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**To the Presiding Member  
South Australian Superannuation Board  
South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**

## Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme as at 30 June 2024, 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:

- an Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024
- a Statement of Changes in Member Benefits for the year ended 30 June 2024
- a Statement of Changes in Equity/Reserves for the year ended 30 June 2024
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024
- notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Presiding Member of the South Australian Superannuation Board, the Acting Chief Executive, Super SA and the Director, Finance, Super SA.

## 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 South Australian Ambulance Service 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 Acting Chief Executive, Super SA and members of the South Australian Superannuation Board for the financial report**

The Acting Chief Executive, Super SA 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.

In preparing the financial report, the Acting Chief Executive, Super SA 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 Acting Chief Executive, Super SA 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 members of the South Australian 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* and section 9 of schedule 3 of the *Superannuation Act 1988*, I have audited the financial report of the South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

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 South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Acting Chief Executive, Super SA
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Acting Chief Executive, Super SA'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 Acting Chief Executive, Super SA and members of the South Australian 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.



Daniel O'Donohue  
**Assistant Auditor-General (Financial Audit)**

22 September 2024

**South Australian Ambulance Service  
Superannuation Scheme**

**Financial Statements**

For the year ended 30 June 2024

**South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**  
**Income Statement**  
*for the year ended 30 June 2024*

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	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
<b>Income</b>			
Changes in fair value of investments		24 052	27 858
Interest revenue		37	32
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>24 089</b>	<b>27 890</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Investment expenses	9	(867)	(929)
Administration Expenses	10	(412)	(417)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(1 279)</b>	<b>(1 346)</b>
<b>Result from superannuation activities</b>		<b>22 810</b>	<b>26 544</b>
Net insurance activities		(177)	(653)
<b>Net operating result</b>		<b>22 633</b>	<b>25 891</b>
Net change in defined benefit member liabilities		(7 506)	(10 527)
Net benefits allocated to defined contribution member accounts		(10 679)	(2 914)
<b>Results from operating activities before tax</b>		<b>4 448</b>	<b>12 450</b>
Income tax (expense)/benefit	14.1	(1 746)	(1 980)
<b>Net operating result</b>		<b>2 702</b>	<b>10 470</b>

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

**South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
*as at 30 June 2024*

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	13	782	2 681
Receivables	7	36	6
Contributions receivable		4	9
Investments	6	301 980	293 313
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>302 802</b>	<b>296 009</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Benefits payable		531	380
Payables	8	87	284
Insurance liabilities		430	498
Income tax liabilities	14.2	2 166	326
Deferred tax liabilities	14.3	7 009	6 910
<b>Total liabilities excluding member benefits</b>		<b>10 223</b>	<b>8 398</b>
<b>Net assets available for member benefits</b>		<b>292 579</b>	<b>287 611</b>
<b>Member benefits</b>			
Defined member benefit liabilities	3	180 520	185 889
Defined contribution member liabilities	4	76 153	68 491
<b>Total member benefits</b>		<b>256 673</b>	<b>254 380</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>35 906</b>	<b>33 231</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Insurance Reserve	15	1 991	1 661
Operational Risk Reserve	16	928	865
Defined benefit surplus		32 987	30 705
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>35 906</b>	<b>33 231</b>

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

**South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**  
**Statement of Changes in Member Benefits**  
*for the year ended 30 June 2024*

		Defined benefit members 2024 \$'000	Defined contribution members 2024 \$'000	Total 2024 \$'000
<b>Opening balance as at 1 July 2023</b>		<b>185 889</b>	<b>68 491</b>	<b>254 380</b>
Employer contributions	12	5 533	1 874	7 407
Member contributions		-	1 071	1 071
Transfers from other super entities		-	270	270
Government co-contributions		-	2	2
Contributions tax		(781)	(264)	(1 045)
<b>Net contributions</b>		<b>4 752</b>	<b>2 953</b>	<b>7 705</b>
Benefits to members		(17 810)	(6 032)	(23 842)
Insurance benefits credited to members		183	62	245
Net benefits comprising:				
Net investment income		-	10 679	10 679
Net change in member liabilities		7 506	-	7 506
<b>Closing balance as at 30 June 2024</b>		<b>180 520</b>	<b>76 153</b>	<b>256 673</b>
		Defined benefit members 2023 \$'000	Defined contribution members 2023 \$'000	Total 2023 \$'000
<b>Opening balance as at 1 July 2022</b>		<b>192 810</b>	<b>70 673</b>	<b>263 483</b>
Employer contributions	12	6 030	2 222	8 252
Member contributions		-	1 260	1 260
Transfers from other super entities		-	71	71
Government co-contributions		-	1	1
Contributions tax		(851)	(313)	(1 164)
<b>Net contributions</b>		<b>5 179</b>	<b>3 241</b>	<b>8 420</b>
Benefits to members		(23 122)	(8 520)	(31 642)
Insurance benefits credited to members		495	183	678
Net benefits comprising:				
Net investment income		-	2 914	2 914
Net change in member liabilities		10 527	-	10 527
<b>Closing balance as at 30 June 2023</b>		<b>185 889</b>	<b>68 491</b>	<b>254 380</b>

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

**South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity/Reserves**  
*for the year ended 30 June 2024*

	Insurance Reserve \$'000	Operational Risk Reserve \$'000	Over/(under) allocated benefits \$'000	Total equity \$'000
<b>2024</b>				
	Note 15	Note 16		
Opening balance	1 661	865	30 705	33 231
Net operating result	330	63	2 309	2 702
Net transfers to equity	-	-	(27)	(27)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>1 991</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>32 987</b>	<b>35 906</b>
<b>2023</b>				
	Note 15	Note 16		
Opening balance	1 707	795	20 232	22 734
Net operating result	(46)	70	10 446	10 470
Net transfers to equity	-	-	27	27
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>1 661</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>30 705</b>	<b>33 231</b>

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



**South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
*for the year ended 30 June 2024*

	2024	2023
	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Note	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<b>Cash inflows</b>		
GST recovered from the ATO	-	56
Income tax	193	-
Bank interest	38	28
<b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Cash outflows</b>		
GST paid to the ATO	(1)	-
Administration expenses paid	(467)	(378)
Income tax	-	(671)
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(468)</b>	<b>(1 049)</b>
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>(237)</b>	<b>(965)</b>
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<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
<b>Cash inflows</b>		
Receipts from the sale of investments from Funds SA	15 355	34 453
<b>Cash generated from investing activities</b>	<b>15 355</b>	<b>34 453</b>
<b>Cash outflows</b>		
Payments to Funds SA for the purchase of investments	(865)	(8 090)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(865)</b>	<b>(8 090)</b>
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>14 490</b>	<b>26 363</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
<b>Cash inflows</b>		
Employer contributions	7 246	8 233
Member contributions	1 240	1 256
Government co-contributions	2	1
Transfers from other superannuation entities	270	71
<b>Cash generated from financing activities</b>	<b>8 758</b>	<b>9 561</b>
<b>Cash outflows</b>		
Benefit payments to members	(23 675)	(31 779)
Contributions tax paid	(1 044)	(1 164)
Transfer from Insurance Reserve	(191)	-
<b>Cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(24 910)</b>	<b>(32 943)</b>
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(16 152)</b>	<b>(23 382)</b>
<b>Net change in cash</b>		
	<b>(1 899)</b>	<b>2 016</b>
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	2 681	665
<b>Cash at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>2 681</b>
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The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme

## Notes to and forming part of the financial statements

### for the year ended 30 June 2024

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#### 1. Objectives and funding

##### **a) South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme**

On 29 June 2006, the Treasurer declared the South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme (the Scheme) a Scheme and Fund established pursuant to Clause 2 of Schedule 3 of the *Superannuation Act 1988* (the Act). The net assets of the SA Ambulance Service Superannuation Fund (the former scheme) as at 30 June 2006 were transferred to the Scheme. The Scheme is an exempt public sector superannuation scheme in terms of schedule 1AA of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994 (Cwlth)*. The Scheme is a taxed scheme by virtue of schedule 4 of the *Income Tax Assessment Regulations 1997 (Cwlth)*.

The Scheme is governed by a Trust Deed and Rules pursuant to the Act and became effective from 1 July 2006. The Scheme's membership includes contributory, non contributory, spouse, and preserved members. The main benefit for contributory members is a defined benefit. Non contributory, spouse and preserved members are entitled to accumulation benefits.

Benefits are represented by the balances of all member accounts that are available for employees who meet certain conditions. These conditions may include the following:

- Retirement
- Resignation and meet a condition of release
- Retrenchment
- Election of Transition to Retirement or Early Access to Super while still an employee of the SA Public Sector
- Death or becoming terminally ill
- Termination of their employment due to invalidity.

The balance of individual member entitlements is provided in annual statements provided to each member.

Member and employer contributions are deposited by the Treasurer into the fund established for the Scheme (the Fund), which is managed and invested by the Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia (Funds SA). The Scheme was closed to further new members with effect from 1 July 2008.

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

##### **b) South Australian Superannuation Board**

Pursuant to Clause 2(1)(d) of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Treasurer declared the South Australian Superannuation Board (the Board) the Trustee of the Scheme from 1 July 2006. As Trustee of the Scheme, the Board is responsible for administering the Trust Deed and Rules.

##### **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* (the Funds SA Act). Funds SA is responsible for the investment and management of the Fund pursuant to strategies formulated by Funds SA.

Pursuant to Clause 2(1)(c) of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Treasurer declared the Fund to be invested and managed by Funds SA from 1 July 2006.

For further information on the investment of the Scheme's funds, reference should be made to the Fund in the annual report of Funds SA. The financial report of Funds SA discloses the investment assets, liabilities, income and expenses relating to the investment activities of Funds SA.

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**d) Funding arrangements**

For the year ended 30 June 2024, contributory members contributed 5 per cent of post tax salary or 5.9 per cent of pre tax salary. Members could also make additional voluntary contributions on either a pre tax or post tax basis. The employer contributed at the rate of 12 per cent of member salaries. For members who were entitled to the SA Ambulance Service Award superannuation benefit under the Scheme, the employer contributed an additional 3 per cent of salaries (3 per cent for Elective Services employees and Emergency Services staff).

Non contributory members are employees employed on a casual basis or those employees who elected prior to 30 June 2006 to not be a defined benefit member. Non contributory members may make voluntary post tax or pre tax contributions. The employer contribution for non contributory members is 9.5 per cent (2023: 9.5 per cent) of salary.

The employer contributions above are in line with the 30 June 2020 triennial actuarial review recommendations and were effective on 1 July 2021. The triennial actuarial review as at 30 June 2023 was completed and recommendations contained therein are effective on 1 July 2025. The next actuarial review will be performed as at 30 June 2026.

Provision of insurance cover for Death, Total and Permanent Disablement, Serious Ill-Health and Income Protection under a self-insurance arrangement within the Scheme commenced from 1 July 2006. The weekly voluntary insurance contribution rate amounts to \$1.35 per unit and the recommended self insurance reserve is to be maintained at 200 per cent of expected annual claims subject to a minimum of \$1 million.

The asset coverage of vested benefits as at 30 June 2024 met the target of 105 per cent.

**2. Material accounting policies**

**a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards, including AASB 1056 Superannuation Entities 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.

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where stated otherwise.

These financial statements are prepared on a 12-month reporting period, presented in Australian currency and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

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

**b) New and amended accounting standards**

The department has assessed the impact of new and changed Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet effective.

No Australian Accounting Standards have been early adopted.

**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.

## South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme

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#### *Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition*

These financial assets are designated on the basis that they are part of a group of financial assets which are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with risk management and investment strategies of the Fund.

#### *Other financial liabilities*

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

#### **b) Recognition**

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

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

#### **c) Initial recognition**

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

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

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

#### **d) Subsequent measurement**

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

#### **e) Fair value measurement**

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

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

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

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible 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 economic best interest.

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

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

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**f) Cash and cash equivalents**

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

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short term deposits as defined above.

**g) Receivables and payables**

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

**h) Benefits payable**

Benefits payable are valued at fair value and relate to members who have ceased employment and provided the Scheme with appropriate notification on or prior to 30 June 2024 but paid after 30 June 2024. These also include income protection payments payable on or prior to 30 June 2024 but paid after 30 June 2024.

**i) Insurance liabilities**

The Scheme provides death and disability benefits to contributory members in service, members may also purchase voluntary insurance. Premiums for voluntary insurance are deducted from insured members' accounts and are paid into a dedicated insurance reserve in order to meet claims as they arise. An actuarially determined percentage of defined benefit employer contributions are also paid into the reserves. The Scheme ultimately self-insures this risk as the Board believes it is appropriate in light of the Scheme's present membership and reserve levels. The table below outlines the net results of the Scheme's insurance activities during the year:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Insurance contract revenue	436	487
Insurance contract claims expenses	(245)	(678)
(Increase)/decrease in insurance liabilities	68	25
<b>Net result from insurance activities</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>(166)</b>

**j) Significant estimates made in measuring insurance contract asset and liabilities**

The Scheme uses the services of an actuary to determine its insurance contract assets and liabilities. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions about the future. Actual events in the future may differ from these assumptions. The most recent actuarial valuation was performed for the triennium ending 30 June 2023. The value of insurance liabilities between actuarial valuation dates is determined by evaluating the expected claims over the next year based on the assumptions adopted at the most recent actuarial valuation.

The key assumptions used in measuring the insurance contract liabilities are:

- mortality and disability rates determined by Super SA based on the experience of a large number of public sector employees in South Australia, adjusted to estimate the Scheme's claim experience,
- the number and amount of insurance claims yet to be reported to the Scheme, relating to the period prior to the reporting year end.

The key factors or uncertainties that impact the key assumptions above are:

- if mortality and/or disability rates increase, it will result in an increase in insurance liabilities as a result of higher claims and will lead to a decline in the net assets of the Scheme,
- higher than expected claims reported to the Scheme will result in an increase in insurance liabilities and will lead to a decline in the net assets of the Scheme, and
- a better than expected claims experience will result in lower liabilities and an increase in net assets of the Scheme.

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The impact of uncertainties around the key assumptions is largely met from the insurance reserves in the Scheme. The adequacy of the insurance reserves are considered as part of the actuarial valuation.

#### **k) Revenue recognition**

The specific recognition criteria described below must 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.

#### **l) Taxation**

The Scheme is a complying superannuation fund within the provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and accordingly the concessional tax rate of 15 per cent has been applied.

##### Current tax

Current tax is calculated by reference to the amount of income tax payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable benefits accrued for the period. It is calculated using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability (or asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or refundable).

##### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is accounted for using the comprehensive balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial report and the corresponding tax base of those items.

In principle, deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable amounts will be available against which deductible temporary differences or unused tax losses and tax offsets can be utilised. However, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences giving rise to them arise from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities which affect neither taxable income nor accounting profit.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are estimated to apply to the period(s) when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised or settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflect the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Scheme expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Scheme intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

#### **m) 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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***n) Foreign currency***

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

***o) Investments***

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

***(i) Inflation Linked Securities Taxable***

The Inflation Linked Securities Taxable 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 Taxable***

The Property Taxable 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 Taxable***

The Australian Equities Taxable 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.

***(iv) International Equities Taxable***

The International Equities Taxable 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. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

***(v) Fixed Interest***

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

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**(vi) Diversified Strategies Growth Taxable**

The Diversified Strategies Growth Taxable asset class incorporates two sub sectors:

*Private Markets Taxable*

The Private Markets Taxable portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international private equity 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. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

*Core Infrastructure Taxable*

The Core Infrastructure Taxable portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international infrastructure pooled funds, which are invested and managed by external managers. The valuation of these 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. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

**(vii) Diversified Strategies Income**

The Diversified Strategies Income asset class incorporates four sub sectors:

*Defensive Alternatives*

The Defensive Alternatives portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international pooled funds and is invested and managed by external managers. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

*Credit*

The Credit 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. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

*Investment Grade Credit*

The Investment Grade Credit portfolio comprises investments in discretely managed investments 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. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

*Growth Alternatives*

The Growth Alternatives 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. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.



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**(viii)**      Cash

The Cash portfolio comprises investments in a discretely managed investment which is managed by an external manager and is valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date. Deposits at call have been valued on the basis of principal plus accrued interest.

**p) 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 2024, Funds SA managed the Balanced investment for the fund and reference should be made to Funds SA's Annual Report for the strategic asset allocations applying to the investment discussed in the preceding paragraphs.

**q) 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.

**r) 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.

It is also important to note that fair values are provided by Funds SA.

*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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**s) Climate change financial risks**

In November 2021, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) released Prudential Practice Guide CPG 229 Climate Change Financial Risks. CPG 229 does not impose new requirements in relation to climate risks, rather, it supports compliance with APRA's existing risk management and governance requirements and guidance. The Board and Super SA consider financial risks of climate change, including physical climate risks, transition climate risks, and liability risks as part of the overall Super SA Risk Management Strategy.

Additionally, as identified in note 1 above, the investments of the scheme are managed by Funds SA. Funds SA, in turn, is committed to risk management and maintains a rigorous and proactive approach to identifying and managing investment risk, including the risks associated with climate change. Funds SA has developed a Climate Change Position Statement, Climate Risk Response Plan and Climate Report to support its approach in this area. Please refer to the Funds SA website for further detail.

**3. Defined benefit member liabilities**

Actuarial valuations to determine the defined benefit members' accrued liabilities are conducted at least every three years. The most recent actuarial valuation was undertaken by Esther Conway, Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia from Mercer Consulting (Australia) Pty Limited. The actuarial valuation was undertaken as at 30 June 2023 with the next triennial valuation to be undertaken as at 30 June 2026.

The actuarial valuation of member liabilities reflects the actuarial assessment of the benefits accrued up to the reporting date and payable to members on retirement, resignation, death and disability. The accrued liabilities are the present values of expected future benefit payments arising from membership of the Scheme up to 30 June 2024.

The annual update of the defined benefit member liability has been determined by reference to the expected future salary level increases (3.5 per cent; 2023: 3.5 per cent) and by application of the market-based, risk-adjusted discount rate after tax (6.0 per cent; 2023: 6.0 per cent).

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Defined benefit member liabilities	180 520	185 889

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

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The assumed annual salary increase assumption is based on long-term economic forecasts for future increases in average weekly earnings (AWOTE) and discussions with the employer.

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.

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The following table outlines the sensitivity estimates of the total member liabilities (both defined benefit (\$182 million) and defined contribution (\$62 million)), provided by the Scheme actuary, on the net earnings and salary growth.

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<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Member liability result \$'000</b>	<b>Change in member benefit liability \$'000</b>	<b>Change in member benefit liability %</b>
Base Case	256 673	-	0.0
Discount rate plus 0.5%	255 634	(1 039)	(0.4)
Discount rate less 0.5%	258 065	1 392	0.5
Salary increase rate plus 0.5%	257 707	1 034	0.4
Salary increase less plus 0.5%	255 919	(754)	(0.3)

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

**Vested benefits**

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

	<b>2024 \$'000</b>	<b>2023 \$'000</b>
Defined benefit vested benefits	179 416	189 544

**4. Defined contribution member liabilities**

The employee funded, defined contribution component for the defined contribution accrued liability 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.

	<b>2024 \$'000</b>	<b>2023 \$'000</b>
Defined contribution member liabilities	76 153	68 491
Defined benefit vested benefits	179 416	189 544
Defined contribution member liabilities	76 153	68 491
<b>Total vested benefits</b>	<b>255 569</b>	<b>258 035</b>

Refer to Note 17 for the Scheme's management of the investment risks.

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**5. Fair value of financial instruments**

***Classification of financial instruments under the fair value hierarchy***

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

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

Valuations are the responsibility of the Board. The valuation of investments is performed daily 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.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - Level 2</b>		
Level 1 and level 3 are not relevant to the scheme		
Unlisted managed investment schemes	301 980	293 313
<b>Funds SA</b>	<b>301 980</b>	<b>293 313</b>

**6. Value and movement of investments by investment option**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Investments at 1 July</b>	<b>293 313</b>	<b>292 747</b>
Change in Balanced Taxable	8 667	566
<b>Investments at 30 June</b>	<b>301 980</b>	<b>293 313</b>

**7. Receivables**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
GST recovered from the ATO	5	4
Other receivables	29	(1)
Interest receivable	2	3
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>

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**8. Payables**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Audit fees	27	26
Administration fees	32	88
Unearned revenue	-	161
Provision for PAYG Withholding	28	9
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>284</b>

**9. Investment expenses**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Investment expenses	<b>867</b>	<b>929</b>

Direct 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.

**10. Administration expenses**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Administration expenses <sup>(i)</sup>	385	391
Other expenses <sup>(ii)</sup>	27	26
<b>Total administration expenses</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>417</b>

(i) Administration expenses comprises 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 Board recovers a share of the administration cost from the Scheme.

(ii) Other expenses include Auditors' remuneration. Refer Note 11.

**11. Auditors' remuneration**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Audit fees paid or payable</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>

Audit fees paid (or payable), \$25,600 GST exclusive (2023: \$25 200), relate to the Audit Office of South Australia work performed under the PFAA. The Audit Office of South Australia uses the services of Ernst and Young for the audit. No other services were provided by the Audit Office of South Australia.

**12. Employer contributions**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Employer contributions	6 535	7 278
Insurance premiums	436	487
Administration Charges	436	487
	<b>7 407</b>	<b>8 252</b>

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**13. Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash and deposits held in a Special Deposit Account with DTF. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is classified as part of operating cash flows. 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:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	782	2 681
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>782</u>	<u>2 681</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash from operating activities</b>		
Net operating result	2 702	10 470
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Change in investments measured at fair value	(24 052)	(27 858)
Investment expenses	865	929
Insurance recognition	(259)	166
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(30)	4
Increase/(decrease) in payables	226	1 883
Allocation to/(from) member accounts	20 311	13 441
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<u>(237)</u>	<u>(965)</u>

**14. Income tax**

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>14.1 Major components of tax expense</b>		
<i>Current income tax</i>		
Current tax charge	(1 644)	22
Adjustment to current tax for prior periods	(3)	(2)
Deferred income tax	-	-
Relating to the origination and reversal of temporary differences	(99)	(2 000)
Adjustment to deferred tax for prior periods	-	-
<b>Income tax as reported in the Income Statement</b>	<u>(1 746)</u>	<u>(1 980)</u>
<b>Income tax expense</b>		
Reconciliation between income tax expenses and the accounting profit before income tax		
Net result from operating activities	4 448	12 450
Tax applicable at the rate of 15% (2023: 15%)	(667)	(1 868)
<b>Tax effect of income that are not assessable/or deductible in determining taxable income:</b>		
Investment revenue	749	1 073
<b>Tax effect of other adjustments:</b>		
Imputation and foreign tax credits	862	857
Self-insurance deduction	73	74
Over provision prior period	2	2
Net benefit allocated to member accounts	(2 765)	(2 118)
Movement in insurance liabilities	-	-
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<u>(1 746)</u>	<u>(1 980)</u>

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	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>14.2 Current tax liabilities (asset)</b>		
Current years income tax provision	2 166	326
<b>Current tax liability (asset)</b>	<u>2 166</u>	<u>326</u>

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>14.3 Deferred tax liability</b>		
The amount of deferred tax liability recognised in the Statement of Financial Position at reporting date comprises:		
Accrued expenses	(4)	(4)
Unrealised capital gains/(losses) carried forward (discounted)	7 013	6 914
<b>Deferred tax liability</b>	<u>7 009</u>	<u>6 910</u>

**15. Insurance reserve**

The Scheme self insures and provides to Contributory Members in Service a benefit on death or total and permanent disablement (TPD) equal to the normal retirement benefit that would be payable if the member had continued in service to age 60. An income protection equal to 75 per cent of salary is payable for a maximum period of 24 months where a member becomes temporarily disabled before age 60. A member is also entitled to a benefit on Serious Ill Health equal to the greater of the early retirement benefit plus 5 per cent of salary for each year of service, and three times the member's salary. The Serious Ill Health benefit cannot exceed the benefit payable on TPD. The amount of salary is adjusted, if applicable, by the salary adjustment factor.

Members may purchase voluntary death and TPD insurance by applying for up to four units of insurance. The premium for each unit is \$1.35 per week per unit. The amount of cover for each unit is \$75 000 for ages up to 34 last birthday reducing to \$5 000 at age 64 last birthday.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Opening balance</b>	1 661	1 707
Investment earnings on Reserve <sup>(i)</sup>	139	145
Premiums and charges	436	487
Benefit payments	(245)	(678)
<b>Operating result</b>	<u>330</u>	<u>(46)</u>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<u>1 991</u>	<u>1 661</u>

(i) The Insurance Reserve is notionally invested in the Balanced option. The rate of return on earnings was 7.5 per cent (2023: 8.5 per cent).

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**16. Operational risk reserve**

The Operational Risk Reserve is to be accumulated to 0.6 per cent of funds under management following a decision of the Board and in line with Prudential Standard SPS114.

**Operational Risk Reserve**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>795</b>
Investment earnings on Reserve <sup>(i)</sup>	65	70
Payments from Reserve	(2)	-
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>865</b>

(i) The Operational Risk Reserve is notionally invested in the Balanced option. The rate of return on earnings 7.5 per cent (2023: 8.5 per cent).

**17. 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.

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 Scheme receives regular reports from Funds SA concerning compliance with 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 Fund'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.

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, and
- ensuring asset allocations for different investment options are consistent with the time horizon of each.

(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.



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The Fund'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 Private Markets Tax-Exempt, Private Markets Taxable, Core Infrastructure Tax- Exempt, Core Infrastructure Taxable, Credit, Long Term Fixed Interest and Inflation Linked Securities Taxable asset classes are economically hedged to Australian dollars, and
- foreign currency exposures over the developed markets component of the International Equities Tax-Exempt, International Equities Taxable, International Equities Passive Tax Exempt and International Equities Passive Taxable asset classes are economically hedged to Australian dollars.

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

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

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

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

Funds SA manages interest rate risk through:

- ensuring asset allocations of different investment products are consistent with the time horizon of each, and
- the use of specialist external investment managers to manage Funds SA's cash and fixed income portfolios.

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

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

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

#### (iv) Investments sensitivity analysis

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

The 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.

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	Expected Average Return	Market Risk	Average Funds Under Management	Potential impact of market risk (+/-) on Income Statement \$'000
<b>2024</b>				
<b>Investment Option</b>	%	%	\$'000	\$'000
Balanced taxable	6.8	8.7	301 980	25 970
				Potential impact of market risk (+/-) on Income Statement \$'000
	Expected Average Return	Market Risk	Average Funds Under Management	
<b>2023</b>				
<b>Investment Option</b>	%	%	\$'000	\$'000
Balanced taxable	7.0	8.4	293 030	24 615

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

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

**c) Liquidity risk**

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

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

- by giving careful consideration to the expected net cash redemption requirements of Funds SA's clients. The allocation to cash in the strategic asset allocation of each investment product is set at a level sufficient to manage expected cash redemptions, and
- 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.

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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 contractual 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.

2024	Less than 3	Total	Carrying
	Months	Contractual	Amount
	\$'000	Cash Flows	Liabilities
		\$'000	\$'000
Benefits payable	531	531	531
Vested benefits <sup>(ii)</sup>	255 569	255 569	255 569
<b>Total</b>	<b>256 100</b>	<b>256 100</b>	<b>256 100</b>

2023	Less than 3	Total	Carrying
	Months	Contractual	Amount
	\$'000	Cash Flows	Liabilities
		\$'000	\$'000
Benefits payable	380	380	380
Payables <sup>(i)</sup>	161	161	161
Vested benefits <sup>(ii)</sup>	258 035	258 035	258 035
<b>Total</b>	<b>258 576</b>	<b>258 576</b>	<b>258 576</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> Payable amounts disclosed here exclude amounts relating to constructive obligations and statutory payables (e.g. Commonwealth, State and Local Government taxes, fees and charges, Auditor-General's Department audit fees).

<sup>(ii)</sup> 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.

**18. 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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**19. Related parties**

***a) Key management personnel***

The key management personnel of the Scheme includes the Treasurer, Board members, the Chief Executive and the six members of the Executive Leadership Team, Super SA who have responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Scheme.

***b) Compensation***

All key management personnel are compensated by the Department of Treasury and Finance or the Board, therefore their compensation is disclosed in the respective financial reports.

***c) Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties***

There were no transactions with key management personnel or related parties.

***d) Transactions with other government entities***

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

**20. Events after the reporting period**

There were no significant events after the reporting period.

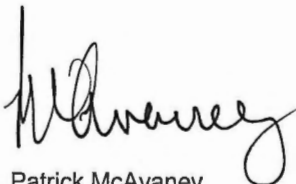
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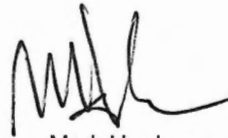
**Certification of the financial statement**

We certify that the:

- financial statements of the South Australian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme:
  - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Scheme,
  - comply with relevant Treasurer's instructions,
  - 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 for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of the financial statements have been effective.



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SA Superannuation Board

Date 16 September 2024