, The University of Adelaide and Adelaide University entered into a Tripartite Agreement to guide the transition of services, education and research activities conducted by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide, to being provided and conducted by Adelaide University in readiness for 1 January 2026. The Tripartite Agreement includes the agreed investment in integration costs to be funded by both the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide.

### Staff transfer and 2025 activity

During 2025, the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide incurred \$362.9 million of integration costs for the establishment of Adelaide University. These costs are recognised as Transition grant revenue in Adelaide University's financial statements (detailed in Note 6). The University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide have each recognised 50% (\$181.5 million) as Grant Expense - Adelaide University in their 2025 financial statements.

On 4 December 2024, the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide entered into a Service Agreement with Adelaide University. The Service Agreement details the arrangements for Adelaide University to provide services back to the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide after their staff transferred to Adelaide University. These services are designed to ensure the continuity of operations of the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide until 1 January 2026, including core teaching, research activities, and legal and regulatory obligations.

On 5 December 2024, the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Staff) Proclamation 2024* was made by the South Australian Governor. The proclamation outlined the dates for staff from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide to transfer their employment arrangements to Adelaide University. Non-academic staff from both institutions transferred to Adelaide University in January 2025, and Academic staff transferred in May 2025. In accordance with the Service Agreement, the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide paid a service fee to Adelaide University (Service fee expense – Adelaide University), equivalent to the salaries paid to transferred staff from their respective employment transfer dates. Adelaide University has recognised a corresponding service fee revenue of \$966.9m (Workforce transfer service fee revenue) as detailed in Note 7.

At the date staff members' employer changed to Adelaide University during 2025, the obligation to pay employee leave entitlements transferred from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide to Adelaide University. This resulted in the transfer of employee leave provisions, previously recognised by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide. Adelaide University has recognised a provision for these employee leave entitlements, including associated on-costs, as detailed in Note 18. Provisions.

As Adelaide University is entitled to reimbursement from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide for amounts paid and payable to employees, Adelaide University has recognised a Receivable from both universities equivalent to the value of these employee leave provisions (as detailed in Note 12. Receivables). The corresponding Payable to Adelaide University is recognised by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide.

### Transfer proclamations

On 30 October 2025, the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Assets, Contracts and Liabilities) Proclamation 2025* and the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Students) Proclamation 2025* were proclaimed by the South Australian Governor, providing for the transfer of operations, assets, liabilities, and students from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide to Adelaide University, on 1 January 2026 for no consideration.

## 1. Establishment of Adelaide University (continued)

The transfer of assets, contracts and liabilities on 1 January 2026 is expected to result in a gain on acquisition of approximately \$3.7 billion, measured as the excess of the carrying values of the net assets transferred on 1 January 2026 over the consideration transferred (nil). This gain on acquisition will be recognised in Adelaide University's Statement of Comprehensive Income in 2026. The University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide will derecognise the net assets transferred at their 31 December 2025 carrying values. Further information on the classification of this transfer as a subsequent event is provided in Note 28. Events occurring after the end of the reporting period.

### **Provision of services, debt servicing and liquidity guarantees made to the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide**

On 12 September 2025, Adelaide University, the University of South Australia, and The University of Adelaide varied the Service Agreement to set out arrangements for Adelaide University to provide services back to the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide following the transfer of staff during 2025 and the transfer of assets, liabilities, contracts and students to Adelaide University on 1 January 2026. This variation is designed to ensure the continuity of the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide's residual activities until wind-up and disestablishment on 31 March 2026, including the fulfilment of their core legal, regulatory and governance obligations.

Under this variation, all outstanding debts and funding for operational requirements of the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide between 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 will be met by Adelaide University.

## 2. Summary of material accounting policies

### **General information**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below and where applicable, throughout the notes to the financial statements. These accounting policies have been consistently applied by the University for all years reported, unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are for Adelaide University (the University). The University has no controlled entities as at 31 December 2025.

### **(a) Basis of preparation**

The annual financial statements represent the audited general purpose financial statements of Adelaide University. They have been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Department of Education Financial Statement Guidelines for Australian Higher Education Providers, and the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the University's functional and presentation currency, as the University's primary activities are conducted in Australia. The University is a not-for-profit entity and applies Tier 1 reporting requirements.

### **Comparative amounts**

The University was incorporated on 8 March 2024. Accordingly, the comparative financial information for the year ended 31 December 2024 represents the period from 8 March 2024 to 31 December 2024 and is not directly comparable to the financial information for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to enhance comparability in respect of changes in presentation adopted in the current year. Where reclassification of the current information is material, the impact of this reclassification has been disclosed in the relevant note.

### **Historical cost convention**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and except where stated, do not take into account changing money values or current valuations of assets.

## 2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (a) Basis of preparation (continued)

#### Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the University's accounting policies.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are material to the financial statements, include Property, plant and equipment, Right-of-use assets and corresponding Lease liabilities, Intangible assets, and Provisions.

Further details are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

#### Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

### (b) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues and expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

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 in receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

### (c) Income tax

The University does not provide for Australian income tax as it is exempt under the provisions of Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

### (d) Volunteer services

The University has elected not to recognise volunteer services as revenue. These services have been provided by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide in support of the establishment of Adelaide University.

The volunteer services are in addition to the integration costs incurred by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide under the Tripartite Agreement, which are recognised as Transition grant revenue and corresponding expenses or capitalised costs within the financial statements.

**3. State and Local Government financial assistance**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Non-capital</b>		
State and local Government financial assistance	<b>10,000</b>	10,000
<b>Total State and Local Government financial assistance</b>	<b>10,000</b>	10,000

**Accounting Policy**

Funding is received from State Government authorities under enforceable agreements and legislation. Agreements and legislation are reviewed to determine if they contain sufficiently specific performance obligations in the form of the promise to carry out activities in line with the requirements of the agreements and legislation.

Where the State Government grants contain sufficiently specific performance obligations the funding is recognised over the life of the grant received as these activities are performed. The University uses the expenditure on each specific grant as the best estimate of performance of the activities when determining the revenue to be recognised in each reporting period.

Where the State Government grant agreements do not contain sufficiently specific performance obligations, the funding received under these agreements is recognised as revenue when the University has a contractual right to receive the grant.

**4. Other revenue**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Other fees and charges	<b>2,479</b>	-
Occupancy rights benefit	<b>858</b>	1,442
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b>3,337</b>	1,442

**5. Investment income**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Interest	<b>973</b>	202
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>973</b>	202

**Accounting Policy**

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.

**6. Transition grant revenue**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Transition grant revenue	<b>362,923</b>	134,904
<b>Total transition grant revenue</b>	<b>362,923</b>	134,904

**Accounting Policy**

The University recognises Transition grant revenue associated with the integration activities financed by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide as the goods and services are provided to Adelaide University. These goods and services are recognised as corresponding expenses or capitalised costs within the financial statements.

**7. Workforce transfer service fee revenue**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Workforce transfer service fee revenue	<b>966,936</b>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>966,936</b>	-

**Accounting Policy**

The University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide entered into a service agreement with Adelaide University, on the transfer of staff employment during 2025, which details the arrangements for Adelaide University to provide services to the foundation universities to ensure the continuity of their operations until 1 January 2026.

In return for providing these services Adelaide University recognises a workforce transfer service fee based on the employee and other payroll costs of the former University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide employees. The workforce transfer service fee is recognised as the goods and services are provided to the foundation universities.

**8. Employee-related expenses**

	University	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Academic</b>		
Salaries	399,354	8,907
Contributions to superannuation and pension schemes:		
Funded	50,198	-
Payroll tax	2,701	-
Long service leave	7,424	-
Annual leave	17,371	-
<b>Total academic</b>	<b>477,048</b>	<b>8,907</b>
<b>Non-academic</b>		
Salaries	468,980	23,933
Contributions to superannuation and pension schemes:		
Funded	65,187	-
Payroll tax	23,812	-
Long service leave	10,230	-
Annual leave	18,366	-
<b>Total non-academic</b>	<b>586,575</b>	<b>23,933</b>
<b>Total academic &amp; non-academic employee related expenses</b>	<b>1,063,623</b>	<b>32,840</b>
<b>Transition Council member remuneration</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Total employee related expenses</b>	<b>1,064,190</b>	<b>33,255</b>

2024 Employee-related expenses predominantly represent staff expense contributions made to Adelaide University by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide. Adelaide University directly employed a minimal number of staff in 2024.

On 5 December 2024, the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Staff) Proclamation 2024* was made by the South Australian Governor. The proclamation outlined the dates during 2025 that staff of University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide would transfer employment arrangements to Adelaide University. Non-academic staff from both universities transferred to Adelaide University in January 2025 and Academic staff transferred in May 2025. From the respective date of transfer, employee-related expenses for these staff have been recognised in 2025 by Adelaide University.

On 4 December 2024, the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide entered into a Service Agreement with Adelaide University. The Service Agreement details the arrangements for Adelaide University to provide services back to the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide once staff have transferred to Adelaide University. These services are designed to ensure the continuity of the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide's operations until 1 January 2026, including its core teaching and research activities and its legal and regulatory obligations.

In consideration for Adelaide University providing these services under the Service Agreement, the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide has paid a service fee of \$966.9 million to Adelaide University (Workforce transfer service fee revenue as detailed in Note 7), which is equivalent to the salaries paid to the transferred staff from their employment transfer date. The University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide has recognised a corresponding Service fee expense - Adelaide University.

Note 22(b) details the remuneration of key management personnel employed by Adelaide University.

**8. Employee-related expenses (continued)**

**Accounting Policy**

Employees entitlements to salaries represent the amount which the University has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees' services provided up to the end of the reporting period. The entitlements have been calculated at the salary rates as at the end of the reporting period and have been recognised in Payables.

Items attributed to employee related expenses include salaries and employee entitlements, including annual leave and long service leave and superannuation entitlements. Employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided.

Refer Note 18. Provisions for the accounting policy relating to employee benefits and Note 27. Superannuation Plans for the accounting policy relating to employee benefits.

**9. Depreciation and amortisation**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Plant and equipment	421	-
Right-of-use assets	1,748	-
<b>Total depreciation</b>	<b>2,169</b>	-
<b>Amortisation</b>		
Intangibles	4,206	485
<b>Total amortisation</b>	<b>4,206</b>	485
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>6,375</b>	485

**Accounting Policy**

The accounting policies applied to depreciation and amortisation are disclosed in Note 15. Property, plant and equipment and Note 16. Intangible assets.

**10. Other expenses**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Advertising, marketing and promotion	<b>25,150</b>	10,331
Bank charges, legal costs, insurance and taxes	<b>2,884</b>	1,842
Consulting and professional services for the establishment of Adelaide University	<b>105,857</b>	60,932
External services - other	<b>23,272</b>	2,984
IT hardware and software	<b>19,853</b>	4,284
Rental expense	<b>866</b>	1,479
Travel, staff development and entertainment	<b>1,463</b>	479
Non-capitalised equipment	<b>6,824</b>	457
Other	<b>1,026</b>	618
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>187,195</b>	83,406

**Accounting Policy**

Other expenses are recognised on an accruals basis as goods are received or services rendered.

**11. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Cash at bank	<b>58,828</b>	10,021
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>58,828</b>	10,021

**Accounting Policy**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at bank.

**12. Receivables**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Trade and other receivables	<b>363</b>	-
Reimbursement asset - The University of Adelaide	<b>139,358</b>	-
Reimbursement asset - University of South Australia	<b>123,536</b>	-
Receivable - The University of Adelaide	<b>17,049</b>	-
Receivable - University of South Australia	<b>12,659</b>	-
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>292,965</b>	-

Pursuant to the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Staff) Proclamation 2024*, employment obligations for eligible staff transferred from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide to Adelaide University during 2025. At the transfer date, Adelaide University assumed the liabilities for all accrued employee leave entitlements and accordingly recognised provisions for these obligations, detailed in Note 18. Provisions.

**12. Receivables (continued)**

Adelaide University holds a contractual right to reimbursement from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide for the value of the transferred leave provisions. In accordance with this entitlement, Adelaide University has recognised Reimbursement asset - University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide as at 31 December 2025 equivalent to the employee leave provisions assumed. A corresponding Payable to Adelaide University has been recognised by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide in their 2025 financial statements.

**13. Other financial assets**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Accrued income	<b>795</b>	41
<b>Total other financial assets</b>	<b>795</b>	41

**Accounting Policy**

Accrued income represents income that has been earned at the reporting date, which has not been received.

**14. Other non-financial assets**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	<b>31,392</b>	7,660
<b>Non-current</b>		
Prepayments	<b>6,400</b>	242
<b>Total other non-financial assets</b>	<b>37,792</b>	7,902

**Accounting Policy**

Prepayments are recognised when payment is made in advance of obtaining a right to access the goods or services.

**15. Property, plant and equipment**

	Plant and equipment \$'000	Plant and equipment in progress \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Subtotal (owned) \$'000	Right-of-use assets \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>At 8 March 2024</b>						
Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net book amount</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Year ended 31 December 2024</b>						
Opening net book amount	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	395	-	395	-	395
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	-	395	-	395	-	395
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>						
Cost	-	395	-	395	-	395
Accumulated amortisation / depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net book amount</b>	-	395	-	395	-	395
<b>Year ended 31 December 2025</b>						
Opening net book amount	-	395	-	395	-	395
Additions	17,651	870	9,176	27,697	34,970	62,667
Reclassifications	395	(395)	-	-	-	-
Amortisation / Depreciation charge	(421)	-	-	(421)	(1,748)	(2,169)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	17,625	870	9,176	27,671	33,222	60,893
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>						
Cost	18,046	870	9,176	28,092	34,970	63,062
Accumulated amortisation / depreciation and impairment	(421)	-	-	(421)	(1,748)	(2,169)
<b>Net book amount</b>	17,625	870	9,176	27,671	33,222	60,893

## 15. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

### Accounting Policy

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Assets with a useful life of more than 12 months and an acquisition cost of more than \$10,000 are initially capitalised at cost in the Statement of Financial Position (unless otherwise indicated). Costs incurred on plant and equipment which do not meet the capitalisation criteria are expensed as incurred.

Subsequent capital costs are included in the carrying amount of plant and equipment or recognised separately as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the University and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Plant and equipment and Leasehold improvements are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to allocate the depreciable amount of Property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term. Right-of-use lease assets arising from leases are amortised on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated period of benefit.

The useful lives disclosed below reflect those applied to the relevant asset classes at the reporting date. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where appropriate.

Assets class	Useful Life
Property, plant and equipment:	
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Plant and equipment: IT infrastructure	5 years
Right-of-use assets:	
Buildings	10 years

#### (a) Right-of-use assets

Information about leases where the University is a lessee is presented below:

	University	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Right-of-use assets</b>		
<b>Buildings</b>		
Opening Balance	-	-
Additions of right-of-use assets	34,970	-
Depreciation charge	(1,748)	-
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>	<b>33,222</b>	<b>-</b>

### Accounting Policy

The University leases buildings primarily to support its administration activities and transitional operational requirements arising from the establishment of Adelaide University and the transfer of staff from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide, as outlined in Note 1.

## 15. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Judgement is applied to assess whether a contract, or part of a contract, constitutes a lease. This assessment is made at the inception of the contract and is performed on a lease-by-lease basis. Key areas of judgement include determining whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset
- the University will obtain substantially all the economic benefits from the use of the asset
- the University has the right to direct the use of the asset; and
- it is reasonably certain that lease extension and termination options will be exercised.

For contracts where the University is a lessee, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability are recognised at the commencement of the lease, unless the lease qualifies for the short-term or low-value lease exemption.

The University measures the right-of-use asset on a lease-by-lease basis, at an amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted for any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease.

The University has elected not to subsequently revalue right-of-use assets relating to land and buildings at fair value after initial recognition.

## 16. Intangible assets

University	Software (including licenses) \$'000	Intangibles in progress \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>At 8 March 2024</b>			
Cost	-	-	-
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	-	-
<b>Net book amount</b>	-	-	-
<b>Year ended 31 December 2024</b>			
Opening net book amount	-	-	-
Additions	11,515	184	11,699
Amortisation	(485)	-	(485)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	11,030	184	11,214
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>			
Cost	11,515	184	11,699
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(485)	-	(485)
<b>Net book amount</b>	11,030	184	11,214
<b>Year ended 31 December 2025</b>			
Opening net book amount	11,030	184	11,214
Additions	20,707	-	20,707
Reclassifications	184	(184)	-
Amortisation	(4,206)	-	(4,206)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	27,715	-	27,715
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>			
Cost	32,406	-	32,406
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(4,691)	-	(4,691)
<b>Net book amount</b>	27,715	-	27,715

For the year ended 31 December 2025, no costs were incurred in implementing Cloud computing arrangements that were recognised as intangible assets (2024: \$1.9 million).

**16. Intangible assets (continued)**

**Accounting Policy**

Intangible assets include acquired licenses and internally generated software. Intangible assets with a cost of more than \$100,000 are initially recognised at cost in the Statement of Financial Position and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

For internally generated intangible assets, research costs are expensed as incurred. Development costs are capitalised only when the University can demonstrate the technical feasibility, intention and ability to complete the asset and use or sell it, the existence of probable future economic benefits, the availability of adequate resources, and the ability to reliably measure expenditure. Subsequent development costs are added to the carrying amount of the asset or recognised separately when appropriate.

Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 2 to 5 years, reflecting those applied at the reporting date.

Cloud computing arrangements that provide the University with access to the provider's software are considered service contracts. Costs incurred to obtain access are expensed over the period the services are received. Prepayments are recognised if no services have been delivered. Costs incurred to customise or configure cloud computing arrangements that are separate from the provider's software, and over which the University has control, are capitalised and amortised over their estimated useful life.

Intangible assets are tested for impairment whenever there is an indicator that the asset may be impaired. Where the recoverable amount of an asset is less than the carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount, and the reduction is recognised as an impairment loss.

**17. Payables**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Trade creditors and other payables	<b>23,051</b>	45
The University of Adelaide payable	<b>1,090</b>	82
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>24,141</b>	127

**Accounting Policy**

Trade creditors represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the University prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Accrued expenses relate to expenses incurred not yet invoiced.

**18. Provisions**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current provisions expected to be settled within 12 months</b>		
Annual leave*	63,650	-
Long service leave**	25,699	-
Separations	3,591	-
	<b>92,940</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current provisions expected to be settled after more than 12 months</b>		
Annual leave*	24,836	-
Long service leave**	127,271	-
	<b>152,107</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total current provisions</b>	<b>245,047</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Long service leave**	21,437	-
<b>Total non-current provisions</b>	<b>21,437</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>266,484</b>	<b>-</b>

Pursuant to the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Staff) Proclamation 2024*, employment obligations for eligible staff transferred from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide to Adelaide University during 2025. At the transfer date, Adelaide University assumed the liabilities for all accrued employee leave entitlements and accordingly recognised provisions for these obligations.

Adelaide University holds a contractual right to reimbursement from the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide for the value of the transferred leave provisions. In accordance with this entitlement, Adelaide University has recognised Reimbursement asset - University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide as at 31 December 2025 equivalent to the employee leave provisions assumed, detailed in Note 12. Receivables. A corresponding Payable to Adelaide University has been recognised by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide in their 2025 financial statements.

**Accounting Policy**

**\*Annual leave**

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of annual leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount can be measured reliably.

The employees' entitlements to annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the end of the reporting period have been calculated at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Where the employees' entitlements to annual leave are not expected to be settled within 12 months of the end of the reporting period, the provision has been discounted to present value. The annual leave liability includes associated oncosts. The annual leave liability is calculated each year in accordance with AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*.

**Sick leave**

No provision has been made for sick leave as all sick leave is non-vesting and the average sick leave taken in future years by employees is estimated to be less than the annual entitlement of sick leave.

**18. Provisions (continued)**

**\*\*Long service leave**

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount can be measured reliably.

Independent actuarial assessments of long service leave liabilities were completed in accordance with the requirements of AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*.

The liability for employees' entitlements to long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the University in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period. In determining the liability for employees' entitlements, consideration has been given to future increases in salary rates, and the University's experience with staff departures.

Liabilities for employees' entitlements, are discounted using the Australian Government bonds rate at the end of the reporting period, which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liabilities and recognised in non-current provisions.

The long service leave liability includes associated oncosts.

**19. Lease liabilities**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Lease liabilities	<b>1,378</b>	-
<b>Total current lease liabilities</b>	<b>1,378</b>	-
<b>Non-current</b>		
Lease liabilities	<b>32,972</b>	-
<b>Total non-current lease liabilities</b>	<b>32,972</b>	-
<b>Total lease liabilities</b>	<b>34,350</b>	-

**Accounting Policy**

Lease liabilities are recognised as the present value of unpaid lease payments at the commencement date of the lease, where the lease term is more than 12 months and the cost of the underlying asset is \$10,000 or more. To calculate the present value, the outstanding lease payments are discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at the commencement date of the lease. Key payments included in the measurement of the lease liabilities for the University include fixed payments, lease incentives and variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate.

Subsequently, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, resulting in interest expense being recognised as a borrowing cost in the Operating Result. The lease liability is remeasured when there are changes in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate with a corresponding adjustment to the Right of Use Asset. Right of Use Assets are presented in Note 15. Property, plant and equipment.

The University leases buildings for administration activities, with lease terms that vary. Where lease agreements include extension options exercisable by the University before the end of the non-cancellable contract period, these options are included in the lease term when the University is reasonably certain to exercise them. This assessment is reviewed annually and reassessed if a significant event or change in circumstances occurs that affects this assessment.

The aggregate value (undiscounted) of potential future lease payments attributable to available extension options but not considered reasonably certain to exercise and therefore not included in lease liabilities, as at balance date is approximately \$28.1 million.

**19. Lease liabilities (continued)**

**Financing arrangements**

**Maturity analysis - undiscounted contractual cash flows (Lease liabilities)**

	University	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Less than one year	3,338	-
One to five years	15,841	-
More than 5 years	27,351	-
<b>Total undiscounted contractual cash flows</b>	<b>46,530</b>	<b>-</b>

The University has no loans.

**20. Contract liabilities**

	University	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Current</b>		
Student fees and charges in advance	39,055	-
<b>Total current contract liabilities</b>	<b>39,055</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total contract liabilities</b>	<b>39,055</b>	<b>-</b>

**Accounting Policy**

Contract Liabilities represent student fees paid in advance, to provide future services to funding providers and students. These amounts are recognised as revenue as the related services are provided. Contract liabilities are classified as either current or non-current based on the expected performance of the funding obligations.

**21. Other liabilities**

	University	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Current</b>		
Other	155	44
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>44</b>

## **22. Key management personnel disclosures**

Comparative amounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 are denoted with an asterisk (\*). The University was incorporated on 8 March 2024 and, accordingly, the comparative financial information for 2024 represents the period from 8 March 2024 to 31 December 2024 and is not directly comparable to the financial information for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### **(a) Names of responsible persons**

The following persons were responsible persons of the University during the 2025 year.

#### **2025 Transition Council Members**

Ms Pauline Carr, Chancellor  
Professor Peter Høj AC, co-Vice Chancellor  
Professor David Lloyd, co-Vice Chancellor  
Ms Janet Finlay, Deputy Chancellor  
Mr James (Jim) Hazel, Deputy Chancellor  
Mr Lachlan Coleman  
Mr Andrew (Andy) Keough CSC  
Mr Jim McDowell  
Ms Anna Meares OAM OLY  
Ms Carolyn Mitchell  
Ms Nicolle Rantanen Reynolds  
Dr Leanna Read  
Professor Deirdre Tedmanson  
Hon Amanda Vanstone AO  
Mr Kenneth (Ken) Williams

#### **2025 Vice Chancellor's Executive Leadership Group**

Professor Peter Høj AC, co-Vice Chancellor  
Professor David Lloyd, co-Vice Chancellor  
Mr Paul Beard  
Professor Joanne Cys  
Professor Jessica Gallagher  
Mr Paul Hutchinson (commenced 24 November 2025)  
Professor Steve Larkin  
Professor Anton Middelberg  
Mr Tom Steer  
Ms Paula Ward (resigned 21 November 2025)  
Professor John Williams AM

**22. Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**(b) Remuneration of key management personnel**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024*</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Remuneration of Transition Council members</b>		
Nil**	2	2
\$1 to \$9,999	-	2
\$10,000 to \$19,999	-	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	-	6
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10	-
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	2
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2	-
\$70,000 to \$79,999	-	1
\$80,000 to \$89,999	1	-
	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>

Remuneration received and receivable by Transition Council members for their services as Transition Council members was \$0.5 million (2024: \$0.4 million).

\*\* The co-Vice Chancellors did not receive any remuneration from Adelaide University.

Executive officers are defined as the co-Vice Chancellors, and the University's Vice Chancellor's Executive Leadership Group. The remuneration includes all normal salary, leave, allowances and other benefits paid and payable during the reporting year. No executive received any remuneration from the University other than by way of salary and related benefits from a normal employment relationship.

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024*</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Remuneration of executive officers</b>		
Nil**	2	2
\$60,000 to \$69,999	-	1
\$70,000 to \$79,999	1	2
\$90,000 to \$99,999	-	4
\$100,000 to \$109,999	-	1
\$510,000 to \$519,999	1	-
\$590,000 to \$599,999	1	-
\$720,000 to \$729,999	2	-
\$790,000 to \$799,999	1	-
\$810,000 to \$819,999	1	-
\$970,000 to \$979,000	1	-
\$1,020,000 to \$1,029,999	1	-
	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>

\*\* The co-Vice Chancellors did not receive any remuneration from Adelaide University.

**22. Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**(c) Executive officers' compensation**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024*
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	<b>5,183</b>	625
Post-employment benefits	<b>588</b>	70
Termination benefits	<b>464</b>	-
<b>Total executive officers' compensation</b>	<b>6,235</b>	695

**(d) Related party transactions**

Key management personnel may have interests or positions in entities with which the University conducts business, have members of their immediate family who are students of the University, or have members of their immediate family who are employed by the University.

These transactions are reviewed and if they are not undertaken during the ordinary course and under normal trading terms, the transactions are disclosed in the Financial Statements.

**23. Remuneration of auditors**

During the year, the following fees were paid / payable for services provided by the auditor of the University:

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Audit of the Financial Statements</b>		
Fees paid to Audit Office of South Australia	<b>92</b>	45
<b>Total paid for audit</b>	<b>92</b>	45

Audit fees paid / payable to the Audit Office of South Australia relating to work performed under Section 50 of the Adelaide University Act 2023 in 2025 were \$91,800 (2024: \$45,000).

## 24. Contingencies

The University has no material contingent liabilities or assets.

## 25. Commitments

### Other expenditure commitments

Commitments for other expenditure in existence at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, are payable as follows:

	University	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	20,811	1,126
Between one and five years	25,779	-
Later than five years	-	-
<b>Total other expenditure commitments</b>	<b>46,590</b>	<b>1,126</b>

## 26. Related Parties

### (a) University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide

In accordance with the *Adelaide University Act 2023*, the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide appointed the co-Vice Chancellors of Adelaide University. The co-Vice Chancellors are Key management personnel of Adelaide University. Their remuneration was paid by the University of South Australia or the University of Adelaide, with no remuneration paid to them by Adelaide University. The University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide are related parties of Adelaide University as they provide key management personnel services to Adelaide University. Transactions between Adelaide University and University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide are disclosed throughout the financial statements.

### (b) Subsidiaries

The University does not have any interests in subsidiaries during 2025.

### (c) Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to Transition Council members and executive officers are set out in Note 22. Key management personnel disclosures.

### (d) Other interests

The University does not have any interests in joint ventures, associates or any other entities.

## 27. Superannuation plans

In accordance with the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Staff) Proclamation 2024*, staff of the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide transferred their employment arrangements to Adelaide University during 2025, as detailed in Note 1. Establishment of Adelaide University.

As a result of the transfer of staff, the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide's shareholdings in UniSuper and the associated obligation to make superannuation contributions on behalf of employees were transferred to Adelaide University during 2025.

## 27. Superannuation plans (continued)

### (a) Categories

The University contributes to the following UniSuper plans:

- UniSuper Defined Benefit Plan or Accumulation Super 2
- Accumulation Super 1

### (b) UniSuper Limited Superannuation Scheme

The employees' UniSuper plan is determined by the terms of employment and is managed by a corporate trustee, UniSuper Limited. The plan is administered by UniSuper Management Pty Ltd.

The employer contribution rate for 2025 for employees in either the Defined Benefit Division (DBD) or Accumulation Super 2 was 17% of salaries. For employees in Accumulation Super 1, the employer contribution rate was 11.5% up to 30 June 2025, and 12% from 1 July 2025 onwards.

The UniSuper DBD is a defined benefit plan under superannuation legislation but is considered to be a defined contribution plan under Accounting Standards AASB 119. As set out under paragraph 28 of AASB 119, a defined contribution plan is a plan where the employer's legal or constructive obligation is limited to the amount it agrees to contribute to the funds and the actuarial risk and investment risk fall on the employee.

Clause 34 (b) of the Trust Deed states that the "Trustee must consider whether it is in the interests of the Members of Division A and Division B as a whole to reduce the benefits payable under Division A and Division B and, if it so considers that it should reduce benefits (which may include benefits in the course of payment), it must do so on a fair and equitable basis and at a time or times it decides".

As at 30 June 2025 the assets of the DBD aggregate (i.e. entire multi-employer DBD plan) were estimated to be:

- \$8,374 million above (2024: \$5,838 million in excess) vested benefits, after allowing for various reserves. The Vested Benefits Index based on funding assumption was 130.4%. The vested benefits are benefits which are not conditional upon continued membership (or any factor other than leaving the service of the participating institution) and include the value of indexed pensions being provided by the DBD.
- \$11,779 million above (2024: \$8,489 million in excess) accrued benefits, after allowing for various reserves. The Accrued Benefits Index based on best estimate assumptions was 148.9%. The accrued benefits have been calculated as the present value of expected future benefit payments to members and indexed pensioners which arise from membership of UniSuper up to the reporting date.

The vested benefit and accrued benefit liabilities were determined by the Fund's actuary using the actuarial demographic assumptions outlined in their report on the actuarial investigation of the DBD as at 30 June 2025. The financial assumptions used were:

	<b>Vested Benefits</b>	<b>Accrued Benefits</b>
Gross of tax investment return - DBD pensions	7.2 % p.a.	8.2% p.a.
Gross of tax investment return - commercial rate indexed pensions	4.8% p.a.	4.8% p.a.
Net of tax investment return - non pensioner members	6.2% p.a.	7.1% p.a.
Consumer Price Index	2.5% p.a.	2.5% p.a.
Consumer Price Index - Year 2	3.0% p.a.	3.0% p.a.
Consumer Price Index - Beyond 2 years	2.5% p.a.	2.5% p.a.
Inflationary salary increases - Year 1	3.75% p.a.	3.75% p.a.
Inflationary salary increases - Beyond 1 year	3.5% p.a.	3.5% p.a.

Assets have been included at their net market value, that is, after allowing for realisation costs.

## 27. Superannuation plans (continued)

### Accounting Policy

Superannuation schemes exist to provide benefits to University employees and their dependants upon resignation, retirement, disability or death. The University recognises an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for contributions paid to the funded schemes.

## 28. Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

### Transfer proclamations

The transfer arrangements arising from the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Assets, Contracts and Liabilities) Proclamation 2025* and the *Adelaide University (Transfer of Students) Proclamation 2025* are detailed in Note 1. Establishment of Adelaide University. The proclamations took effect on 1 January 2026, which is subsequent to the reporting date of 31 December 2025.

The transfers are expected to result in a gain on acquisition of approximately \$3.7 billion, comprising approximately \$1.4 billion of net assets transferred from the University of South Australia and \$2.3 billion of net assets transferred from The University of Adelaide. The gain will be recognised in Adelaide University's 2026 Statement of Comprehensive Income in accordance with *AASB 3 Business Combinations*. The transferred net assets will be recognised by Adelaide University, and derecognised by the transferring universities, at their 31 December 2025 carrying values.

As the transfers do not arise from conditions that existed at the reporting date of 31 December 2025, they are classified as non-adjusting events after the reporting period. Accordingly, no adjustment has been made to the 2025 financial statements. The transferred net assets will be recognised in Adelaide University's 2026 financial statements upon the transfer of control on 1 January 2026.

### Other matters arising after the end of the reporting period

Subsequent to year-end, the University entered into an agreement with an external party in relation to a change in control and assumption of certain obligations associated with an entity related to that party. At the date of signing these financial statements, conditions which needed to be met before the agreement comes into force had not been satisfied. As this is a non-adjusting event, under accounting standards, any potential impact is not reflected in the 2025 Annual Financial Statements.

Other than the matters detailed above, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction, or event of a material and unusual nature likely to affect significantly the operation of the University, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the University in future periods.

**29. Reconciliation of operating result to net cash flows from operating activities**

	<b>University</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Operating result for the period	<b>85,401</b>	29,402
Add / (less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	<b>6,375</b>	485
Transition grant revenue	<b>(362,923)</b>	(134,904)
Workforce transfer service fee revenue	<b>(966,936)</b>	-
Employee related expenses paid by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide	<b>1,063,699</b>	32,989
Other expenses paid by the University of South Australia and The University of Adelaide	<b>217,137</b>	89,821
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	<b>(292,965)</b>	-
(Increase) / decrease in other assets	<b>(30,645)</b>	(7,943)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	<b>24,014</b>	-
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	<b>266,484</b>	-
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	<b>39,166</b>	171
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>48,807</b>	10,021

### **30. Financial risk management**

The University's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The University's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of Adelaide University.

The University uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. Risk management is co-ordinated by the University under policies approved by Transition Council.

#### **(a) Market risk**

##### **(i) Foreign exchange risk**

The University does not have any offshore activities and therefore is not exposed to the associated foreign exchange risk.

##### **(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

Exposures arise predominantly from assets and liabilities bearing variable interest rates as such the University intends to hold fixed rate assets and liabilities to maturity.

#### **(b) Credit risk**

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties failed to perform as contracted.

The University is not materially exposed to credit risk from any specific overseas country or individual customer.

#### **(c) Liquidity risk**

The University manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows to enable the University to meet financial commitments in a timely manner.

Cash and cash equivalents are interest earning financial assets which are immediately available.

### **31. Fair value measurements**

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities are required to be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes. Due to the short-term nature of cash and cash equivalents, other financial assets and other liabilities the carrying amount equates to fair value.

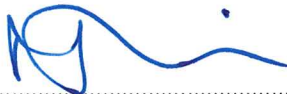
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

To the best of our knowledge and belief:

- the financial statements:
  - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the University and give an accurate indication of the financial transactions of the University for the year then ended;
  - comply with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*;
  - comply with relevant Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia; and
  - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the University as at 31 December 2025 and the result of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.
- internal controls over financial reporting and preparation of the financial statements have been effective throughout the reporting period.
- at the time of signing this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the University will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Ms Pauline Carr  
Chancellor



Professor Nicola Phillips  
Vice Chancellor and President



Ms Ginette Fogarty  
Chief Financial Officer

12 May 2026