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**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY
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2019-20 Annual Report

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2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT for the South Australian Parliamentary Superannuation Board
(Parliamentary Superannuation Board)

To:

Hon Rob Lucas MLC

Treasurer

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974* and the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board by:

John Dawkins
President of the Legislative Council

Date 14-9-2020

Signature



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Overview: about the Board

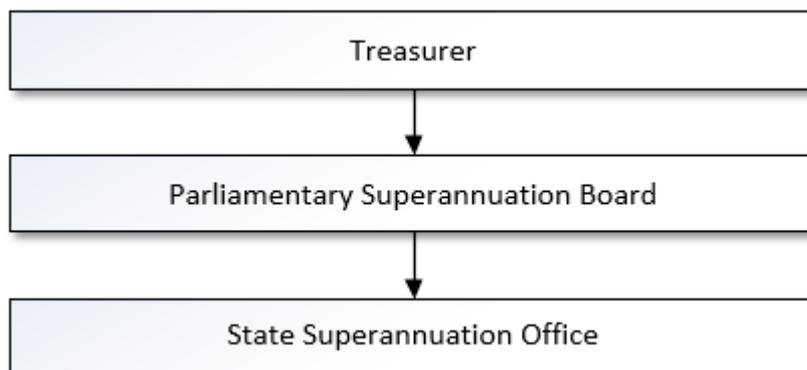
Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	To administer the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme
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This report covers the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund established under the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974 (Act)*, and the three schemes that make up the Fund. The Parliamentary Superannuation Fund has the following three schemes:

- The PSS1 scheme, which was closed to new members from 24 August 1995
- The PSS2 scheme, which commenced on 24 August 1995 and was closed to new members from 18 March 2006
- The PSS3 scheme, for Members of Parliament elected on or after 18 March 2006.

Our organisational structure



The Parliamentary Super Board is comprised of three members, being:

- The Member of Parliament holding the office of President of the Legislative Council
- The Member of Parliament holding the office of Speaker of the House of Assembly
- A person appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Treasurer.

As at 30 June 2020, the Board comprised the following persons:

Member	Hon. T Stephens	President of the Legislative Council (appointed 5 February 2020)
Member	Hon. V Tarzia	Speaker of the House of Assembly (appointed 3 May 2018)
Member	Ms T Pribanic	Executive Director, Budget and Performance, Department of Treasury and Finance

Ms Dascia Bennett, Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office, is the Executive Officer to the Board.

Changes to the agency

During 2019-20 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister

The Hon Rob Lucas MLC, Treasurer, oversees the administration of the superannuation legislation for which the Parliamentary Superannuation Board is responsible.

Legislation administered by Super SA on behalf of the Board

The Parliamentary Superannuation Board is responsible for administering the Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974.

The Government of South Australian and Commonwealth Government have entered into a Heads of Government Agreement which recognises that public sector schemes are exempt from the *Commonwealth's Superannuation Industry (Supervision) (SIS) Act 1993*. Each scheme is, however, deemed to be a complying fund in terms of the SIS Act, for superannuation guarantee purposes under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* and for income tax purposes under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

In terms of the Agreement, the South Australian Government has made a commitment to use best endeavours to ensure that the exempt public sector schemes conform to the principles of the Commonwealth's retirement income policy objectives.

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

State Superannuation Office

Section 11 of the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974* enables the Parliamentary Superannuation Board to make use of the staff or facilities of an administrative unit of the SA Public Sector, with the approval of the Minister of that administrative unit. The State Superannuation Office, a branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance, provides administrative services to the Board.

The annual budget for the operation of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board is presented to the Board for its approval.

The Board's service level contract with the Chief Executive of the Department of Treasury and Finance sets out specific performance standards.

Funds SA

Funds are managed by specialist investment manager, Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia (Funds SA). Funds SA manages investments in accordance with section 13 of the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974* and the provisions of the *Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australian Act 1995*.

The current Memorandum of Agreement between Funds SA and the Office was executed in May 2019. Funds SA provides this service under legislation. The agreement is reviewed on a three yearly basis or when a significant change occurs.

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The following is a brief summary of the overall financial position of the agency. The information is unaudited. Full audited financial statements for 2019-20 are attached to this report.

The costs of administering the three Parliamentary Superannuation schemes are met from the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund. For the 2019-20 financial year, total administration costs were \$276,000. This includes the Service Level Agreement administration fee and audit charges.

The value of funds under management as at 30 June 2020 was \$243.7 million. During the year, Defined Benefit members (that is, the PSS1 and PSS2 members) contributed \$231,000 towards the cost of their accruing benefits. As required under the Act these contributions were paid to the Treasurer for crediting to the Fund.

An assessment of the government's liability for the defined benefit Parliamentary schemes was carried out in respect of members and existing pensioners as at 30 June 2020. The liability was assessed as being \$166.8 million in respect of existing pensioners, which compares to \$170.6 million as at 30 June 2019. The liability in respect of active members was \$26.1 million, compared to \$24.8 million as at 30 June 2019.

The Parliamentary Superannuation Fund is established under the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974*, and the fund holds both the member and employer (Government) contributions. The intention of the Act indicates the defined benefits for PSS1 and PSS2 members, be fully funded on an annual basis.

In previous years when there is an excess or shortfall of funds in public sector schemes excess funds may be transferred between schemes and the South Australian Superannuation Scheme – Employer Contributions Account, in order to maintain balance in the employer accounts.

The costs to the Fund of benefits paid under the Act during 2019-20 were \$13.1 million in pensions and \$0.4 million in lump sums.

Other financial information

The Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia (Funds SA) manages the investments for each scheme in accordance with section 13(3) of the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1974*.

Each year the Parliamentary Superannuation Board is required by the Act to determine the rate of return to be credited to member accounts, which is based on the investment earnings achieved by Funds SA, the fund's investment manager. Funds SA separately reports on its operating costs in its annual report to the Treasurer. Funds SA costs are deducted before Funds SA investment unit prices/earning rates are declared.

Information provided by Funds SA on market and investment trends can be found on the Super SA website at www.supersa.sa.gov.au. Further information on investment choice is included in the PSS3 Member Booklet.

Other information

Membership within the Parliamentary schemes has moved marginally during the 2019-20 year, with the PSS1 and PSS2 active membership of one and seven remaining unchanged from FY2018-19 respectively. The number of active PSS3 members of 61 also remained unchanged from FY2018-19. The total number of preserved members across the schemes is currently 9 (previously 10 in FY2018-19).

No new Parliamentary pensions commenced in 2019-20 and one Parliamentary pension ceased during the year due to death.

A breakdown of the pensioner membership as at 30 June 2020 is shown below (membership as at 30 June 2019 is shown for comparison).

Pension category	2020	2019
Retirement	107	107
Spouse	20	21
Child / student	2	2
Associate	3	3
Total	132	133

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<i>Freedom of Information Act 1991</i>	During 2019–20, no formal applications were received requesting access to information under this Act.

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2019-20
Professional behaviour	Staff attitude	Failure to demonstrate values such as empathy, respect, fairness, courtesy, extra mile; cultural competency	0
Professional behaviour	Staff competency	Failure to action service request; poorly informed decisions; incorrect or incomplete service provided	0
Professional behaviour	Staff knowledge	Lack of service specific knowledge; incomplete or out-of-date knowledge	0
Communication	Communication quality	Inadequate, delayed or absent communication with customer	0
Communication	Confidentiality	Customer's confidentiality or privacy not respected; information shared incorrectly	0
Service delivery	Systems/technology	System offline; inaccessible to customer; incorrect result/information provided; poor system design	0
Service delivery	Access to services	Service difficult to find; location poor; facilities/ environment poor standard; not accessible to customers with disabilities	0
Service delivery	Process	Processing error; incorrect process used; delay in processing application; process not customer responsive	0

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2019-20
Policy	Policy application	Incorrect policy interpretation; incorrect policy applied; conflicting policy advice given	0
Policy	Policy content	Policy content difficult to understand; policy unreasonable or disadvantages customer	0
Service quality	Information	Incorrect, incomplete, out dated or inadequate information; not fit for purpose	0
Service quality	Access to information	Information difficult to understand, hard to find or difficult to use; not plain English	0
Service quality	Timeliness	Lack of staff punctuality; excessive waiting times (outside of service standard); timelines not met	0
Service quality	Safety	Maintenance; personal or family safety; duty of care not shown; poor security service/ premises; poor cleanliness	0
Service quality	Service responsiveness	Service design doesn't meet customer needs; poor service fit with customer expectations	0
No case to answer	No case to answer	Third party; customer misunderstanding; redirected to another agency; insufficient information to investigate	0
		Total	0

Additional Metrics	Total
Number of positive feedback comments	10
Number of negative feedback comments	2
Total number of feedback comments	0
% complaints resolved within policy timeframes	N/A

Service Improvements resulting from complaints or consumer suggestions over 2019-20
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N/A

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2019-20



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To the President of the Legislative Council Parliamentary Superannuation Board

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

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 2020, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued 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 2020
- an Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020
- a Statement of Changes in Member Benefits for the year ended 30 June 2020
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2020
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2020
- notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the President of the Legislative Council, Parliamentary Superannuation Board, the Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office and the Director, Finance and Business Transformation, 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* (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.

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 relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and 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 that 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

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 2020.

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 Parliamentary Superannuation 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 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.



Andrew Richardson
Auditor-General
23 September 2020

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	29	35
Contributions receivable		105	75
Receivables		9	9
Investments	6	243 683	255 816
Total assets		<u>243 826</u>	<u>255 935</u>
Liabilities			
Benefits payable		394	323
Payables		17	17
Total liabilities excluding member benefits		<u>411</u>	<u>340</u>
Net assets available for member benefits		<u>243 415</u>	<u>255 595</u>
Member benefits			
Defined contribution member liabilities	3	36 036	33 133
Defined benefit member liabilities	4	192 919	195 381
Total member benefits		<u>228 955</u>	<u>228 514</u>
Total net assets		<u>14 460</u>	<u>27 081</u>
Equity			
Defined benefits surplus		14 460	27 081
Total equity		<u>14 460</u>	<u>27 081</u>

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

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Changes in investments measured at fair value		(1 242)	21 501
Interest revenue		1	3
Total revenue		<u>(1 241)</u>	<u>21 504</u>
Investment expenses	8	(1 731)	(2 004)
Administration expenses	9	(276)	(265)
Total expenses		<u>(2 007)</u>	<u>(2 269)</u>
Result from superannuation activities		<u>(3 248)</u>	<u>19 235</u>
Allocation to/(from) defined contribution member accounts		316	(2 744)
Net change in defined benefit member liabilities		(9 689)	(14 895)
Net operating result		<u>(12 621)</u>	<u>1 596</u>

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

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

Statement of Changes in Member Benefits for the year ended 30 June 2020

2020	Note	Defined Benefit Members \$000	Defined Contribution Members \$000	Totals \$000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2019		195 381	33 133	228 514
Employer contributions		766	2 988	3 754
Member contributions		231	-	231
Transfers from other super entities		-	655	655
Net contributions		997	3 643	4 640
Benefits to members		(13 148)	(424)	(13 572)
Net benefits allocated, comprising:				
Net investment income		-	(311)	(311)
Administration fees		-	(5)	(5)
Net change in member liabilities		9 689	-	9 689
Closing balance as at 30 June 2020	3, 4	192 919	36 036	228 955

2019	Note	Defined Benefit Members \$000	Defined Contribution Members \$000	Totals \$000
Opening balance as at 1 July 2018		192 085	27 440	219 525
Employer contributions		810	2 947	3 757
Member contributions		251	-	251
Transfers from other super entities		-	426	426
Net contributions		1 061	3 373	4 434
Benefits to members		(12 660)	(424)	(13 084)
Net benefits allocated, comprising:				
Net investment income		-	2 749	2 749
Administration fees		-	(5)	(5)
Net change in member liabilities		14 895	-	14 895
Closing balance as at 30 June 2019	3, 4	195 381	33 133	228 514

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

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Over funded benefits opening balance 1 July	27 081	53 486
Net operating result	(12 621)	1 596
Transfer (to) Consolidated Account	-	(28 000)
Transfer (from) equity	-	(1)
Over funded benefits closing balance 30 June	14 460	27 081

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

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
GST recoup		19	19
Bank interest received		2	3
Administration expenses paid		(296)	(284)
Net cash flows from operating activities	11	(275)	(262)
Receipts from the sale of investments from Funds SA		21 956	41 230
Payments to Funds SA for the purchase of investments		(12 796)	(4 270)
Net cash flows from investing activities		9 160	36 960
Employer contributions		3 726	3 686
Member contributions		228	247
Transfers from other superannuation entities		655	426
Transfer to Consolidated Account		-	(28 000)
Pension benefits to members		(13 076)	(12 606)
Benefit payments to members		(424)	(424)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(8 891)	(36 671)
Net change in cash		(6)	27
Cash at the beginning of the financial period		35	8
Cash at the end of the financial period		29	35

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

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Objectives and funding

(a) *Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme*

The Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme) is a compulsory superannuation scheme that 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, 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 2020 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 per cent 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 per cent of their base salary and 11.5 per cent 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 \$231 000 (2019: \$251 000) being credited during the year ended 30 June 2020.

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, Section 14C of the Act prescribes the employer contribution as 15.4 per cent of salary. A separate employer contribution account is maintained for each PSS3 member. Contributions for PSS1, PSS2 and PSS3 are deposited into the Scheme, with \$3.75 million (2019: \$3.76 million) being credited during the year ended 30 June 2020. Employer contributions for the year have been made at the rates stated above.

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.

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

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) *Impact of standards and statements not yet effective*

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2020 reporting period. The assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

The Board has assessed the impact of new and changed Australian Accounting Standards Board Standards and Interpretations on behalf of the Scheme. There are no Accounting Policy Statements that are not yet effective. The material impacts on the Scheme are outlined below.

AASB 16 - Leases

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

AASB 1059 – Service Concession Arrangement: Grantors

The objective of AASB 1059 is to prescribe the accounting for a service concession arrangement by a grantor that is a public sector entity. The standard applies to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020.

The Scheme has no operating leases and is not a service concession grantor. The Board has assessed the impact of the new standards on the Scheme, and has determined there will be no impact on the Scheme's financial statements.

(c) *Financial assets and liabilities*

(a) **Classification**

The Scheme classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities into the categories below in accordance with AASB 9.

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 9. 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'.

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

(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 by 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 6.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and on 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 2020 but paid after 30 June 2020. These also include pension payments payable on or prior to 30 June 2020 but paid after 30 June 2020.

(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.

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(l) Foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Scheme is Australian dollars, which is the Scheme's primary currency. 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 A 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 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 2018). 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

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.

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(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 2020, Funds SA managed eight distinct investment options for PSS3 members each differing by strategic asset allocation:

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

Additionally, Funds SA managed the remainder of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme assets which are invested in the Defined Benefit (DB) High Growth Investment Strategy.

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 as 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.

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3. Defined contribution member liabilities

The employee funded, defined contribution component for PSS3 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.

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
PSS3 accrued benefits	36 036	33 133

At 30 June 2020 all net assets attributable to defined contribution members have been allocated to those members (2019: 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 2020.

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 \$192.9 million as at 30 June 2020.

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
PSS1 and PSS2 accrued benefits	192 919	195 381

The expected future benefit payments have been determined using the same pensioner mortality assumptions as the 2019 triennial review of the South Australian Superannuation Scheme. The actuarial estimation of member liabilities of the Scheme is undertaken annually, as at the end of each financial year.

The key assumptions used to determine the values of accrued benefits were:

- The future rate of investment earnings (net of investment taxes and fees): 6.5 per cent per annum (2019: 7.0 per cent);
- The future rate of salary growth: 2.5 per cent per annum (2019: 4.0 per cent); and
- Long term inflation (CPI): 2.0 per cent per annum (2019: 2.5 per cent).

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 three assumptions (being the discount rate, the rate of salary adjustment and pension indexation rates) 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: 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 \$000	Change in member benefit liability \$000	Change in member benefit liability %
Scenario			
Base Case	192 919	-	-
Discount rate plus 0.5%	184 013	(8 906)	(4.6)
Discount rate less 0.5%	202 619	9 700	5.0
Salary increase rate plus 0.5%	193 228	309	0.2
Salary increase rate less 0.5%	192 613	(306)	(0.2)
Pension increase rate plus 0.5%	202 687	9 769	5.1
Pension increase rate less 0.5%	183 885	(9 033)	(4.7)

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5. Vested benefits

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
PSS1 and PSS2 vested benefits	196 371	199 030
PSS3 vested benefits	36 036	33 133
Total vested benefits	232 407	232 163

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.

6. 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 twice weekly 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. To ensure fair value can be determined, the Scheme's investment manager, Funds SA, applies due diligence and considers valuation techniques and inputs used in valuing the funds, prior to investing. In measuring fair value, consideration is given to the amounts for which financial assets can be sold, excluding transaction costs. The Scheme classifies these funds as Level 2.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - Level 2		
Level 1 and level 3 are not relevant to the Scheme		
Unlisted managed investment schemes	243 683	255 816
Funds SA	243 683	255 816

7. Value and movement of investments by investment option

	2020	Movement	2019
	\$000	\$000	\$000
High Growth A	5 231	705	4 526
Growth A	1 968	(1 235)	3 203
Balanced A	22 134	(1 102)	23 236
Moderate A	905	191	714
Conservative A	1	1	-
Capital Defensive A	567	567	-
Cash A	3 160	3 160	-
Socially Responsible	2 040	644	1 396
DB High Growth Strategy	207 677	(15 064)	222 741
Investments at 30 June	243 683	(12 133)	255 816

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8. Investment expenses

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Investment expenses	1 731	2 004

Investment expenses comprise fees paid to Funds SA. Funds SA advises the amount applicable to the Scheme based on the Scheme's funds under management.

9. Administration expenses

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Administration expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	256	245
Other expenses ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	20	20
	276	265

(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. The Department of Treasury and Finance seeks reimbursement from the Scheme.

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

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Audit fees paid or payable	17	16

Audit fees paid or payable to the Auditor-General's Department relating to work performed under the PFAA were \$16 600 GST exclusive (2019: \$16 300). No other services were provided by the Auditor-General's Department.

11. Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

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:

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Cash and cash equivalents	29	35
Reconciliation of operating result to net cash from operating activities		
Net operating result	(12 621)	1 596
Adjustments for:		
Change in investments measured at fair value	1 242	(21 501)
Investment expenses	1 731	2 004
Allocation to members' accounts	9 373	17 639
Net flows from operating activities	(275)	(262)

12. Financial risk management objectives and policies

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.

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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 40 per cent hedged to Australian dollars. In addition, up to 25 per cent of the international equities asset class may be hedged by the equities managers.

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.

(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 Scheme'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 fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the Income Statement, all changes in market conditions will directly affect investment revenue.

The Scheme'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.

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(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. The following tables show the standard deviation around expected nominal returns for each investment option.

The Funds SA statistics shown below are averages calculated over 10 years, net of investment management fees and gross of tax. These investment statistics have zero per cent tax rate applied and exclude franking credits.

	Average	Market	Average	Potential
	Return	Risk	Funds Under	impact of
	%	%	Management	market risk
			\$000	(+/-)
2020				on Income
Investment Option				Statement
				\$000
High Growth A	7.7	11.1	4 879	542
Growth A	7.7	11.1	2 585	287
Balanced A	7.2	10.1	22 685	2 291
Moderate A	6.4	7.4	809	60
Conservative A	5.7	5.4	1	-
Capital Defensive A	5.0	3.8	283	11
Cash A	3.3	1.0	1 580	16
Socially Responsible	6.4	10.3	1 718	177
DB High Growth Strategy	7.7	10.2	215 209	21 951

	Average	Market	Average	Potential
	Return	Risk	Funds Under	impact of
	%	%	Management	market risk
			\$000	(+/-)
2019				on Income
Investment Option				Statement
				\$000
High Growth A	8.3	11.1	4 317	479
Growth A	7.4	9.5	3 222	306
Balanced A	6.8	8.4	20 920	1 757
Moderate A	6.0	6.6	688	45
Conservative A	5.2	5.3	-	N/A
Capital Defensive A	4.3	3.7	-	N/A
Cash A	2.7	1.0	-	N/A
Socially Responsible	5.8	9.9	1 250	124
DB High Growth Strategy	7.9	9.9	234 152	23 182

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 fair 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. Funds SA is the Scheme's only 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.

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(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.

	Less than 3 Months	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Amount Liabilities
	\$000	\$000	\$000
2020			
Benefits payable	394	394	394
Vested benefits ⁽ⁱ⁾	232 407	232 407	232 407
Total	232 801	232 801	232 801
2019			
Benefits payable	323	323	323
Vested benefits ⁽ⁱ⁾	232 163	232 163	232 163
Total	232 486	232 486	232 486

- (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. Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact

Background

COVID-19, which is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus, was declared a world wide pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the domestic and global economy and equity, debt and commodity markets.

The Board has considered the impact of COVID-19 in preparing its financial statements. Given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19 as well as limited recent experience of the economic and financial impacts of such a pandemic, changes to the estimates and outcomes that have been applied in the measurement of the Scheme's assets and liabilities may arise in the future. Any such impacts will be accounted for in future accounting periods.

The impact of COVID-19 on the macroeconomic outlook, including an explanation of the matters considered in determining the Scheme's assumptions in the valuation of defined benefit member liabilities, is outlined in Note 4 to the financial statements. Given the relative uncertainty of the impact of COVID-19 and its social and economic consequences, these assumptions represent reasonable and supportable forward looking views as at the reporting date.

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COVID-19 Early Release of Superannuation Scheme

On 22 March 2020 the Australian Government announced the COVID-19 Early Release of Superannuation Scheme ('ERS') as a temporary measure to stimulate the Australian economy. This scheme allowed eligible members to access up to \$10 000 of their superannuation in both financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The Scheme does not permit the release of current contributors' defined benefits on hardship and compassionate grounds including COVID-19; however, they can take money from any rollover account (if such an account exists). The total rollover balance at 30 June 2020 comprises an insignificant proportion of the overall defined benefit liabilities and as such, any payments that could be made under the Government's COVID-19 Early Release Scheme would be immaterial.

Processes applied

In preparing these financial statements the Board considered the impact of COVID-19 in the:

- evaluation of any areas of judgment or estimation uncertainty in addition to those disclosed above;
- adoption of significant assumptions and market inputs used in:
 - valuing the Scheme's investment (in particular, unlisted investments);
 - valuing the Scheme's defined benefit member liabilities; and
 - preparing disclosures for the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and financial risk management;
- review of external market communications to identify other COVID-19 related impacts;
- review of public forecasts and experience from previous economic downturns;
- assessment of the fair value of the Scheme's assets and liabilities;
- stress testing scenarios, which are an integral component of the Board's risk management framework, to assess the potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Scheme's portfolio valuation and liquidity; and
- its determination of the completeness and appropriateness of financial statement disclosures.

Consideration of the Statement of Financial Position and further disclosures

Key items within the Statement of Financial Position and related disclosures impacted by COVID-19 are as follows:

Financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss

Given recent market volatility, Funds SA as the Scheme's investment manager reviewed the appropriateness of inputs to its valuation of financial instruments as well as performing out of cycle valuations. The impact of changes in valuation inputs has also been considered in terms of the classification of financial instruments in the fair value hierarchy, transfers within the fair value hierarchy and the sensitivity analysis. The Scheme's investments include a portfolio of unlisted equity investments which, in accordance with the Scheme's accounting policies, are measured at fair value. The determination of investments carrying value included a consideration of the impact of COVID-19.

Defined benefit member liabilities

Given recent market volatility, the Board on the advice of consulting actuaries reviewed the appropriateness of the significant assumptions used in its valuation of defined benefit member liabilities and disclosures of changes in these assumptions and the impact these may have on the Scheme's defined benefit surplus.

The likely main financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Scheme is if future investment returns were to be significantly reduced. The assumed salary inflation rate has been reduced to allow for the likely impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and a reduction to the assumed investment return both in the long term and for the year ending 30 June 2020 has been made. While the assumed CPI inflation rate has been reduced, the assumed investment return has also been reduced by the same amount, offsetting the impact of the reduced CPI inflation rate. Refer to Note 4 for more information.

Risk management

The Board's risk management framework continues to be applied across the Scheme's operations. The Board continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the Scheme's risk profile. Non financial risks emerging from global movement restrictions, and remote working by our staff, counterparties and service providers have been identified, assessed, managed and governed through timely application of the Board's risk management framework.

The Board is focused on the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic and are monitoring it as it unfolds, specifically:

- The Board manages the Scheme's cash flow on a daily basis, and prepares for events that may affect the liquidity position;
- The Investment Manager, Funds SA, actively manages investments in line with the long-term investment strategy, and monitors and responds to movements in global investment markets; and
- Funds SA stress-test liquidity for a range of possible scenarios.

14. 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 manager Funds SA, has investment exposures in different countries and across different industries. Revenue derived from interest and the realised and unrealised changes from the different segments is reflected in the value of investments.

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15. Related parties

The Parliamentary Superannuation Board is a statutory authority and is wholly owned and controlled by the Crown. Related parties of the 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.

(a) Parliamentary Superannuation Board

Hon. Terry Stephens
Hon. Vincent Tarzia
Tammie Pribanic

(b) 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 five members of the Executive Group, State Superannuation Office, who have responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Scheme.

(c) 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 therefore their compensation is disclosed in the respective financial reports.

(d) Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties

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

(e) Transactions with other government entities

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

16. Events after the reporting period

There was a change to the membership of the Board on 8 September 2020. The Hon. John Dawkins replaced the Hon. Terry Stephens as President of the Legislative Council and the Hon. Josh Teague replaced the Hon. Vincent Tarzia as Speaker of the House.

Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme

Certification of the financial report

We certify that the:

- Financial statements of the Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme:
 - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Scheme; and comply with relevant Treasurer's instructions; and
 - comply with relevant accounting standards; and
 - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Scheme at the end of the financial year and the result of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- Internal controls employed by the Scheme over its financial reporting and its preparation of the financial statements have been effective throughout the financial year.



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Date 15/09/2020