Auditor's Independence Declaration



As lead auditor for the audit of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the entities it controlled during the year.

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Elizabeth O'Brien Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers Sydney 9 August 2023

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Income Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

			Group 1	Bank ¹		
		30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22	30 Jun 21	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22
	Note	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Interest income:						
Effective interest income	2.1	43,182	23,987	24,804	38,954	21,186
Other interest income	2.1	1,293	306	317	1,332	326
Interest expense	2.1	(21,419)	(4,820)	(5,819)	(20,270)	(4,633)
Net interest income		23,056	19,473	19,302	20,016	16,879
Net other operating income ²	2.3	4,474	5,463	4,904	4,812	9,588
Total net operating income before operating expenses and impairment		27,530	24,936	24,206	24,828	26,467
Operating expenses	2.4	(12,079)	(11,609)	(11,277)	(11,072)	(13,058)
Loan impairment (expense)/benefit	3.2	(1,108)	357	(554)	(1,021)	397
Net profit before income tax		14,343	13,684	12,375	12,735	13,806
Income tax expense	2.5	(4,155)	(4,011)	(3,532)	(3,455)	(3,432)
Net profit after income tax from continuing operations		10,188	9,673	8,843	9,280	10,374
Net (loss)/profit after income tax from discontinued operations	11.3	(98)	1,098	1,338	-	
Net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank		10,090	10,771	10,181	9,280	10,374

¹ Comparative information has been revised to reflect the changes in presentation detailed in Note 1.1.

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

Earnings per share for profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank during the year:

		Group			
	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22	30 Jun 21		
	С	Cents per share			
Earnings per share from continuing operations:					
Basic	603.0	561.7	499.2		
Diluted	589.3	541.5	470.6		
Earnings per share:					
Basic	597.2	625.4	574.8		
Diluted	583.8	601.4	539.7		

² Net other operating income is presented net of directly attributable fees and commission expenses, depreciation and impairment charges.

Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Group			Bank		
	30 Jun 23 \$M	30 Jun 22 \$M	30 Jun 21 \$M	30 Jun 23 \$M	30 Jun 22 \$M	
Net profit after income tax for the period from continuing operations	10,188	9,673	8,843	9,280	10,374	
Other comprehensive income/(expense):						
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit/(loss):						
Foreign currency translation reserve net of tax	191	(240)	(212)	33	92	
Losses on cash flow hedging instruments net of tax	(961)	(1,326)	(1,046)	(896)	(1,771)	
(Losses)/gains on debt investment securities at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income net of tax	(230)	(503)	522	(203)	(456)	
Total of items that may be reclassified	(1,000)	(2,069)	(736)	(1,066)	(2,135)	
Items that will not be reclassified to profit/(loss):						
Actuarial (losses)/gains from defined benefit superannuation plans net of tax	(12)	76	(95)	(12)	76	
(Losses)/gains on equity investment securities at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income net of tax	(264)	(1,627)	1,521	(246)	(1,617)	
Revaluation of properties net of tax	19	30	18	24	30	
Total of items that will not be reclassified	(257)	(1,521)	1,444	(234)	(1,511)	
Other comprehensive (expense)/income net of income tax from continuing operations	(1,257)	(3,590)	708	(1,300)	(3,646)	
Total comprehensive income for the period from continuing operations:	8,931	6,083	9,551	7,980	6,728	
Net (loss)/profit after income tax from discontinued operations	(98)	1,098	1,338	-	_	
Other comprehensive income net of income tax from discontinued operations	-	_	33	-		
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity holders of the Bank	8,833	7,181	10,922	7,980	6,728	

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

			Group	
	•	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22	30 Jun 21
	Note	C		
Dividends per share attributable to shareholders of the Bank:				
Ordinary shares	8.4	450	385	350

Balance Sheets

As at 30 June 2023

		Gro	up	Bar	ık	
	Nata	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22	
	Note	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	
Assets						
Cash and liquid assets	5.1	116,619	161,154	108,367	150,974	
Receivables from financial institutions	5.2	6,079	6,845	5,422	6,071	
Assets at fair value through Income Statement	5.3	67,627	25,315	67,641	25,249	
Derivative assets	5.4	23,945	35,736	25,585	37,774	
Investment securities:						
At amortised cost	5.5	2,032	3,217	2,032	3,217	
At fair value through Other Comprehensive Income	5.5	84,072	79,086	77,232	72,191	
Assets held for sale	11.3	5	1,322	5	28	
Loans and other receivables	3.1	926,082	878,854	816,140	773,042	
Shares in and loans to controlled entities	11.2	_	_	54,636	56,719	
Property, plant and equipment	6.1	4,950	4,887	3,549	3,627	
Investments in associates and joint ventures	11.1	2,848	2,801	1,430	1,407	
Intangible assets	6.2	7,393	6,899	4,340	3,883	
Deferred tax assets	2.5	3,811	3,173	3,640	3,069	
Other assets	6.3	7,382	5,971	6,799	5,387	
Total assets		1,252,845	1,215,260	1,176,818	1,142,638	
Liabilities						
Deposits and other public borrowings	4.1	864,995	857,586	786,267	783,701	
Payables to financial institutions	5.2	21,910	26,052	21,266	25,321	
Liabilities at fair value through Income Statement	4.2	40,103	7,271	39,148	6,097	
Derivative liabilities	5.4	25,347	33,899	26,728	35,002	
Due to controlled entities		, _	, _	42,586	41,433	
Current tax liabilities		671	263	442	75	
Deferred tax liabilities	2.5	138	150	64	82	
Liabilities held for sale	11.3	_	1,183	_	_	
Provisions	7.1	3,013	3,636	2,818	3,370	
Term funding from central banks	4.4	54,220	54,807	49,637	51,137	
Debt issues	4.3	122,267	116,902	95,893	89,940	
Bills payable and other liabilities	7.2	15,578	12,656	14,932	12,347	
		1,148,242	1,114,405	1,079,781	1,048,505	
Loan capital	8.2	32,598	28,017	32,587	28,009	
Total liabilities		1,180,840	1,142,422	1,112,368	1,076,514	
Net assets		72,005	72,838	64,450	66,124	
Shareholders' Equity		,			· ·	
Ordinary share capital	8.3	33,913	36,467	33,949	36,491	
Reserves	8.3	(1,710)	(460)	(1,838)	(544)	
Retained profits	8.3	39,797	36,826	32,339	30,177	
Shareholders' Equity attributable to equity holders of the Bar		72,000	72,833	64,450	66,124	
Non-controlling interests		5	5	,	_	
Total Shareholders' Equity		72,005	72,838	64,450	66,124	
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The above Balance Sheets should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2023

			Gro	Group							
	Ordinary share capital \$M	Reserves \$M	Retained profits \$M	Total \$M	Non- controlling interests \$M	Total Shareholders' Equity \$M					
As at 30 June 2021	38,420	3,249	37,014	78,683	5	78,688					
Net profit after income tax from continuing operations	_	-	9,673	9,673	-	9,673					
Net profit after income tax from discontinued operations	-	-	1,098	1,098	-	1,098					
Other comprehensive (expense)/income net of income tax from continuing operations	-	(3,666)	76	(3,590)	-	(3,590)					
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	(3,666)	10,847	7,181	_	7,181					
Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders:											
Share buy-back ¹	(1,937)	_	(4,534)	(6,471)	_	(6,471)					
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	-	-	(6,535)	(6,535)	_	(6,535)					
Dividend reinvestment plan (net of issue costs)	(1)	_	-	(1)	_	(1)					
Share-based payments	-	(9)	-	(9)	-	(9)					
Purchase of treasury shares	(76)	_	_	(76)	_	(76)					
Sale and vesting of treasury shares	61	_	_	61	_	61					
Other changes	_	(34)	34	-	_	-					
As at 30 June 2022	36,467	(460)	36,826	72,833	5	72,838					
Net profit after income tax from continuing operations	-	-	10,188	10,188	-	10,188					
Net loss after income tax from discontinued operations	-	-	(98)	(98)	_	(98)					
Other comprehensive expense net of income tax from continuing operations	-	(1,245)	(12)	(1,257)	-	(1,257)					
Total comprehensive income for the period Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders:	-	(1,245)	10,078	8,833	-	8,833					
Share buy-back ²	(2,533)	_	_	(2,533)	_	(2,533)					
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	_	_	(7,117)	(7,117)	_	(7,117)					
Dividend reinvestment plan (net of issue costs)	_	_	_	_	_	_					
Share-based payments	_	5	_	5	_	5					
Purchase of treasury shares	(101)	_	_	(101)	_	(101)					
Sale and vesting of treasury shares	80	_	_	80	_	80					
Other changes	_	(10)	10	_	_	_					
As at 30 June 2023	33,913	(1,710)	39,797	72,000	5	72,005					

¹ On 4 October 2021, the Group announced the successful completion of its \$6 billion off-market buy-back of CBA ordinary shares. 67,704,807 ordinary shares were bought back at \$88.62 per share, and comprised a fully franked dividend component of \$66.96 per share (\$4,534 million) and a capital component of \$21.66 per share (\$1,466 million). On 9 February 2022, the Group announced its intention to conduct an on-market share buy-back of up to \$2 billion. As at 30 June 2022, the Group bought back a total of 4,853,197 ordinary shares (\$468 million) at an average price of \$96.42. The Group recognised \$3 million transaction costs in relation to the capital returns. The shares bought back were subsequently cancelled.

The above Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

² On 15 February 2023, the Group announced its intention to undertake an on-market share buy-back of up to \$1 billion of CBA ordinary shares in addition to the \$2 billion announcement on 9 February 2022. During the year ended 30 June 2023, the Group completed the previously announced \$3 billion on-market buy backs and bought back a total of 25,369,084 ordinary shares (\$2,532 million) at an average price of \$99.81. The Group recognised \$1 million in transaction costs in relation to the capital returns. The shares bought back were subsequently cancelled.

Statements of Changes in Equity (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2023

		В	ank	
	Ordinary share capital \$M	Reserves \$M	Retained profits \$M	Total Shareholders' Equity \$M
As at 30 June 2021	38,430	3,201	30,782	72,413
Net profit after income tax from continuing operations	_	_	10,374	10,374
Other comprehensive (expense)/income net of income tax from continuing operations	_	(3,722)	76	(3,646)
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	(3,722)	10,450	6,728
Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders:				
Share buy-back ¹	(1,937)	_	(4,534)	(6,471)
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	-	_	(6,535)	(6,535)
Dividend reinvestment plan (net of issue costs)	(1)	_	_	(1)
Share-based payments	_	(9)	-	(9)
Purchase of treasury shares	(60)	_	_	(60)
Sale and vesting of treasury shares	59	_	-	59
Other changes	_	(14)	14	-
As at 30 June 2022	36,491	(544)	30,177	66,124
Net profit after income tax from continuing operations	_	_	9,280	9,280
Other comprehensive expense net of income tax from continuing operations	_	(1,288)	(12)	(1,300)
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	(1,288)	9,268	7,980
Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders:				
Share buy-back ²	(2,533)	_	-	(2,533)
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	_	_	(7,117)	(7,117)
Dividend reinvestment plan (net of issue costs)	_	_	-	-
Share-based payments	_	5	_	5
Purchase of treasury shares	(64)	_	_	(64)
Sale and vesting of treasury shares	55	_	_	55
Other changes	_	(11)	11	_
As at 30 June 2023	33,949	(1,838)	32,339	64,450

¹ On 4 October 2021, the Group announced the successful completion of its \$6 billion off-market buy-back of CBA ordinary shares. 67,704,807 ordinary shares were bought back at \$88.62 per share, and comprised a fully franked dividend component of \$66.96 per share (\$4,534 million) and a capital component of \$21.66 per share (\$1,466 million). On 9 February 2022, the Group announced its intention to conduct an on-market share buy-back of up to \$2 billion. As at 30 June 2022, the Group bought back a total of 4,853,197 ordinary shares (\$468 million) at an average price of \$96.42. The Group recognised \$3 million transaction costs in relation to the capital returns. The shares bought back were subsequently cancelled.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2023

		Group ^{1,2}			Bank ¹		
	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22	30 Jun 21	30 Jun 23	30 Jun 22		
Note	\$M	\$М	\$M	\$M	\$M		
Cash flows from operating activities							
Interest received	43,286	24,744	25,203	39,016	21,827		
Interest paid	(18,212)	(4,432)	(6,424)	(17,561)	(4,228)		
Other operating income received	3,240	3,562	4,775	2,737	2,779		
Expenses paid	(11,207)	(11,027)	(9,886)	(10,245)	(9,835)		
Income taxes paid	(3,871)	(3,530)	(3,672)	(3,332)	(3,086)		
Insurance business:							
Investment income	_	(6)	_	_	_		
Premiums received ³	183	698	695	-	_		
Policy payments and commission expense ³	(208)	(620)	(550)	-	_		
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in	13,211	9,389	10,141	10,615	7,457		
operating assets and liabilities	10,211	J,000		10,010	7,401		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities arising from cash flow movements							
Movement in investment securities:							
Purchases	(34,641)	(34,472)	(37,045)	(31,963)	(33,041)		
Proceeds	30,050	34,957	29,528	27,256	32,847		
Net (increase)/decrease in assets at fair value through	•		•				
Income Statement (excluding insurance)	(36,874)	14,587	(911)	(36,344)	10,463		
Net increase in loans and other receivables	(46,102)	(68,250)	(39,858)	(43,598)	(62,550)		
Net decrease/(increase) in receivables from financial institutions	1,230	(1,747)	3,567	1,116	(1,607)		
Net decrease/(increase) in securities purchased under agreements to resell at amortised cost	34,690	(29,888)	4,272	34,431	(29,991)		
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets	(943)	(795)	185	(624)	(536)		
Net increase in deposits and other public borrowings	38,385	79,739	61,189	35,157	77,068		
Net (decrease)/increase in payables to financial institutions	(5,258)	7,425	4,041	(5,126)	7,269		
Net (decrease)/increase in securities sold under agreements to repurchase at amortised cost	(34,996)	13,846	2,441	(35,019)	13,878		
Net increase/(decrease) in other liabilities at fair value through Income Statement	32,814	(1,516)	4,100	33,098	3,233		
Net increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	44	(35)	(338)	24	(478)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities arising from cash flow movements	(21,601)	13,851	31,171	(21,592)	16,555		
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities 12.2 (a)	(8,390)	23,240	41,312	(10,977)	24,012		

¹ It should be noted that the Group does not use these accounting Statements of Cash Flows in the internal management of its liquidity positions.

² Comparative information includes discontinued operations. For the cash flows from discontinued operations, refer to Note 11.3.

³ Represents gross premiums and policy payments before splitting between policyholders and shareholders.

Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2023

		Group 1,2	Bank ¹		
Note	30 Jun 23 \$M	30 Jun 22 \$M	30 Jun 21 \$M	30 Jun 23 \$M	30 Jun 22 \$M
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Cash flows from investing activities					
Cash outflows from acquisitions of controlled entities (net of cash acquired)	-	-	(61)	-	-
Cash inflows from disposals of associates and joint ventures	-	1,789	892	-	1,789
Cash outflows from acquisitions of associates and joint ventures	(41)	(256)	(60)	(37)	(254)
Cash inflows from disposal of controlled entities (net of cash disposed of)	567	1,975	682	-	_
Dividends received	95	30	128	1,233	3,456
Net amounts received from/(paid to) controlled entities ³	-	_	_	3,292	(3,674)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	74	108	57	41	76
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(683)	(231)	(235)	(349)	(189)
Purchases of intangible assets	(885)	(746)	(532)	(769)	(642)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(873)	2,669	871	3,411	562
Cash flows from financing activities					
Share buy-backs	(2,533)	(6,471)	_	(2,533)	(6,471)
Dividends paid (excluding Dividend Reinvestment Plan)	(7,117)	(6,535)	(4,132)	(7,117)	(6,535)
Proceeds from issuance of debt securities	51,833	61,921	17,802	43,462	53,854
Redemption of debt securities	(49,329)	(45,879)	(49,558)	(39,641)	(41,049)
(Maturity of)/proceeds from term funding from central banks	(598)	2,951	50,357	(1,500)	_
Purchases of treasury shares	(101)	(76)	(71)	(64)	(60)
Sales of treasury shares	-	48	5	-	50
Proceeds from issuance of loan capital	7,665	6,815	6,791	7,673	6,832
Redemption of loan capital	(3,043)	(6,540)	(2,608)	(3,043)	(6,165)
Payments for the principal portion of lease liabilities	(525)	(523)	(428)	(470)	(477)
Other	-	_	153	-	_
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(3,748)	5,711	18,311	(3,233)	(21)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(13,011)	31,620	60,494	(10,799)	24,553
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	828	355	(465)	279	429
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	119,355	87,380	27,351	109,250	84,268
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year 12.2 (b)	107,172	119,355	87,380	98,730	109,250

¹ It should be noted that the Group does not use these accounting Statements of Cash Flows in the internal management of its liquidity positions.

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

² Comparative information includes discontinued operations. For the cash flows from discontinued operations, refer to Note 11.3.

³ Amounts received from/(paid to) controlled entities are presented in line with how they are managed and settled.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

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Overview

1.1 General information, basis of accounting, changes in accounting policies and future accounting developments

General information

The Financial Report of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the Bank) and the Bank and its subsidiaries (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2023, was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 August 2023. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The Bank is a for-profit entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia. It is a company limited by shares that are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange. The registered office is Commonwealth Bank Place South, Level 1, 11 Harbour Street, NSW 2000, Australia.

The Financial Report includes the consolidated and standalone financial statements of the Group and the Bank, respectively. Notes accompanying the financial statements and the Directors' declaration form part of the Financial Report.

On 30 September 2022, the Group completed the sale of Comminsure General Insurance to Hollard Insurance Company Pty Ltd.

There have been no other significant changes in the nature of the principal activities of the Group during the year.

Basis of accounting

The Financial Report:

- is a general purpose financial report;
- has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB);
- has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);
- is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency, with all values rounded to the nearest million dollars (\$M) in accordance with ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191 unless otherwise indicated;
- includes foreign currency transactions that are translated into the functional currency, using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of each transaction:
- has been prepared on a going concern basis using a historical cost basis, except for certain assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) measured at fair value;
- presents assets and liabilities on the face of the Balance Sheets in decreasing order of liquidity;
- where required, presents restated comparative information for consistency with the current year's presentation in the Financial Report; and
- contains accounting policies that have been consistently applied to all periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

Changes in comparatives

Discontinued operations

The financial results of businesses reclassified as discontinued operations are excluded from the results of the continuing operations and are presented as a single line item Net profit/(loss) after income tax from discontinued operations in the Income Statement, and Other Comprehensive Income/(expense) net of income tax from discontinued operations in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Income Statements and the Statements of Comprehensive Income for comparative periods are also restated. Assets and liabilities of discontinued operations subject to disposal have been presented on the Balance Sheet separately as assets and liabilities held for sale. The Balance Sheet is not restated when a business is reclassified as a discontinued operation.

Re-segmentation

During the year ended 30 June 2023, the Group made a number of allocations and reclassifications including refinements to the allocation of support units and other costs. These changes have not impacted the Group's net profit, but have resulted in changes to the presentation of the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet of the affected segments. These changes have been applied retrospectively.