

DB Implementation Statement, covering 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

The Trustee of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (UK) Staff Benefits Scheme (the “Scheme”) is required to produce a yearly statement to set out how, and the extent to which, the Trustees has followed the voting and engagement policies in its DB Statement of Investment Principles (“SIP”) during the year. This is provided in Section 1 below.

The Statement is also required to include a description of the voting behaviour during the year by, and on behalf of, trustees (including the most significant votes cast by trustees or on their behalf) and state any use of the services of a proxy voter during that year. This is provided in Section 3 below.

1. Introduction

The SIP was updated in July 2021 to reflect the Trustee’s decision to enter a bulk annuity contract with Legal and General Assurance Society Limited and the reallocation of the Scheme’s residual assets into the LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund.

No changes were made to the voting and engagement policies in the SIP during the year.

The Trustee has, in its opinion, followed the Scheme’s voting and engagement policies during the year, by continuing to delegate to its investment manager the exercise of rights and engagement activities in relation to investments.

2. Voting and engagement

As part of its advice on the selection and ongoing review of the investment manager, the Scheme's investment adviser, LCP, incorporates its assessment of the nature and effectiveness of the manager’s approach to voting and engagement.

During the period covered by the Statement, the Trustee reviewed information from its manager on its compliance with statements in the Scheme’s SIP on climate change and ESG issues.

3. Voting behaviour during the year

The Trustee did not invest in any funds that held listed equities during the year to 30 June 2022, therefore there is no data to include on voting behaviour in this section of the Statement.

The LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund in which the Scheme invested over the period does not hold assets with voting rights.