Sydney, 12 March 2012: On 5 April 2012, Commonwealth Bank of Australia will be paying its interim dividend for the half year ended 31 December 2011 of $1.37 per share, amounting to $2,166 million. This consists of a cash component of $1,635 million and shares to the value of $531 million to satisfy the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

The dividend will be 100% franked at the company tax rate of 30% and will be paid to all Commonwealth Bank shareholders who were recorded on the register at 5pm on the record date of 24 February 2012.

Shares allocated under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan will be issued at a price of $48.81. The Dividend Reinvestment Plan participation rate for the final dividend is 24.52%

John Hatton
Company Secretary