Political Office Bearers Pension Fund (Registration Number: 12/8/35658)

Annual Financial Statements in terms of Section 15 of the Pensions Funds Act Number 24, 1956

For the Financial Reporting Period Ended 31 March 2023





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POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS PENSION FUND

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial reporting period ended 31 March 2023

Financial Sector Conduct Authority registration number

12/8/35658

South African Revenue Service approval number:

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Regulatory Information

For the period ended 31 March 2023

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Current period: 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 Previous period: 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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Governance note: schedule of meetings held by the Board of Fund in terms of the Rules of the **Fund**

Meeting date Place of meeting		Quorum (yes/no)
24/06/2022	Via teleconference	Yes
16/09/2022	Via teleconference	Yes
12/12/2022	Via teleconference and face-to-face	Yes
10/03/2023	Via teleconference	Yes

POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS PENSION FUND

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Regulatory Information

For the period ended 31 March 2023

Fund Officers

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Professional service providers

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POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS PENSION FUND

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Regulatory Information

For the period ended 31 March 2023

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Regulatory Information

For the period ended 31 March 2023

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Regulatory Information

For the period ended 31 March 2023

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For the period ended 31 March 2023

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For the period ended 31 March 2023

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For the period ended 31 March 2023

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For the period ended 31 March 2023

Participating employers

- The National Assembly
- The National Council of Provinces
- The Nine Provincial Legislatures, including the Provincial Departments
- The Presidency

Departments (both National and Provincial, where applicable) of:

- Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
- Communications and Digital Technologies
- Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- Defence and Military Veterans
- Education Basic Education
- Education Higher Education, Science and Technology
- Employment and Labour
- Finance
- Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
- Health
- Home Affairs
- Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation
- International Relations and Cooperation
- Justice and Correctional Services
- Mineral Resources and Energy
- Police
- Public Enterprises
- Public Services and Administration
- Public Works and Infrastructure
- Small Business Development
- Social Development
- Sport, Arts and Culture
- Tourism
- Trade & Industry
- Transport

SCHEDULE B

POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS PENSION FUND

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Statement of Responsibility by the Board of Fund

For the period ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities

The Board of Fund hereby confirms to the best of their knowledge and belief that, during the period under review, in the execution of their duties they have complied with the duties imposed by the Pension Funds Act of South Africa and the Rules of the Fund, including the following:

- ensured that proper registers, books and records of the operations of the Fund were kept, inclusive of proper minutes of all resolutions passed by the Board of Fund;
- ensured that proper internal control systems were employed by or on behalf of the Fund;
- ensured that adequate and appropriate information was communicated to the members of the Fund, informing them of their rights, benefits and duties in terms of the Rules of the Fund;
- took all reasonable steps to ensure that contributions, where applicable, were paid timeously to the Fund or reported where necessary in accordance with Section 13A and Regulation 33 of the Pension Funds Act of South Africa;
- obtained expert advice on matters where they lacked sufficient expertise;
- ensured that the Rules and the operation and administration of the Fund complied with the Pension Funds Act of South Africa and all applicable legislation;
- ensured that fidelity cover was maintained and that this cover was deemed adequate and in compliance with the Rules of the Fund; and
- ensured that investments of the Fund were implemented and maintained in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy.

The Board of Fund assessed the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in addition to the above responsibilities.

Approval of the annual financial statements

The annual financial statements of Political Office Bearers Pension Fund are the responsibility of the Board of Fund. The Board of Fund fulfils this responsibility by ensuring the implementation and maintenance of accounting systems and practices adequately supported by internal financial controls. These controls, which are implemented and executed by the Fund and/or its benefit administrator, provide reasonable assurance that:

- the Fund's assets are safeguarded;
- transactions are properly authorised and executed; and
- the financial records are reliable.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 20 to 55 have been prepared for regulatory purposes in accordance with the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement Funds in South Africa, the Rules of the Fund and the Pension Funds Act of South Africa.

These annual financial statements have been reported on by the independent auditors, BDO South Africa Incorporated, who were given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all relevant meetings. The Board of Fund believes that all representations made to the independent auditors in the management representation letter during their audit were valid and appropriate. The report of the independent auditors is presented on pages 17 to 19.

Instances of non-compliance

The following instance of non-compliance with Acts, Legislation, Regulations and Rules, including the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in the annual

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Statement of Responsibility by the Board of Fund

For the period ended 31 March 2023

financial statements came to our attention and was rectified before the Board of Fund's approval of the annual financial statements:

Nature and cause of non- compliance	Impact of non-compliance matter on the Fund	Corrective course of action taken to resolve non-compliance matter
Contributions from 1 paypoint was		Late payment interest was
not paid in terms of Section 13A of	Rules of the Fund and does not	calculated and received.
the Pension Funds Act for the	comply with the Pension Funds	
month of January 2023.	Act.	

These annual financial statements:

were approved by the Board of Fund on 22nd September 203	wei	re approved by	the Board of F	und on	aand	Septemb	Dey =	30a
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- are, to the best of the Board members' knowledge and belief, confirmed to be complete and correct;
- fairly represent the net assets of the Fund as at 31 March 2023 as well as the results of its activities for the period then ended; and
- are signed on behalf of the Board of Fund by:

M	G	Bor	oto
CI	nai	rpe	rsor

Place. Cape Town

Date: 23 September 2023

Name: Dion Travers George

Board member

Place: Cape Town

Date: 23 September 2023

Name: Joseph Makwakwa

Board member

Place: Preforia

Date: 27-09-2023

SCHEDULE C

POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS PENSION FUND

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Statement of Responsibility by the Principal Officer For the period ended 31 March 2023

I confirm that, for the period under review, Political Office Bearers Pension Fund has timeously submitted all regulatory and other returns, statements, documents and any other information as required in terms of the Pension Funds Act and, to the best of my knowledge, all applicable legislation except for the following:

Specific instance of non-compliance	Remedial action taken
Contributions from 1 paypoint was not paid in terms of Section 13A of the Pension Funds Act for the month of January 2023.	

B Burger

Principal Officer

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SCHEDULE D

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF FUND OF THE POLITICAL BEARERS PENSION FUND

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Political Office Bearers Pension Fund ("the Fund") set out on pages 27 to 55 which comprise the statement of net assets and funds as at 31 March 2023 Fund and the statement of changes in net assets and funds for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Political Office Bearers Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement Funds in South Africa.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors* (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including International Independence Standards). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter - Financial reporting framework and restriction on use

We draw attention to the *Purpose and basis of preparation of financial statements* note to the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation of the financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of the Fund's reporting to the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (the Authority) in terms of section 15(1) of the Pension Funds Act No. 24 of 1956, as amended (the Pension Funds Act of South Africa), and have been prepared in accordance with the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement Funds in South Africa. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Board of Fund and the Authority and should not be used by parties other than the Board of Fund or the Authority. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.



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BDO South Africa Incorporated Registration number: 1995/002310/21 Practice number: 905526 VAT number: 4910148685

Chief Executive Officer: LD Mokoena

A full list of all company directors is available on www.bdo.co.za.



Other information

The Board of Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Financial Statements in terms of section 15 of the Pension Funds Act of South Africa, of the Fund for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 but does not include the financial statements (schedule F, G and HA) and our auditor's report thereon (schedule D).

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board of Fund for the Financial Statements

The Board of Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement funds in South Africa and for such internal control as the Board of Fund determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Fund is also responsible for compliance with the requirements of the Rules of the Fund and the Pension Funds Act of South Africa.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Fund is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Fund either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs 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 these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 our 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 Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Fund.





• Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Fund'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 Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the Board of Fund regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The Statement of Responsibility by the Board of Fund describes instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including those that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements that have come to the attention of the Board of Fund and the corrective action taken by the Board of Fund. There are no additional instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that came to our attention during the course of our audit of the financial statements

BDO South Africa Inc. Registered Auditors

Per: MI Lockhat Director Registered Auditor

28 September 2023

Wanderers Office Park 52 Corlett Drive Illovo, 2196

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Report of the Board of Fund

For the period ended 31 March 2023

1. Description of the Fund

Type of Fund

In terms of Section 1 of the Income Tax Act, 1962 the Fund is classified as a pension fund. The Fund is a defined contribution fund.

Benefits

Fund benefits

The objective of the Fund is to provide retirement and other benefits for Political Office Bearers as defined in the Rules, and benefits for their dependants in the event of their death.

Paid up members

Paid up members are administered in terms of the Rules of the Fund.

Unclaimed benefits

Complete records, as prescribed per the Rules of the Fund, are maintained by the Fund for unclaimed benefits.

Strategy of the Board of Fund towards unclaimed benefits

The Pension Funds Act refers to unclaimed benefits as all claims that remain unpaid in excess of 24 months taking the date of exit in terms of the Rules of the Fund into account. The Fund Rules now provide that, if a member does not provide the Fund with clear directions as to the payment of his/her benefit after leaving office, the member will become a Deferred Beneficiary with a preserved benefit held in the Fund, receiving fund returns. The Trustees therefore believe that there will be very few additions to the list of unclaimed benefits in future.

Contributions

Members' contributions

Members contribute at a rate of 7.5% of pensionable salary (members who have completed 15 years of contributory service may apply to cease contributing).

Members are allowed to make additional voluntary contributions.

Employers' contributions

Participating employers contribute at a rate of 22.5% of pensionable salary of which 17% is allocated towards retirement funding, 0.7% towards the cost of the Fund's administration and 4.8% towards the cost of insured risk benefits including unapproved risk benefits.

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Report of the Board of Fund

For the period ended 31 March 2023

Consolidated rules

During the prior reporting period, the Fund's Rules were consolidated. The Financial Sector Conduct Authority approved the consolidated Rules on 6 September 2020.

Rule amendments

Rule amendment no.	Date of Board of Fund's resolution	Effective date	Date registered by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority
Rule Amendment No.5	04/03/2022	01/04/2019	19/04/2022

Rule Amendment No.5

The rule amendment deals with members with interrupted service, i.e. Deferred Beneficiaries who return to service at a later date. The reasons for the rule amendment are:

- To reflect the Administrators' processes in such cases and to ensure that the Member's rights as a Deferred Beneficiary, in respect of the paid-up benefit, are maintained if the Member returns to service at a later date.

Reserves and specified accounts established in terms of the Rules of the Fund

Administration reserve account

Credited with any excess of contracted contributions (0.7% of pensionable salaries) over the actual Fund administration expenses. Credited with net fund returns.

Data reserve account

Established to absorb strains resulting from data errors. Credited with amounts as determined by the actuary and approved by the Board of Fund. Credited with net fund returns. Debited with amounts required to correct any data errors.

Employer surplus account (no. 1)

Credited with such Fund interest as the actuary may calculate is appropriate and debited with an amount equal to the part of the vested amount of each vested member which relates to the equalisation amount or terminal gratuity, or the projected equalisation amount or projected terminal gratuity, if any, as applicable.

Employer surplus account (no. 2)

Credited with such Fund interest as the actuary may calculate is appropriate and debited with an amount equal to the part of the vested amount of each vested member which relates to the additional service benefit, or the projected additional service benefit.

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Employer surplus account (no. 3)

Credited with any surplus amounts apportioned for the benefit of the employers. Credited with net fund returns. Debited with amounts paid to the employers, amounts transferred to other accounts of the Fund, amounts required to meet a deficit in the Fund or amounts applied on liquidation of the Fund.

Member surplus account

Credited with any actuarial surplus apportioned for the benefit of the members. Credited with net fund returns. Debited with amounts to improve benefits for the member, amounts to reduce current contributions due by members and expenses that will result in a reduction of the members' benefit.

Risk reserve account

Credited with contributions towards insured costs risks costs (contracted 4.8% of pensionable salaries versus actual risk benefit costs). Debited with group life assurance premiums and enhancement of members credits if so decided by the Board of Fund and credited with fund return.

2. Investments

Investment strategy

The Board of Fund has formulated an investment strategy that complies with the provisions of Regulation 28 and 37 of the Pension Funds Act, after taking due consideration of the advice of the Fund's investment and other professional advisors. In terms of the investment strategy, the investments are managed according to the following principles:

Investment strategy

The Board of Fund decided that for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2023 the following policy should be adopted for all members:

- The Fund's assets are invested in a single portfolio made up of sub-portfolios comprising specialist mandates (equities, bonds etc.) invested with various investment managers or in various investment funds. There is no individual member investment choice.
- A revised strategic asset allocation was adopted by the Board of Fund in December 2021 for the main investment portfolio, comprising 20% SA equities, 45% SA interest-bearing investments, 5% SA property investments, and 30% offshore investments (chiefly global equities). The main portfolio investments were largely aligned to this strategic asset allocation by 31 March 2022, while a separate SA Bonds portfolio was created as at that date to hold the assets backing the employer surplus accounts.
- Cashflows will be invested or disinvested as instructed by the Trustees.

The Board of Fund decided that effective 1 February 2023 the following policy should be adopted for all members:

- The Fund's assets are invested in a single portfolio made up of sub-portfolios comprising specialist mandates (equities, bonds etc.) invested with various investment managers or in various investment funds. There is no individual member investment choice.
- The strategic asset allocation adopted by the Board of Fund in December 2021 for the main investment portfolio, comprising 20% SA equities, 45% SA interest-bearing investments, 5% SA property investments, and 30% offshore investments (chiefly global equities). The main portfolio

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investments were largely aligned to this strategic asset allocation as at 31 March 2023, while a separate SA Bonds portfolio holds the assets backing the employer surplus accounts.

Cashflows will be invested or disinvested in the following proportions:

	Invest	Disinvest
Participating employers/ Member monies/ Administration reserve		
account/ Data reserve account/ Risk reserve account		
Prowess Investment Managers Proprietary Limited - SA Money Market	100%	
Portfolio (Class B units)		
Camissa Asset Management Proprietary Limited - SA Equity Portfolio		33.3333%
Oasis Asset Management Limited - SA Equity Portfolio		33.3333%
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited - All Share Index		33.3334%
Fund Portfolio		
Employer surplus accounts		
Public Investment Corporation SOC Limited - SA Bonds Portfolio	100%	100%
Unclaimed benefits		
Prowess Investment Managers Proprietary Limited - SA Money Market	100%	100%
Portfolio (Class A units)		

Unclaimed benefits

These assets, if any, are kept in the bank account and credited with net fund return (bank interest). A portion of the Additional Service and Equalisation benefits relating to the unclaimed benefits are invested on same basis as the other fund assets, although these benefits are also credited with bank interest when they are paid.

Employer Surplus Account

Assets allocated to the Employer Surplus Accounts were invested in the Public Investment Corporation SOC Limited - SA Bonds Portfolio during the financial year.

Reserve account

Assets in the reserve accounts are invested with all other fund assets and enjoy the same monthly investment returns as the fund credits of active members.

Management of investments

It is the Fund's policy to mandate investment administrators to manage the Fund's investments in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy. Investment administrators are granted discretion as to the management and composition of the investment portfolios subject to their mandate and the limitations imposed by the Pension Funds Act in South Africa. Investment administrators are selected on their performance, sector or specialist knowledge, professional competence and ability to deliver on the Fund's investment strategy. Investment administrators are remunerated on a fee basis and are paid monthly.

The Board of Fund and investment sub-committee meet regularly with their investment advisor to (i) discuss and if necessary review the investment strategy, (ii) discuss and if necessary review the

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investment management policy, and (iii) monitor the asset allocation and performance of the investment administrators against the investment strategy of the Fund.

3. Membership

Active members	
At beginning of period	907
Additions	64
Less:	
Withdrawals	35
Deaths	6
Retirements	11
Transfers to deferred pensioner status	1
At end of period	918
Number at end of period (South African citizen)	918
Deferred pensioners	
At beginning of period	28
Transfers from active members	1
At end of period	29
Number at end of period (South African citizen)	29
Deferred pensioners	
The deferred pensioners reconciliation is with regards to paid-up members.	
Unclaimed benefits	
At beginning of period	337
Adjustments*	(7)
At end of period	330
Number at end of period (South African citizen)	330

Adjustments

*An exercise was carried out to verify the schedule of unpaid Additional Service Benefits and Equalisation benefits received from the previous administrator, prior to a former member tracing exercise. This identified that the amounts due to 6 former members had in fact already been paid, and so the amounts for them were removed from the list of unclaimed benefits. These adjustments are reflected in the current year's financial statements (note 9).

Citizenship

As per feedback received from the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, the citizenship disclosure is based on the members' identification numbers (ID's).

^{*}Included in the adjustments is the deletion of a duplicate member record.

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4. Actuarial valuation

In terms of Section 16 of the Pension Funds Act all funds are required to submit an actuarial valuation to the Authority at intervals not exceeding three years. The Fund's valuator must establish and quantify the Fund's contingency reserve accounts. The financial statements summarise the transactions and net assets of the Fund. They do not take account of liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits in the future.

In accordance with Section 16 of the Pension Funds Act and the rules of the Fund, the actuarial position of the Fund, which does take account of such liabilities, is examined and reported upon by the valuator at intervals not exceeding three years.

Interim valuations are done annually. The last interim valuation was performed at 31 March 2022.

The last statutory actuarial valuation was performed at 31 March 2020. The valuator reported that the Fund was in a sound financial position. The next statutory valuation will be performed as at 31 March 2023.

The 31 March 2020 statutory actuarial valuation was submitted on 29 March 2021, queries on the report were received from the Financial Sector Conduct Authority on 04 April 2022 and responded to by the valuator on 06 June 2022. The 31 March 2020 statutory actuarial valuation is pending approval by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

5. Surplus apportionment

Member Surplus

In the report on the Statutory Actuarial Valuation as at 31 March 2020, the actuary noted that there were no recommendations being made in respect of surplus apportionment.

6. Housing loan facilities

Housing loan guarantees

The Fund has granted housing loan guarantees in terms of the rules of the Fund and Section 19(5) of the Pension Funds Act. Each loan is secured by the withdrawal benefit of the respective member. As at year end the Fund has housing loan guarantees to the value of 2023: R1 828 513 (2022: R3 196 159).

7. Investments in participating employers

The Fund holds investments in Government Bonds to the value of 2023: R1 407 545 935 (2022: R1 144 030 539). This is not considered to be an investment in the participating employer as the bonds are issued by the Republic of South Africa and not the Minister of Finance. Consequently, we are of the view that the Fund does not hold investments prohibited by Section 19(4) of the Pension Fund Act. The Fund therefore holds no direct investment in the participating employers.

8. Significant matters

Unapproved risk benefits

The Fund is currently used as a conduit for the payment of premiums in respect of unapproved risk benefits. The Employer is liable for the premiums payable to the registered insurer in respect of the

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unapproved risk benefits and the Fund is currently not liable to pay unapproved risk benefits, as it is an employer-owned policy.

Permanent health insurance policy

Insurance premiums of R3 975 757 (2022: R3 941 369) for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received and paid to MMI Group Limited.

Spouse cover policy

Insurance premiums of R5 336 186 (2022: R4 214 934) for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received and paid to Sanlam Life Insurance Limited.

Funeral cover policy

Insurance premiums of R1 084 030 (2022: R532 571) for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received and paid to MMI Group Limited.

Impact of changes in Regulation 28 on the Annual Financial Statements

The Financial Services Conduct Authority (FSCA) issued the government gazette on the 01 July 2022 with an effective date of 01 January 2023. The intention is that this Standard will replace Board Notice 77, but the consultation process for the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) has not been finalised.

The amended Regulation 28 came into effect on 01 January 2023 and resulted in misalignment between the requirements in Regulation 28 and the reporting requirements contained in Schedule IB. Pending the finalisation of the new Regulatory Reporting Standard, whilst the revised legislation came into effect on 01 January 2023, the Fund was unable to comply with the revised Regulation 28, as the Financial Services Conduct Authority (FSCA) has not finalised the revised Regulation 28 templates. The revised Regulation 28, amongst other changes, now includes a new Table 2 with reference to "Investments in Infrastructure", which has not been included in the current Regulation 28 disclosure in these financial statements. Accordingly, the current Regulation 28 disclosure does not comply with the revised Regulation 28 requirements.

In accordance with Board notice 77 some of the percentage limits have also been updated. All investments are to be disclosed on a look through basis except for non-linked insurance.

9. Subsequent event/(s)

Since the end of the period the following significant event/(s) occurred:

Fidelity and Indemnity Insurance Cover

Fidelity and Indemnity Insurance Cover to the value of R150 million for the Fund through Marsh Proprietary Limited, underwritten by Camargue Underwriting Managers Proprietary Limited, was in place from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and renewed from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 under the same terms and conditions.

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Statement of Net Assets and Funds

At 31 March 2023

	Notes	Current period R	Previous period R
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments	1_	4 803 097 870	4 393 018 481
		4 803 097 870	4 393 018 481
Current assets			
Accounts receivable	3	3 579 124	3 415 098
Cash at bank	_	52 565 291	97 693 519
		56 144 415	101 108 617
Total assets	<u> </u>	4 859 242 285	4 494 127 098
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Funds and surplus account			
Members' individual accounts	_	3 394 262 808	3 104 948 417
		3 394 262 808	3 104 948 417
Reserve accounts			
Reserve accounts	5	1 089 538 402	1 044 204 319
Neserve accounts	J _	1 089 538 402	1 044 204 319
		1 003 330 402	1 044 204 313
Total funds and reserves		4 483 801 210	4 149 152 736
Non-current liabilities			
Employer surplus account	6	107 488 128	101 511 199
Unclaimed benefits	7	118 466 666	118 207 428
	_	225 954 794	219 718 627
Current liabilities			
Benefits payable	8	143 706 341	118 501 964
Accounts payable	9_	5 779 940	6 753 771
		149 486 281	125 255 735
Total funds and liabilities	 ==	4 859 242 285	4 494 127 098

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		Members' individual ccounts and amounts to be allocated R	Reserve account/(s) R	Current period R	Previous period R
Contributions received and accrued	4	191 894 506	32 631 864	224 526 370	214 681 509
Reinsurance proceeds		0	24 880 473	24 880 473	52 223 858
Net investment income	10	325 910 039	65 299 145	391 209 184	432 068 612
Other income	11	0	195 997	195 997	1 600 000
Net income before expenses		517 804 545	123 007 479	640 812 024	700 573 979
Less					
Reinsurance premiums		0	52 328 915	52 328 915	42 099 840
Administration expenses	12	0	6 099 720	6 099 720	6 386 425
Net income before transfers and benefits		517 804 545	64 578 844	582 383 389	652 087 714
Transfers and benefits					
Transfers from other funds		0	0	0	600 947
Benefits	8_	(230 061 312)	0	(230 061 312)	(192 781 156)
Net income before funds and reserves		287 743 233	64 578 844	352 322 077	459 907 505
Funds and reserves					
Balance at beginning of period		3 104 948 417	1 044 204 319	4 149 152 736	3 706 249 843
		3 392 691 650	1 108 783 163	4 501 474 813	4 166 157 348
Net investment return allocated					
Benefits payable to current members	8	(5 230 116)	0	(5 230 116)	(3 256 122)
Unclaimed benefits	7	(6 466 558)	0	(6 466 558)	(3 655 788)
Surplus and reserve accounts	<u> </u>	(5 976 929)	0	(5 976 929)	(10 092 702)
		3 375 018 047	1 108 783 163	4 483 801 210	4 149 152 736
Transfer between reserve account/(s) and					
Members' individual accounts		19 244 761	(19 244 761)	0	0
Balance at end of period		3 394 262 808	1 089 538 402	4 483 801 210	4 149 152 736

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Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement Funds in South Africa, the rules of the Fund and the provisions of the Pension Funds Act.

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost and going concern basis, except where specifically indicated in the accounting policies below:

Principal accounting policies

The following are the principal accounting policies adopted by the Fund. These policies have been applied consistently to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Financial instruments

A financial instrument is recognised when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs other than those classified at fair value through the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value are presented in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds in the period in which they arise.

Financial instruments include financial assets, cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, other financial liabilities and derivative financial instruments.

Financial instruments include the following instruments per category:

Financial assets at fair value through Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds

- Equities
- Debt instruments including Islamic debt instruments
- Collective investment schemes
- Insurance policies
- Investment properties and owner occupied properties

Loans and receivables

- Cash
- Accounts receivable

Other financial liabilities

- Accounts payable

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments are measured on the basis set out below:

Equities

Listed equities

Equity instruments are subsequently measured at fair value and the fair value adjustments are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds. The fair value of equity instruments with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets is based on regulated exchange quoted ruling closing prices at the close of business on the last trading day on or before the reporting date.

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Debt instruments including Islamic debt instruments

Debt instruments comprise investments in government or provincial administration, local authorities, participating employers, subsidiaries or holding companies and corporate bonds.

Listed debt instruments

The fair value of listed debt instruments traded on active liquid markets is based on regulated exchange quoted ruling closing prices at the close of business on the last trading day on or before the Statement of Net Assets and Funds date.

Unlisted debt instruments

A market yield is determined by using appropriate yields of existing debt instruments that best fit the profile of the instrument being measured and based on the term to maturity of the instrument. Adjusting for credit risk, where appropriate, a discounted cash flow model is then applied, using the determined yield, in order to calculate the fair value.

Collective investment schemes

Investments in collective investment schemes are subsequently measured at fair value, which is the quoted at the reporting date, as derived by the collective investment scheme administrator, multiplied by the number of units held.

Insurance policies

Linked policies

If the policy is unitised, the value is equal to the market value of the underlying units. Other linked or market-related policies are valued at the market value of the underlying assets for each policy, in line with the insurer's valuation practices.

Derivative market instruments

Derivative market instruments consist of options, equity index-linked instruments, futures/forwards, foreign currency swaps and interest rate swaps.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from regulated exchange quoted market prices in active markets, including recent market transactions, and valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow models and options pricing models, as appropriate. All derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative. The Fund does not classify any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

Futures/forwards

The fair value of publicly traded derivatives is based on quoted closing prices for assets held or liabilities issued, and current offer prices for assets to be acquired and liabilities held.

Commodities

Commodities are measured at fair value using the closing price quoted from a regulated exchange.

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Investment properties and owner occupied properties

Immovable properties and investment properties are properties held for long-term rental yields or capital appreciation that are not occupied by the Fund. Immovable properties and investment properties are stated initially at cost on acquisition, which comprises the purchase price and directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently, immovable properties and investment properties are recognised at fair value at the Statement of Net Assets and Funds date, as determined annually by independent professional valuators.

Cash

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in fair value. Cash and cash equivalents are initially measured at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment losses. Receivables with a short duration are not discounted, as the effects of discounting are immaterial.

Accounts payable

Accounts payable are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. Payables with a short duration are not discounted, as the effects of discounting are immaterial.

Transfers from other funds

Individual transfers

Individual transfers are recognised on the earlier of receipt of the written notice of transfer (Recognition of Transfer) or receipt of the actual transfer value. Individual transfers are measured at the value of the transfer at effective date of the transfer, adjusted for investment return or late payment interest.

Contributions

Contributions received and accrued

Contributions are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and are accrued and recognised as income in accordance with the Rules of the Fund. Contributions received are apportioned between retirement funding and funding for risk expenses. The apportionment is governed by the Rules of the Fund. Any contributions outstanding at the end of the reporting period are recognised as a current asset — contributions receivable. Any contributions received in advance at the end of the reporting period are recognised as a current liability — contributions payable. Contributions received and accrued only include cash payments from the member and employer. They do not include contributions funded from reserve or surplus accounts.

Voluntary contributions

Voluntary contributions are measured at the fair value of the considerations received or receivable. Voluntary contributions are recognised when they are received for annual payments or accrued where monthly recurring payments are made. Any contributions received in advance at the end of the reporting period are recognised as a current liability – contributions payable.

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Interest charged on late payment of contributions

Compound interest (compounded daily) on late payments or unpaid amounts and values is calculated for the period from the first day of the month following the expiration of the period in respect of which the relevant amounts or values are payable or transferable until the date of receipt by the Fund. Interest at a rate as prescribed from time to time by the Minister by notice in the Gazette shall be payable on the amount of any contribution transmitted into a Fund's bank account later than seven days after the end of the period for which such a contribution is payable.

Reserves and specified accounts

Reserve accounts are accounted for in terms of the Rules of the Fund.

Surplus

Surplus apportionments are recognised on the date when the surplus apportionment scheme is approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, as contained in the written approval issued by the Authority in this regard. Surplus is measured at the values contained in the surplus apportionment scheme approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority on the surplus apportionment date of the Fund. These amounts are adjusted for investment return or late payment interest until the date of approval of the scheme, as guided by the Pension Funds Act and/or the Rules of the Fund.

Benefits

Benefits payable are measured in terms of the Rules of the Fund. Benefit payments are recognised as an expense when they are due and payable in terms of the Rules of the Fund. Any benefits not paid at the end of the reporting period are recognised as a current liability – benefits payable.

Reinsurance proceeds

Reinsurance proceeds are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and are accrued and recognised as income at the same time as the recognition of the related claim.

Divorce orders

Divorce orders are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds upon notification of the divorce order by the non-member spouse. The divorce order is measured in accordance with the divorce order decree and requirements of the Income Tax Act.

Unclaimed benefits

Unclaimed benefits are claims payable to current or former members that remain unpaid in excess of 24 months from the date it becomes due and payable in terms of the Rules of the Fund. Unclaimed benefits are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Unclaimed benefits are classified and disclosed as a non-current liability.

Investment income

Dividends

Dividend income is recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net assets and Funds when the right to receive payment is established – this is the last date to trade for equity securities.

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Interest

Interest income in respect of financial assets held at amortised cost is accounted for in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds using the effective interest rate method.

Collective investment schemes' distribution

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Fund when the right to receive payment is established.

Insurance policy income

Insurance policy income is recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds when the right to receive payment is established.

Adjustment to fair value

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of 'financial assets at fair value through the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds' are presented in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds in the period in which they arise.

Expenses incurred in managing investments

Expenses in respect of the management of investments are recognised as the service is rendered.

Administration expenses and reinsurance premiums

Expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund and reinsurance premiums are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds in the reporting period in which it occurred. An expense is recognised if it is probable that any future economic benefit associated with the item will flow from the Fund and the cost can be reliably measured. In the event that an expense has not yet been paid at the end of the reporting period, the liability will be reflected in the accounts payable note. If an expense has been paid in advance or has been overpaid, the asset will be disclosed in the accounts receivable note.

Member individual accounts

Member individual accounts comprise of the Funds attributable to individual members, represented by investments and cash balances.

Amounts to be allocated

Amounts to be allocated represents transactions through the Fund which have not been allocated to members or reserves.

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1. Investments

1.1. Investment summary

	Local	Foreign	Total current period	Total previous period	Fair value current period	
	R	R	R .	. R	R	
Fair value through Statement of Changes in Ne	t Assets and Funds					
Cash	164 763 518	0	164 763 518	611 922 466	164 763 518	
Commodities	4 417 953	0	4 417 953	3 589 015	4 417 953	
Debt instruments including Islamic debt						
instruments	1 784 757 108	0	1 784 757 108	1 071 267 216	1 784 757 108	
Equities (including demutualisation shares)	509 276 259	0	509 276 259	646 375 001	509 276 259	
Insurance policies	1 139 731 713	21 288	1 139 753 001	1 061 894 615	1 139 753 001	
Collective investment schemes	6 924	1 200 123 107	1 200 130 031	997 970 168	1 200 130 031	
	3 602 953 475	1 200 144 395	4 803 097 870	4 393 018 481	4 803 097 870	

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2. Housing loan facilities

Housing loan guarantees	Current period R	Previous period R
Housing loan guarantee	1 828 513	3 196 159
	1 828 513	3 196 159

The Fund has provided guarantees to Ithala Bank Limited to secure housing loans for its members. The guarantees are limited to 33% of the relevant members' withdrawal benefits, in terms of the rules of the Fund and Section 19(5) of the Pension Funds Act in South Africa. Each guarantee is secured by the withdrawal benefit of the respective members on whose behalf the guarantees were granted.

The total housing loan guarantee facility available to the Fund is R4 349 398 (2022: R3 646 983) of which the Fund has utilised and provided guarantees of R1 828 513 (2022: R3 196 159).

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3. Accounts receivable

	Current period R	Previous period R
Fidelity insurance prepaid	287 788	0
Interest on late payment contributions	1 297	1 297
Other income	54 717	0
Reinsurance proceeds		
Group life assurance	3 235 322	3 413 801
	3 579 124	3 415 098

Other income

Other income relates to legal fee expenses recoverable from Camargue Underwriting Managers.

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4. Contributions

			Towards		
	At beginning of period	Towards retirement	reinsurance and expenses	Contributions received	At end of period
	R	R	R	R	R
Members contributions		58 623 268	0	(58 623 268)	0
Received and accrued		53 153 542	0	(53 153 542)	0
Additional voluntary contributions		5 469 726	0	(5 469 726)	0
Employer contributions		133 271 237	32 631 865	(165 903 102)	0
Received and accrued		133 271 237	32 631 865	(165 903 102)	0
		0 191 894 505	32 631 865	(224 526 370)	0

Movement on Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds

Towards retirement
Towards reinsurance and expenses
Contributions received and accrued

191 894 505 32 631 865 **224 526 370**

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Unapproved Reinsurance Policy

Permanent health insurance policy

The policy for permanent health insurance is in the name of the employer. In terms of the Rules of the Fund, the Fund is used as a conduit to pay these premiums. The total premiums for the year of R3 975 757 (2022: R3 941 369) was netted off against the employer contributions received towards reinsurance and expenses. Insurance premiums of R3 663 340 (2022: R3 614 948) for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received and paid to MMI Group Limited and therefore a payable of R312 417 (2022: R326 421) was recognised at year end (refer to note 9 to the financial statements).

Spouse cover policy

The policy for spouse cover is in the name of the employer. In terms of the Rules of the Fund, the Fund is used as a conduit to pay these premiums. The total premiums for the year of R5 336 186 (2022: R4 214 934) was netted off against the employer contributions received towards re-insurance and expenses. Insurance premiums of R5 073 181 (2022: R3 824 760) for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received and paid to Sanlam Life Insurance Limited and therefore a payable of R263 005 (2022: R390 174) was recognised at year end (refer to note 9 to the financial statements).

Funeral cover policy

The policy for funeral cover is in the name of the employer. In terms of the Rules of the Fund, the Fund is used as a conduit to pay these premiums. The total premiums for the year of R1 084 030 (2022: R532 571) was netted off against the employer contributions received towards re-insurance and expenses. Insurance premiums of R907 875 (2022: R480 628) for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received and paid to MMI Group Limited and therefore a payable of R176 155 (2022: R51 943) was recognised at year end (refer to note 9 to the financial statements).

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5. Reserve accounts		
	Current period R	Previous period R
Risk reserve	4 352 875	21 298 993
Data reserve account	68 528 780	68 188 325
Administration reserve account	3 385 002	3 422 144
Employer surplus account no.2	286 261 338	266 391 780
Employer surplus account no.1	727 010 407	684 903 077
	1 089 538 402	1 044 204 319
Risk Reserve		
	Current period	Previous period
	R	R .
Contributions received and accrued	27 155 594	26 881 853
Reinsurance proceeds	24 880 473	52 223 858
Net investment income	1 227 203	2 893 964
Net income before expenses	53 263 270	81 999 675
Less:		
Reinsurance premiums	52 328 915	42 099 840
Net income before funds and reserves	934 355	39 899 835
Funds and reserves		
Balance at beginning of period	21 298 993	33 623 016
	22 233 348	73 522 851
Transfer between reserve account/(s) and		
Accumulated funds/Member individual accounts		
Members' individual accounts	(24 880 473)	(52 223 858)
Other reserves	,	,
Data Reserve	7 000 000	
Balance at end of period	4 352 875	21 298 993
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Data reserve account		
	Current period	Previous period
	<u> </u>	R
Net investment income	7 340 455	19 506 147
Net income before funds and reserves	7 340 455	19 506 147
Funds and reserves		
Balance at beginning of period	68 188 325	48 682 178
Transfer between reserve account and		
Other reserve accounts		
Risk Reserve	(7 000 000)	0
Balance at end of period	68 528 780	68 188 325

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Administration reserve account		
	Current period	Previous period R
Oct 15 the control of the Leave of	R 5 470 070	
Contributions received and accrued	5 476 270	5 187 398
Net investment income	320 711	397 861
Other income	195 997	0
Net income before expenses	5 992 978	5 585 259
Less:		
Administration expenses	6 099 720	6 386 425
Net income/(loss) before funds and reserves	(106 742)	(801 166)
Funds and reserves		
Balance at beginning of period	3 422 144	4 153 710
Transfer between reserve account and		
Accumulated funds/member individual accounts		
Members' individual accounts	69 600	69 600
Balance at end of period	3 385 002	3 422 144

Other income

Other income relates to legal fee expenses recovered from Camargue Underwriting Managers.

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Employer surplus account no.2		
	Current period	Previous period
Not be east because	R 45 000 040	R 05.040.000
Net investment income	15 803 019	25 942 988
Net income before funds and reserves	15 803 019	25 942 988
Funds and reserves		
Balance at beginning of period	266 391 780	229 806 785
Transfer between reserve account and		
Accumulated funds/member individual accounts		
Members' individual accounts	4 066 539	10 642 007
Balance at end of period	286 261 338	266 391 780
Employee combined as a second on A		
Employer surplus account no.1	Current nevied	Dravious paried
	Current period R	Previous period R
Net investment income	40 607 757	68 194 299
Net income before funds and reserves	40 607 757	68 194 299
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		00 10 1 200
Funds and reserves		
Funds and reserves Balance at beginning of period	684 903 077	
Funds and reserves Balance at beginning of period Transfer between reserve account and		
Funds and reserves Balance at beginning of period Transfer between reserve account and Accumulated funds/member individual accounts	684 903 077	618 632 636
Funds and reserves Balance at beginning of period		618 632 636 (1 923 858) 684 903 077

Transfer between reserve account and Members' individual accounts

The R4 066 539 and R1 499 573 relates to ASB and Equalisation benefits due to former member which had in fact already been paid. The reversal of the benefits in the current period were transferred back to the Employer surplus account no.1 and no.2

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6. Employer surplus account

	Current period R	Previous period R
At the beginning of period	101 511 199	91 418 497
Net investment return	5 976 929	10 092 702
At end of period	107 488 128	101 511 199

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7. Unclaimed benefits

	Current period R	Previous period R
At the beginning of the period	118 207 428	136 998 199
Transferred to benefits payable	(4 881 581)	(23 550 260)
Surplus benefits payable transferred	(75 282)	1 124 539
Net investment return	6 466 558	3 655 788
Less:		
Allocation of administration expenses	24 427	13 104
Benefits paid	0	7 734
Adjustments	1 226 030	0
At end of period	118 466 666	118 207 428

Negative benefits transferred and adjustments to unclaimed benefits

An exercise was carried out to verify the schedule of unpaid Additional Service Benefits and Equalisation benefits received from the previous administrator, prior to a former member tracing exercise. The negative benefits transferred to unclaimed benefits relates to amounts due to former members which had in fact already been paid. The adjustments to unclaimed benefits relates to amounts due to former members which were under or over provided for and have been adjusted in the current period.

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8. Benefits

	At beginning of	Benefits for	Net investment	from unclaimed		
	period R	current period R	return R	Payments R	benefits R	At end of period R
On retirement	22 846 354	114 044 346		(73 074 862)		
Lump sums on retirement				,		
Full benefit	22 846 354	114 044 346	1 051 054	(73 074 862)	0	64 866 892
Pre-retirement	95 655 610	118 036 167	4 177 317	(139 495 020)	465 375	78 839 449
Lump sums before retirement				,		
Death benefits	85 633 662	57 838 896	3 513 821	(90 711 968)	0	56 274 41°
Withdrawal benefits	10 021 948	60 197 271	663 496	(48 783 052)	465 375	22 565 038
Other	0	(1 867 794)	1 745	(2 550 157)	4 416 206	
Divorce orders	0	3 698 318	1 745	(3 700 063)	0)
Equalisation benefits (former member)	(0)	(1 499 573)	0	Ò	1 499 573	(
Additional Service Benefits (former members)	(0)	(4 066 539)	0	1 149 906	2 916 633	(
, , ,	118 501 964	230 212 719	5 230 116	(215 120 039)	4 881 581	143 706 34°

Transferred

Benefits awarded	230 212 719
Net investment return	5 230 116
Benefits	235 442 835

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Benefits (continued)

	At beginning of	Surplus	Net investment	f	Transferred from unclaimed	
	period	allocated	return	Payments	benefits	At end of period
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Enhancements to former members	0	(151 407)	0	76 125	75 282	0
	0	(151 407)	0	76 125	75 282	0
Total benefits	118 501 964	230 061 312	5 230 116	(215 043 914)	4 956 863	143 706 341
Surplus apportionment movement on Stat	ement of Changes in Net As	sets and Funds				
Surplus allocated for current period	<u> </u>					(151 407)
Benefits					•	(151 407)

Negative benefits for the current period

An exercise was carried out to verify the schedule of unpaid Additional Service Benefits and Equalisation benefits received from the previous administrator, prior to a former member tracing exercise. This identified that amounts due to former members had in fact already been paid, and so the amounts for them were removed from the list of unclaimed benefits or amounts due to former members were under or over provided for in unclaimed benefits and were adjusted accordingly.

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9. Accounts payable

	Current period R	Previous period R
Administration fees	130 478	3 947
Auditor's remuneration	437 000	741 175
Board of Fund expenses	167 746	123 133
Business Connexion fees	2 194	2 143
Contribution payable	851 307	851 307
Contribution refundable to member	108 641	108 641
Legal fees	21 557	81 288
Principal officer expenses	6 038	0
Reinsurance premiums		
Group life assurance	3 303 402	3 959 257
Secretarial fees	0	114 342
Unapproved policy premiums in respect of participating employer/s		
Funeral premiums	176 155	51 943
Permanent health insurance	312 417	326 421
Sanlam spouses cover	263 005	390 174
	5 779 940	6 753 771

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10. Net investment income

	Current period R	Previous period R
Collective investment schemes income	119	45
Fair value adjustments	238 551 770	362 729 671
Insurance policies income	17 353	6
Interest received	163 467 132	82 596 799
Interest on late payment of contributions	294	1 554
Less:		
Expenses incurred in managing investments		
Investment administrators' fees	10 827 484	13 259 463
	391 209 184	432 068 612

Dividends received

In terms of the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement Funds in South Africa, dividends received of R34 424 646 (2022: R51 195 050) have been included in the fair value adjustments.

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11. Other income		
	Current period	Previous period
	R	R
Other income	195 997	1 600 000
	195 997	1 600 000

Other income

Other income in the current period relates to legal fee expenses recovered from Camargue Underwriting Managers.

Other income in the previous period relates to a settlement received by the Public Investment Corporation Asset Manager for the breach of mandate that occurred.

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12. Administration expenses	Notes	Current period R	Previous period R
Actuarial fees		373 441	258 256
Administration fees		1 576 686	1 532 473
Administration fees on unclaimed benefits		24 427	13 104
Advertising		2 600	0
Audit fees		437 000	741 175
Bank charges		1 161	1 301
Board of Fund expenses	12.1	648 289	731 605
Business Connexion fees		26 147	24 226
Consulting fees		1 443 760	1 271 210
Fidelity cover		274 187	273 045
Financial Sector Conduct Authority levies		24 529	24 144
Legal fees		300 147	217 764
Principal Officer expenses	12.2	496 531	773 880
Secretarial fees		495 242	537 346
Less:			
Amount allocated to unclaimed benefits		24 427	13 104
	=	6 099 720	6 386 425
12.1 Board of Fund expenses			
		Current period	Previous period
		R	R
Expenses		392 685	498 454
		0== 004	
Other payments		255 604	233 151

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12.2 Principal Officer expenses

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Other payments	172 087	464 880
Remuneration	324 444	309 000
	496 531	773 880

Other payments

Other payments are in respect of reimbursements, travel costs and investigations with regards to death benefits.

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13. Risk management

The Board of the Fund has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Fund's risk management policies.

The Board of Fund has established the Risk Management Committee, which is responsible for developing and monitoring the Fund's risk management policies. The committee reports regularly to the Board of Fund on its activities.

The Fund's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Fund, 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 Fund's activities

The Fund has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Market risk, including currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk
- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Operational risk

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises of three types of risk: Currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund monitors currency risk in line with Regulation 28, the limits set out in terms of the South African Reserve Bank as well as in terms of the investment policy of the Fund.

The Fund invests indirectly in securities and other investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. Accordingly, the value of the Fund's assets may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates and therefore the Fund will be subject to foreign exchange risk.

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Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the interest rate. Interest rate risk is limited to interest bearing financial instruments that are accounted for at amortised cost.

Interest rate risk associated with the interest linked instruments included in the linked insurance policies is managed by the investment administrator according to the investment mandate and the risk management policy of the Fund. The investment administrator reports on the steps taken to identify and manage the risk on an annual basis.

The Employer surplus account is invested with all the other Fund assets to minimise the fluctuation in cash flows associated with the changes in interest rates.

Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Board of Fund identifies the risk during the process of setting the investment strategy. The issues considered by the Board of Fund in setting the investment strategy are documented in the investment policy document and actioned accordingly by the appointed investment administrators. The investment administrators reports on an annual basis on how the risk was identified and managed. The investment strategy of the Fund for the investment in equities and other market price related instruments complies with the Regulation 28 limit for the investment in equities and other market price related instruments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation, and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Credit risk can arise when the investments of the Fund are exposed to contractual agreements, whether reflected on or off the Statement of Net Assets and Funds. Credit risk can also arise when the Fund has the right to off-set or to settle net in respect of certain assets and liabilities but does not intend to do so.

Housing loan guarantees granted are secured by the after tax withdrawal benefit of the respective members on whose behalf the guarantees were granted. The amount of the guarantee may not exceed 33.33% of the fund credit of the respective members. Housing loan guarantees granted are renewed annually to ensure that the general terms and conditions are still applicable.

The Fund's assets are only invested through compliant regulated investment administrators. The Fund's investment mandate stipulates that the investment administrator should monitor the risks associated with the Fund's investments on a regular basis.

The Fund makes use of an investment advisor who ensures that the Fund only invests in well-researched institutions with an acceptable risk rating.

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The Board of Fund has appointed an investment subcommittee to monitor if the investment administrators properly manage the credit risk, and that investment portfolios are still within the investment mandate of the Fund.

Credit risk is managed by the Fund's outsourced investment administrators by investing in well-researched institutions and within the parameters of the investment mandate. The investment administrator must report annually on the steps taken to identify and manage the credit risk, in terms of the Fund's risk management policy.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities.

According to the investment mandate, the Fund invests primarily in marketable securities and other financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash.

In addition, the Fund's policy is to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption requests as specified in the Rules of the Fund.

Cash flows are prepared on a monthly basis and the Board of Fund closely monitors the cash flow requirements. Bank reconciliations are performed on a monthly basis by the Fund's administrator. Monies is invested and disinvested as and when the need arises.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Fund's activities and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks, such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of Fund's behaviour.

The Fund ensures that for all significant contractual obligations, as provided for in terms of the Rules, provisions have been raised in the annual financial statements and complies with all legislation, regulations and contracts. The responsibility lies with the Board of Fund predominantly as well as with the Fund's service providers where agreed to.

Details of the Fund's risk management policy are available for inspection at the registered office of the Fund.

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14. Related party transactions

		Current Period C	Surrent Period	Prior Period	Prior Period
Related party	Relationship/Description	Transactions	Balance	Transactions	Balance
		R	R	R	R
Administrator	Administration fees	(1 601 113)	(130 478)	(1 545 577)	(3 947)
Board of Fund	Board member	(648 289)	(167 746)	(731 605)	(123 133)
Participating Employer	Contributions towards retirement, reinsurance and	165 903 102	(851 307)	159 075 392	(851 307)
Participating Employer	expenses	E 076 020	107 400 100	10 002 702	101 511 100
Participating Employer	Employer surplus account	5 976 929	107 488 128		101 511 199
Participating Employer	Permanent health insurance premiums	(3 975 757)	(312 417)	(3 941 369)	(326 421)
Participating Employer	Funeral insurance premiums	(1 084 030)	(176 155)	(532 571)	(51 943)
Participating Employer	Spouse cover premiums	(5 336 186)	(263 005)	(4 214 934)	(390 174)
Principal Officer	Principal officer	` (496 531)	(6 038)	(773 880)	Ó

Receivable and payable

Amounts that are in brackets relate to payables/creditors and those without brackets relate to receivables/debtors.

Board of Fund

The Member elected Board Members and some of the Employer appointed Board Members make contributions to the Fund and are entitled to receive benefits in terms of the Fund Rules on exiting the Fund.

Current and prior period transactions

Amounts that are in brackets relate to expenses and those without brackets relate to income.

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Report of the Valuator

For the period ended 31 March 2023

- 1. The latest statutory actuarial valuation submitted to the Financial Sector Conduct Authority was as of 31 March 2020, where the Fund was determined to be in a financially sound position with:
 - a) Adjusted net assets of R3 230 million exceeding the sum of the Member Fund Credits of R2 467 million and the Employer Surplus Accounts of R763 million; and
 - b) The remaining assets of R58.9 million established the Data Error Reserve of R39.5 million, the Risk Reserve of R15.7 million and the Administration Expense Reserve of R3.7 million.
- 2. A statutory actuarial valuation will be performed as of 31 March 2023 upon finalisation of these financial statements.
- 3. The methods of determining the values of liabilities and reserves as well as the changes thereof since at the last statutory valuation report are as follows:
 - a) Member Fund Credits are opening balances plus contributions accumulated with fund returns;
 - b) Employer surplus accounts are accumulated with fund returns;
 - c) The Data Error Reserve exists to cushion the Fund against errors affecting Member Fund Credits and is targeted to be between 1.0% and 1.5% of member liabilities;
 - d) The Risk Reserve exists to cushion the Fund against unexpected increase in premiums for risk benefits and is targeted at 2% of pensionable salaries; and
 - e) The Administration Expense Reserve exists to cushion the Fund against possible expense over-runs and is targeted at 9-months' budgeted expenses.
- 4. I have reviewed the build-up of the Fund's reserve accounts as of 31 March 2023. I am satisfied that the assets of the Fund are sufficient to cover the Member Liabilities and establish contingency reserve accounts, therefore the Fund being in a financially sound position.

Prepared by:

Ranti Mothapo VALUATOR

Fellow of the Actuarial Society of South Africa In my capacity as the valuator of the Fund and

Date: 6 July 2023

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Report of the Independent Auditors to the Board of Fund and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority and Schedules to the Annual Financial Statements

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT TO THE BOARD OF FUND AND THE FINANCIAL SECTOR CONDUCT AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF THE AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER SPECIFIED INFORMATION IN THE GENERAL LEDGER AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION COMPRISING THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS (THE "SUBJECT MATTER") OF THE POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS PENSION FUND ("THE FUND") FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Purpose of this Agreed-Upon Procedures Report and Restriction on Use and Distribution

Our report on the Subject Matter is provided in accordance with Section 15(1) of the Pension Funds Act, No. 24 of 1956 of South Africa (the "Act"), solely for the purpose of assisting the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (the "Authority") and Board of Fund in evaluating whether there are any instances of non-compliance with the requirements of the specified sections of the Act, Regulations of the Act, 1962 and the registered Rules of the Fund during the year ended 31 March 2023, and may not be suitable for another purpose. This report is intended solely for the Board of Fund and the Authority and should not be used by, or distributed to, any other parties.

Responsibilities of the Board of Fund and the Authority

The Board of Fund and the Authority have acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement.

The Board of Fund is responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

Auditor's Responsibilities

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 (Revised), *Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements*. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves us performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Board of Fund and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion.

Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

Professional Ethics and Quality Management

We have complied with the ethical requirements of the Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors issued by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA Code). The IRBA Code is founded on Fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour; and it is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards). For the purpose of this engagement, there are no independence requirements with which we are required to comply.



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Chief Executive Officer: LD Mokoena

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The firm applies the International Standard on Quality Management 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management, including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Procedures and Findings

We have performed the procedures described in the table below, which were agreed upon with the Board of Fund in respect of the audited annual financial statements and other specified information in the general ledger and management information comprising the accounting records of the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Unless otherwise indicated, all balances, lists, schedules and other relevant documents referred to in the table below relate to the accounts/balances reflected in the audited annual financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Sample size and selection criteria

Unless otherwise stated in the procedure, the sample should be selected as follows:

Sort the list by member number or other numerical identifier, if no member number is applicable, and divide the total number of items on the list by the number of items to be selected, to obtain the variable rounded off to the nearest whole number (the "nth item"). Select a sample starting from the first to the nearest nth item on the list, then select every nth item until the required sample size is reached.





	Procedures	Findings
	Statement of Net Assets and Funds	
1.	Investments	W 1
1.1	Obtain a list of all investments as at 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator and agree the total investment balance per the list to the amount reflected in the Statement of Net Assets and Funds per the audited annual financial statements as at 31 March 2023 and note any differences.	We obtained a list of investments as at 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator and agreed the total investment balance per the list to the amount reflected in the Statement of Net Assets and Funds per the annual financial statements as at 31 March 2023.
1.1.1	 a) Obtain external confirmations of all investment balances, per the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1, from the investment managers / insurers / collective investments managers as at 31 March 2023. Where the auditor is unable to obtain these external confirmations, note this fact. b) For external confirmations that are in a foreign currency, obtain the exchange rate(s) applied by the Fund administrator to translate the investment value to South African rands (ZAR) from the Fund administrator and recalculate the ZAR value using the exchange rate. Agree the recalculated values to the investment balances as per the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1 and note any differences. 	 a) We obtained external confirmations of all investment balances, per the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1, from the as at 31 March 2023 b) Not applicable.
	c) For external confirmations, that are in ZAR agree the values of the investments per the external confirmations obtained to the investment balances as per the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1 and note any differences.	c) For external confirmations that are in ZAR, we agreed the values of the investments per the external confirmations obtained to the investment balances as per the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1.
1.1.2	From the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1, by inspection of the list or inquiry with the Fund administrator, note new investments made during the year ended 31 March 2023. Select a sample of 10 of the largest value new investments (if there are less than 10 new investments, select all) from the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1, and perform the following procedures:	We inspected the list obtained in procedure 1.1, or inquired with the Fund administrator, and noted no new investments made during the year ended 31 March 2023.
1.1.2.1	Inquire from the Fund administrator the date on which the investment policy statement of the Fund was last reviewed/approved by the Board of Fund. Note the date.	We inquired from the Fund administrator and noted that the investment policy statement of the Fund was last reviewed/approved by the Board of Fund in September 2022.
1.1.2.2	Obtain the latest approved policy statement from the Principal Officer. Inspect the investment policy statement and document the different categories of investments that are within the scope of the investment policy statement.	We obtained the latest approved policy statement from the Fund administrator. We inspected the investment policy statement from the Fund administrator and the different categories of investments within the scope of the investment policy statement are as follows: Money market products Segregated investments
1.1.2.3	Inspect the investment note 1 of the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and document the categories of investments that the Fund has invested in.	We inspected the investment note 1 of the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the categories of investments that the Fund has invested in are as follows: Insurance policies Collective Investment Schemes Segregated investments
1.1.2.4	Compare the categories documented in procedure 1.1.2.2 with the categories documented in procedure 1.1.2.3 and note the instances where the investment categories per the audited annual financial statements do not agree to the investment policy statement.	We compared the categories documented in procedure 1.1.2.2 with the categories documented in procedure 1.1.2.3 and noted no instances where the investment categories per the audited annual financial statements do not agree with the investment policy statement.





	Procedures	Findings
1.2.1	Calculate the total value of direct investments held by the	Not applicable.
	Fund in the participating employer as reflected in the	
	investment note 1 of the audited annual financial	
	statements, as a percentage of the total assets reflected in	
	the Statement of Net Assets and Funds per the audited	
	annual financial statements and note the calculated	
	percentage.	
1.2.2	Where the calculated percentage in procedure 1.2.1	Not applicable.
	exceeds 5%, obtain from the Fund administrator the	
	exemption letter received by the Fund from the Authority	
	for these investments.	
	Note the date of the exemption letter; alternatively, note	
	if no exemption letter could be obtained.	
1.3	Section 19(5B) Investments	We inquired from the Principal Officer about the
	inquire from the principal officer about the matters	matters specified below, as they relate to the year
	specified below, as they relate to the year ended 31 March	ended 31 March 2023. Based on our inquiries
	2023 and note the following:	performed, we noted the following:
	i. any loans or guarantees have been granted to a	i. There were no loans or guarantees granted to
	member of the Fund other than for the purposes of	a member of the Fund; and
	Section 19(5); and	ii. There were no loans granted to and
	ii. Any loans have been granted to and investments were	investments made in the shares of the
	made in the shares of the following:	following:
	a. A company controlled by an officer or a member	a. A company controlled by an officer or a
	of the Fund or a director of a company which is	member of the Fund or a director of a
	an employer participating in the scheme or	company which is an employer
	arrangement whereby the Fund has been	participating in the scheme or
	established; or	arrangement whereby the Fund has been
	b. A subsidiary (as defined in the Companies Act) of	established; or
	such a first-mentioned company.	b. A subsidiary (as defined in the Companies
	Where loans of this nature have been granted, note the	Act) of such a first-mentioned company.
	following details of the loans granted: date, amounts and	
	name of the borrower.	
1.4	Section 19(5D) Investments	We inquired from the Principal Officer about the
	Inquire from the Principal Officer about the matters	matters specified below as they relate to the year
	specified below as they relate to the year ended 31 March	ended 31 March 2023. based on our inquiries
	2023 and document the responses obtained:	performed, the following responses were
	a. the Fund, directly or indirectly, acquired or held shares	obtained:
	or any other financial interest in another entity at 31	a. The Fund has not acquired or held any shares
	March 2023, which resulted in the Fund exercising	or financial interest in another entity which
	control over that entity, without obtaining the prior	results in the exercising of control.
	approval from the Authority; and	b. Not applicable.
	b. The approval referred to in paragraph (a) was given,	
2.	subject to any conditions, and note these conditions. Member individual accounts (defined contribution Funds	
2.	as well as the defined contribution section of hybrid	
	Funds)	
2.1	Obtain a list of the member individual accounts for defined	We obtained a list of the member individual
	contribution members (including contributing, paid-up and	accounts for defined contribution members
	deferred members) as at 31 March 2023 and as at 1 April	(including contributing, paid-up and deferred
	2022 from the Fund administrator, and perform procedure	members) as at 31 March 2023 and as at 1 April
	2.3:	2022 from the Fund administrator, and performed
	2.3.	procedure 2.3:
2.2	Obtain a reconciliation of the total value of the list of	We obtained a reconciliation of the total value of
	member individual accounts as at 31 March 2023 obtained	the list of member individual accounts as at 31
	in procedure 2.1 to the Members' individual accounts	March 2023 obtained in procedure 2.1 to the
	balance as per the Statement of Net Assets and Funds as at	Members' individual accounts balance as per the
	31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator. Note the	Statement of Net Assets and Funds from the Fund
	reconciling items.	administrator. No reconciling items were noted.
	reconciuing items.	administrator. No reconciding items were noted.





	Procedures	Findings
2.3	Select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of members from the list of members at the end of the year obtained in procedure 2.1 (selected based on the selection criteria provided above) and perform the following procedures for each member selected and for each of the following three months selected, based on the sample selection criteria described below: • April 2022; • October 2022; and • March 2023. Months sample is determined on a random sample basis using audit software IDEA and selected the last month March 2023.	We selected a sample of 41 members from the list of members at the end of the year obtained in procedure 2.1 for the following three months: • April 2022; • October 2022; and • March 2023, selected based on the following sample selection criteria agreed with the Fund. The sample was a random sample determined by the audit sample software IDEA and selected the last month March 2023.
2.3.1	Obtain a list of the member and employer contributions received and allocated for the respective months from the Fund administration system, by accessing the administration system and extracting this list, or by obtaining this list from the Fund administrator and perform procedure 2.3.3.	We obtained from the Fund administrator, a list of the member and employer contributions received and allocated for the respective months from the Fund administration system and performed procedure 2.3.3 below.
2.3.2	Obtain the remittance advice supplied by the participating employers to the Fund administrator for the respective months and perform procedure 2.3.3.	We obtained the remittance advice supplied by the participating employers to the Fund administrator for the respective months, and performed procedure 2.3.3 below.
2.3.3	Agree the member and employer contributions per the list obtained in procedure 2.3.1 with the member and employer contributions per the documents obtained in procedure 2.3.2 and note any differences.	The member and employer contributions obtained in procedure 2.3.1 agreed with the member contributions obtained in procedure 2.3.2.
2.4	Obtain the registered rules of the Fund from the Fund administrator and perform the procedure below.	We obtained the registered rules of the Fund from the Fund administrator and performed the procedure below.
2.4.1	Calculate the member and employer contribution rates for each member selected in procedure 2.3 by dividing the contribution obtained in 2.3.1 by the salary per the remittance advice obtained in procedure 2.3.2. Agree the calculated member and employer contribution rates to the rate per the rules of the Fund obtained in procedure 2.4. Note any differences.	We calculated the member and employer contribution rates for each member selected in procedure 2.3 by dividing the contribution obtained in 2.3.1 by the salary per the remittance advice obtained in procedure 2.3.2. The calculated member and employer contribution rates agreed to the contribution rate per the rules of the Fund obtained in procedure 2.4.
2.5	Inquire from the Fund administrator whether the Fund is a unitised or non-unitised Fund and note the type of Fund.	We inquired from the Fund administrator whether the Fund is a unitised or non-unitised Fund and noted that the Fund is a non-unitised Fund.
2.5.1	If the Fund is a unitised Fund, as noted in procedure 2.5: For the sample of members selected in procedure 2.3, perform the following procedures:	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer unitised investment products
2.5.1.1	Recalculate the units allocated to the member for the specific month, as per the Fund administration system, by dividing the contributions by the unit price using both inputs as per the administration system on the dates that the contributions were unitised. Agree the recalculated units to the units allocated to the member for the specific month, as per the Fund administration system. Note any differences.	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer unitised investment products
2.5.1.2	Obtain an external confirmation of the unit prices from Investment managers throughout the year ended 31 March 2023. Note any exceptions of confirmations not obtained.	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer unitised investment products
2.5.1.3	Agree the unit price per the administration system in 2.5.1.1 to the unit price per the external confirmation in 2.5.1.2 and note any differences.	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer unitised investment products





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2.5.1.4	Recalculate the member's Fund credit as at 31 March 2023	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer unitised
	by multiplying the number of units with the unit price,	investment products
	using both inputs as per the administration system. Agree	annosament products
	the recalculated amount to the member's Fund credit per	
	the listing obtained in procedure 2.1 and note any	
	differences.	
2.5.1.5	Agree the 31 March 2023 unit price as per the	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer unitised
	administration system used in procedure 2.5.1.1 to the unit	investment products
	price obtained from the investment managers in procedure	
	2.5.1.2 and note any differences.	
2.5.2	If the Fund is a non-unitised Fund, as noted in procedure	For the sample of members selected in procedure
	2.5 , for the sample of members selected in procedure 2.3,	2.3, we performed the following procedures:
	perform the following procedures:	
2.5.2.1	Obtain the [resolution of the Board of Fund or the rules of	We obtained the approved recommendation by
	the Fund or the approved recommendation by the	the investment consultant that indicates the rate
	investment consultant/asset manager/Fund valuator] that	of investment returns to be allocated to members
	indicates the rate of investment returns to be allocated to	from the Fund administrator.
	members from the Fund administrator.	
2.5.2.2	Inquire from the Fund administrator about how the	We inquired from the Fund administrator about
	investment returns as per [the resolution of the Board of	how the investment returns as per the approved
	Fund or the rules of the Fund or the approved	recommendation by the investment consultant
	recommendation by the investment consultant/asset	obtained in procedure 2.5.2.1 are allocated to the
	manager/Fund valuator] obtained in procedure 2.5.2.1 are	members of the Fund.
2.5.2.2	allocated to the members of the Fund.	
2.5.2.3	Recalculate the member's closing Fund credit as at 31	We recalculated the member's closing fund credit
	March 2023 by:	as at 31 March 2023 by:
	Taking the member's opening Fund credit from the	Taking the member's opening fund credit from
	opening listing obtained in procedure 2.1.	the opening listing obtained in procedure 2.1;
	Adding the contributions allocated as per the	Adding the contributions allocated as per the
	administration system; and	administration system; and
	Adding/subtracting the returns allocated to the member set calculated using the basis provided by Fund	Adding/subtracting the returns allocated to the member as calculated using the basis provided.
	as calculated using the basis provided by Fund administrator obtained in procedure 2.5.2.2.	member as calculated using the basis provided by the Fund administrator in procedure 2.5.2.2.
	Agree the recalculated amount to the member's Fund	The recalculated amount agreed to the member's
	credit per the closing listing obtained in procedure 2.1 and	fund credit per the closing listing obtained in
	note any differences.	procedure 2.1.
2.6	Switches	Not applicable. There are no switches in the Fund.
2.0	Obtain a list from the Fund administrator of the members	The applicable. There are no switches in the Fana.
	who switched investment portfolios during the 31 March	
	2023 (including Lifestage switches). Select a sample of the	
	lesser of 25 or 10% of the members who switched between	
	investment portfolios during the year (selected based on	
	the selection criteria provided above), and perform the	
	following procedures:	
2.6.1	Obtain the service level agreement from the Fund	Not applicable.
	administrator and note the following terms:	
	Days indicated to process a member-elected switch.	
	Timing to effect a Lifestage switch.	
	Fees deductible from the member individual accounts to	
	process a switch.	
2.6.2	Member-elected switches	Member-elected switches
	For member-elected switches included in the sample	Not applicable, as no member-elected switches
	selected in procedure 2.6, obtain the member's instruction	were noted in the sample selected in procedure
	to switch investment portfolios from the Fund	2.6.
	administrator, and perform the following procedures:	
2.6.2.1	Inspect the member's instruction for details of the required	Not applicable, as no member-elected switches
	switch and note the following details per the instruction:	were noted in the sample selected in procedure
	Date of receipt of the member's instruction by the Fund	2.6.
	administrator;	
	Effective date of the switch; and	
	 Investment portfolio to be switched into. 	





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2.6.2.2	Inspect the member's Fund credit transactions from the	Not applicable.
	administration system obtained from the Fund	
	administrator and note the following details about the	
	switch:	
	Date when the switch was processed by the Fund	
	administrator;Effective date of the switch; and	
	 Investment portfolios switched into. 	
2.6.2.3	Agree the effective date of the switch and the investment	Not applicable.
	portfolios switched into, as noted in procedure 2.6.2.1, to	
	the effective date of the switch and the investment	
	portfolios switched into and noted in procedure 2.6.2.2 and	
	note any exceptions with regard to the date of switch	
	and/or the portfolios switched.	
2.6.2.4	Calculate the number of days taken to process the switch,	Not applicable.
	using the following:	
	• Date of receipt of the member's instruction by the Fund administrator noted in procedure 2.6.2.1.	
	Date when the switch was processed by the Fund	
	administrator noted in procedure 2.6.2.2.	
2.6.2.5	Agree the number of days taken to process the switch, per	Not applicable.
2.0.2.3	2.6.2.4, with the number of days per the terms per the	The applicable.
	service level agreement in 2.6.1.	
	Note any difference in timing where the number of days	
	taken to process the switch is greater than the terms per	
	the service level agreement.	
2.6.3	Lifestage switches	Lifestage switches
	Obtain the Fund's Lifestage investment strategy from the	Not applicable, as no Lifestage switches were
2 (2 4	Fund administrator.	noted in the sample selected in procedure 2.6.
2.6.3.1	For Lifestage switches included in the sample selected in procedure 2.6, perform the following procedures:	Not applicable.
2.6.3.2	Inspect the member's Fund credit transactions on the	Not applicable.
2.0.3.2	administration system obtained from the Fund	The applicable.
	administrator and note the following details about the	
	Lifestage switch:	
	Date when the Lifestage switch was processed by the	
	Fund administrator; and	
	Investment portfolios switched into.	
2.6.3.3	Agree the investment portfolios switched into and noted in	Not applicable.
	procedure 2.6.3.2 to the Fund's Lifestage investment	
2.6.3.4	strategy obtained in procedure 2.6.3. Agree the timing of the Lifestage switch per 2.6.3.2 with	Not applicable.
2.0.3.4	the terms per the service level agreement in 2.6.1.	not applicable.
	Note any difference in timing.	
2.6.4	For all switches selected in procedure 2.6, inspect the	Not applicable.
	member's record on the administration system for fees	TF:
	deducted for switches, and agree the fees deducted to the	
	fee due in terms of the [service level agreement / client	
	mandate] (obtained in procedure 2.6.1). Note any	
	differences.	
2.7	Obtain the Asset Liability Match ("ALM") reconciliation per	Not applicable. The Fund does not offer individual
	investment product as at 31 March 2023, from the Fund	member choice.
274	administrator and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable
2.7.1	Obtain a reconciliation of the total investment balance per	Not applicable.
	investment product, as reflected on the ALM reconciliation,	
	reconciling items.	
	to the total balance per the list of investments obtained in procedure 1.1 from the Fund administrator. Note any	





	Procedures	Findings
2.7.2	Obtain a reconciliation of the total member individual accounts value per investment product, as reflected on the ALM reconciliation, to the total member individual accounts value as per the listing obtained in procedure 2.1. from the Fund administrator. Note any reconciling items.	Not applicable.
2.7.3	Inspect the total difference between assets and liabilities reflected on the ALM and note whether the variance is larger than 2% of total assets of the Fund per the Statement of Net Assets and Funds.	Not applicable.
3	Accumulated Funds (for defined benefit Funds as well as defined benefit sections of hybrid Funds)	
3.1	Obtain a list of defined benefit members as at 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable. The Fund is a defined contribution Fund.
3.2	Select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of defined benefit members at 31 March 2023 from the list of members provided by the Fund administrator (selected based on the selection criteria provided above). Perform the following procedures for each member, for each of the following three months: • [Insert Month x; • Insert Month y; and • Insert the last month of the year.] [Specify the basis of the sample selection for the 2 months, other than the last month of the year, as agreed with the Fund].	Not applicable.
3.2.1	Obtain a list of the member contributions received and allocated for the respective months on the administration system from the Fund administrator.	Not applicable.
3.2.2	Obtain the remittance advice supplied by the participating employers to the Fund administrator for the respective months.	Not applicable.
3.2.3	Agree the member contributions received and allocated as obtained in 3.2.1 with 3.2.2 and note any differences.	Not applicable.
3.2.4	Calculate the member contribution rates for each member selected by dividing the contribution by the salary per the remittance advice obtained in procedure 3.2.2. Agree the calculated member contribution rate(s) to the rate(s) noted in rule [insert the rule number of the registered rules of the Fund] obtained in procedure 2.4 and note any differences.	Not applicable.
3.3	Inquire from the Fund administrator when the actuarial valuation of the Fund was last performed and approved by the Board of Fund. Note the date of the last valuation and when it was approved by the Board of Fund.	Not applicable.
3.4	Obtain the actuarial valuation report of the Fund from the Fund administrator and inspect the actuarial valuation report for the employer contribution rate recommended by the valuator. Note the employer contribution rate recommended by the actuary in the report.	Not applicable.
3.5	Calculate the employer contribution rates for each member selected by dividing the contribution obtained in 3.2.2 by the salary per the remittance advice obtained in procedure 3.2.2. Agree the calculated employer contribution rates to the rate per actuarial valuation report obtained in procedure 3.4. Note any differences.	Not applicable.





	Procedures	Findings
4	Surplus apportionment in terms of Sections 15B and 15C	1 munigs
	(this will include reserve account distributions)	
4.1	Inspect the latest actuarial valuation report obtained in procedure 3.4 for (a) Section(s) 15B and 15C surplus apportionment. If applicable, note the surplus apportionment amount/value.	Not applicable. We noted no Section(s) 15B and 15C surplus apportionment in the actuarial valuation report.
4.1.1	If a surplus apportionment was recommended per the actuarial valuation report in procedure 4.1, obtain the minutes of meetings of the Board of Fund from Fund administrator and inspect for the approval of the Section 15B and 15C surplus.	Not applicable.
4.1.2	If a Section 15B surplus apportionment was recommended per the actuarial valuation report in procedure 4.1, obtain the approval of the Authority for the Section 15B surplus from the Fund administrator.	Not applicable. No Section 15B surplus apportionment was recommended by the actuary per the actuarial valuation report.
4.2	Surplus apportionment allocation Obtain a list of the approved surplus allocations to active and/or former members and/or pensioners in the current year noted in procedure 4.1, from the Fund administrator, and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to active and/or former members and/or pensioners in the current year were noted in procedure 4.1.
4.2.1	Active members: Select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of active members to whom surplus has been allocated in the current year per the approved surplus apportionment listing obtained in procedure 4.2 (selected based on the selection criteria provided above) and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to active members in the current year were noted in procedure 4.2.
4.2.1.1	Inspect the listing for the date of allocations to active members in the current year and note whether any investment return was allocated from the surplus apportionment approval date to the date of allocation.	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to active members in the current year were noted in procedure 4.2.
4.2.1.2	Agree the surplus amount allocated as per the listing (including investment return) in the current year per member to the allocation on the member records per the administration system and note any differences.	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to active members in the current [year] were noted in procedure 4.2.
4.2.2	Former members and pensioners allocations: select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of former members and/or pensioners to whom surplus has been allocated in the current year per the approved surplus apportionment listing obtained in procedure 4.2 (selected based on the selection criteria provided above) and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to former members and/or pensioners in the current year were noted in procedure 4.2.
4.2.2.1	Inspect the listing for the date of allocations to former members and pensioners in the current year and note whether any investment return was allocated from the surplus apportionment approval date to the date of allocation.	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to active members in the current year were noted in procedure 4.2.
4.2.2.2	Agree the surplus amount allocated (including the investment return) in the current year per former member and/or pensioner to the allocation on the member records per the administration system and note any differences.	Not applicable. No surplus allocations to active members in the current year were noted in procedure 4.2.
4.2.3	In respect of Section 15B surplus apportionments noted in procedure 4.1, inquire from the Fund administrator and/or inspect [include details of the document inspected] whether the Fund has maintained the Section 15B surplus apportionment for former members who could not be traced in a contingency reserve account and note the response.	Not applicable. We noted no Section 15B surplus apportionments in procedure 4.1.





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4.3	Surplus apportionment payments:	Not applicable. No surplus apportionment
	Obtain a list of all surplus apportionment payments made	payments were made to members during the year.
	to members during the year from the Fund administrator	
	and select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number	
	of payments (selected based on the selection criteria	
	provided above) and perform the following procedures:	
4.3.1	Agree the amount paid to the member as per the list of	Not applicable.
	surplus apportionment payments obtained in procedure 4.3	The special section of the section o
	to the member's record on the administration system and	
	note any differences.	
4.3.2	Obtain the [insert the name of the document(s) that	Not applicable.
	indicates authorisation of the payment] from the Fund	The special section of the section o
	administrator and agree the amount authorised to the	
	amount paid as per the list of surplus apportionment	
	payments obtained in procedure 4.3. Note any differences.	
5	Member and employer surplus accounts	
5.1	Obtain the analysis of the transactions in the member	We obtained the analysis of the transactions in the
J. 1	and/or employer surplus account (including debit and	member and employer surplus account (including
	credit transactions) for the period as disclosed in the	debit and credit transactions) for the period as
	member and employer surplus note 6 to the audited annual	disclosed in the member and employer surplus
		note 6 to the audited annual financial statements
	financial statements from the Fund administrator, and	
	perform the following procedures:	from the Fund administrator, and performed the
F 4 4	Inspect the wewletered miles of the Fried or obtained in	following procedures:
5.1.1	Inspect the registered rules of the Fund as obtained in	We inspected the registered rules of the Fund as
	procedure 2.4 and note the debit and credit transactions	obtained in procedure 2.4 and noted the different
	allowed in the member and employer surplus accounts	debit and credit transactions allowed in the
	listed in rule 4.3 of the registered rules.	member and employer surplus accounts listed in
		rule 4.3 of the registered rules.
5.1.2	Compare the description of all of the debit and credit	We compared the description of all of the debit
	transactions allocated to the member and/or employer	and credit transactions allocated to the member
	surplus accounts per the analysis obtained in procedure 5.1	and employer surplus accounts per the analysis
	to the categories of transactions that are permitted to be	obtained in procedure 5.1 to the categories of
	allocated to surplus accounts as noted in procedure 5.1.1.	transactions that are permitted to be allocated to
	Note any exceptions.	surplus accounts as noted in procedure 5.1.1
		above and found no exceptions.
6	Reserves	
6.1	Obtain a list of reserves and other related accounts (e.g.	We obtained a list of reserves and other related
	pensioner accounts) and the movements (including debit	accounts (e.g. pensioner accounts) and the
	and credit transactions) per the reserves note 5 to the	movements (including debit and credit
	audited annual financial statements from the Fund	transactions) per the reserves note 5 to the
	administrator, and perform the following procedures:	audited annual financial statements from the Fund
		administrator, and performed the following
		procedures:
6.1.1	Inspect the registered rules of the Fund obtained in	We inspected the registered rules of the Fund
	procedure 2.4 and note the reserve and other related	obtained in procedure 2.4 and noted reserve and
	accounts (e.g. pensioner accounts) and the debit and credit	other related accounts (e.g. pensioner accounts)
	transactions allowed in the reserves and other related	and the debit and credit transactions allowed in
	accounts (e.g. pensioner accounts) listed in rule 4.3 the	the reserve and other related accounts (e.g.
	registered rules.	pensioner accounts) listed in rule 4.3 of the
	-5	registered rules.
6.1.2	Compare the description of the reserve and other related	We compared the description of the reserve and
J. 1.L	accounts (e.g. pensioner accounts) held by the Fund, as	other related accounts (e.g. pensioner accounts)
	reflected in the listing obtained in 6.1 above, to the	held by the Fund, as reflected in the listing
	categories of reserves and other related accounts that are	obtained in 6.1 above, to the categories of reserve
	permitted as noted in procedure 6.1.1. Note any	and other related accounts permitted as noted in
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	exceptions.	procedure 6.1.1 and found no exceptions.





	Procedures	Findings
6.1.3	Procedures Compare the description of all the debit and credit	Findings We compared the description of all the debit and
0.1.3	transactions allocated to the reserve and other related	credit transactions allocated to the reserve and
	accounts, as reflected in the listing obtained in procedure	other related accounts, as reflected in the listing
	6.1 above, to the categories of transactions that are	obtained in 6.1 above, to the categories of
	permitted to be allocated to the reserves and other related	transactions that are permitted to be allocated to
	1 -	reserves and other related accounts as noted in
	accounts as noted in procedure 6.1.1. Note any exceptions.	
7	Other prote liabilities and suprembers	procedure 6.1.1 and found no exceptions.
7.1	Other assets, liabilities and guarantees	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
/.1	Housing loans Obtain a list of housing loans (comprising both new and	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
	Obtain a list of housing loans (comprising both new and previously issued loans) granted to members by the Fund in	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of the Act.
	terms of Section 19(5) of the Act as at 31 March 2023 from	the Act.
	the Fund administrator, and perform the following	
	procedure:	
7.1.1	Agree the total value of housing loans on the above list to	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
7.1.1	the corresponding amount disclosed in the housing loans	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	note to the audited annual financial statements. Note any	the Act.
	differences.	the Act.
7.2	From the list in 7.1, select a sample of the lesser of 25 or	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
/	10% of the number of members' housing loans (sample to	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	include a combination of new and previously issued loans	the Act.
	and selected based on the selection criteria provided	the Act.
	above), and perform the following procedures:	
7.2.1	For new housing loans issued, perform the following	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
7.2.1	procedures:	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	procedures.	the Act.
7.2.1.1	Obtain the home loan agreement from the Fund	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
7.2.1.1	administrator and inspect the agreement for the loan	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	amount and date of granting of the loan.	the Act.
7.2.1.2	Agree the home loan amount from the list in 7.1 to the	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
,	actual loan amount from 7.2.1.1. Note any differences.	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
		the Act.
7.2.1.3	Inspect the home loan agreement and/or the registered	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
	rules as obtained in procedure 2.4 for the maximum	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	allowable percentage of member individual accounts as	the Act.
	allowed in terms of rule and/or the home loan agreement	
	and note the percentage.	
7.2.1.4	Obtain the member individual account balance at the date	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
	of granting the loan from the Fund administrator.	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	Divide the loan amount granted as noted in 7.2.1.1 with the	the Act.
	member individual account balance at the date of granting	
	the loan as noted in 7.2.1.1 and note where the percentage	
	calculated exceeds the maximum allowable percentage	
	noted in 7.2.1.3. Note any differences.	
7.2.2	For all loans selected in 7.2, inspect the member's home	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
	loan movement report from the administration system	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	obtained from the Fund administrator for the interest	the Act.
	rate(s) used and agree the rate(s) used to the prescribed	
	rate(s) issued by the Authority on the Authority's website,	
	and note any differences.	
7.2.3	Obtain the National Credit Act (NCA) registration	Not applicable. The Fund does not grant housing
	certificate from the Fund administrator and/or inspect the	loans to its members in terms of Section 19(5) of
	NCA website for the Fund's name and registration number	the Act.
	as evidence that the Fund is registered as a credit provider	
	under the National Credit Act, 2005 ("the NCA").	
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	Procedures	Findings
7.3	Housing loan guarantees	Housing loan guarantees
	Obtain the loan agreement between the Fund and the	We obtained the loan agreements between the
	financial institution from the Fund administrator. Inspect	Fund and the financial institution from the Fund
	the loan agreement and/or the registered rules as obtained	administrator. We inspected the loan agreements
	in procedure 2.4 for the maximum allowable percentage of	in procedure 2.4 for the maximum allowable
	member individual accounts as allowed in terms of rule 30	percentage of member individual accounts as
	and note the percentage.	allowed in terms of the loan agreement with Ithala
		Bank Limited - 33.3%.
7.3.1	Defined contribution Funds	We obtained the list of housing loan guarantee
	Obtain a list of all housing loan guarantee balances granted	balances granted to members from the loan
	to members from the loan provider as at 31 March 2023	provider as at 31 March 2023 from the Fund
	from the Fund administrator, and select a sample of the	administrator, selected a sample of 2 of the
	lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of housing loan	housing loan guarantees, and performed the
	guarantees (selected based on the selection criteria	following procedures:
	provided above), and perform the following procedures:	
7.3.2	Inspect the member's record on the administration system	We inspected the member's record on the
	for a flagging of the housing loan guarantee being recorded	administration system and noted that the
	against the member's name.	member's record was flagged as having a housing
7.2.2		loan guarantee.
7.3.3	Divide the loan amount granted, as noted on the listing in	We divided the loan amount granted, as noted on
	7.3.1 above, with the member's individual account balance	the listing in 7.3.1 above, with the member's
	as per the listing in 2.1 and note where the percentage	individual account balance as per the listing in
	calculated exceeds the maximum allowable percentage	2.1. No instances were noted.
7.4	noted in 7.3. Note any differences. Defined benefit Funds	Not applicable. The Fund is a defined contribution
7.4	Obtain a list of housing loan guarantees granted to defined	Fund.
	benefit Fund members from the loan provider as at 31	ruiid.
	March 2023 from the Fund administrator, and select a	
	sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of new	
	housing loan guarantees issued in the current year	
	(selected based on the selection criteria provided above),	
	and perform the following procedures:	
7.4.1	Inspect the member's record on the administration system	Not applicable. The Fund is a defined contribution
	for a flagging of the housing loan guarantee being recorded	Fund.
	against the member's name.	
7.4.2	Obtain the withdrawal benefit calculated by the Fund	Not applicable. The Fund is a defined contribution
	administrator as at the date of issuing of the guarantee,	Fund.
	and perform the following procedure:	
7.4.3	Recalculate the percentage by dividing the loan amount	Not applicable. The Fund is a defined contribution
	granted, as noted on the listing in procedure 7.4, with the	Fund.
	amount noted on the withdrawal benefit noted in	
	procedure 7.4.2 and note where the percentage calculated	
	exceeds the maximum allowable percentage noted in	
	procedure 7.3. Note any exceptions.	
	Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds	
8	Contributions	W Let I II to Col
8.1	Obtain a list of the number of pay points, from the Fund	We obtained a list of the number of pay points
	administrator, that reconciles to the contributions note 4	from the Fund administrator that reconciled to the
	of the audited annual financial statements and select a	contributions note 4 of the audited annual
	sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of pay	financial statements and selected a sample of 1 of
	points (selected based on the selection criteria provided	the number of pay points, and performed the
	above), and for each pay point perform the following	following procedures for the three months
	procedure 2.3 and/or 3.2:	selected under procedure 2.3 and/or 3.2:
	procedure 2.3 and/or 3.2:	





	Procedures	Findings
8.2	Agree the total amount of the list above to the general ledger account number and note differences.	The total amount of the list above agreed to the general ledger account number.
8.3	For the pay points selected in procedure 8.1 above, obtain the bank statements from the Fund administrator and inspect the bank statements for a description/identification of the bank where the contributions were deposited, and perform the following procedures:	For the pay points selected in procedure 8.1 above, we obtained the bank statements from the Fund administrator and inspected the bank statements for a description/identification of the bank where the contributions were deposited, and performed the following procedures:
8.3.1	Agree the total contribution amount per the documentation received in procedure 2.3.2 and/or 3.2.2 to the total amount reflected on the bank statement obtained in procedure 8.3 and note any differences.	No instances were noted where the total contribution amount received did not agree to the amount per the bank statement.
8.3.2	Inspect the date of receipt of the contributions as per the bank statements obtained in procedure 8.3 and note the dates and number of contributions received after seven days of the following month. Note any exceptions.	We inspected the date of receipt of the contributions as per the bank statements obtained in procedure 8.3. No exceptions were noted.
8.3.3	For the exceptions noted in 8.3.2 above (receipts after seven days), inquire from the Fund administrator whether Late Payment interest has been raised in terms of Regulation 33 of the Act.	Not applicable.
9.	Benefits	
9.1	Obtain a list from the administration system of lump sum benefits per exit type reflected as expenses in the Fund's Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds for 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator, and perform the following procedure:	We obtained a list from the administration system of lump sum benefits per exit type reflected as expenses in the Fund's Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Funds for 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator, and performed the following procedure:
9.1.1	Agree the list of lump sum benefits per exit type to the respective general ledger benefit expense accounts reconciliation prepared by the Fund administrator. Note any differences.	The list of lump sum benefits per exit type agreed to the respective general ledger benefit expense accounts reconciliation prepared by the Fund administrator.
9.2	Select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the total number of lump sum benefits (as per the selection criteria noted above) pro-rated on the number of exits per exit type from the list. Obtain the member statements from the administration system and perform the following procedures on the sample selected:	The following number of samples was selected per exit type, pro-rated on the number of exits: • Withdrawals -4 • Retirement -4 • Deaths - 1 • Divorce - 1 We obtained the member statements from the administration system and performed the following procedures on the sample selected:





	Procedures	Findings
9.2.1	For each selected benefit, compare the following fields:	We compared each benefit selected to the
	gross benefit amount;	administration system and the signed member exit
	• tax amount;	form, and SARS Tax Directives inspected in
	net benefit amount;	accordance with the procedures of the Fund for
	exit date; and	the following fields:
	type of benefit	 the gross benefit amount;
	to the administration system and the signed member exit	tax amount;
	form and SARS Tax Directives determined by the	net benefit amount;
	procedures of the Fund. Note any differences.	exit date; and
		type of benefit.
		We noted no differences.
	Exit date:	Exit date:
	i. Agree the exit date per the member's withdrawal form	i. The exit date as reflected on the member's
	obtained from the Fund administrator to the exit date	withdrawal form obtained from the Fund
	reflected on the administration system. Note any	administrator agreed to the exit date
	differences.	reflected on the administration system.
	Tax amount:	Tax amount:
	i. Agree the tax amount related to the benefit per the Tax	The tax amount related to the benefit per the tax
	directive obtained from the Fund administrator	directive obtained from the Fund administrator
	ii. to the tax amount deducted as reflected on the	and agreed to the tax amount deducted as
	administration system. Note any differences.	reflected on the administration system.
9.2.2	For death benefits, and where applicable, disability	We obtained a copy of the confirmation letter
	benefits, where a portion of the benefit had been reinsured	from the insurer which reflects the amount of
	by the Fund (reinsurance proceeds):	the benefit from the Fund administrator.
	Note the portion of the benefit that had been reinsured	We recalculated the reinsurance proceed
	as reflected on the administration system.	amount by multiplying the member's latest
	Obtain a copy of the confirmation letter from the	salary with the factor obtained from the
	insurer which reflects the amount of the benefit from	member's record on the administration system
	the Fund administrator.	and compared the recalculated amount with
	Recalculate the reinsurance proceed amount by	the amount on the confirmation letter. No
	multiplying the member's latest salary with the factor	differences were noted.
	both that can be obtained from the member's record	We obtained a listing of reinsurance proceeds,
	on the administration system and compare the	reflecting all proceeds received per death
	recalculated amount with the amount on the	benefit for the year, from the Fund
	confirmation letter and note any differences.	administrator and agreed the amount per the
	Obtain a listing of reinsurance proceeds, reflecting all	confirmation letter obtained above to the
	proceeds received per death benefit for the year, from	listing.
	the Fund administrator and agree the amount per the	
	confirmation letter obtained above to the listing, and	
	note any exceptions.	





	Procedures	Findings
9.2.3	For a defined benefit fund and hybrid funds with a	For a defined benefit fund and hybrid funds with
	defined benefit underpin:	a defined benefit underpin:
	Obtain the gross benefit as calculated by the Fund Actuary	Not applicable.
	from the Fund administrator.	
	Agree the gross benefit amount from 9.2.1 to the gross	
	benefit from the calculation obtained.	
	For a defined contribution Fund:	For a defined contribution Fund:
	For members who were active during the year ended,	For members who were active, we performed the
	perform the following procedures:	following procedures:
	 i. Obtain the opening Fund credit amount as at the beginning of the year from the member record on the administration system. 	i. We obtained the opening Fund credit amount as at the beginning of the year from the member record on the administration
	ii. Inspect the member record on the administration system to confirm that monthly contributions were added, for the period up to the date of exit as per 9.2.1.	system. ii. We inspected the member records on the administration system and noted that
	Note any exceptions.	monthly contributions up to the date of exit
	iii. Obtain the bank statements reflecting the benefit	as per 9.2.1 were added to the member
	payment(s) from the Fund administrator and agree the	record.
	net benefit amount(s) as per procedure 9.2.1 to the	
	bank statements and note any differences.	the benefit payment(s) from the Fund
	iv Inquire with the Fund administrator about the nature of	administrator. The net benefit amount(s) as
	any differences noted in iii and detail the responses	per procedure 9.2.1 agreed to the bank
	provided (e.g. interest, where applicable).	statements. iv. We inquired with the Fund administrator
	For members who were paid up and/or deferred:	about the nature of any differences noted in
	i. Obtain the opening Fund credit amount as at the	iii. The differences were due to interest
	beginning of the year from the member record on the	earned on benefit.
	administration system.	For members who were paid up and/or
	ii. Inspect the member record on the administration	deferred:
	system to confirm that interest was added, for the	Not applicable.
	period up to the date of exit as per 9.2.1. Note any	
	exceptions. iii. Obtain the bank statements reflecting the benefit	
	payment(s) from the Fund administrator and agree the	
	net benefit amount(s) as per procedure 9.2.1 to the	
	bank statements, and note any differences.	
	iv. Inquire with the Fund administrator about the nature of	
	any differences noted in iii and detail the responses	
	provided (e.g. interest, where applicable).	
9.2.4	In cases where a Fund has a member surplus account	Not applicable. The Fund does not have a member
	(defined benefit and defined contribution) or investment	surplus account (defined benefit and defined
	reserve account (defined contribution) and the member	contribution) or investment reserve account
	was due a surplus amount as per the surplus account listing	(defined contribution).
	noted in 4.2, inspect the member's Fund credit	
	transactions on the administration system obtained from	
	the Fund administrator to note that the member record was	
	updated with the surplus amount.	
9.3	Obtain a list of current and unclaimed benefits payable as	We obtained a list of the current and unclaimed
	disclosed in the Statement of Net Assets and Funds as at 31	benefits payable as disclosed in the Statement of
	March 2023 from the Fund administrator, and select a	Net Assets and Funds as at year-end from the Fund
	sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the total number of	administrator selected a sample of 26 of the total
	benefits from the list (selected based on the selection	number of benefits from the list, and performed
	criteria provided above), and perform the following	the following procedure:
<u> </u>	procedure:	





	Procedures	Findings
9.3.1	For the sample selected above, (excluding death benefits), calculate the number of months that benefit has been unpaid, using the date of exit as the starting month. If the benefit is older than 24 months, inspect the listing to confirm that the benefit is classified as an unclaimed benefit. If the benefit is less than 24 months unpaid, inspect the listing to confirm that the benefit is classified as benefits payable. Note any exceptions, if incorrectly classified.	For the sample selected, we calculated the number of months that the benefit has been unpaid, using the date of exit as the starting month and noted the following: No exceptions were noted where the benefits were not classified in the correct category.
9.3.2	For the sample selected above relating to death benefits, calculate the number of months that benefit has been unpaid using the date of the approved death benefit distribution per the Board of Fund approval, obtained from the Fund administrator. If the benefit is older than 24 months, inspect the listing to confirm that the benefit is classified as an unclaimed benefit. If the benefit is less than 24 months unpaid, inspect the listing to confirm that the benefit is classified as benefits payable. Note any exceptions if incorrectly classified.	For the sample selected relating to death benefits, we calculated the number of months that benefit has been unpaid using the date of the approved death benefit distribution per the Board of Fund approval, obtained from the Fund administrator and noted the following: No exceptions were noted where the benefits were not classified in the correct category.
10	Transfers	
10.1	Obtain separate lists of Section 14 transfers to and from the Fund throughout the year from the Fund administrator and agree the totals of the lists to the amounts reflected in the "Transfers into the Fund" and "Transfers from the Fund" notes 4 to the audited annual financial statements. note any differences.	Not applicable. There were no Section 14 transfers to and from the Fund.
10.2	From the list of Section 14 transfers to and from the Fund throughout the year, select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of transfers in and the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of transfers out (selected based on the selection criteria provided above), and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable.
10.2.1	Obtain the following Section 14 documentation from the Fund administrator: a. Section 14 (1) transfers: the Section 14(1) application, approval letter from the Authority and Form G in respect of each transfer; and/or b. Section 14 (8) transfers: the Section 14(8) Form H and J, as prescribed. Agree the following information per the listings to the documentation received: Name of transferor/transferee Fund; Effective date; Approval date; Number of members; Transfer amount; and Growth and investment return. Note any exceptions.	Not applicable.





	Procedures	Findings
10.2.2	Obtain the bank statements for the date of	Not applicable.
	receipt/payment of the Section 14 transfers from the Fund	
	administrator.	
	Recalculate the number of days between the date of	
	approval, as per the Authority approval obtained in 10.2.1,	
	and the day of receipt/payment as per the bank statement.	
	Note any exceptions, where the Section 14 transfers to and	
	from the Fund were:	
	• Not received/paid within 60 days of Authority approval	
	for Section 14(1) transfers;	
	• Not received/paid within 180 days from the effective	
	date for Section 14(8) transfers; and	
	Not received/paid within the period as noted in the	
	blanket transfer documentation, but not after 60 days	
	from the blanket transfer end date.	
10.2.3	Inquire from the Fund administrator if the growth and	Not applicable.
	investment return had been allocated from the effective	
	date of the transfer to the date of the final settlement.	
	Note any exceptions.	
10.3	From the list of Section 14 transfers from other Funds, as	Not applicable.
	per procedure 10.2, select a sample of the lesser of 25 or	
	10% of the number of members (selected based on the	
	selection criteria provided above), and perform the	
	following procedures:	
10.3.1	In respect of unitised Funds	In respect of unitised Funds
	Recalculate the purchase of units for the amount received	Not applicable.
	by dividing the amount transferred per the listing by the	
	unit price per the administration system on the date of	
	receipt. Agree the recalculated units to the number of units	
	allocated to the member's individual account on the	
	administration system. Note any differences.	
	In respect of non-unitised Funds	In respect of non-unitised Funds
	Agree the transfer amount received per the listing to the	Not applicable.
	amount allocated to the member's individual account on	
	the administration system. Note any differences.	
10.4	Individual transfers in	Individual transfers in
	Obtain the list of individual transfers in throughout the year	Not applicable. There were no individual transfers
	ended 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator, select	in throughout the year ended 31 March 2023.
	a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of	
	individual transfers (selected based on the selection	
	criteria provided above), and perform the following	
40.4.1	procedures:	Not and book to
10.4.1	Obtain the recognition of transfer documentation	Not applicable.
	submitted by the transferor Fund to the Fund from the Fund	
	administrator. Agree the effective date and amount	
	transferred to the recognition of transfer documentation.	
10.13	Note any exceptions.	In many set of unities of Posside
10.4.2	In respect of unitised Funds	In respect of unitised Funds
	Recalculate the purchase of units for the amount received	Not applicable.
	by dividing the amount transferred per the listing by using	
	the unit price per the administration system on the date of	
	receipt. Agree the recalculated units to the number of units	
	allocated to the member's individual account on the	
	administration system. Note any exceptions.	In receipt of non-unities of Francis
	In respect of non-unitised Funds	In respect of non-unitised Funds
	Agree the transfer amount received per the listing to the	Not applicable.
	amount allocated to the member's individual account on	
	the administration system. Note any differences.	





	Procedures	Findings
10.5	Unclaimed benefit payments	Unclaimed benefit payments
	obtain a list of unclaimed benefits paid during the year	Not applicable. There were no unclaimed benefits
	from the Fund administrator, and perform the following	paid in the year.
	procedures:	
10.5.1	Agree the total of the list of payments to the respective	Not applicable.
	general ledger unclaimed benefit accounts reconciliation	
	prepared by the Fund administrator.	
10.5.2	Select a sample of the lesser of 25 payments or 10% of the	Not applicable.
	total number of unclaimed benefits paid from the list	
	(selected based on the selection criteria provided above),	
	and perform the following procedures:	
10.5.2.1	For each selected unclaimed benefit paid, compare the	Not applicable.
	following fields as reflected on the Fund administrator's	
	listing:	
	Gross benefit amount;	
	Tax amount; and	
	Late payment interest (if applicable)	
	to the administration system and the signed member exit	
40.4	form and SARS Tax Directives.	
10.6	Unclaimed benefit transfers	Unclaimed benefit transfers
	Obtain a list of unclaimed benefits Section 14 transfers	Not applicable. There were no section 14
	during the year from the Fund administrator and from the	unclaimed benefits transferred.
	list of unclaimed benefits Section 14 transfers	
	paid/accrued from the Fund throughout the year, select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of transfers	
	out (selected based on the selection criteria provided	
	above), and perform the following procedures:	
10.6.1	Obtain the following Section 14 documentation from the	Not applicable.
10.0.1	Fund administrator:	Not applicable:
	a. Section 14 (1) transfers: the Section 14(1) application,	
	approval letter from the Authority and Form G, in	
	respect of each transfer; and/or	
	b. Section 14 (8) transfers: the Section 14(8) Form H and	
	J, as prescribed.	
	Agree the following information per the listings to the	
	documentation received:	
	 Name of transferor/transferee Fund; 	
	Effective date;	
	Approval date;	
	 Number of members; 	
	Transfer amount; and	
	Growth and investment return.	
10.1.5	Note any exceptions.	
10.6.2	Obtain the bank statements for the date of	Not applicable.
	receipt/payment of the Section 14 transfers from the Fund	
	administrator.	
	Recalculate the number of days between the date of	
	approval, as per the Authority approval obtained in 10.2.1,	
	and the day of receipt/payment as per the bank statement.	
	Note any exceptions where the unclaimed benefits Section 14 transfers from the Fund were:	
	Not paid within 60 days of Authority approval for	
	Section 14(1) transfers; and	
	Not paid within 180 days from the effective date for	
	Section 14(8) transfers.	
10.6.3	Inquire from the Fund administrator if the growth and	Not applicable.
10.0.3	investment return had been allocated from the effective	not applicable.
	date of the transfer to the date of the final settlement.	
	Note any exceptions.	
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	Procedures	Findings
11	Pensioners paid	
11.1	Obtain the pensioner payment reconciliation (inclusive of in-Fund annuities purchased in the name of the Fund and living annuities) for pensions reflected as expenses in the Benefits note 8 as reflected in the audited annual financial statements from the Fund administrator for the year ended 31 March 2023, and perform the following procedures:	Not applicable. The Fund did not make pensioner payments.
11.1.1	Agree the total pension expense per the reconciliation to the total pension expense per the pension expenses general ledger account. Note any differences and/or unexplained reconciliation items.	Not applicable.
11.2	In-Fund pensioners Obtain a detailed pensioner payroll listing reflecting the pensioner's name, identification number and monthly pension amount for the year ended 31 March 2023 from the Fund administrator and agree the total pensions amount paid to the total pension amount paid on the reconciliation obtained in procedure 11.1. From the above list, select a sample of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of pensioners (selected based on the selection criteria provided above) and perform the following procedures:	In-Fund pensioners Not applicable.
11.2.1	Obtain the Board of Fund minutes or resolution from the Fund administrator, and note the pension increase percentage and the effective date of the pension increase.	Not applicable.
11.2.2	Inspect the administration system or observe the Fund administrator indicating on the administration system the pension increase granted to the pensioners. Note the percentage increase granted to the pensioners and the effective date of the pension increase.	Not applicable.
11.2.3	Agree the percentage increase and effective date noted in procedure 11.2.1 to the percentage increase and effective date noted in procedure 11.2.2.	Not applicable.
11.2.4	Inquire from the Fund administrator when the most recent (closest to 31 March 2023 of the Fund) Certificate of Existence that indicates the alive status of the pensioners was obtained for the Fund and note the date.	Not applicable.
11.2.5	Obtain the Certificate of Existence or the Department of Home Affairs documentation noted in procedure 11.2.4 from the Fund administrator and inspect for the pensioners' names and/or identification numbers of the sample of pensioners.	Not applicable.
11.3	Annuities purchased in the name of the Fund Obtain an external confirmation from the annuity providers summarising the movements from the opening market value to the closing market value for the year, and perform the following procedures:	Annuities purchased in the name of the Fund Not applicable.
11.3.1	Agree the closing market value of the annuity per the external confirmation from the annuity providers to the annuities purchased general ledger account. Note any differences.	Not applicable.
11.3.2	Agree the pension expense per the external confirmation from the annuity providers to the pension expense on the pensioner reconciliation obtained in procedure 11.1. Note any differences.	Not applicable.





	Procedures	Findings
11.4	Living annuities in the Fund	Living annuities in the Fund
	Obtain a detailed pensioner payroll listing reflecting the	Not applicable.
	pensioner's name, identification number, monthly pension	
	and pension payment start date of pensioners in receipt of	
	a living annuity from the Fund administrator and agree the	
	total pension amount on the detailed pensioner payroll	
	listing of pensioners in receipt of a living annuity to the	
	pension amount paid on the pensioner reconciliation	
	obtained in procedure 11.1. Note any differences.	
11.4.1	New Living annuities in the Fund	New Living annuities in the Fund
	From the listing obtained in procedure 11.4, select a	Not applicable.
	sample (selected based on the selection criteria provided	The applicable.
	above) of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of new	
	pensioners in receipt of a living annuity; obtain the	
	detailed pensioner record/statement for the year	
	reflecting the drawdown rate, monthly pensions paid, the	
	balance of the pension from the Fund administrator; and	
	perform the following procedures:	
11.4.1.1	Obtain the linsert the name of the document reflecting the	Not applicable.
11.4.1.1	pensioners' chosen drawdown rate at retirement of the	Not applicable:
	new pensioners in receipt of a living annuity.	
11.4.1.2	Agree the drawdown rate reflected on the pensioner	Not applicable.
11.4.1.2	record/statement obtained in procedure 11.4.1 to the	Not applicable.
	drawdown rate obtained in procedure 11.4.1.1, Note any	
	differences.	
11.4.2	All living annuities in the Fund	All living appuities in the Fund
11.4.4	From the listing obtained in procedure 11.4, select a	All living annuities in the Fund Not applicable.
	sample (selected based on the selection criteria provided	Not applicable.
	above) of the lesser of 25 or 10% of the number of	
	pensioners in receipt of a living annuity; obtain the	
	detailed pensioner record/statement for the year	
	reflecting the drawdown rate, monthly pensions paid, the	
	balance of the pension from the Fund administrator; and	
	perform the following procedures:	
11.4.2.1	Compare the drawdown rate as reflected in the detailed	Not applicable.
11.4.4.1	pensioner record/statement obtained in procedure 11.4.2	ποι αργιιτασίε.
	to the living annuities drawdown rates as defined in Section	
	1 of the Income Tax Act and/or the Authority's Conduct	
	Standard on Living Annuities.	
	Note any exceptions where the drawdown rate, as per the	
	administration system, is higher or lower than the one	
	defined in Section 1 of the Income Tax Act and/or the	
11 1 2 2	Authority's Conduct Standard on Living Annuities.	Not applicable
11.4.2.2	Recalculate the drawdown rate by dividing the monthly	Not applicable.
	pension paid by the balance of pensions, as reflected in the	
	pensioner record/statement obtained in procedure 11.4.2.	
	Agree the recalculated drawdown rate to the drawdown	
	rate reflected on the record/statement obtained in	
44 4 2 2	procedure 11.4.2. Note any exceptions.	N
11.4.2 .3	Obtain the Certificate of Existence noted in procedure	Not applicable.
	11.2.4 from the Fund administrator and inspect for the	
	pensioner's name and/or identification number. Note any	
	exceptions.	





	Procedures	Findings
12	General	
12.1	Obtain a copy/copies of the Fund's fidelity insurance cover/policy from the Fund administrator for the year ended 31 March 2023 and inspect the period of the cover (start date and end date). Note instances where the cover period does not extend to the year-end. Note the date on which the cover is in place.	We obtained copies of the Fund's fidelity insurance policy from the Fund administrator and inspected the period of the cover. The cover commenced 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The period of the cover per the policy extended to the year-end. The Fund's fidelity insurance cover was in place until 31 March 2024.
12.2	Inquire from the Fund administrator the date(s) of the latest approved Group Life Assurance (GLA) and/or disability benefit policies of the Fund and note the period of cover(s) and whether the cover(s) extended subsequently to the 31 March 2023. Note the end date of the cover(s).	We inquired from the Fund administrator about the date(s) of the latest GLA and/or disability benefit policies of the Fund, and noted that cover(s) is/are in place until 31 March 2023. We noted that the cover(s) extended subsequently to the year-end to 31 December 2023.
12.3	Inquire from the Fund administrator the date of the latest statutory actuarial valuation and when it was submitted to the Authority. Note the date of the valuation and the date of submission to the Authority. Where the Fund is valuation exempt, inquire from the Fund administrator when the valuation exemption was approved by the Authority and note the date.	We inquired from the Fund administrator the date of the latest statutory actuarial valuation and when it was submitted to the Authority, and noted that the date of the valuation was 31 March 2020 and it was submitted to the Authority on 29 March 2021.
12.3.1	Obtain a copy of the latest statutory valuation from the Fund administrator, as noted in procedure 12.3, and inspect the valuation note for the Funding status of the Fund (whether the Fund was under-Funded or fully Funded).	We obtained the latest statutory valuation from the Fund administrator as noted in procedure 12.3, and inspected the valuation note for the funding status of the Fund. We noted that the funding status was fully funded.
12.3.2	Where the Fund is under-Funded per the valuation report, inquire from the Fund administrator; as to whether a scheme, as required in terms of Section 18 of the Act, has been approved by the Authority. Note any exceptions.	Not applicable. Per procedure 12.3.1, the Fund was not under-funded.
12.3.3	Where a scheme as required by Section 18 of the Act has been approved by the Authority, inquire from the Fund administrator as to whether the recommendations/corrective action of the scheme, as required in terms of Section 18 of the Act, have/has been implemented. Note any exceptions.	Not applicable. Per procedure 12.3.1, the Fund was not under-funded.

BDO South Africa Inc. Registered Auditors

Per: MI Lockhat Director Registered Auditor

28 September 2023

Wanderers Office Park 52 Corlett Drive Illovo, 2196

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Investment summary schedule

		Direct investments	Non-compliant collective investment schemes R	Non-compliant insurance policies R	Compliant investments R	Total R
	Note		6	6		
Cash (including cash at bank)	1	217 328 809	(30 773 695)	92 250 518		278 805 632
Commodities	2	4 417 953	Ó	0		4 417 953
Debt instruments including Islamic debt						
instruments	3	1 784 757 108	426 815 141	593 374 754		2 804 947 003
Investment properties and owner occupied						
properties	4	123 597 658	35 217 923	104 393 071		263 208 652
Equities	5	385 678 601	750 234 295	349 783 722		1 485 696 618
Private equity funds		0	18 636 367	0		18 636 367
Other assets		0	0	(49 064)		(49 064)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	=	2 515 780 129	1 200 130 031	1 139 753 001	0	4 855 663 161

Non-compliant portfolios

The Fund's assets disclosed as non-compliant insurance policies and collective investment schemes have been disclosed as such because the Fund has not obtained the audit certificate from the Investment Administrators' auditors as these are not available due to a reporting standard for the audit certificate not being available. The Fund has obtained the look through to the underlying investments and is shown as such in Schedule IB. The Fund notes that the "non-compliant" label does not suggest that the Fund is contravening any requirements of Regulation 28 or the Pension Funds Act (non-compliance with limits is highlighted in the section of IB dealing with non-compliances). Compliance with Regulation 28 is disclosed in Schedule IB.

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	Local R	Total foreign R	Foreign Africa R	Total percentage foreign exposure %	Reconciling items between Schedule IA and IB R	Total as per Regulation 28 (Schedule IB) R
Cash (including cash at bank)	309 564 962	(30 759 330)	(34 662 536)	(11.03)%	0	278 805 632
Commodities	4 417 953	Ó	Ò	0.00%	0	4 417 953
Debt instruments including Islamic debt						
instruments	2 378 131 862	426 815 141	420 962 423	15.22%	0	2 804 947 003
Investment properties and owner occupied						
properties	227 990 730	35 217 922	34 685 522	13.38%	0	263 208 652
Equities	735 462 323	750 234 295	260 771 843	50.50%	0	1 485 696 618
Private equity funds	0	18 636 367	18 636 367	100.00%	0	18 636 367
Other assets	(49 064)	0	0	0.00%	0	(49 064)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	3 655 518 766	1 200 144 395	700 393 619	24.72%	0	4 855 663 161

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1. Cash

	Fair value R
Local	
Notes, deposits, money market instruments issued by a South African bank, margin accounts, settlement accounts with an exchange and Islamic liquidity management financial instruments	
Notes and coins, any balance or deposit in an account held with a South African bank	85 885 009
ABSA Group Limited	5 575 646
Investec Bank Limited	7 586
Nedbank Group Limited	12 941 997
The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	67 359 780
A money market instrument issued by a South African bank including an Islamic liquidity management financial instrument	126 463 797
Absa Group Limited	22 281 466
Firstrand Bank Limited	6 405 837
Investec Bank Limited	27 255 702
Nedbank Group Limited	8 312 468
Oasis Money Market Fund	5 744 230
Super Group Limited	12 218 025
The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	44 246 069
Any positive net balance in a margin account with an exchange	4 854 878
The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	4 854 878
The Standard Bank of South Affica Limited	4 034 070
Any positive net balance in a settlement account with an exchange, operated for the buying and selling of assets	125 125
The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	125 125
Total cash	217 328 809

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2. Commodities

	Local or		
Holdings	foreign	Fair value	
	_	R	
Gold (including Kruger Rands)		2 746 258	
Africagold ETF	Local	2 746 258	
Other		1 671 695	
Africaplatinum ETF	Local	1 671 695	
	_		
Total Commodities	<u> </u>	4 417 953	

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3. Debt instruments including Islamic debt instruments

	Local or foreign	Secured or unsecured	Issued or guaranteed	Redemption value R	Fair value R
Government Debt:					
Debt instruments issued by, and loans to, the government of the Republic, and					
any debt or loan guaranteed by the Republic	Lasal	0	0	4 570 007 000	1 407 545 935
Republic of South Africa	Local	Secured	Guaranteed	1 578 967 886	1 407 545 935
				_	1 407 545 935
Doub Dobt				=	1 407 545 935
Bank Debt:					
Debt instruments issued or guaranteed by a South African Bank against its balance sheet:					
Listed on an exchange with an issue market capitalisation of R20 billion or					
more, or an amount or conditions as prescribed					114 891 387
Absa Group Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	5 540 000	16 348 468
Firstrand Bank Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	28 979 377	48 415 412
Nedbank Group Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	28 200 000	34 077 525
The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	7 280 000	16 049 982
Not listed on an evaluation					60 971 250
Not listed on an exchange Nedbank Group Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	64 890 000	60 971 250
Neubank Group Limited	LUCAI	Onsecured	issueu	04 090 000	00 97 1 250
					175 862 637
Corporate debt (excluding debentures):				_	
Debt instruments issued or guaranteed by an entity that has equity listed on an					
exchange					
Listed on an exchange:					37 818 976
Brait Investment Holdings	Local	Unsecured	Issued	2 049 995	2 029 079
Capital Market Parastatal	Local	Unsecured	Issued	10 000 000	9 680 182
City of Tshwane Metro Municipality	Local	Unsecured	Issued	400 000	385 563
Equites Property Fund Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	20 000	20 210
Growthpoint Properties Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	1 700 000	2 034 271
Investec Property Fund Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	17 875 000	17 992 332
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	1 000 000	1 069 851

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3. Debt instruments including Islamic debt instruments (continued)

	Local or foreign	Secured or unsecured	Issued or guaranteed	Redemption value R	Fair value R
Old Mutual Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	1 900 000	2 004 023
Super Group Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	2 000 000	1 999 466
Transnet SOC Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	600 000	603 999
Not listed on an exchange					31 209 695
Aspen Pharmacare Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	20 300 000	20 580 019
Discovery Health Proprietary Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	10 800 000	10 629 676
Other debt in strong outs				 	69 028 671
Other debt instruments:- Listed on an exchange					126 936 647
Ivuzi Investments	Local	Unsecured	Issued	36 000 000	35 976 673
Mw Asset Rentals (Rf) Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	14 000 000	14 118 593
The Thekwini Fd 18 (Rf) Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	4 237 962	4 273 075
The Thekwini Warehousing Conduit (Rf) Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	71 750 000	72 568 306
Not listed on an exchange					5 383 218
Scania Finance Southern Africa Proprietary Limited	Local	Unsecured	Issued	5 340 000	5 383 218
				_	132 319 865
Total Debt instruments including Islamic debt instruments				 	1 784 757 108

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4. Investment properties and owner occupied properties

	Local or foreign	Ordinary or preference or other	Issued shares	Holding number	Holding %	Fair value R
Shares and linked units in property companies, or units in a Collective	e Investment					
Scheme in Property, listed on an exchange Issuer market capitalisation of R10 billion or more, or an amount or						
conditions as prescribed						97 737 687
Capital & Counties Properties	Local	Ordinary	5 445 793 857	171 636	0.00%	4 289 195
Equites Property Fund Limited	Local	Ordinary	776 573 375	813 799		9 870 050
Fortress Income Fund Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 191 595 172	641 497		7 447 780
Growthpoint Properties Limited	Local	Ordinary	3 430 787 066	1 144 815		14 951 287
Hammerson Plc	Local	Ordinary	10 004 531 214	375 809		2 149 627
Hyprop Investments Limited	Local	Ordinary	719 133 140	177 773		5 279 858
Lighthouse Capital Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 689 283 900	324 498		2 031 357
Mas Real Estate	Local	Ordinary	714 645 729	242 780		4 731 773
Nepi. Rockcastle Plc	Local	Ordinary	608 994 907	150 870		15 586 380
Redefine Properties Limited	Local	Ordinary	7 052 419 865	4 164 519		15 158 849
Resilient Property Income Fund Limited	Local	Ordinary	371 054 188	163 639		7 625 577
Sirius Real Estate Limited	Local	Ordinary	2 344 321 984	172 447		2 857 445
Vukile Property Fund Limited	Local	Ordinary	980 226 628	462 903		5 758 509
Issuer market capitalisation of between R3 billion and R10 billion, or						
an amount or conditions as prescribed						23 265 793
Attacq Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 503 102 584	681 884	0.05%	5 952 847
Dipula Income Fund	Local	Ordinary	1 799 727 568	548 299		2 193 196
Emira Property Fund	Local	Ordinary	1 045 334 494	121 338		1 226 727
Fairvest Property Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 494 142 832	609 581		1 859 222
Fortress Income Fund Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 191 595 172	61 322		711 949
Industrials Reit Limited	Local	Ordinary	298 775 175	44 951	0.02%	1 168 726
Investec Property Fund Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 609 836 888	360 861	0.02%	2 977 103
Liberty Two Degrees	Local	Ordinary	1 816 886 668	255 545	0.01%	986 404
Sa Corporate Real Estate Fund	Local	Ordinary	2 514 732 095	1 578 447		3 235 817
Stor-Age Property Reit Limited	Local	Ordinary	474 610 430	229 868		2 953 802
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4. Investment properties and owner occupied properties (continued)

Local or foreign	Ordinary or preference or other	Issued shares	Holding number	Holding %	Fair value R
					2 552 316
Local	Ordinary	169 191 918	7 757	0.00%	93 080
Local	Ordinary	714 229 718	337 276	0.05%	80 946
Local	Ordinary	66 265 434	22 135	0.03%	420 557
Local	Ordinary	266 197 535	123 670	0.05%	1 168 682
Local	Ordinary	42 409 181	98 397	0.23%	330 615
Local	Ordinary	244 846 390	44 869	0.02%	329 787
Local	Ordinary	261 346 570	16 494	0.01%	128 649
,					41 862
Loca	al Ordinary	0	0	0.00%	41 862
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5. Equity

	Local or foreign	Ordinary or preference	Issued shares	Holding number	Holding in issuer or entity %	Fair value R
Listed equities						
Issuer market capitalisation of R20 billion or more as prescribed	or an amount or condition	S				279 990 377
Absa Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	847 750 679	61 757	0.01%	11 226 187
Anglo American Plc	Local	Ordinary	2 675 155 826	40 151	0.00%	23 528 564
Anglo Platinum Limited	Local	Ordinary	530 584 412	12 609	0.00%	12 029 440
Anglogold Ashanti Limited	Local	Ordinary	836 602 830	26 087	0.00%	11 253 932
Angrogold Ashariti Limited Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	446 252 332	14 900	0.00%	2 729 382
Aspen Friannacare Holdings Limited Avi Limited		•	336 001 990	43 695	0.01%	3 067 389
Bhp Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	5 062 323 190	16 852		9 479 756
British American Tobacco Plc	Local Local	Ordinary Ordinary	4 913 235 576	11 225	0.00%	7 023 356
Compagnie Financiere Richemont Sa	Local	Ordinary	5 220 000 000	11 223		7 023 336
Exxaro Resources Limited	Local	Ordinary	349 305 092	25 904	0.01%	4 832 391
Financiere Richemont				61 651	0.00%	17 474 976
Firstrand Bank Limited	Local	Ordinary	5 220 000 000	194 553	0.00%	11 747 120
Glencore International Plc	Local	Ordinary	11 218 976 002 14 586 200 066	32 862		3 345 023
	Local	Ordinary	891 244 132		0.00%	4 372 176
Gold Fields Limited	Local	Ordinary		18 448	0.00%	
Investec Limited	Local	Ordinary	301 594 986	24	0.00%	2 355
Mondi Plc	Local	Ordinary	485 553 780	3 616		1 016 566
Mr Price Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	256 841 654	9 104	0.00%	1 312 797
Mtn Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	3 768 539 516	124 561	0.00%	15 877 791
Multichoice Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	442 512 678	6 241	0.00%	769 890
Naspers Limited	Local	Ordinary	435 511 058	2 522	0.00%	8 304 845
Nedbank Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	511 500 790	9 597	0.00%	2 081 109
Northam Platinum Limited	Local	Ordinary	396 615 878	77 515	0.02%	11 221 071
Old Mutual Limited	Local	Ordinary	9 827 760 982	171 418	0.00%	2 022 732
Pepkor Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	3 707 284 334	279 096	0.01%	4 811 615
Pick n Pay Stores Limited	Local	Ordinary	493 450 321	32	0.00%	1 353
Prosus Nv	Local	Ordinary	4 007 635 490	28 091	0.00%	39 016 714
Quilter Plc	Local	Ordinary	1 404 105 501	207 915	0.01%	3 846 428
Reinet Investments S.C.A.	Local	Ordinary	195 941 286	27 466	0.01%	10 026 738

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Sanlam Limited		Local or foreign	Ordinary or preference	Issued shares	Holding number	Holding in issuer or entity %	Fair value R
Sanlam Limited	Remgro Limited	Local	Ordinary	529 217 007	81 253	0.02%	10 922 841
Sasol Limited Local Ordinary 629 215 872 6 566 0.00% 1 575 846 Shoprite Holdings Limited Local Ordinary 393 388 502 5552 0.00% 1 233 988 Standard Bank of South Africa Limited Local Ordinary 3 356 242 778 95 502 0.00% 16 503 70° Telkom Soc Limited Local Ordinary 511 140 239 28 408 0.01% 1 014 73-71 The Foschini Group Limited Local Ordinary 662 054 600 33 584 0.01% 3 054 468 Thungela Resources Limited Local Ordinary 140 492 585 4 301 0.00% 8 487 882 Woolworths Holdings Limited Local Ordinary 2 077 841 204 69 550 0.00% 8 487 882 Woolworths Holdings Limited Local Ordinary 1 010 195 949 15 347 0.00% 981 134 Issuer market capitalisation of between R2 billion and R20 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed 1 050 188 1 050 188 1 050 188 1 469 464 Altron Limited Local O		Local	Ordinary	4 453 948 816	208 360	0.00%	11 745 253
Shoprite Holdings Limited	Santam Limited	Local	Ordinary	115 131 417	4 138	0.00%	1 179 330
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited Local Ordinary 3 356 242 778 95 502 0.00% 16 503 707 Telkom Soc Limited Local Ordinary 511 140 239 28 408 0.01% 1 014 734 734 745	Sasol Limited	Local	Ordinary	629 215 872	6 566	0.00%	1 575 840
Telkom Soc Limited Local Ordinary 511 140 239 28 408 0.01% 1 014 734 The Foschini Group Limited Local Ordinary 662 054 600 33 584 0.01% 3 054 465 Thungela Resources Limited Local Ordinary 140 492 585 4 301 0.00% 869 447 Vodacom Group Limited Local Ordinary 2 077 841 204 69 550 0.00% 8 467 843 Woolworths Holdings Limited Local Ordinary 1 010 195 949 15 347 0.00% 981 134 Issuer market capitalisation of between R2 billion and R20 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed	Shoprite Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	591 338 502	5 552	0.00%	1 233 988
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Same conditions as prescribed Local Ordinary 1 010 195 949 15 347 0.00% 981 134	Thungela Resources Limited	Local	Ordinary	140 492 585	4 301	0.00%	869 447
Same market capitalisation of between R2 billion and R20 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed 1 050 188	Vodacom Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	2 077 841 204	69 550	0.00%	8 487 882
Altron Limited Local Ordinary 407 631 713 300 257.63% 1 469 464 Brait Sa Local Ordinary 1 320 312 254 984 781 0.07% 3 564 907 Ca Sales Holdings Limited Local Ordinary 473 337 178 33 785 0.01% 247 306 Cashbuild Limited Local Ordinary 24 989 811 7 297 0.03% 1 353 594 City Lodge Hotels Limited Local Ordinary 609 859 502 790 288 0.13% 3 145 348 Coronation Fund Managers Limited Local Ordinary 349 799 102 10 301 0.00% 311 605 Curro Holdings Limited Local Ordinary 597 961 595 555 920 0.09% 4 391 605 Famous Brands Limited Local Ordinary 100 202 284 52 623 0.05% 3 443 645 Gemfields Group Limited Local Ordinary 1 205 448 045 2 969 860 0.25% 11 107 276 Grindrod Limited Local Ordinary 698 031 586 322 108 0.05% 2 937 625 JSE Limited Local Ordinary 698 031 586 322 108 0.05% 2 937 625 JSE Limited Local Ordinary 86 877 600 9 771 0.01% 957 165	Woolworths Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 010 195 949	15 347	0.00%	981 134
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5. Equity (continued)

	Local or foreign	Ordinary or preference	Issued shares	Holding number	Holding in issuer or entity %	Fair value R
Metair Investments Limited	Local	Ordinary	198 985 886	241 345	0.12%	6 033 625
Ninety One Limited	Local	Ordinary	301 594 986	82 408	0.03%	3 340 820
Oceana Group Limited	Local	Ordinary	130 431 804	52 073	0.04%	3 612 304
Omnia Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	169 052 173	145 656	0.09%	8 185 867
Pretoria Portland Cement Company Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 553 764 624	565 463	0.04%	1 651 152
Rcl Foods Limited	Local	Ordinary	953 974 137	1 073 698	0.11%	12 895 113
Reunert Limited	Local	Ordinary	184 969 196	15 870	0.01%	958 548
Rhodes Food Group	Local	Ordinary	262 762 018	23 525	0.01%	207 020
Sea Harvest Holdings Proprietary Limited	Local	Ordinary	298 866 214	207 829	0.07%	2 099 073
Spur Corporation Limited	Local	Ordinary	90 996 932	85 421	0.09%	1 973 225
Stadio Holdings Proprietary Limited	Local	Ordinary	850 526 727	33 318	0.00%	149 931
Sun International Limited	Local	Ordinary	263 905 660	911	0.00%	39 189
Telkom Sa	Local	Ordinary	511 140 239	55 308	0.01%	1 975 602
Tsogo Sun Gaming Limited	Local	Ordinary	1 050 188 300	132 211	0.01%	1 601 075
Issuer market capitalisation of less than R2 billion, or an amou	nt or condition	s				
as prescribed						9 057 000
Adcorp Holdings Limited	Local	Ordinary	109 954 675	222 692	0.20%	1 131 275
Astoria Investments Limited	Local	Ordinary	56 000 000	113 380	0.20%	997 744
Bowler Metcalf Limited	Local	Ordinary	76 132 087	94 606	0.12%	930 923
Brimstone Investment Corporation Limited	Local	Ordinary	39 874 146	8 931	0.02%	62 980
Capital Appreciation	Local	Ordinary	1 310 000 000	756 184	0.06%	1 187 209
Crookes Brothers Limited	Local	Ordinary	15 264 317	14 166	0.09%	408 972
Epe Capital Partners Limited	Local	Ordinary	287 500 000	345 625	0.12%	1 935 500
Recm & Calibre Limited	Local	Ordinary	45 958 815	97 737	0.21%	1 208 029
Transpaco Limited	Local	Ordinary	31 499 388	37 173	0.12%	1 194 368
Unlighted equities						3 377
Unlisted equities Comair Limited	Local	Ordinary	0	0	0.00%	
	Local	Ordinary	0	0		433
Evraz Highveld Steel & Vanad	Local	Ordinary	0	U	0.00%	2 944

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	Local or foreign	Ordinary or preference	Issued shares	Holding number	Holding in issuer or entity %	Fair value R
Total equities					70	385 678 601

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6. Regulation 28 non-compliant investments

Instrument	Local R	Foreign R	Fair value R
Collective investment schemes	6 924	1 200 123 107	1 200 130 031
Allan Gray Orbis Institutional Global Equity Fund	1 967	499 734 445	499 736 412
Ninety One GSF Global Multi-asset Sustainable Growth Fund	4 957	700 388 662	700 393 619
Linked policies	1 139 731 713	21 288	1 139 753 001
27four Life (BEE Incubator Bond Fund)	173 870 187	0	173 870 187
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited (All Share Index Fund)	258 144 429	0	258 144 429
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited (Futuregrowth Community Property Fund)	160 959 666	0	160 959 666
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited (Futuregrowth Infrastructure & Development)	488 835 415	0	488 835 415
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited (Ideas Renewal Energy Fund)	57 922 016	21 288	57 943 304
Total non-compliant investments	1 139 738 637	1 200 144 395	2 339 883 032

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Risk management Credit / counter party risk

Counter party	Direct investment in counter party R	Deposit or liquid asset with counter party R	Guarantees R	Any other instrument R	Total for counter party R	Exposure to counter party as a % of the fair value of the Fund %
Banks The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	32 840 381	116 160 571	0	0	149 000 952	3.07%
	32 040 301	110 100 37 1	O	U	149 000 932	3.07 /0
Asset managers – local 27Four Investment Managers Proprietary Limited	0	0	0	173 870 187	173 870 187	3.58%
Coronation Asset Management Proprietary Limiteds	311 605	0	0	0	311 605	
Futuregrowth Asset Management Proprietary Limited	0	0	0	649 795 081	649 795 081	
Ninety One South Africa Proprietary Limited	3 340 820	0	0	0	3 340 820	
Oasis Asset Management Limited	420 557	5 744 230	0	0	6 164 787	
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited	4 026 755	0	0	316 087 733	320 114 488	
Asset managers – foreign						
Allan Gray Orbis Instituitional Global Equity Fund	0	0	0	499 736 412	499 736 412	10.29%
Ninety One South Africa Proprietary Limited	0	0	0	700 393 619	700 393 619	
Participating employers						
Direct investment in participating employer	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Other						
Ithala Bank Limited	0	0	1 828 513	0	1 828 513	0.04%

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Market risk

List of the 10 largest rand value equity holdings

Investments	Fair value at end of period R	Total fair value equity holdings and open instruments R	Market movement by 5% R
Prosus Nv	39 016 714	39 016 714	1 950 836
Anglo American Plc	23 528 564	23 528 564	1 176 428
Financiere Richemont	17 474 976	17 474 976	873 749
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	16 503 701	16 503 701	825 185
MTN Group Limited	15 877 791	15 877 791	793 890
NEPI. Rockcastle PLC	15 586 380	15 586 380	779 319
Redefine Properties Limited	14 054 145	14 054 145	702 707
Growthpoint Properties Limited	13 513 143	13 513 143	675 657
Rcl Foods Limited	12 895 113	12 895 113	644 756
Anglo Platinum Limited	12 029 440	12 029 440	601 472
Total value of 10 largest equity holdings	180 479 967	180 479 967	9 023 999

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Other financial instruments

List of the 10 largest rand value other financial instruments

List of the 10 largest fand value office financial mistramer		Fair value R	Market movement by 5% R
Republic of South Africa		1 407 545 935	70 377 297
Ninety One South Africa Proprietary Limited		700 393 619	35 019 681
Allan Gray South Africa Proprietary Limited		499 736 412	24 986 821
Futuregrowth Asset Management Proprietary Limited - Infras	tructure and Development Bond	488 835 415	24 441 771
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company South Africa Limited	·	258 144 429	12 907 221
27Four Investment Managers Proprietary Limited		173 870 187	8 693 509
Futuregrowth Asset Management Proprietary Limited - Comn	nunity Property Fund	160 959 666	8 047 983
The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited		132 399 385	6 619 969
Nedbank Group Limited		117 370 877	5 868 544
The Thekwini Warehousing Conduit Limited		72 568 306	3 628 415
Total value of 10 largest other financial instruments		4 011 824 231	200 591 211
Total movement as % of non-current assets plus bank		=	4.13%
Foreign currency exposure			
Foreign investments	Description	Fair value at end of period R	Market movement by 5% R
Allan Gray South Africa Proprietary Limited	Collective investment scheme	499 736 412	24 986 821
Ninety One South Africa Proprietary Limited	Collective investment scheme	700 393 619	35 019 681
Total value of foreign instruments		1 200 130 031	60 006 502
Total movement as % of non-current assets plus bank			1.24%

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Reconciliation between the investment note HA and schedule IA summary

	Fair value as per Investment note R	Cash at bank R	Property split (Schedule IA note) R	Non-compliant Collective investment schemes R	Non-compliant Insurance policies R	Total R
Cash (including cash at bank)	164 763 518	52 565 291	0	(30 773 695)	92 250 518	278 805 632
Commodities	4 417 953		0	Ú	0	4 417 953
Debt instruments including Islamic						
debt instruments	1 784 757 108		0	426 815 141	593 374 754	2 804 947 003
Investment properties and owner						
occupied properties	0		123 597 658	35 217 923	104 393 071	263 208 652
Equities	509 276 259		(123 597 658)	750 234 295	349 783 722	1 485 696 618
Private equity funds	0		0	18 636 367	0	18 636 367
Collective investment schemes	1 200 130 031		0	(1 200 130 031)	0	0
Insurance policies	1 139 753 001		0	Ó	(1 139 753 001)	0
Other assets	0		0	0	(49 064)	(49 064)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	4 803 097 870	52 565 291	0	0	0	4 855 663 161



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SCHEDULE IB

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REASONABLE ASSURANCE REPORT ON ASSETS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION 28 OF THE PENSION FUNDS ACT NO. 24 OF 1956, AS AMENDED

To the Board of Fund of Political Office Bearers Pension Fund

Report on Compliance of Schedule IB with Regulation 28 of the Act

We have undertaken our engagement in accordance with Section 15 of the Pension Funds Act No. 24 of 1956, as amended (the Act) in order to provide the Board of Fund of Political Office Bearers Pension Fund (the Funds) with a reasonable assurance opinion that Schedule IB "Assets held in compliance with Regulation 28" (the Schedule) on pages 99 to 108 at 31 March 2023 is prepared in all material respects in accordance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) of the Act, and the Funds have complied, in all material respects, with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) as at 31 March 2023.

The Board of Fund's responsibility for the Schedule

The Board of Fund is responsible for ensuring that the Schedule is prepared in accordance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) and for compliance of the Funds with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (j), (4), (8) and (9). This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors issued by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards).

The firm applies the International Standard on Quality Management 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Schedule is prepared in accordance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) and whether the Funds comply with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) based on performing a reasonable assurance engagement.

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BDO South Africa Incorporated Registration number: 1995/002310/21 Practice number: 905526

Practice number: 905526 VAT number: 4910148685

Chief Executive Officer: LD Mokoena

A full list of all company directors is available on www.bdo.co.za

The company's principal place of business is at The Wanderers Office Park, 52 Corlett Drive, Illovo, Johannesburg where a list of directors' names is available for inspection. BDO South Africa Incorporated, a South African personal liability company, is a member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, and forms part of the international BDO network of independent member firms.



We performed our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (ISAE 3000 (Revised)) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule is prepared in accordance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) and whether the Funds comply with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9).

A reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) involves performing procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence that the Schedule is prepared in accordance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) and that the Funds comply with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9). The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of non-compliance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9), whether due to fraud and error. In making those risk assessments we consider internal control relevant to the engagement in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control.

Summary of work performed

We completed our audit of the annual financial statements of the Political Office Bearers Pension Fund for the year ending 31 March 2023, prepared in accordance with the Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Retirement Funds in South Africa, on which we issued an *unmodified* opinion on 28 September 2023. That audit was performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Where appropriate, we have drawn on evidence obtained regarding information contained in the Schedule that has been extracted from the Funds' underlying accounting records that were the subject of our audit engagement on the annual financial statements and forms the subject matter of this engagement.

We have performed such additional procedures as we considered necessary which included:

- Evaluating whether confirmations from financial institutions are in support of the records made available to us;
- Inspecting the required documentation in terms of Regulation 28(8)(b) for investments excluded from total assets in terms of Regulation 28(8)(b));
- Evaluating whether the investments are classified correctly per the categories of Schedule IB based on information obtained about the nature of investments from the financial institutions;
- Recalculating the percentages of assets held in relation to total assets; and
- Comparing the percentages calculated to the prescribed limits.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unqualified opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Schedule IB "Assets held in compliance with Regulation 28" at 31 March 2023 is prepared in all material respects in accordance with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) of the Act, and the Funds have complied, in all material respects, with Regulation 28 (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e)-(j), (4), (8) and (9) as at 31 March 2023.

Other Matter - revised Regulation 28 reporting requirements

A revision of Regulation 28 was gazetted on 1 July 2022, with an effective date of 3 January 2023. The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) however issued a notice (Communication 19 of 2023 dated 19 July 2023) wherein it clarified the manner in which the Schedule should be presented until such time as the revised Regulation 28 templates are finalised. Accordingly, the Board of Fund prepared the current disclosure on the basis of the notice issued by the FSCA. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.





Restriction on use

Without modifying our opinion, we emphasise that Schedule IB is designed to meet the information needs of the Board of Fund for the purpose of reporting to the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA). As a result, our report is not suitable for another purpose. Our report is presented solely for the information of the Board of Fund for the purpose of reporting to the FSCA.

BDO South Africa Inc. Registered Auditors

Per: MI Lockhat Director Registered Auditor

28 September 2023

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Assets held in compliance with Regulation 28

For the period ended 31 March 2023

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Α	Total assets (Schedule IA - Total investr	ments)		4	4 855 663 161
B1	Less: Regulation 28 compliant investments (certificate received from issuing entities)				0
	B1.1 Collective Investment Schemes (Regulation 28(8)(b)(ii B1.2 Linked policies (Regulation 28(8)(b)(ii B1.3 Guaranteed policies (Regulation 28(8 B1.4 Entity regulated by Financial Sector C 28(8)(b)(iv)))))(b)(iii))			0 0 0
B2	Less: Regulation 28 excluded investments B2.1 Insurance policies (Regulation 28(3)(c))	[0
С	Less: Investments not disclosed or data no	t available for di	sclosure (IA.13)		0
D	TOTAL ASSETS FOR REGULATION 28 I	DISCLOSURE	-		4 855 663 161
			=		
Categ	ories of kinds of assets	%	Fair value R		Fair value %
1 C	ash	100%	278 805 632		5.74%
in m aı m	ocal notes, deposits, money market astruments issued by a South African bank, nargin accounts, settlement accounts with a exchange and Islamic liquidity nanagement financial instruments a) Notes and coins, any balance or	100%	309 564 963		6.38%
	deposit in an account held with a South African bank	100%	97 306 226		2.00%
(The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited b) A money market instrument issued by a South African bank including an	25%	67 879 614		1.40%
	Islamic liquidity management financial instrument The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	100% 25%	139 344 123 44 246 069	7	2.87%
(c) Any positive net balance in a margin account with an exchange The Standard Bank of South Africa	100%	10 162 889	_	0.21%
(Limited d) Any positive net balance in a settlement account with an exchange, operated for the buying and selling of	25%	4 854 878		0.10%
	assets Yieldx	100% 25%	62 751 725 27 687 108		1.29% 0.57%

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Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value R	Fair value %
1.2 Foreign balances or deposits, money market instruments issued by a foreign bank including Islamic liquidity management financial instruments (a) Any balance or deposit held with a foreign bank	SARB maximum limits	(30 759 331)	(0.63)%
State Street Bank and Trust Co (b) Any balance or deposit held with an African bank (c) A money market instrument issued by a foreign bank including an Islamic liquidity management financial instrument	5%	11 381 190 0	0.23%
Debt Instruments including Islamic debt instruments	100% issued / guaranteed		
2.1 Inside the Republic	by Republic otherwise 75% 75/100%	2 804 947 003 2 378 131 862	57.77% 48.98%
 (a) Debt instruments issued by, and loans to, the government of the Republic, and any debt or loan guaranteed by the Republic (b) Debt instruments issued or 	100%	1 722 847 059	35.48%
guaranteed by the government of a foreign country (c) Debt instruments issued or guaranteed by a South African bank	75%	0	0.00%
against its balance sheet (i) Listed on an exchange with an issuer market capitalisation of R20 billion or more, or an amount or conditions as prescribed	75% 75%	186 712 630 125 741 380	3.85%
Firstrand Bank Limited (ii) Listed on an exchange with an issuer market capitalisation of between R2 billion and R20 billion, or	25%	51 520 723	1.06%
an amount or conditions as prescribed (iii) Listed on an exchange with an issuer market capitalisation of less	75%	0	0.00%
than R2 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed (iv) Not listed on an exchange	75% 25%	<u>0</u> 60 971 250	0.00% 1.26%

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Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value R	Fair value %
Nedbank Group Limited	5%	60 971 250	1.26%
(d) Debt instruments issued or guaranteed by an entity that has equity listed on an exchange, or debt instruments issued or guaranteed by a public entity under the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act			
No. 1 of 1999) as prescribed	50%	145 769 274	3.00%
(i) Listed on an exchange	50%	91 880 988	1.89%
Development Bank of Sa Limited	10%	19 871 348	0.41%
(ii) Not listed on an exchange	25%	53 888 286	1.11%
Aspen Pharmacare Limited	5%	20 580 019	0.42%
(e) Other debt instruments:	25%	322 802 899	6.65%
(i) Listed on an exchange	25%	139 543 339	2.87%
The Thekwini Warehousing Conduit Limited	5%	72 568 306	1.49%
(ii) Not listed on an exchange	15%	183 259 560	3.77%
SA Mainstream Renewable Power			
Proprietary Limited	5%	97 831 498	2.01%
2.2 Outside the Republic	SARB		
	maximum limits	426 815 141	8.79%
 (a) Debt instruments issued by, and loans to, the government of the Republic, and any debt or loan guaranteed by the Republic (b) Debt instruments issued or 	SARB maximum limits SARB	0	0.00%
guaranteed by the government of a	maximum limits	419 253 001	8.63%
foreign country Republic of Korea	10%	102 252 609	2.11%
(c) Debt instruments issued or	SARB	102 232 009	2.11/0
guaranteed by a South African bank against its balance sheet	maximum limits	0	0.00%
(i) Listed on an exchange with an issuer market capitalisation of R20	SARB		
billion or more, or an amount or	maximum		
conditions as prescribed (ii) Listed on an exchange with an issuer market capitalisation of	limits	0	0.00%
between R2 billion and R20 billion, or an amount or conditions as	SARB maximum		0.000/
prescribed	limits		0.00%
(iii) Listed on an exchange with an	SARB	0	0.00%

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Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value R	Fair value %
issuer market capitalisation of less than R2 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed	maximum limits		
(iv) Not listed on an exchange	25%	0	0.00%
(d) Debt instruments issued or guaranteed by an entity that has equity listed on an exchange	SARB maximum limits SARB	356 272	0.01%
(1)	maximum		
(i) Listed on an exchange	limits	356 272	0.01%
London Stock Exchange Group Plc	10%	356 272	0.01%
(ii) Not listed on an exchange	25%	0	0.00%
(e) Other debt instruments	25%	7 205 868	0.15%
(i) Listed on an exchange	25%	5 593 129	0.12%
International Bank For			
Reconstruction & Development	5%	5 593 129	0.12%
(ii) Not listed on an exchange	15%	1 612 739	0.03%
Total Collateral	5%	1 612 739	0.03%
3 Equities	75%	1 485 696 618	30.60%
 3.1 Inside the Republic (a) Preference and ordinary shares in companies, excluding shares in property companies, listed on an 	75%	735 462 323	15.14%
exchange (i) Issuer market capitalisation of R20 billion or more, or an amount or	75%	638 125 166	13.14%
conditions as prescribed	75%	519 918 570	10.71%
Prosus Nv	15%	47 367 021	0.98%
(ii) Issuer market capitalisation of between R2 billion and R20 billion, or an amount or conditions as			
prescribed	75%	107 332 338	2.21%
Rcl Foods Limited	10%	12 972 253	0.27%
(iii) Issuer market capitalisation of less than R2 billion, or an amount or			
conditions as prescribed	75%	10 874 258	0.22%
Epe Capital Partners Limited	5%	1 935 500	0.04%
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(b) Preference and ordinary shares in companies, excluding shares in			

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Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value R	Fair value %
exchange			
Community Property Holdings Limited	2.5%	46 644 269	0.96%
3.2 Outside the Republic	SARB maximum	750 224 205	45 450/
 (a) Preference and ordinary shares in companies, excluding shares in property companies, listed on an exchange 	limits SARB maximum limits	750 234 295 748 753 459	15.45%
(i)Issuer market capitalisation of R20 billion or more, or an amount or conditions as prescribed Fleetcor Technologies (ii) Issuer market capitalisation of	SARB maximum limits 15%	790 517 822 25 334 929	16.28%
between R2 billion and R20 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed China Yuhua Education Corporation Limited (iii) Issuer market capitalisation of less than R2 billion, or an amount or	SARB maximum limits 10% SARB maximum	1 610 859 1 610 859	0.03%
conditions as prescribed Chicago Mercantile Exchange	limits 5%	(43 375 222) (43 375 222)	(0.89)%
(b) Preference and ordinary shares in companies, excluding shares in property companies, not listed on an exchangeYoudao - Adr	10% 2.5%	1 480 836 1 480 836	0.03%
 4 Immovable property 4.1 Inside the Republic (a) Preference shares, ordinary shares and linked units comprising shares linked to debentures in property companies, or units in a collective 	25% 25%	263 208 652 227 990 729	5.42%
investment scheme in property, listed on an exchange (i) Issuer market capitalisation of R10 billion or more, or an amount or	25%	131 180 358	2.70%
conditions as prescribed Nepi. Rockcastle Plc	25% 15%	104 569 303 17 135 410	2.15%

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Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value R	Fair value %
(ii) Issuer market capitalisation of between R3 billion and R10 billion, or an amount or conditions as prescribed Attacq Limited (iii) Issuer market capitalisation of	25% 10%	24 058 737 6 149 019	0.50% 0.13%
less than R3 billion or an amount or conditions as prescribed Octodec Investments	25% 5%	2 552 318 817 576	0.05%
(b) Immovable property, preference and ordinary shares in property companies, and linked units comprising shares linked to debentures in property companies, not listed on an exchange	15%	96 810 371	1.99%
Community Property Holdings			
Limited	5%	95 947 675	1.98%
4.2 Outside the Republic (a) Preference shares, ordinary shares and linked units comprising shares linked to debentures in property companies, or units in a collective investment scheme in property, listed	25%	35 217 923	0.73%
on an exchange (i) Issuer market capitalisation of R10 billion or more, or an amount or	25%	35 217 923	0.73%
conditions as prescribed Vonovia Se (ii) Issuer market capitalisation of between R3 billion and R10 billion, or an amount or conditions as	25% 15%	35 217 923 7 625 390	0.73%
prescribed (iii) Issuer market capitalisation of less than R3 billion or an amount or	25%	0	0.00%
conditions as prescribed	25%	0	0.00%
(b) Immovable property, preference and ordinary shares in property companies, and linked units comprising shares linked to debentures in property companies, not listed on an exchange	15%	0	0.00%
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			Fair
Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value	value
5 Commodities	10%	R 4 417 953	% 0.09%
5.1 Inside the Republic	10%	4 417 953	0.09%
 (a) Kruger Rands and other commodities on an exchange, including exchange 			
traded commodities	10%	4 417 953	0.09%
(i) Gold (including Kruger Rands)	10%	2 746 258	0.06%
(ii) Other commodities	5%	1 671 695	0.03%
Africaplatinum Etf	5%	1 671 695	0.03%
5.2 Outside the Republic	10%	0	0.00%
(a) Gold and other commodities on an exchange, including exchange traded			
commodities	10%	0	0.00%
(i) Gold	10%	0	0.00%
(ii) Other commodities	5%	0	0.00%
6 Investments in the business of a participating employer inside the Republic in terms of:		0	0.00%
(a) Section 19(4) of the Pension Funds			0.0070
Act	5%	0	0.00%
(b) To the extent it has been allowed by	070		0.0070
an exemption in terms of section			
19(4A) of the Pension Funds Act	10%	0	0.00%
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7 Housing loans granted to members in			
accordance with the provisions of section	65%		
19(5)		0	0.00%
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8 Hedge funds, private equity funds and any			
other asset not referred to in this schedule		18 587 303	0.38%
8.1 Inside the Republic		(49 064)	(0.00)%
(a) Hedge fund	10%	0	0.00%
(i) Funds of hedge funds	10%	0	0.00%
(ii) Hedge funds	10%	0	0.00%
(b) Private equity funds	15%	0	0.00%
(i) Funds of private equity funds		0	0.00%
(ii) Private equity funds			0.00%
(c) Other assets not referred to in this			
schedule and excluding a hedge fund			
or private equity fund	2.5%	(49 064)	(0.00)%

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Categories of kinds of assets (continued)	%	Fair value R	Fair value %
8.2 Outside the Republic		18 636 367	0.38%
(a) Hedge fund	10%	0	0.00%
(i) Funds of hedge funds	10%	0	0.00%
(ii) Hedge funds	10%		0.00%
(b) Private equity funds(i) Funds of private equity funds(ii) Private equity funds	15%	18 636 367 	0.38% 0.00% 0.38%
Hicl Infrastructure Plc	5%	10 439 181	0.21%
(c) Other assets not referred to in this schedule and excluding a hedge fund or private equity fund	2.5%	0	0.00%
TOTAL (Regulation 28) (D above)		4 855 663 161	100%

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		Local	Percentage of fair value	Foreign	Percentage of fair value	Total
		R	%	R	%	R
1	Balances or deposits, money market instruments issued by a bank					
	including Islamic liquidity management financial instruments	309 564 963	6.38%	(30 759 331)	(0.63)%	278 805 632
2	Debt instruments including Islamic debt instruments	2 378 131 862	48.98%	426 815 141	8.79%	2 804 947 003
3	Equities	735 462 323	15.15%	750 234 295	15.45%	1 485 696 618
4	Immovable property	227 990 729	4.70%	35 217 923	0.73%	263 208 652
5	Commodities	4 417 953	0.09%	0	0.00%	4 417 953
6	Investment in the business of a participating employer	0	0.00%			0
7	Housing loans granted to members - section 19(5)	0	0.00%			0
8	Hedge funds, private equity funds and any other assets not referred					
	to in this schedule	(49 064)	(0.00)%	18 636 367	0.38%	18 587 303
9	Fair value of assets to be excluded in terms of sub-regulations 3(c)					
	and (8)(b) of Regulation 28	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
10	Investments not disclosed or data not available for disclosure	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
	TOTAL (equal to the fair value of assets)	3 655 518 766	75.28%	1 200 144 395	24.72%	4 855 663 161

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Assets held in compliance with Regulation 28 For the period ended 31 March 2023

Note: Maximum foreign limits and disclosure in terms of South African Reserve Bank requirements

Breaches in terms of sub-regulation 3 of Regulation 28

Description	Total (Inside and Foreign) R	Percentage of fair value	Regulation 28 limits %
Asset limits in terms of sub-regulation 3(f)		70	
Other debt instruments not listed	184 872 299	3.81%	
Equities not listed	98 817 993	2.04%	
İmmovable properties not listed	96 810 371	1.99%	
Hedge funds, private equity funds and other assets	18 587 303	0.38%	
TOTAL	399 087 966	8.22%	45%
Asset limits in terms of sub-regulation 3(g)			
Equities not listed	98 817 993	2.04%	
Private equity funds	18 636 367	0.38%	
TOTAL	117 454 360	2.42%	20%
Asset Limits in terms of Sub-regulation 3(h) Overall limit for all instruments per entity/issuer (local and or foreign) (excluding debt instruments)			
issued by, and loans to, the government of Republic and any debt or loan guaranteed by the			
Republic)	0	0.00%	25%
Entities exceeding 25% Counter-party exposure			
TOTAL	0	0.00%	25%
Asset Himite in terms of each resolution O(L)			
Asset Limits in terms of sub-regulation 3(h) Overall limit for all instruments per entity/issuer (local and or foreign)(excluding debt instruments issued by, and loans to, the government of Republic and any debt or loan guaranteed by the			
Republic)	145 847 498	3.00%	
TOTAL	145 847 498	3.00%	25%
TOTAL	143 047 490	3.00 /8	23 /