

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND OPERATIONS**

**GENERAL SHORT FORM
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**For the nine months ended
31 March 2008**

Commonwealth Bank of Australia NZ Operations General Short Form Disclosure Statement

31 March 2008

The Reserve Bank Orders in Council require Registered Banks licensed in New Zealand to produce a General Disclosure Statement prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and the Orders, and that such Statements be made available to the public on request. This General Short Form Disclosure Statement has been produced in compliance with those Orders and consists of two parts:

Part A - Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group (the “Banking Group”) General Short Form Disclosure Statement

The New Zealand Banking Group of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the “CBA”) comprises:

- CBA New Zealand Branch (the “Registered Bank”) and various 100% owned CBA subsidiaries controlled by CBA New Zealand Branch. The business of the Registered Bank comprises all banking business transacted in New Zealand through the New Zealand branch. The Registered Bank operates independently of the ASB Group operations within New Zealand and is a separately registered financial institution in terms of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989. The Registered Bank for the purposes of this Disclosure Statement is CBA New Zealand Branch. The Registered Bank was issued a registered banking licence on 23 June 2000 **AND**
- ASB Banking Operations as disclosed in the ASB Bank Limited General Short Form Disclosure Statement, together with the immediate parent of ASB Bank Limited, ASB Holdings Limited, and ASB Funding Limited, a funding company for the CBA New Zealand Operations that is 100% owned by ASB Holdings Limited. ASB Holdings Limited is the ultimate holding company in New Zealand, owned as at the date of these financial statements, 100% by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The assets of ASB Holdings Limited consist mainly of its investments in Subsidiaries.

Part B - Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group (the “Life Group”) General Short Form Disclosure Statement

The New Zealand life insurance activities of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia have not been included in the Banking Group General Short Form Disclosure Statement. Equivalent disclosures, where applicable, have been provided to assist interested parties to understand the entire New Zealand operations of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

The Life Group is the aggregation of the life insurance activities of ASB Group (Life) Limited, The Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited New Zealand Branch, Colonial First State Investments (NZ) Limited, Colonial First State Investment Managers (NZ) Limited and Colonial Holding Company Limited New Zealand Branch.

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PART A

NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP

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General Short Form Disclosure Statement

Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group

This document comprises the General Short Form Disclosure Statement for Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group (the "Banking Group") of Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Operations (the "CBA NZ Operations") and Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Branch (the "Registered Bank") as at 31 March 2008. The business of the Registered Bank comprises all banking business transacted in New Zealand through the New Zealand branch. This information is published in accordance with the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off-Quarter - Overseas Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2008 and pursuant to Section 81(1) of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989.

This document should be read in conjunction with the disclosures for Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group (the "Life Group") of the CBA NZ Operations.

GENERAL MATTERS

1.0 Registered Bank and Address for Service

Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Branch
Level 21, ASB BANK Centre
135 Albert Street
Auckland
New Zealand

A copy of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's most recent published Financial Statements will be available immediately upon a request being made to the above address. A copy of the Financial Statements may also be obtained from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's website in the Shareholder Centre.

The Registered Bank has not published a supplementary disclosure statement because none of the information required to be disclosed applies to the Banking Group.

2.0 Overseas Bank and Address for Service

The Overseas Bank is the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, domiciled in Australia. The Overseas Banking Group is the Commonwealth Bank of Australia including subsidiary activities worldwide.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Level 7
48 Martin Place
Sydney
Australia

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the "CBA") operates as a public company under the Corporations Act in Australia. It has a share capital and is governed by a constitution. CBA was converted from a statutory corporation to a public company on 17 April 1991.

The CBA Group provides a wide range of banking, financial and related services including funds management and life and general insurance. The origins of the Bank lie in the former Commonwealth Bank of Australia which was established in 1911 by an Act of Parliament to conduct commercial and savings bank functions. These functions were gradually expanded under continued Government ownership until September 1991 when the Bank was partially privatised. In July 1996 the Commonwealth Government sold its remaining shareholding in the Bank.

3.0 Ranking of Local Creditors in a Winding-Up

Under Section 13A(3) of the Banking Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia, if an Authorised Deposit-taking Institution ("ADI") (which includes a bank) becomes unable to meet its obligations or suspends payment, the assets of the ADI in Australia are to be available to meet the ADI's deposit liabilities in Australia in priority to all other liabilities of the ADI.

Section 16(1) and (2) of the Banking Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia provides that, despite anything contained in any law relating to the winding up of companies, but subject to Section 13A(3) of the Banking Act 1959, the debts of an ADI to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority ("APRA") in respect of APRA's costs (including costs in the nature of remuneration and expenses) of being in control of the ADI's business or of having an administrator in control of the ADI's business have priority in a winding up of the ADI over all other unsecured debts.

Section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia provides that notwithstanding anything contained in any law relating to the winding up of companies, but subject to Section 13A(3) of the Banking Act 1959, debts due to the Reserve Bank of Australia by an ADI shall, in the winding up, have priority over all other debts other than debts due to the Commonwealth of Australia. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia is an ADI.

3.1 Requirement for Commonwealth Bank of Australia to maintain sufficient assets in Australia to cover an ongoing

Section 13A (4) of the Banking Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia states that it is an offence for an ADI not to hold assets in Australia of a value that is equal to or greater than the total amount of its deposit liabilities in Australia, unless APRA has authorised the ADI to hold assets of a lesser value. This requirement has the potential to impact on the management of the liquidity of the New Zealand operations of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in extreme circumstances.

4.0 Guarantee Arrangements

The material obligations of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia are not guaranteed.

5.0 Directors and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer

There have been no changes to Directors since the previous General Disclosure Statement (31 December 2007).

5.1 New Zealand Chief Executive Officer

A.J. (Andrew) Woodward
Head of Institutional Banking NZ CBA

5.2 Directors of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Chairman

J.M. (John) Schubert BE, PhD, FIE Aust, FTS, CP(Eng)
Independent Director
Australia

Managing Director

R.J. (Ralph) Norris DCNZM, FNZIM, FNZCS
Chief Executive Officer
Australia

Independent Directors

Sir J.A. (John) Anderson KBE
New Zealand

R.J. (Reg) Clairs AO
Australia

C.R. (Colin) Galbraith LLB (Hons), LLM, AM
Australia

J.S. (Jane) Hemstrich BSc, FCA, FCPA
Australia

S.C.H. (Carolyn) Kay BA, LLB, FAICD
Australia

F.D. (Fergus) Ryan
Australia

D.J. (David) Turner FCA
Australia

H.H (Harrison) Young
Australia

5.3 Responsible Person

G.H. (Hugh) Burrett
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
Auckland, New Zealand

In his Absence

S.B. (Stewart) McRobie
Head of Group Finance & Risk Management
Auckland, New Zealand

- 6.0 Conditions of Registration - Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Branch (the "Registered Bank") as from 26 November 2007.**
- 6.1** The registration of the New Zealand branch of Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the "Registered Bank") is subject to the following conditions:
- 6.2** That the Banking Group does not conduct any non-financial activities that in aggregate are material relative to its total activities, where the term material is based on generally accepted accounting practice, as defined in the Financial Reporting Act 1993.
- 6.3** That the Banking Group's insurance business is not greater than 1 percent of its total consolidated assets. For the purposes of this condition:
- (i) Insurance business means any business of the nature referred to in section 4 of the Insurance Companies (Ratings and Inspections) Act 1994 (including those to which the Act is disapplied by sections 4(1)(a) and (b) and 9 of that Act), or any business of the nature referred to in section 3(1) of the Life Insurance Act 1908;
- (ii) In measuring the size of the Banking Group's insurance business:
- (a) where insurance business is conducted by any entity whose business predominantly consists of insurance business, the size of that insurance business shall be:
- the total consolidated assets of the group headed by that entity;
 - or if the entity is a subsidiary of another entity whose business predominantly consists of insurance business, the total consolidated assets of the group headed by the latter entity;
- (b) otherwise, the size of each insurance business conducted by any entity within the Banking Group shall equal the total liabilities relating to that insurance business, plus the equity retained by the entity to meet the solvency or financial soundness needs of the insurance business;
- (c) the amounts measured in relation to parts (a) and (b) shall be summed and compared to the total consolidated assets of the Banking Group. All amounts in parts (a) and (b) shall relate to on balance sheet items only, and shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice, as defined in the Financial Reporting Act 1993;
- (d) where products or assets of which an insurance business is comprised also contain a non-insurance component, the whole of such products or assets shall be considered part of the insurance business.
- 6.4** That the business of the Registered Bank does not constitute a predominant proportion of the business of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
- 6.5** That no appointment to the position of the New Zealand chief executive officer of the Registered Bank shall be made unless:
- (i) the Reserve Bank has been supplied with a copy of the curriculum vitae of the proposed appointee; and
- (ii) the Reserve Bank has advised that it has no objection to that appointment.
- 6.6** That the Commonwealth Bank of Australia complies with the requirements imposed on it by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.
- 6.7** That the Commonwealth Bank of Australia complies with the following minimum capital adequacy requirements, as administered by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority:
- Tier One Capital of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia is not less than 4 percent of risk weighted exposures;
 - Capital of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia is not less than 8 percent of risk weighted exposures.
- 6.8** That liabilities of the Registered Bank in New Zealand, net of amounts due to related parties (including amounts due to a subsidiary or affiliate of the Registered Bank), do not exceed NZ\$15 billion.
- 6.9** That retail deposits of the Registered Bank in New Zealand do not exceed \$200 million. For the purposes of this condition retail deposits are defined as deposits by natural persons, excluding deposits with an outstanding balance which exceeds \$250,000.
- 6.10** For the purposes of these conditions of registration, the term "Banking Group" means the New Zealand operations of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and those subsidiaries of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (except those which conduct life assurance business) whose business is required to be reported in financial statements for the group's New Zealand business prepared in accordance with Section 9(2) of the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

7.0 Credit Rating of Commonwealth Bank of Australia

7.1 As at the date of the signing of this General Short Form Disclosure Statement, the following ratings were assigned to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's long term debt:

Rating Agency	Current Long Term Rating
Fitch Ratings	AA
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	Aa1
Standard & Poor's (Australia) Pty Limited	AA

The Moody's rating was raised from Aa3 to Aa1 on 4 May 2007. The Standard and Poor's rating was raised from AA- to AA on 21 February 2007. The Fitch rating was assigned in 1999. The outlook from all agencies is stable.

7.2 Long Term Debt Rating Definitions

Long Term Debt Rating	Fitch (a)	Moody's (b)	S&P (a)
Highest quality / Extremely strong capacity to pay interest and principal	AAA	Aaa	AAA
High quality / Very strong	AA	Aa	AA
Upper medium grade / Strong	A	A	A
Medium grade (lowest investment grade) / Adequate	BBB	Baa	BBB
Predominantly speculative / Less near term vulnerability to default	BB	Ba	BB
Speculative, low grade / Greater vulnerability	B	B	B
Poor to default / Identifiable vulnerability	CCC	Caa	CCC
Highest speculations	CC	Ca	CC
Lowest quality, no interest	C	C	C
In payment default, in arrears - questionable value	D	-	D

(a) Fitch and S&P apply plus (+) or minus (-) signs to ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' to indicate relative standing within the major rating categories.

(b) Moody's applies numeric modifiers to each generic rating category from Aa to B, indicating that the counterparty is (1) in the higher end of its letter-rating category, (2) in mid-range, (3) in lower end.

8.0 Capital Adequacy

At 31 December	Unaudited			
	Overseas Bank		Overseas Banking Group	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Tier One Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures	7.0%	6.8%	7.3%	7.1%
Minimum Tier One Capital (%) required by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Total Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures	10.0%	10.1%	9.7%	9.8%
Minimum Total Capital (%) required by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%

9.0 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Banking Group incorporated in this General Short Form Disclosure Statement have been prepared in accordance with NZ IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and should be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2007 General Disclosure Statement.

There have been no material changes to accounting policies in the nine months ended 31 March 2008. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with that used in the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

Certain comparatives have been reclassified to conform with the current period's presentation.

10.0 Risk Management

There have been no material changes to the Banking Group's policies for managing risk, or material exposures to new types of risk, since the previous General Disclosure Statement (31 December 2007).

11.0 The Directors' and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer's Statement of Part A - Banking Group

11.1 Each Director and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer believes, after due enquiry, that:

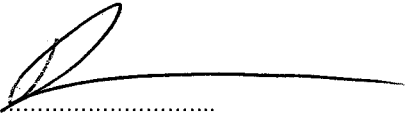
- the disclosure statement contains all the information required by the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off-Quarter - Overseas Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2007 for the Banking Group; and
- the disclosure statement is not false or misleading

as at the date on which the Disclosure Statement is signed.

11.2 Each Director and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer believes, after due enquiry, that:

- the Registered Bank has complied with the Conditions of Registration imposed by the Reserve Bank under section 74 of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989; and
- the Registered Bank had systems in place to monitor and control adequately the Banking Group's material risks, including credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, equity risk, liquidity risk and other material business risks, and that those systems were being properly applied over the Accounting Period.

The disclosure statement is signed by the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia who has relied on financial information in the separate disclosure statement lodged by ASB Bank Limited and signed by the ASB Bank Limited Directors.

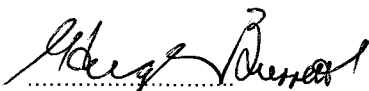


A.J. (Andrew) Woodward

26 May 2008

The disclosure statement is signed by or on behalf of all the Directors of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia who have relied on financial information in the separate disclosure statement lodged by ASB Bank Limited and signed by the ASB Bank Limited Directors.

For, and on behalf of, the Board of Directors, which authorised the issue of the financial report on 26 May 2008.



G.H. (Hugh) Burrett
Responsible Person

26 May 2008

Income Statement

For the period ended \$ millions	Banking Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
	Interest Income	3,756	3,033
Interest Expense	3,007	2,406	3,273
Net Interest Earnings	749	627	869
Other Income	281	331	491
Total Operating Income	1,030	958	1,360
Impairment Losses on Advances	18	12	17
Total Operating Income after Impairment Losses	1,012	946	1,343
Total Operating Expenses	442	404	539
Salaries and Other Staff Expenses	262	233	318
Building Occupancy and Equipment Expenses	73	69	91
Information Technology Expenses	39	38	50
Other Expenses	68	64	80
Net Profit before Taxation	570	542	804
Taxation	161	160	239
Net Profit after Taxation	409	382	565
Less : Minority Interests	26	24	31
Net Profit after Taxation Attributed to Parent Company Shareholders	383	358	534

Interest Rate Swaps which are transacted as economic hedges of interest rate risk, but which do not qualify for hedge accounting under NZ IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, are accounted for at fair value. Changes in the fair value of these swaps are reflected in the Income Statement immediately when they occur. This can create an accounting inconsistency, as changes in the fair value of the swaps cannot be offset against changes in the fair value or cash flows attributable to the underlying transaction.

Other Income for the nine months ended 31 March 2008 included a loss of \$56m before income tax from such swaps (31 March 2007 gain \$65m, 30 June 2007 gain of \$153m).

Refer to page 10 for more information on fair value gains and losses on financial instruments.

Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

<i>For the period ended</i> \$ millions	Banking Group		
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07	30-Jun-07
	9 months	9 months	12 months
Items Recognised Directly in Equity			
Movement in Asset Revaluation Reserves	(1)	-	4
Net Change in Available for Sale Reserves	9	-	-
Net Change in Cash Flow Hedge Reserves	(100)	107	147
Net Change in Net Investment Hedge	(81)	-	-
Currency Translation Differences	81	-	-
Transfer from Asset Revaluation Reserves to Retained Earnings	1	-	-
Net (Expense) / Income Recognised Directly in Equity	(91)	107	151
Net Profit after Taxation	409	382	565
Total Recognised Income and Expense	318	489	716
Attributable to :			
Parent Company Shareholders	292	465	685
Minority Interests	(26)	(24)	(31)
Total Recognised Income and Expense	266	441	654

Balance Sheet

<i>\$ millions</i> <i>As at</i>	Banking Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08	Unaudited 31-Mar-07	Audited 30-Jun-07
ASSETS			
Cash and Call Deposits with the Central Bank	1,607	725	3,013
Due from Other Banks	819	1,645	1,071
Money Market Advances	3,459	1,728	2,264
Securities	5,080	3,760	2,766
Derivative Assets	1,020	436	790
Advances to Customers	51,341	45,974	47,776
Current Taxation Asset	32	-	140
Other Assets	309	243	242
Property, Plant and Equipment	149	147	159
Intangible Assets	50	32	36
Goodwill	275	275	275
Total Assets	64,141	54,965	58,532
<i>Total Interest Earning and Discount Bearing Assets</i>	62,140	53,779	56,852
Financed by:			
LIABILITIES			
Due to Other Banks	6,960	5,651	7,039
Money Market Deposits	19,414	16,840	16,834
Derivative Liabilities	1,554	1,017	1,589
Deposits from Customers	26,925	23,603	24,499
Current Taxation Liability	-	35	-
Other Liabilities	535	409	556
Deferred Taxation Liability	250	301	342
Subordinated Debt	4,723	4,278	4,937
Total Liabilities	60,361	52,134	55,796
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Head Office Contribution	262	54	254
Contributed Capital - Ordinary Shareholder	534	510	534
Asset Revaluation Reserves	26	23	27
Available for Sale Reserves	9	-	-
Cash Flow Hedge Reserves	91	151	191
Retained Earnings	1,037	1,073	689
Ordinary Shareholder's Equity	1,959	1,811	1,695
Contributed Capital - Redeemable Preference Shareholder	1,271	470	491
Total Shareholder's Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Banking Group	3,230	2,281	2,186
Minority Interest : Controlled Entities	550	550	550
Total Shareholder's Equity	3,780	2,831	2,736
Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity	64,141	54,965	58,532
<i>Total Interest and Discount Bearing Liabilities</i>	52,334	50,372	51,343

Cash Flow Statement

Banking Group

For the period ended

\$ millions

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
Interest Received	3,672	2,990	4,157
Other Income Received	532	107	40
Dividends Received	1	3	4
Interest Paid	(2,828)	(2,239)	(3,111)
Operating Expenses	(402)	(381)	(500)
Net Taxation Paid	(162)	(175)	(289)
Receipts from Related Parties for Tax Related Items	19	35	41

Cash Flows from Operating Profits before Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities

Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:

Net Increase in Money Market Advances	(1,169)	(1,098)	(1,928)
Net Decrease / (Increase) in Due from Other Banks (Term)	198	(997)	(237)
Net Increase in Advances to Customers	(3,615)	(4,788)	(6,614)
Net (Increase) / Decrease in Trading Securities	(1,542)	(256)	756
Net Increase in Customer Deposits	2,425	2,466	3,419
Net Increase in Money Market Deposits	1,830	3,995	4,578
Net (Decrease) / Increase in Due to Other Banks (Term)	(79)	641	1,887

Cash Flows from Operating Assets and Liabilities

Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Cash was applied to:

Net Increase in Other Securities	553	359	455
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	21	26	38
Purchase of Intangible Assets	23	17	24
	597	402	517

Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Cash was provided from:

Head Office Contribution	8	4	204
Issue of Ordinary Share Capital	-	12	36
Issue of Redeemable Preference Shares	780	699	699
Issue of Subordinated Debt	319	18	1,048
	1,107	733	1,987

Cash was applied to:

Net Decrease in Due to Other Banks	-	-	53
Dividends Paid	28	-	560
Dividends Paid to Minority Interest	26	24	31
Repatriation of Profit	8	5	5
Redemption of Subordinated Debt	780	770	904
	842	799	1,553

Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS IN CASH FLOWS

Net (Decrease) / Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,452)	(165)	2,120
Add: Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	2,969	849	849
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	1,517	684	2,969

Cash Flow Statement (continued)

Banking Group

For the period ended
\$ millions

RECONCILIATION OF NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
Net Profit after Taxation	409	382	565
Add: Non-Cash Items			
Impairment Losses on Advances	18	12	17
Asset Revaluation Reserves	-	-	(1)
Depreciation	25	24	32
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	9	5	8
Net Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	2	1	1
	54	42	57
Add: Movements in Balance Sheet Items			
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	(1,952)	(37)	1,861
Net (Increase) / Decrease in Due from Other Banks (Term)	(166)	(33)	9
Interest Payable Accrued - Increase	261	158	167
Other Income Accrued - Decrease / (Increase)	250	(223)	(447)
Operating Expenses Accrued - Increase / (Decrease)	6	(6)	1
Taxation Balances - Increase / (Decrease)	18	20	(10)
	(1,583)	(121)	1,581
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(1,120)	303	2,203

RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO THE BALANCE SHEET

Cash and Call Deposits with the Central Bank	1,607	725	3,013
Call Deposits Due from Other Banks	8	37	54
Call Deposits Due to Other Banks	(98)	(78)	(98)
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	1,517	684	2,969

Gains / (Losses) on Financial Instruments at Fair Value

Net Fair Value Gain / (Loss) from :

Trading Securities	1	(2)	(4)
Derivatives transacted as Hedges but not Qualifying for Hedge Accounting	(56)	65	153
Other Derivatives	251	(724)	(2,596)
Financial Assets Designated as at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	(98)	(234)	(539)
Financial Liabilities Designated as at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	(102)	1,451	2,526
Available for Sale Financial Assets	45	-	-
Total Net Fair Value Gain / (Loss)	41	556	(460)

Ineffective Portion of Hedges

Fair Value Hedge Ineffectiveness :			
Gain on Hedged Items	185	95	50
Loss on Hedging Instruments	(198)	(95)	(51)
Cash Flow Hedge Ineffectiveness	18	3	(10)
Total Ineffective Portion of Hedges	5	3	(11)

Shareholder's Equity Notes

\$ millions As at	Banking Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08	Unaudited 31-Mar-07	Audited 30-Jun-07
Retained Earnings			
Balance at Beginning of Period	689	720	720
Net Profit after Taxation Attributed to Parent Company Shareholders	383	358	534
Transfer from Asset Revaluation Reserves	1	-	-
Less:			
Ordinary Dividends	-	-	530
Redeemable Preference Dividends	28	-	30
Distribution of Prior Year Profit	8	5	5
Balance at End of Period	1,037	1,073	689

Other Transactions with Owners during the Period

There have been no changes to Issued Capital during the nine months ended 31 March 2008.

Related Party Balances

The ultimate parent bank is CBA. The Commonwealth Bank Group refers to CBA and the various companies and other entities owned and controlled by CBA. Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group includes Colonial Group and ASB Group (Life) Limited Group of Companies.

During the nine months ended 31 March 2008, the Banking Group has entered into, or had in place various financial transactions with members of the Commonwealth Bank Group, and other related parties. ASB Bank Limited provides administrative functions to some subsidiaries and related companies for which no payments have been made. In all other cases, arrangements with related parties were conducted on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms, and within the Banking Group's approved policies. Loans to and borrowings from related parties are unsecured.

The following balances represent amounts due from and to related parties classified within Due from / to Other Banks, Subordinated Debt, Other Assets and Other Liabilities:

Amounts Due from Related Parties

Commonwealth Bank Group (100% Ultimate Shareholder)	377	698	299
Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group (Subsidiaries of Commonwealth Bank Group)	9	4	5
Total Amounts Due from Related Parties	385	702	304

Amounts Due to Related Parties

Commonwealth Bank Group (100% Ultimate Shareholder)	11,143	9,728	11,942
Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group (Subsidiaries of Commonwealth Bank Group)	594	509	510
Total Amounts Due to Related Parties	11,737	10,237	12,452

Asset Quality

Banking Group

\$ millions

As at 31 March 2008
Unaudited

90-day Past Due Assets

	Residential Mortgages	Other Retail	Corporate	Total
Balance at Beginning of Period	47	19	20	86
Additions	28	11	10	49
Less: Amounts Written Off	7	2	2	11
Balance at End of Period	68	28	28	124

There are no undrawn balances on lending commitments to counterparties within the 90-day Past Due Asset category as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

Impaired Assets

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	2	7	10
Additions	3	-	16	19
Less: Amounts Written Off	-	1	1	2
Gross Advances Individually Determined to be Impaired	4	1	22	27
Less : Specific Provisions for Impairment Loss	2	-	11	13
Net Advances Individually Determined to be Impaired	2	1	11	14

Undrawn balances on lending commitments to counterparties within the Impaired Asset category were \$1m as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

Interest forgone is the amount of income that would have been recorded if interest accruals on specific loans had not been set to Nil and is estimated based on market rates. Under New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, interest on impaired on assets is no longer reserved and therefore no interest has been forgone.

Other Assets Under Administration

Balance at Beginning of Period	7	2	-	9
Additions	-	-	4	4
Balance at End of Period	7	2	4	13

Undrawn balances on lending commitments to counterparties within the Other Assets Under Administration category were \$1m as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 \$1m, 30 June 2007 \$1m).

The Banking Group does not have any restricted assets as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

The Banking Group does not have any financial assets, real estate assets or other assets, acquired through the enforcement of security as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

The aggregate amount of Advances designated as at Fair Value through Profit or Loss as at 31 March 2008 is \$4,266m (31 March 2007 \$3,373m, 30 June 2007 \$3,335m). The maximum exposure to credit risk for Due From Other Banks and Money Market Advances is represented by their carrying values.

Asset Quality (continued)

Banking Group

\$ millions

As at 31 March 2007

Unaudited

90-day Past Due Assets

	Residential Mortgages	Other Retail	Corporate	Total
Balance at Beginning of Period	38	14	18	70
Additions	11	7	4	22
Less: Amounts Written Off	3	2	1	6
Balance at End of Period	46	19	21	86

Impaired Assets

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	-	4	5
Additions / (Deletions)	-	1	(2)	(1)
Less: Amounts Written Off	-	-	2	2
Gross Advances Individually Determined to be Impaired	1	1	-	2
Less: Specific Provisions for Impairment Loss	1	1	-	2
Net Advances Individually Determined to be Impaired	-	-	-	-

Other Assets Under Administration

Balance at Beginning of Period	7	2	-	9
Additions / (Deletions)	-	-	-	-
Less: Amounts Written Off	-	-	-	-
Balance at End of Period	7	2	-	9

As at 30 June 2007

Audited

90-day Past Due Assets

Balance at Beginning of Period	38	14	18	70
Additions	14	7	4	25
Less: Amounts Written Off	5	2	2	9
Balance at End of Period	47	19	20	86

Impaired Assets

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	-	4	5
Additions	-	2	5	7
Less: Amounts Written Off	-	-	2	2
Gross Advances Individually Determined to be Impaired	1	2	7	10
Less : Specific Provisions for Impairment Loss	1	1	5	7
Net Advances Individually Determined to be Impaired	-	1	2	3

Other Assets Under Administration

Balance at Beginning of Period	7	2	-	9
Additions / (Deletions)	-	-	-	-
Less: Amounts Written Off	-	-	-	-
Balance at End of Period	7	2	-	9

Provisions for Impairment Loss

Banking Group

\$ millions

As at 31 March 2008

Unaudited

Collective Provision

	Residential Mortgages	Other Retail	Corporate	Total
Balance at Beginning of Period	5	38	47	90
Charged to Income Statement	-	3	(1)	2
Balance at End of Period	5	41	46	92

Specific Provisions

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	1	5	7
Add / (Less):				
Charged to Income Statement:				
New Provisions	2	-	9	11
Amounts Recovered	(1)	-	(2)	(3)
Write Offs Against Specific Provisions	-	(1)	(1)	(2)
Balance at End of Period	2	-	11	13
Total Provisions for Impairment Loss	7	41	57	105

Impairment Losses Charged to the Income Statement

Movement in Collective Provision	-	3	(1)	2
Movement in Specific Provisions	1	-	7	8
Bad Debts Written Off	7	2	2	11
Bad Debts Recovered	(1)	(1)	(1)	(3)
Total Impairment Losses Charged to the Income Statement	7	4	7	18

As at 31 March 2007

Unaudited

Collective Provision

Balance at Beginning of Period	4	34	48	86
Charged to Income Statement	1	3	2	6
Balance at End of Period	5	37	50	92

Specific Provisions

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	-	-	1
Add / (Less):				
Charged to Income Statement:				
New Provisions	-	1	2	3
Write Offs Against Specific Provisions	-	-	(2)	(2)
Balance at End of Period	1	1	-	2
Total Provisions for Impairment Loss	6	38	50	94

Impairment Losses Charged to the Income Statement

Movement in Collective Provision	1	3	2	6
Movement in Specific Provisions	-	1	2	3
Bad Debts Written Off	3	2	1	6
Bad Debts Recovered	(1)	(1)	(1)	(3)
Total Impairment Losses Charged to the Income Statement	3	5	4	12

Provisions for Impairment Loss (continued)

	Banking Group			
	Residential Mortgages	Other Retail	Corporate	Total
<i>\$ millions</i>				
As at 30 June 2007				
Audited				
Collective Provision				
Balance at Beginning of Period	4	34	48	86
Charged to Income Statement	1	4	(1)	4
Balance at End of Period	5	38	47	90
Specific Provisions				
Balance at Beginning of Period	1	-	-	1
Add / (Less):				
Charged to Income Statement:				
New Provisions	-	1	7	8
Amounts Recovered	-	-	-	-
Write Offs Against Specific Provisions	-	-	(2)	(2)
Balance at End of Period	1	1	5	7
Total Provisions for Impairment Loss	6	39	52	97
Impairment Losses Charged to the Income Statement				
Movement in Collective Provision	1	4	(1)	4
Movement in Specific Provisions	-	1	7	8
Bad Debts Written Off	5	2	2	9
Bad Debts Recovered	(2)	(1)	(1)	(4)
Total Impairment Losses Charged to the Income Statement	4	6	7	17

Risk Weighted Exposures

As at 31 March 2008

Unaudited

Balance Sheet Exposures

	Banking Group		
	Principal Amount \$ millions	Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
Cash and Short Term Claims on Government	2,817	-	-
Long Term Claims on Government	670	10	67
Claims on Banks	3,626	20	725
Claims on Public Sector Entities	170	20	34
Claims Secured by Residential Mortgages	35,785	50	17,893
Other	19,732	100	19,732
Non-risk Weighted Assets	1,016	-	-
Total Balance Sheet Exposures	63,816		38,451

(excludes Intangible Assets and Goodwill)

Principal Amount \$ millions	Credit Conversion Factor %	Credit Equivalent Amount \$ millions	Average Counterparty Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
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Off Balance Sheet Exposures

Direct Credit Substitutes	190	100	190	100	190
Commitments with Certain Drawdown	1,197	100	1,197	60	723
Underwriting and Sub-underwriting Facilities	12	50	6	100	6
Transaction Related Contingent Items	69	50	35	101	35
Short Term, Self-liquidating Trade Related Contingencies	28	20	6	107	6
Other Commitments to Provide Financial Services with Original Maturity of:					
One Year or More	1,927	50	964	100	964
Less Than One Year or Can Be Cancelled at any time	7,404	-	-	-	-
Market Related Contracts (Current Exposure):					
Foreign Exchange Contracts	27,070	3.3	887	25	224
Interest Rate Contracts	107,205	1.5	1,608	31	491
Other	29	41.4	12	75	9
Total Off Balance Sheet Exposures					2,648
Total Risk Weighted Exposures					41,099

Risk Weighted Exposures (continued)

As at 31 March 2007
Unaudited

	Banking Group		
	Principal	Risk	Risk
	Amount	Weight	Weighted
	\$ millions	%	Exposure
			\$ millions
Balance Sheet Exposures			
Cash and Short Term Claims on Government	1,079	-	-
Long Term Claims on Government	755	10	76
Claims on Banks	3,908	20	782
Claims on Public Sector Entities	182	20	36
Claims Secured by Residential Mortgages	32,183	50	16,092
Other	16,115	100	16,115
Non-risk Weighted Assets	436	-	-
Total Balance Sheet Exposures	54,658		33,101
<i>(excludes Intangible Assets and Goodwill)</i>			

	Principal	Credit	Credit	Average	Risk
	Amount	Conversion	Equivalent	Counterparty	Weighted
	\$ millions	Factor	Amount	Risk Weight	Exposure
		%	\$ millions	%	\$ millions
Off Balance Sheet Exposures					
Direct Credit Substitutes	112	100	112	100	112
Commitments with Certain Drawdown	1,667	100	1,667	60	1,003
Underwriting and Sub-underwriting Facilities	11	50	6	100	6
Transaction Related Contingent Items	47	50	24	100	24
Short Term, Self-liquidating Trade Related Contingencies	18	20	4	100	4
Other Commitments to Provide Financial Services with Original Maturity of:					
One Year or More	1,798	50	899	100	899
Less Than One Year or Can Be Cancelled at any time	6,637	-	-	-	-
Market Related Contracts (Current Exposure):					
Foreign Exchange Contracts	25,907	3.1	810	28	229
Interest Rate Contracts	64,184	0.8	498	23	115
Other	25	8.0	2	100	2
Total Off Balance Sheet Exposures					2,394
Total Risk Weighted Exposures					35,495

Risk Weighted Exposures (continued)

As at 30 June 2007
Audited

	Banking Group		
	Principal	Risk	Risk
	Amount	Weight	Weighted
	\$ millions	%	Exposure \$ millions
Balance Sheet Exposures			
Cash and Short Term Claims on Government	3,538	-	-
Long Term Claims on Government	196	10	20
Claims on Banks	2,780	20	555
Claims on Public Sector Entities	192	20	38
Claims Secured by Residential Mortgages	33,300	50	16,650
Other	17,431	100	17,431
Non-risk Weighted Assets	784	-	-
Total Balance Sheet Exposures	58,221		34,694
<i>(excludes Intangible Assets and Goodwill)</i>			

	Principal	Credit	Credit	Average	Risk
	Amount	Conversion	Equivalent	Counterparty	Weighted
	\$ millions	Factor	Amount	Risk Weight	Exposure
	\$ millions	%	\$ millions	%	\$ millions
Off Balance Sheet Exposures					
Direct Credit Substitutes	160	100	160	100	160
Commitments with Certain Drawdown	1,427	100	1,427	60	859
Underwriting and Sub-underwriting Facilities	7	50	4	100	4
Transaction Related Contingent Items	53	50	27	100	27
Short Term, Self-liquidating Trade Related Contingencies	27	20	5	100	5
Other Commitments to Provide Financial Services with Original Maturity of:					
One Year or More	1,554	50	777	100	777
Less Than One Year or Can Be Cancelled at any time	7,243	-	-	-	-
Market Related Contracts (Current Exposure):					
Foreign Exchange Contracts	24,058	3.8	911	28	257
Interest Rate Contracts	77,003	1.1	831	23	187
Other	25	8.0	2	100	2
Total Off Balance Sheet Exposures					2,278
Total Risk Weighted Exposures					36,972

Risk Weighted Exposures (continued)

As at 31 March 2008
Unaudited

	Registered Bank		
	Principal Amount \$ millions	Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
Balance Sheet Exposures			
Cash and Short Term Claims on Government	428	-	-
Claims on Banks	3,738	20	748
Other	6,118	100	6,118
Non-risk Weighted Assets	147	-	-
Total Balance Sheet Exposures	10,431		6,866

	Principal Amount \$ millions	Credit Conversion Factor %	Credit Equivalent Amount \$ millions	Average Counterparty Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
Off Balance Sheet Exposures					
Other Commitments to Provide Financial Services with Original Maturity of:					
One Year or More	1,702	50	851	100	851
Less Than One Year or Can Be Cancelled at Any Time	717	-	-	-	-
Market Related Contracts (Current Exposure):					
Foreign Exchange Contracts	4,604	3.2	147	31	45
Interest Rate Contracts	1,868	2.2	41	29	12
Total Off Balance Sheet Exposures					908
Total Risk Weighted Exposures					7,774

As at 31 March 2007
Unaudited

	Registered Bank		
	Principal Amount \$ millions	Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
Balance Sheet Exposures			
Cash and Short Term Claims on Government	206	-	-
Claims on Banks	3,694	20	739
Other	4,728	100	4,728
Non-risk Weighted Assets	24	-	-
Total Balance Sheet Exposures	8,652		5,467

	Principal Amount \$ millions	Credit Conversion Factor %	Credit Equivalent Amount \$ millions	Average Counterparty Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
Off Balance Sheet Exposures					
Other Commitments to Provide Financial Services with Original Maturity of:					
One Year or More	1,516	50	758	100	758
Less Than One Year or Can Be Cancelled at Any Time	1,260	-	-	-	-
Market Related Contracts (Current Exposure):					
Foreign Exchange Contracts	4,697	5.0	235	30	70
Interest Rate Contracts	2,024	0.5	11	36	4
Total Off Balance Sheet Exposures					832
Total Risk Weighted Exposures					6,299

Risk Weighted Exposures (continued)

As at 30 June 2007
Audited

	Registered Bank		
	Principal Amount \$ millions	Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
Balance Sheet Exposures			
Cash and Short Term Claims on Government	344	-	-
Claims on Banks	3,694	20	739
Other	5,591	100	5,591
Non-risk Weighted Assets	-	-	-
Total Balance Sheet Exposures	9,629		6,330

	Principal Amount \$ millions	Credit Conversion Factor %	Credit Equivalent Amount \$ millions	Average Counterparty Risk Weight %	Risk Weighted Exposure \$ millions
	Off Balance Sheet Exposures				
Other Commitments to Provide Financial Services with Original Maturity of:					
One Year or More	1,317	50	659	100	659
Less Than One Year or Can Be Cancelled at Any Time	995	-	-	-	-
Market Related Contracts (Current Exposure):					
Foreign Exchange Contracts	4,455	7.0	313	30	95
Interest Rate Contracts	1,913	2.2	43	37	16
Total Off Balance Sheet Exposures					770
Total Risk Weighted Exposures					7,100

Market Risk Capital Charges

The Market Risk Methodology is intended to attribute a dollar value amount to the market risk a registered bank is exposed to, based on the structure of its Balance Sheet positions, using the process prescribed by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

The Market Risk Exposures have been prepared on the basis of actual exposures.

Unaudited \$millions	Banking Group								
	Interest Rate Risk	Foreign Currency Risk	Equity Risk	Interest Rate Risk	Foreign Currency Risk	Equity Risk	Interest Rate Risk	Foreign Currency Risk	Equity Risk
Exposures as at	31 March 2008			31 March 2007			30 June 2007		
Implied Risk-weighted Exposure	164	19	2	74	8	-	101	7	-
Notional Capital Charge	13	2	-	6	1	-	8	1	-
Notional Capital Charge as a % of Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peak Exposures for the Three Months Ended	31 March 2008			31 March 2007			30 June 2007		
Implied Risk-weighted Exposure	178	21	2	90	13	-	101	10	-
Notional Capital Charge	14	2	-	7	1	-	8	1	-
Notional Capital Charge as a % of Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The equity measure used is the Overseas Banking Group's Total Shareholder's Equity as at 31 December 2007 (31 March 2007 relates to 31 December 2006).

Residential Mortgages by Loan-to-Valuation Ratio ("LVR")

As at 31 March 2008
Unaudited

Banking Group

LVR Range	0%-59%	60%-69%	70%-79%	80%-89%	90%-100%	Total
	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions	\$ millions
Value of Exposures (Drawn and Undrawn)	12,459	7,544	13,752	4,493	1,538	39,786
As a % of Total Exposures	31.2%	19.0%	34.6%	11.3%	3.9%	100%

Insurance Business and Non-financial Activities

The Banking Group does not conduct any insurance business. However, general and life insurance products are marketed through ASB Bank Limited's branch network. The life insurance products are underwritten by Sovereign Assurance Company Limited, a 100% owned subsidiary of ASB Group (Life) Limited. Information about insurance business conducted by the Life Group is contained in Part B New Zealand Life Insurance Group Disclosures.

CBA does not conduct any non-financial activities in New Zealand.

Issue and Repayment of Debt and Equity Securities

Subordinated Debt of \$370m was issued on 1 November 2007.

Subordinated Debt of \$780m was repaid on 14 December 2007. On the same date \$780m of Redeemable Preference Shares were issued. These shares were classified as equity, as they are redeemable at the option of the issuer.

There have been no further issues or repayments of equity securities during the nine months ended 31 March 2008.

Concentration of Credit Exposures to Individual Counterparties

There are no credit exposures to individual counterparties greater than 10% of Commonwealth Bank of Australia's 31 December 2007 equity (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

Supplementary Information on Balance Sheet

The total liabilities of the Registered Bank in New Zealand, net of amounts due to related parties is \$131m (31 March 2007 \$58m, 30 June 2007 \$102m). The Registered Bank does not have any retail deposits (deposits with natural persons, excluding deposits with an outstanding balance which exceeds \$250,000) (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

Changes in Composition of the Banking Group during the Period

On 4 March 2008, IT Fleet NZ (No. 2) Limited amalgamated with Equigroup Finance Limited to become Equigroup Finance Limited. This did not have any impact on the aggregated results or financial position of the Banking Group.

Events after the Balance Sheet Date

On 7 April 2008 the Directors of ASB Capital Limited declared a Perpetual Preference dividend of 1.7 cents per share, fully imputed. The dividend was paid on 15 May 2008 to all registered holders of Perpetual Preference Shares at 5.00pm on 24 April 2008.

On 7 April 2008 the Directors of ASB Capital No.2 Limited declared a Perpetual Preference dividend of 1.5 cents per share, fully imputed. The dividend was paid on 15 May 2008 to all registered holders of Perpetual Preference Shares at 5.00pm on 5 May 2008.

Contingent Liabilities

As previously disclosed in the General Disclosure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2007, the New Zealand Inland Revenue Department ("IRD") is carrying out an industry-wide review of structured finance transactions. On 30 March 2005 and 30 March 2006, ASB Bank Limited received Notices of Proposed Adjustments ("NOPA's") from the IRD in respect of structured finance transactions for the years ended 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2004.

A NOPA is not an assessment of tax. It is the first step in New Zealand's tax disputes process, under which the IRD formally advises a taxpayer that they are proposing to amend a tax assessment. Notices of assessment have now been received in relation to one of these transactions for the 2001 year and two of these transactions for the 2002 and 2003 years. These assessments would result in a tax liability of \$88m if upheld (including tax effected use of money interest charges). No provision has been created for a tax liability as a result of the issued assessments.

The adjustments proposed by the IRD are for the 2001 to 2004 years and would result in an estimated potential tax liability of \$95m (inclusive of the \$88m from the assessments). If applied up to 31 March 2008, an additional \$124m would arise (including tax effected use of money interest charges).

Should NOPAs also be issued to ASB Bank Limited for all similar transactions, and for all tax years from 2001 onward, the combined assessments and adjustments proposed by the IRD would result in a net potential tax liability covering all transactions of \$252m up to 31 March 2008 (including tax effected use of money interest charges).

ASB Bank Limited has taken extensive independent tax advice and is confident the tax treatment it has adopted for the transactions to which the NOPAs relate is correct. Accordingly, ASB Bank Limited has not created any provisions for a tax liability as a result of the issue of the NOPAs.

In November 2006 the New Zealand Commerce Commission issued proceedings against Visa, MasterCard and 11 financial institutions, including ASB Bank Limited, for alleged price fixing in relation to credit card interchange fees. Also in November 2006, similar proceedings were issued against the same defendants by 11 retailers. No provisions have been made relating to these claims.

The Banking Group has other contingent liabilities in respect of actual and potential claims and proceedings. An assessment of the Banking Group's likely loss in respect of these matters has been made on a case-by-case basis and provision made where appropriate.

Financial Reporting by Segments

\$ millions	Banking Group				
	Retail	Relationship	Wholesale	Other	Total
PRIMARY SEGMENT INFORMATION: BUSINESS					
As at 31 March 2008					
Unaudited					
Total Operating Income	481	331	113	105	1,030
Net Profit Before Taxation	229	275	87	(21)	570
As at 31 March 2007					
Unaudited					
Total Operating Income	460	258	79	161	958
Net Profit Before Taxation	219	183	68	72	542
As at 30 June 2007					
Audited					
Total Operating Income	614	349	123	274	1,360
Net Profit Before Taxation	297	246	109	152	804

Retail Banking: The Retail Banking Segment provides services to private individuals. Its range of products includes loans and deposits, current accounts and credit cards.

Relationship Banking: The Relationship Banking Segment provides services to commercial, business, corporate, institutional and rural customers.

Wholesale Banking: The Wholesale Banking Segment incorporates transactions booked through ASB Bank Limited's Treasury and Financial Markets Division, including financial instruments trading, foreign currency transactions, debt issues and Certificates of Deposit, and structured financing.

Other: The Other Segment comprises other operations, none of which constitutes a separately reportable segment.

Operating Income in each segment includes transfer pricing adjustments to reflect intersegment funding arrangements. Intersegment pricing is determined on an arm's length basis. Charges are eliminated within the Banking Group.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND OPERATIONS**

PART B

NEW ZEALAND LIFE INSURANCE GROUP

**GENERAL SHORT FORM
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**For the nine months ended
31 March 2008**

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General Short Form Disclosure Statement

Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group

This document comprises the General Short Form Disclosure Statement for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Life Insurance Group (the "Life Group") of Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Operations (the "CBA NZ Operations") as at 31 March 2008. This information is published, where applicable, in accordance with the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off-Quarter – Overseas Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2008 and pursuant to Section 81(1) of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989.

This document should be read in conjunction with the disclosures for Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group (the "Banking Group") of the CBA NZ Operations.

1.0 General Matters

Registered Bank and Address for Service

Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Branch
Level 21, ASB BANK Centre
135 Albert Street
Auckland
New Zealand

A copy of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's most recent published Financial Statements will be available immediately upon a request being made to the above address. A copy of the Financial Statements may also be obtained from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's website in the Shareholder Centre.

The Registered Bank has not published a supplementary disclosure statement because none of the information required to be disclosed applies to the Life Group.

2.0 Overseas Bank and Address for Service

The Overseas Bank is Commonwealth Bank of Australia, domiciled in Australia. The Overseas Banking Group is the Commonwealth Bank of Australia including subsidiary activities worldwide.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Level 7
48 Martin Place
Sydney
Australia

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia (the "CBA") operates as a public company under the Corporations Act in Australia. It has a share capital and is governed by a constitution. The CBA was converted from a statutory corporation to a public company on 17 April 1991.

The CBA Group provides a wide range of banking, financial and related services including funds management and life and general insurance. The origins of the Bank lie in the former Commonwealth Bank of Australia which was established in 1911 by an Act of Parliament to conduct commercial and savings bank functions. These functions were gradually expanded under continued Government ownership until April 1991 when the Bank was partially privatised. In June 1996 the Commonwealth Government sold its remaining shareholding in the Bank.

3.0 Guarantee Arrangements

The material obligations of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia are not guaranteed.

4.0 Directors and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer

There have been no changes to Directors since the previous General Disclosure Statement (31 December 2007).

4.1 New Zealand Chief Executive Officer

A.J. (Andrew) Woodward
Head of Institutional Banking NZ CBA

4.0 Directors and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer (continued)

4.2 Directors of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Chairman

J.M. (John) Schubert BE, PhD, FIE Aust, FTS, CP(Eng)
Independent Director
Australia

Managing Director

R.J. (Ralph) Norris DCNZM, FNZIM, FNZCS
Chief Executive Officer
Australia

Independent Directors

Sir J.A. (John) Anderson KBE
New Zealand

R.J. (Reg) Clairs AO
Australia

C.R. (Colin) Galbraith LLB (Hons), LLM, LLB (Hons), AM
Australia

J.S. (Jane) Hemstritch BSc, FCA, FCPA
Australia

S.C.H. (Carolyn) Kay BA, LLB, FAICD
Australia

F.D. (Fergus) Ryan
Australia

D.J. (David) Turner FCA
Australia

H.H. (Harrison) Young
Australia

4.3 Responsible Person

G.H. (Hugh) Burrett
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
Auckland, New Zealand

In Absence

S.B. (Stewart) McRobie
Head of Group Finance & Risk Management
Auckland, New Zealand

5.0 Conditions of Registration - Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Branch (the "Registered Bank") as from 26 November 2007.

The Conditions of Registration are outlined in Part A Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group (the "Banking Group") General Short Form Disclosure Statement, General Matters 6.0.

6.0 Credit Rating of Commonwealth Bank of Australia

- 6.1 As at the date of the signing of this General Short Form Disclosure Statement, the following ratings were assigned to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia's long term debt:

Rating Agency	Current Long Term Rating
Fitch Ratings	AA
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	Aa1
Standard & Poor's (Australia) Pty Limited	AA

The Moody's rating was raised from Aa3 to Aa1 on 4 May 2007. The Standard and Poor's rating was raised from AA- to AA on 21 February 2007. The Fitch rating was assigned in 1999. The outlook from all agencies is stable.

6.2 Long Term Debt Rating Definitions

Long Term Debt Rating	Fitch (a)	Moody's (b)	S&P (a)
Highest quality / Extremely strong capacity to pay interest and principal	AAA	Aaa	AAA
High quality / Very strong	AA	Aa	AA
Upper medium grade / Strong	A	A	A
Medium grade (lowest investment grade) / Adequate	BBB	Baa	BBB
Predominantly speculative / Less near term vulnerability to default	BB	Ba	BB
Speculative, low grade / Greater vulnerability	B	B	B
Poor to default / Identifiable vulnerability	CCC	Caa	CCC
Highest speculations	CC	Ca	CC
Lowest quality, no interest	C	C	C
In payment default, in arrears - questionable value	D	-	D

(a) Fitch and S&P apply plus (+) or minus (-) signs to ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' to indicate relative standing within the major rating categories.

(b) Moody's applies numeric modifiers to each generic rating category from Aa to B, indicating that the counterparty is (1) in the higher end of its letter-rating category, (2) in mid-range, (3) in lower end.

- 6.3 As at the date of the signing of this General Short Form Disclosure Statement, the following rating was assigned to Sovereign Assurance Company Limited's ability to meet its ongoing obligations to policyholders:

Rating Agency	Current Long Term Rating
A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating	A+

The A.M. Best Financial Strength rating was upgraded on 28 December 2007. The outlook from this agency is stable.

6.4 Insurer's Financial Strength Rating Definitions

Insurer's Financial Strength Rating Definition	A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating
Superior ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	A++, A+
Excellent ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	A, A-
Good ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	B++, B+
Fair ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	B, B-
Marginal ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	C++, C+
Weak ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	C, C-
Poor ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders	D

7.0 Capital Adequacy

As at 31 December	Unaudited			
	Overseas Bank		Overseas Banking Group	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Tier One Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures	7.0%	6.8%	7.3%	7.1%
Minimum Tier One Capital (%) required by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Total Capital as a % of Risk Weighted Exposures	10.0%	10.1%	9.7%	9.8%
Minimum Total Capital (%) required by Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%

8.0 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Life Group incorporated in this General Short Form Disclosure Statement have been prepared in accordance with NZ IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and should be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2007 General Disclosure Statement.

There have been no material changes to accounting policies in the nine months ended 31 March 2008. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with that used in the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

Certain comparatives have been reclassified to conform with the current period's presentation.

9.0 Risk Management

There have been no material changes to the Life Group's policies for managing risk, or material exposures to new types of risk, since the previous General Disclosure Statement (31 December 2007).

10.0 The Directors' and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer's Statement of Part B - Life Group

10.1 Each Director and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer believes, after due enquiry, that:

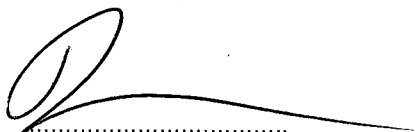
- the disclosures contain all the information required under the Companies Act 1993 and the Financial Reporting Act 1993, on the basis of the Life Group complying with Section 9(2) of the Financial Reporting Act 1993; and
- the disclosure statement is not false or misleading

as at the date on which the Disclosure Statement is signed.

10.2 Each Director and the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer believes, after due enquiry, that:

- the Life Group had systems in place to monitor and control adequately the Life Group's material risks, including credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, equity risk, liquidity risk and other material business risks and that those systems were being properly applied over the Accounting Period.

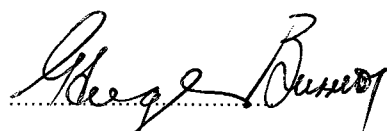
The disclosure statement is signed by the New Zealand Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.



A.J. (Andrew) Woodward
26 May 2008

The disclosure statement is signed by or on behalf of all the Directors of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

For, and on behalf of, the Board of Directors, which authorised the issue of the financial report on 26 May 2008.



G.H. (Hugh) Burrett
Responsible Person
26 May 2008

Income Statement

<i>For the period ended</i> <i>\$ millions</i>	Life Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
Premium Income	334	305	411
Reinsurance Income	45	48	62
Investment Income	(27)	219	280
Other Income	64	57	81
Total Operating Income	416	629	834
Total Operating Expenses	318	540	704
Reinsurance Expenses	51	51	67
Claims, Surrenders and Maturities	225	228	303
Net Change in Life Insurance Contract Liabilities	(112)	(4)	(20)
Net Change in Life Investment Contract Liabilities	(100)	30	37
Commissions and Management Expenses	216	197	268
Finance Costs	35	36	46
Other Operating Expenses	3	2	3
Net Profit before Taxation	98	89	130
Taxation	25	18	34
Net Profit after Taxation	73	71	96

Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

	Life Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
<i>For the period ended</i> <i>\$ millions</i>			
Net Profit after Taxation	73	71	96
Total Recognised Revenues and Expense	73	71	96

Balance Sheet

Life Group

\$ millions
As at

ASSETS

Financial Assets

- Cash and Cash Equivalents	606	549	551
- Securities	2,162	2,458	2,389
- Derivative Financial Instruments	23	40	88
- Trade and Other Receivables	78	69	69

Reinsured Life Insurance Contract Liabilities

	61	58	59
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Current Taxation Asset

	15	41	17
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Property, Plant and Equipment

	38	30	38
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Intangible Assets

	573	561	563
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Other Assets

	32	32	30
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Total Assets

	3,588	3,838	3,804
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Total Interest Earning and Discount Bearing Assets

	1,427	1,258	1,467
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Financed by:

LIABILITIES

Life Insurance Contracts Liabilities	804	940	924
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Financial Liabilities

- Life Investment Contracts	1,218	1,391	1,380
- Borrowings	378	398	380
- Derivative Financial Instruments	28	9	34
- Deposited Reserves	42	45	44
- Trade and Other Payables	153	147	129

Deferred Taxation Liability

	65	65	70
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Provisions

	2	2	4
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Total Liabilities

	2,690	2,997	2,965
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SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

Contributed Capital - Ordinary Shareholder	5	5	5
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Contributed Capital - Convertible Notes	503	513	503
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Retained Earnings / (Accumulated Losses)	90	(54)	31
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Head Office Contribution	300	377	300
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Total Shareholder's Equity

	898	841	839
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Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity

	3,588	3,838	3,804
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Total Interest and Discount Bearing Liabilities

	420	443	424
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Cash Flow Statement

	Life Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
<i>For the period ended</i>			
<i>\$ millions</i>			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Premium Receipts	411	387	519
Dividend Receipts	22	21	30
Net Forward Foreign Exchange Contract Gains	10	172	246
Interest Receipts	74	53	68
Mortgage Interest Receipts	1	1	1
Sundry Fees and Commission Receipts	73	85	120
Net Tax Receipts	1	11	8
	592	730	992
Cash was applied to:			
Claims, Surrenders and Maturities Payments	364	373	502
Net Reinsurance Payments	8	6	4
Commission Payments	84	73	105
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	146	127	180
Interest on Loan Facilities	34	35	43
Net Tax Payments to Related Parties	21	33	39
	657	647	873
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(65)	83	119
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Proceeds from Sale of Securities	1,476	1,747	3,210
	1,476	1,747	3,210
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of Securities	1,297	1,703	3,160
Purchase and Development of Property, Plant and Equipment	16	25	36
Purchase of Investments	2	1	2
	1,315	1,729	3,198
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	161	18	12
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Convertible Note Issued	-	787	787
	-	787	787
Cash was applied to:			
Dividends and Branch Profit Repatriated	20	39	57
Eurobond Repaid	-	224	224
Repayment of Borrowings	-	344	344
Convertible Note Repaid	21	10	20
Repayment of Head Office Contribution	-	120	120
	41	737	765
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(41)	50	22

Cash Flow Statement (continued)

Life Group

For the period ended
\$ millions

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS IN CASH FLOWS

	Unaudited 31-Mar-08 9 months	Unaudited 31-Mar-07 9 months	Audited 30-Jun-07 12 months
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	55	151	153
Add: Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	551	398	398

Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period

Represented by:

Cash at Bank and on Deposit	591	523	516
Foreign Currency Deposits	15	26	35
	606	549	551

RECONCILIATION OF NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Profit after Taxation	73	71	96
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Add: Non-Cash Items and Items Classified as Investing and Financing Activities:

Impairment of Leasehold Improvements	-	1	1
Impairment of Office Equipment, Furniture and Fittings and Computer Equipment	-	1	1
Depreciation and Amortisation	5	4	4
Net Realised and Unrealised Losses	144	35	71
Non-Cash Dividends Received	(15)	(3)	(5)
Tax on Dividends and Repatriation of Profits	13	6	7
Movement in Income Tax Assets and Liabilities	(4)	(24)	(4)
Deferred Acquisition Cost Amortisation	2	2	3
Change in Life Insurance Contract Liabilities recognised in Income Statement - Decrease	(112)	(4)	(20)
Change in Life Investment Contract Liabilities recognised in Income Statement - Increase / (Decrease)	(100)	30	37
	(67)	48	95

Add: Movements in Balance Sheet Items

Trade Receivables and Sundry Debtors - Increase	(13)	(4)	-
Tax Balances	1	2	2
Provisions - (Decrease) / Increase	(1)	1	-
Trade and Expense Creditors - Increase / (Decrease)	16	10	(8)
Life Investment Contract Liabilities - Deposit Premium, Claims, Maturities & Surrenders (Net)	(62)	(47)	(66)
Life Insurance Contract Liabilities - Deposit Premium, Claims, Maturities & Surrenders (Net)	(11)	(14)	(16)
Deferred Fee Balance	(1)	16	16
	(71)	(36)	(72)

Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

	(65)	83	119
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Shareholder's Equity Notes

Life Group

\$ millions

As at

Retained Earnings / (Accumulated Losses)

	Unaudited 31-Mar-08	Unaudited 31-Mar-07	Audited 30-Jun-07
Balance at Beginning of Period	31	(103)	(103)
Net Profit after Taxation	73	71	96
Branch (Surplus) / Deficit Repatriated	(21)	(28)	29
Taxation on Branch Surplus / Deficit Repatriated	7	6	9
Balance at End of Period	90	(54)	31

Other Transactions with Owners during the Period

There have been no changes to Contributed Capital, Convertible Notes and Head Office Contribution during the nine months ended 31 March 2008.

Related Party Balances

During the period ended 31 March 2008, the Life Group has entered into, or had in place various financial transactions with members of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Group and Trusts managed or administered by the Life Group. Arrangements with all related parties were conducted on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms, and within the Life Group's approved policies.

The following balances represent amounts due from and to related parties:

Amounts Due from Related Parties

Commonwealth Bank Group (100% Ultimate Shareholder)	7	-	-
Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group (Subsidiaries of Commonwealth Bank Group)	594	509	510
Other Commonwealth Bank Group Subsidiaries	25	32	27
Trusts Managed or Administered by the Life Group	135	213	156

Total Amounts Due from Related Parties

761	754	693
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Amounts Due to Related Parties

Commonwealth Bank of Australia New Zealand Banking Group (Subsidiaries of Commonwealth Bank Group)	9	4	5
Other Commonwealth Bank Group Subsidiaries	1	1	1

Total Amounts Due to Related Parties

10	5	6
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Concentration of Credit Exposures to Individual Counterparties

There were no credit exposures to individual or connected counterparties greater than 10% of Commonwealth Bank of Australia's equity (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

Asset Quality

<i>\$ millions</i> <i>As at</i>	Life Group		
	Unaudited 31-Mar-08	Unaudited 31-Mar-07	Audited 30-Jun-07
Restructured Assets			
Balance at Beginning of Period	-	1	-
Deletions	-	(1)	
Balance at End of Period	-	-	-
Impaired Assets			
Balance at Beginning of Period	1	1	1
Balance at End of Period	1	1	1

The Impaired Assets reported above include Agent Loans that are under management and overpaid commissions that are subject to external recovery or legal action. The amount of interest income accrued on Impaired Assets during the period was Nil (31 March)

Past Due Assets

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	2	2
Deletions	-	(1)	(1)
Balance at End of Period	1	1	1

The Past Due Assets reported above include Residential Mortgages (reported in Securities) and Agent Loans (reported in Trade and Other Receivables) where payments are one or more days overdue.

The maximum credit risk associated with each class of recognised financial asset held by the Life Group is the carrying value.

Provisions for Impairment Loss

Specific Provisions

Balance at Beginning of Period	1	1	1
Balance at End of Period	1	1	1
Total Impairment Loss Provisions	1	1	1

The Specific Provisions reported above are held against Agent Loans that are under management and overpaid commissions that are subject to legal action or external recovery.

Financial Reporting by Segments

<i>\$ millions</i>	Life Group			Total
	Life Insurance and Superannuation	Asset Management	Other	
Primary Segment Information: Business				
As at 31 March 2008				
Unaudited				
Operating Income Derived from Outside Life Group	350	47	19	416
Inter-Segment Operating Income	14	(14)	-	-
Total Operating Income	364	33	19	416
Net Profit before Taxation	86	3	9	98
As at 31 March 2007				
Unaudited				
Operating Income Derived from Outside Life Group	562	50	17	629
Inter-Segment Operating Income	10	(10)	-	-
Total Operating Income	572	40	17	629
Net Profit before Taxation	74	4	11	89
As at 30 June 2007				
Audited				
Operating Income Derived from Outside Life Group	744	68	22	834
Inter-Segment Operating Income	14	(14)	-	-
Total Operating Income	758	54	22	834
Net Profit before Taxation	111	6	13	130

The major products / services from which the above segments derive income are:

Life Insurance and

Superannuation Management: marketing and administration of a comprehensive range of life insurance and superannuation products.

Asset Management: marketing and administration of unit trusts and provision of asset administration services to financial advisers and fellow Life Group subsidiaries.

Life Group conducts managed fund and trust activities. These are superannuation scheme management, securitised mortgage activities, trust management and asset administration. Arrangements exist to ensure these activities are managed independently from the Life Group's other activities.

Contingent Liabilities and Capital Commitments

Contingent Liabilities

On 30 September 2005, Sovereign Assurance Company Limited (SACL) received a reassessment from the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) in relation to the tax treatment of reinsurance arrangements in the 2000 tax year. Based on independent tax and legal advice, SACL has lodged proceedings in the High Court to challenge this reassessment. The High Court has agreed to adjourn case management conferences to allow both parties to make further progress in resolving this dispute. Statements of Position have been received from and filed with the IRD for the 2000, 2001 and 2002 years. The IRD has also issued Notices of Proposed Adjustment for the 2003 and 2004 years on the same basis adopted in the Statement of Position issued for the previous years. SACL has issued Notices of Response rejecting the proposed adjustments.

The IRD Adjudications Unit has considered the issues as they apply to the 2001 and 2002 years and provided its decision on 14 March 2008. The Adjudications Unit found partly in favour of SACL and partly in favour of the IRD. The IRD considers itself bound by the Adjudication Unit's decision. SACL is not bound by the decision and has two months to challenge the decision in Court. SACL is currently reviewing the Adjudication decision in detail and considering its options.

SACL is confident the tax treatment it has adopted for the transactions to which the assessment relates is correct. SACL has consistently applied this tax treatment to its reinsurance arrangements since inception of the arrangements (1992 and 1996) and that tax treatment has been reviewed by the IRD under previous IRD audits.

If SACL does not challenge the Adjudication Unit's decision, and applying the same reasoning to the 2000 to 2006 income years (being the years under dispute and subsequent returns filed) the revised estimated additional tax liability including use of money interest and excluding penalties is \$71m as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 \$62m, 30 June 2007 \$64m).

There are no other material contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2008 (31 March 2007 Nil, 30 June 2007 Nil).

Contingent Liabilities and Capital Commitments (continued)

Capital Commitments

The Life Group has entered into contracts for the fit out and provision of building services in the new Sovereign head office premises under construction at Smales Farm, Takapuna. The total estimated capital commitments for these contracts is \$1m (31 March 2007 \$3m, 30 June 2007 \$1m).

Market Risk Exposure

It is not meaningful to apply the Market Risk Exposure model of the Reserve Bank to life insurance companies due to the nature of certain assets and liabilities.

Events after the Balance Sheet Date

There are no events subsequent to the Balance Sheet date which would materially affect the financial statements.