

National Provident Pension Scheme

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund, set out below is a report on the performance and activities of your Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2023. Further information on the National Provident Fund's activities, and commentary on investment markets, is set out in the Chair's letter.

Your Scheme

CROWN GUARANTEE

The National Provident Pension Scheme is a defined benefit scheme. The benefits payable by your Scheme are guaranteed by the Crown.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

The asset class returns (before tax and expenses) and the comparative performance of the benchmark indices are shown in the table below.

Asset Class	Return	Index
Fixed interest (New Zealand)	(3.66%)	(5.79%)
New Zealand shares	(1.87%)	(1.17%)
Overseas shares	0.13%	(2.77%)

The investment return (after tax and expenses) earned by the Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2023 was (2.28%) (2022: 0.22%). In dollar terms, this represents an investment loss from unit funds of \$8.145 million (investment gain 2022: \$1.55 million).

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements included in this Annual Report have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as the full financial statements.

Members are welcome to view the full financial statements on our website – www.npf.co.nz/members/schemes – or contact the Scheme administrator, Datacom (see details on back page), for a free copy of the Scheme's full financial statements.

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INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE CONTINUED

Around the world the ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, central banks' response to address rising inflation and heightened geo-political instability, most noticeably evident in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, have led to a significant economic slowdown and financial market volatility. The impact of these factors is likely to continue into the foreseeable future with flow on impact on the returns from the Scheme's investments. The Board continues to monitor the impact of the movements in the market, and the implication for investment strategy, on an ongoing basis.

See the comparison over the page for the key statistics of your Scheme over the last 10 years. For an overview of the financial performance of the Scheme, refer to the tables on the following pages.

FUNDING POSITION

A summary of the funding level of the Scheme, as at 31 March, was:

	2023 (\$000)	2022 (\$000)
Net assets	370,588	397,412
Actuarial liabilities	(343,905)	(362,266)
Funding level*	107.8%	109.7%

* The funding levels at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022, in the table above, have been calculated on the funding basis using discount rates, which are the Sovereign bond yields, adjusted for tax and investment expenses.

PENSIONS INCREASE

The Board has a financial management framework for the Scheme. In developing the framework, the Board considered the investment strategies that should be pursued depending on the funding level of the Scheme along with the Minimum Funding Level above which consideration will be given by the Board to granting pension increases. In setting the Minimum Funding Level at 108%, the Board acknowledged there will be years when the funding level of the Scheme is below the target and there is insufficient surplus to provide for a pension increase.

On 19 June 2023 the Board resolved that no pension increase will be given for the year ended 31 March 2023.

HOW YOUR MONEY IS INVESTED

The Scheme's asset allocation strategy is set by the Board and reviewed regularly. Effective from 1 December 2021, the Board set an asset allocation strategy for the Scheme as follows: overseas shares 15%, New Zealand shares 5% and fixed interest 80%. The allocation of 80% to fixed interest was transitioned to duration matched New Zealand fixed interest by way of investment in the Fixed Interest No. 2 Unit Fund. The transition was completed on 1 May 2022. In addition, during the year, the Board has applied its Dynamic Asset Allocation (DAA) tilting programme as outlined in the Statement of Investment Policies, Standards and Procedures (SIPSP).

The pie chart shows the Scheme's asset allocation strategy effective from 1 December 2021 (and current as at 31 March 2023). There was no DAA tilt in place as at 31 March 2023.

WHO INVESTS YOUR MONEY

Fixed Interest Managers

Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC
Macquarie Asset Management (NZ) Limited
Pacific Investment Management Company, LLC
PGIM, Inc

New Zealand Equity Manager

Devon Funds Management Limited
Harbour Asset Management Limited

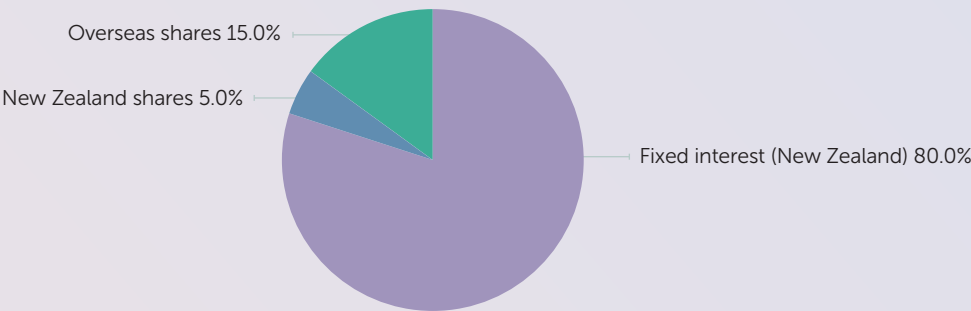
Overseas Equity Managers

Arrowstreet Capital, Limited Partnership
Lazard Asset Management, LLC
Russell Investment Management Limited
(terminated 14 June 2022)
T. Rowe Price Australia Limited

Foreign Exchange Hedging Manager

Bank of New Zealand Limited

Asset Allocation Strategy from 1 December 2021
(and current as at 31 March 2023)



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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

This is a summary of the Scheme's income and expenses, and membership contributions and payments.		2023	2022
		(\$000)	(\$000)
	Investment (loss)/income	(8,145)	1,554
	Less operating expenses	(922)	(902)
	Net (loss)/income before tax and membership activities	(9,067)	652
	Income tax credit	228	249
	Net (loss)/income after tax and before membership activities	(8,839)	901
	Transfers in from other NPF schemes	15,049	20,147
	Less pension payments	(33,034)	(33,370)
	Net membership activities	(17,985)	(13,223)
	(Decrease) in net assets for the year	(26,824)	(12,322)
	Net assets available to pay benefits at beginning of year	397,412	409,734
	Net assets available to pay benefits at end of year	370,588	397,412

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

This is a summary of the Scheme's assets and liabilities, as at 31 March 2023. Assets include the Scheme's investments in fixed interest (New Zealand), New Zealand shares and overseas shares plus what the Scheme had in the bank and was owed by others. Liabilities are what the Scheme owed to others. Net assets is the money available to pay future entitlements.		2023	2022
		(\$000)	(\$000)
	Investment assets		
	Fixed Interest No 2 Unit Fund	294,030	107,797
	Fixed Interest Unit Fund	-	206,031
	Alternatives Unit Fund	-	1,442
	New Zealand Equity Unit Fund	18,131	17,937
	Overseas Equity Unit Fund	56,506	60,643
	Total investment assets	368,667	393,850
	Other assets	2,039	3,668
	Total assets	370,706	397,518
	Less liabilities	(118)	(106)
	Net assets available to pay benefits	370,588	397,412

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

This is a summary of the cash flows through the Scheme during the year. Cash was received from: • operating activities (being contributions less benefit and transfer payments and operating expenses); and • investing activities. The difference between the two cash flows is recorded as an increase or decrease in cash held		2023	2022
		(\$000)	(\$000)
	Opening cash brought forward	3,394	2,556
	Net cash flows used in operating activities	(18,558)	(13,653)
	Net cash flows from investing activities	16,932	14,491
	Net (decrease)/increase in cash held	(1,626)	838
	Closing cash carried forward	1,768	3,394

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Notes to the Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements:

- have been extracted from the full financial statements which were:
 - prepared in accordance with, and comply with, the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards;
 - authorised for issue by the Board on 6 July 2023; and
 - audited and received an unmodified opinion;
- cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements;
- are reported in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest thousand;
- are for a profit-oriented entity; and
- comply with Financial Reporting Standard 43: Summary Financial Statements.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to balance date requiring amendments to these summary financial statements.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund, as trustee of the Scheme, provides members with the following information in respect of the Scheme.

Changes in the Scheme membership numbers during the year were as follows:

	Pensioners
Opening membership as at 1 April 2022	4,914
Pensioner change of beneficiary	52
Deaths	(454)
Transfers in from other NPF schemes	52
Closing membership as at 31 March 2023	4,564

Under the terms of the Scheme trust deed, contributions are not required to be made to the Scheme.

The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, all benefits required to be paid from the Scheme were paid in accordance with the terms of the Scheme trust deed.

The Board based on the advice of the Actuary certifies that, as at 31 March 2023, the market value of the net assets of the Scheme exceeded the total value of the vested benefits of the Scheme under the funding basis.

FEES

New scheme administration fees were negotiated with effect from 1 April 2022. Scheme administration fees are apportioned on fee per member and fee per transaction bases and are charged to the Scheme as a whole. As at 1 April 2023 the fees were increased for inflation. The Board certifies it is satisfied the increase in the administration fees for the Scheme is not unreasonable. The Board is satisfied the total management fees charged to the Scheme are not unreasonable.

TRUST DEED AMENDMENT

The Scheme Trust Deed has not been amended since 28 June 2022, being the date of the Scheme's last annual report. A copy of the trust deed is available on request.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the readers of National Provident Pension Scheme's summary financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Auditor-General is the auditor of National Provident Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Silvio Bruinsma, using the staff and resources of Deloitte Limited, to carry out the audit of the summary financial statements of the Scheme on his behalf.

OPINION

The summary financial statements of the Scheme that comprise the summary statement of net assets as at 31 March 2023, the summary statement of changes in net assets, and the summary statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, and related notes, are derived from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 that we have audited.

In our opinion, the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full financial statements.

THE FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR AUDIT REPORT THEREON

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in our auditor's report dated 6 July 2023. That report also includes the communication of key audit matters.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Trustees is responsible on behalf of the Scheme for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full audited financial statements of the Scheme, based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the summary financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in the Scheme.

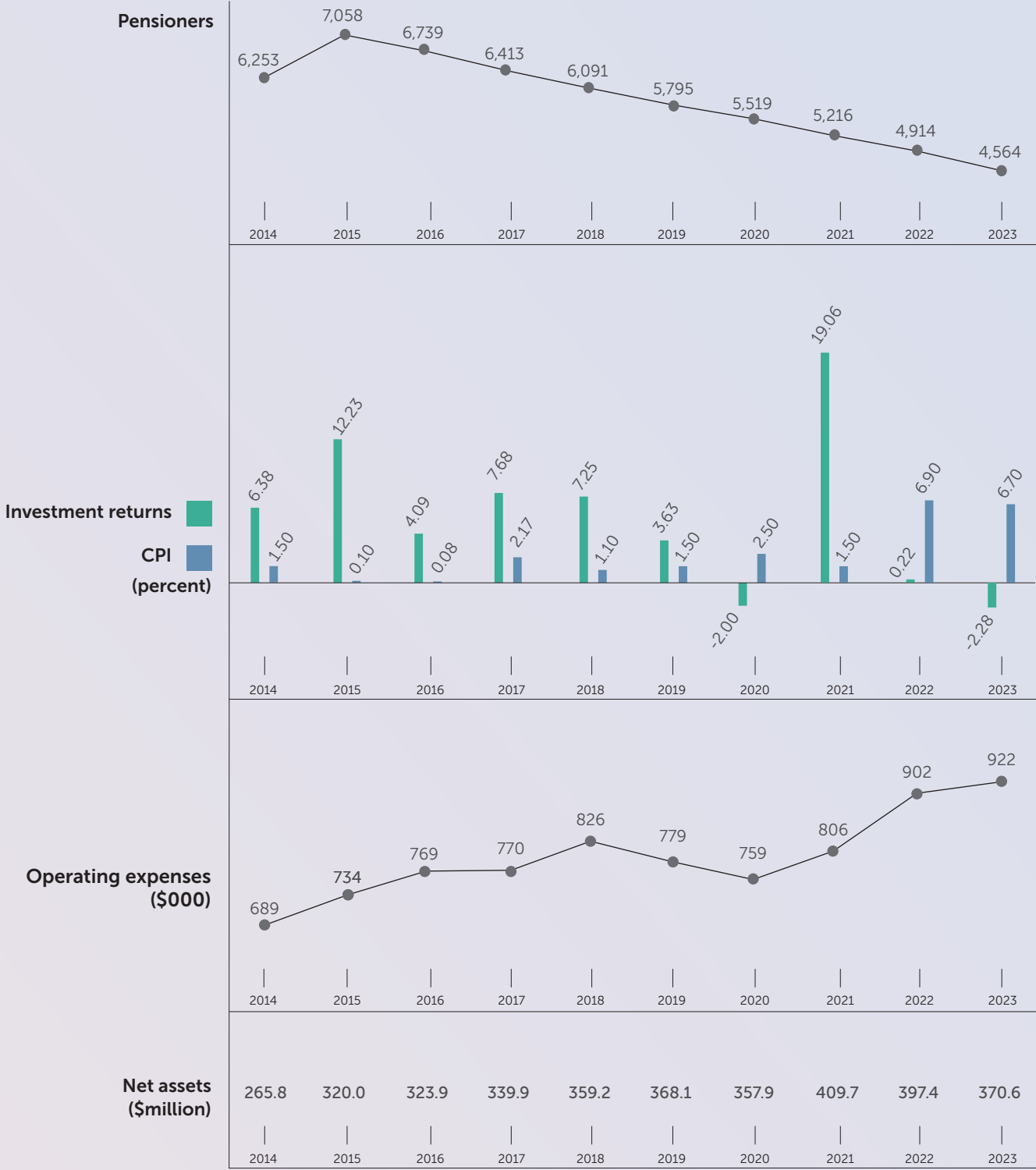


Silvio Bruinsma
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand

6 July 2023

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10 YEAR COMPARISON



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Directory as at 6 July 2023

TRUSTEE

Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund

BOARD MEMBERS

Edward Schuck – Chair – appointed 2015 and Chair from 1 September 2017

Sarah Park – Deputy Chair – appointed 1 February 2020 and Deputy Chair from 1 July 2022

Louise Edwards – appointed 1 July 2019

Graham Ansell – appointed 12 July 2021

Tracey Berry – appointed 1 July 2022

Lloyd Kavanagh – appointed 1 July 2022

Daniel Mussett (appointed 2016)
– retired 30 June 2022

Stephen Ward – Deputy Chair (appointed 2016 and Deputy Chair from 1 February 2020)
– retired 30 June 2022

Further information on the Board members is provided on our website – www.npf.co.nz.

MANAGEMENT

Tim Mitchell

Chief Executive and Acting General Manager – Investments

Philippa Drury

General Manager – Schemes

Fiona Morgan

Chief Financial Officer

Hadyn Hunt

Chief Risk Officer

DATACOM

ADMINISTRATION

Datacom Connect Limited is the administrator of the NPF Schemes.

CONTACT DETAILS

You are welcome to contact Datacom if you have any specific questions about the information in this package, if you would like to receive a free copy of the full financial statements in the mail, to purchase a copy of the trust deed (\$10) or the actuarial valuation (\$10), or to enquire about your Scheme membership in general.

Please quote your identity number when contacting Datacom.

Free phone: 0800 628 776 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Phone: (04) 381 0600

Post to:

The Manager
National Provident Fund Administration
Datacom Connect Limited

P O Box 1036
WELLINGTON 6140

Email: npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz

If you would like to know more about NPF in general, or if you would like to view or download a copy of the Scheme's full financial statements rather than receive a copy in the mail, please visit our website – www.npf.co.nz.

You may contact the Board by writing to:

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Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund
Level 12, The Todd Building
95 Customhouse Quay
WELLINGTON 6011

Auditor: Silvio Bruinsma, Deloitte Limited, on behalf of the Auditor-General

Actuary: Christine D Ormrod,
PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting
(New Zealand) LP

Bank: Bank of New Zealand Limited

Custodian: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Solicitor: DLA Piper New Zealand

There were no changes to the Actuary, Bank, Custodian or Solicitor during the year.