

Pension National 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 2021. Further information on the National Provident Fund's activities, and commentary on investment markets, is set out in the Review.

Your Scheme

CROWN GUARANTEE

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

LOCKED-IN SECTION

The Locked-in section of the Scheme was created on 1 July 2007 as an alternative to KiwiSaver schemes. The Locked-in section has many of the benefits of KiwiSaver schemes and also has the Crown guarantee and the 4% pa minimum earnings rate. These two features are hallmarks of the NPF schemes and are not available with KiwiSaver schemes. Further details are available on our website - www.npf.co.nz.

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	9.58%	1.39%
Alternatives	(1.19%)	0.31%
New Zealand shares	32.15%	28.93%
Overseas shares	49.79%	41.01%

The investment return (after tax and expenses) earned by the Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2021 was 22.49%.

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.

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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 2021.

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

Members are welcome to contact the Scheme administrator, Datacom (see details on back page), for a free copy of the Scheme's full financial statements.



Pension National Scheme

EARNINGS RATE

The earnings rate declared by the Board for the Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2021 was 16.11% on contributors' total credits as at 1 April 2020, and 6.444% on contributions paid during the year. In line with the Board's crediting and reserving policy, the difference between the investment return of 22.49% and the earnings rate of 16.11% credited to members' total credits as at 31 March 2021 has been credited to the reserves of the Scheme. The reserves are now 6.6% of contributors' total credits (2020: 1.0%).

The objective of the Board's crediting and reserving policy is to build the reserves back up to 10% of contributors' total credits. An equitable share of any positive reserves is added to a contributor's total credit on retirement, withdrawal through redundancy or permanent incapacity, or on death before the contributor has commenced receiving a benefit.

WHO INVESTS YOUR MONEY

Fixed interest

Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC
Pacific Investment Management Company LLC

Alternatives

AQR Capital Management, LLC (Style Premia Fund)

New Zealand shares

Devon Funds Management Limited
Harbour Asset Management Limited

Overseas shares

Arrowstreet Capital, Limited Partnership
Lazard Asset Management, LLC
Marathon Asset Management, LLP (*contract ended 13 May 2020*)
T. Rowe Price Australia Limited

Foreign exchange hedging

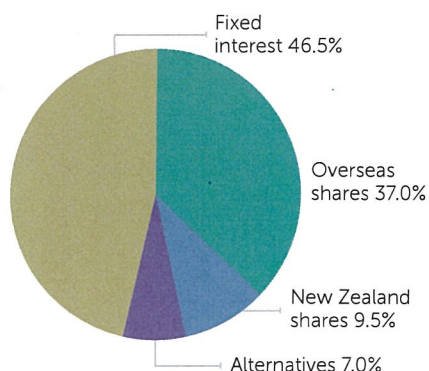
ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited (*contract ended 17 August 2020*)
Bank of New Zealand Limited

HOW YOUR MONEY IS INVESTED

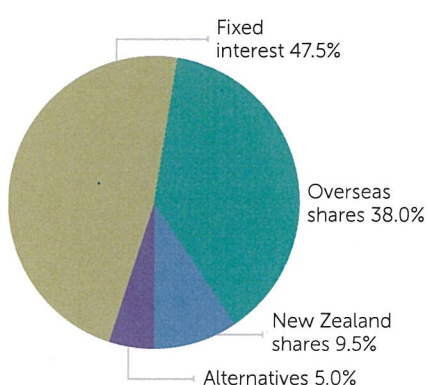
The Scheme's asset allocation strategy is set by the Board and reviewed regularly. The asset allocation strategy was last reviewed by the Board in February 2021. In addition, during the year, the Board has applied its Dynamic Asset Allocation (DAA) tilting programme as outlined in the Statement of Investment Policies, Standards and Procedures (SIPSP).

The pie charts show the Scheme's asset allocation strategy effective from 1 October 2018, the new asset allocation effective from 1 February 2021 and the DAA position in place as at 31 March 2021.

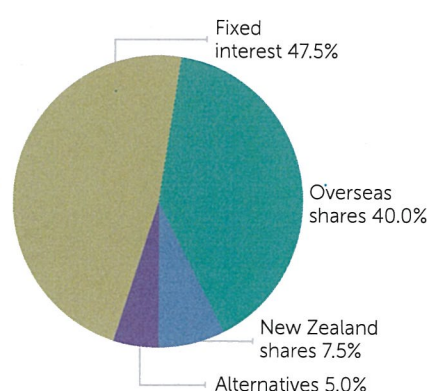
**Asset Allocation Strategy
from 1 October 2018**



**Asset Allocation Strategy
from 1 February 2021**



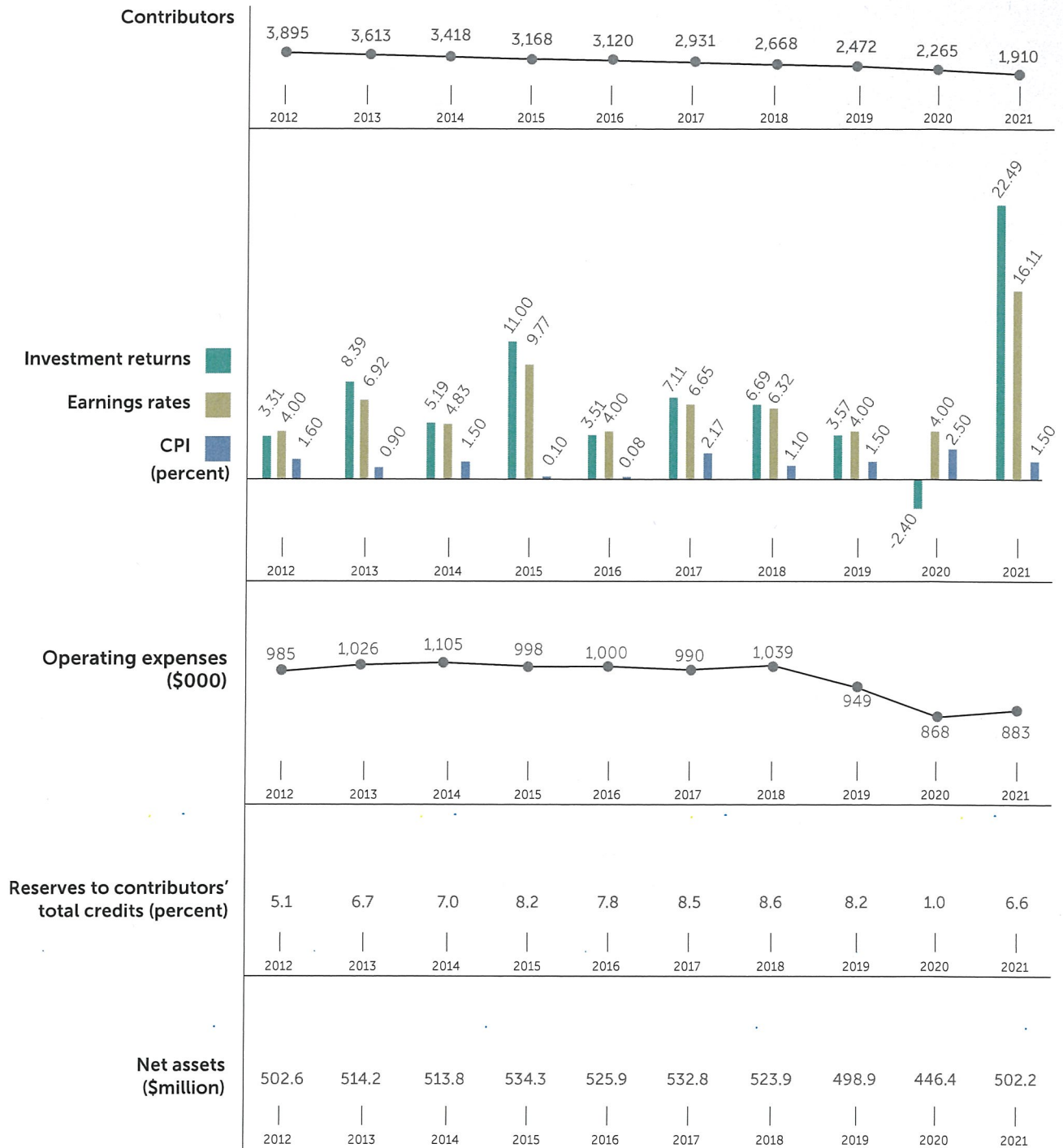
DAA tilt at 31 March 2021



The Board's SIPSP is reviewed regularly by the Board. There were no significant changes to the SIPSP during the year. See our website, www.npf.co.nz, for more information about your Scheme, including the Board's SIPSP and the Scheme trust deed.

Pension National Scheme

10 year comparison



Pension National Scheme (the Scheme)
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 (\$'000)	2020 (\$'000)
Investment income			
Income /(loss) from unit funds	4	96,504	(10,914)
Interest received		13	54
Other income		21	4
Total investment income/(loss)		96,538	(10,856)
Operating expenses			
Actuarial fees		6	6
Audit fees		16	16
Bank fees		3	3
Board member expenses	5	25	25
Legal fees		1	-
Management expenses	5	830	818
Stationery and printing		2	-
Total operating expenses		883	868
Net income/(loss) before tax and membership activities		95,655	(11,724)
Income tax credit	6	244	228
Net income/(loss) after tax and before membership activities		95,899	(11,496)
Scheme receipts	1		
Contributor contributions non locked-in section		6,059	5,249
Employer contributions non locked-in section		1,989	2,315
Contributor contributions locked-in section		2,433	910
Employer contributions locked-in section		143	194
Member tax credits		21	25
Total scheme receipts		10,645	8,693
Scheme payments			
Benefits paid		7,676	5,599
Transfers paid to other schemes		27,936	19,876
Transfers to National Provident Pension Scheme		15,122	24,199
Withdrawals		(17)	27
Total scheme payments		50,717	49,701
Net membership activities		(40,072)	(41,008)
Other receipts			
Section 72 claim	9	-	17
Total other receipts		-	17
Increase/(decrease) in liability for accrued benefits	10	55,827	(52,487)

The notes to the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Pension National Scheme (the Scheme)
Statement of Net Assets
as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 (\$'000)	2020 (\$'000)
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss	3		
Units held in:			
Alternatives unit fund		28,387	32,791
Cash unit fund		-	12,388
Fixed Interest unit fund		225,690	211,708
New Zealand Equity unit fund		34,771	31,142
Overseas Equity unit fund		212,413	154,719
		<u>501,261</u>	<u>442,748</u>
Financial assets at amortised cost			
Cash		576	3,505
Contributions receivable - employers		59	26
Other receivables	8	47	142
Receivable from the Global Asset Trust	7	472	-
Section 72 claim	9	-	17
		<u>1,154</u>	<u>3,690</u>
Other assets			
Deferred tax asset	6	-	228
		<u>-</u>	<u>228</u>
Total assets		<u>502,415</u>	<u>446,666</u>
Current liabilities at amortised cost			
Accounts payable		199	277
Total liabilities		<u>199</u>	<u>277</u>
Net assets available to pay benefits		<u>502,216</u>	<u>446,389</u>
Represented by:			
Liability for accrued benefits			
Allocated to contributors' total credits			
Contributor contributions		272,211	253,770
Employer contributions		185,631	175,846
Allocated to contributors' total credits			
Locked-in Section			
Contributor contributions		9,440	8,482
Employer contributions		4,004	3,718
Unallocated reserves	12	30,930	4,573
		<u>502,216</u>	<u>446,389</u>

Authorised for issue on 24 June 2021

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund.



Edward Schuck
Board Chair



Stephen Ward
Chair
Audit and Risk Review Committee

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Pension National Scheme (the Scheme)
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Cash flows from operating activities¹			
Cash was provided from:			
Contributor contributions		8,989	6,765
Employer contributions		1,602	2,147
Interest received		13	54
Member tax credits		26	29
Section 72 claim		17	-
Other income		21	4
		10,668	8,999
Cash was applied to:			
Benefits paid		7,712	5,571
Operating expenses		794	615
Transfers paid to other schemes		27,977	19,862
Transfers to National Provident Pension Scheme		15,122	24,199
Withdrawals		(17)	27
		51,588	50,274
Net cash flows used in operating activities	10	(40,920)	(41,275)
Cash flows from investing activities²			
Cash was provided from sale of units in:			
Alternatives unit fund		2,657	19
Cash unit fund		12,399	2
Fixed Interest unit fund		29,096	21,309
New Zealand Equity unit fund		8,958	14,924
Overseas Equity unit fund		51,174	24,585
		104,284	60,839
Cash was applied to purchase units in:			
Alternatives unit fund		546	5,039
Cash unit fund		11	12,293
Fixed Interest unit fund		31,168	5,665
New Zealand Equity unit fund		2,911	24
Overseas Equity unit fund		31,657	1,254
		66,293	24,275
Net cash flows from investing activities		37,991	36,564
Net (decrease) in cash held		(2,929)	(4,711)
Add opening cash brought forward		3,505	8,216
Closing cash carried forward³		576	3,505

1 Operating Activities: includes any activities that are the result of normal business activities not classified as investing activities.

2 Investing Activities: comprises acquisition and disposal of units in the GAT.

3 Cash: comprises cash balances held with banks in New Zealand.

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**Pension National Scheme (the Scheme)
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

1 DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEME AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Scheme is a defined contribution scheme, governed by a Trust Deed. The Scheme is registered on the Disclose Register as required by the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (FMCA). With respect to funding arrangements, the Scheme comprises two sections:

- Non Locked-in section (existing scheme)
- Locked-in section (complying superannuation fund)

1.1 NON LOCKED-IN SECTION

Under the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed, a contributor makes contributions to the Non Locked-in section of the Scheme at a rate agreed between the contributor and the employer, provided the rate is not less than 1% of the contributor's basic remuneration, or \$10 per week, whichever is the lesser. An employer's contributions are made to the Scheme, in respect of a contributor, at a rate agreed by the employer with that contributor.

1.2 LOCKED-IN SECTION

For the Locked-in section of the Scheme, a contributor had to contribute at least 4% of base salary (before tax and excluding bonuses and allowances), and at least 2% of base salary from 1 April 2009. From 1 April 2013, the minimum employee contribution rate increased to 3%.

Until 1 April 2009, an employer had to also contribute at least 1% net of base salary, increasing to 2% from 1 April 2009. Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax (ESCT) did not apply. From 1 April 2012, ESCT applied to employer contributions and from 1 April 2013 employers were required to contribute 3% of base salaries (including ESCT).

1.3 GENERAL

Each year contributors are credited with an earnings rate, which is not less than 4%.

If a contributor elects to receive a pension; their membership, the liability to pay their pension (including any pension or other benefit contingently payable and any minimum payment) and assets to meet that liability are transferred to the National Provident Pension Scheme.

2 RELATED PARTIES

Under the terms of the National Provident Fund Restructuring Act 1990 (the Act), the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund (the Board) is Trustee of the Scheme. Members of the Board are appointed by the Minister of Finance.

The Board and the Government Superannuation Fund Authority (the Authority) have formed a joint venture company, Annuitas Management Limited (Annuitas). Each organisation has entered into a management services agreement with Annuitas. The main function of Annuitas is to provide staff who act in management and secretarial roles on behalf of the Board and the Authority. The costs of running Annuitas are shared between the Board and the Authority on an equitable basis, as agreed between the organisations.

Edward Schuck and Stephen Ward are the two Board appointed directors of Annuitas.

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2 RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

The Board is also the Trustee of the Global Asset Trust (the GAT), which holds the assets of all the National Provident Fund Schemes. The GAT is divided into separate unit funds representing various asset classes which have issued units to the Board as Trustee of the Scheme, according to the Strategic Asset Allocation Strategy (refer note 3).

There were no transactions between the members of the Board as individuals and the Scheme. One member of management is a contributor to the Scheme as part of their normal employment contract with Annuitas (2020: 1)

3 STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION (SAA)- INVESTMENT

The Scheme is authorised to invest in the GAT or in bank deposits. The GAT is divided into separate unit funds representing various asset classes.

Investment assets have been designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition. These are managed and their performance evaluated, on a fair value basis. This is consistent with the Scheme's documented investment strategy. The assets are investments in units in the GAT which, in turn, invest in equities, fixed interest and debt instruments. The fair value of the units held by the Scheme in the GAT is based on the valuation of the financial instruments held by the GAT.

The fair value of these financial instruments is based on exit prices at balance date without any deduction for future selling costs. If the exit price for an instrument is not available on a recognised exchange the fair value is estimated taking into account comparable markets and advice from specialised advisories.

The benchmark SAA as at 31 March 2021 and at 31 March 2020 are shown below. The tilted benchmark asset allocations as at 31 March 2021 (and 31 March 2020) are also shown. The tilted benchmarks are applied in accordance with the Dynamic Asset Allocation (DAA) tilting programme as outlined in the Statement of Investment Policy, Standards and Procedures (SIPSP).

	Benchmark			
	2021 SAA (%)	2021 Tilted (%)	2020 SAA (%)	2020 Tilted (%)
Alternatives unit fund	5.0	5.0	7.0	7.0
Cash unit fund	-	-	-	2.5
Fixed Interest unit fund	47.5	47.5	46.5	44.0
New Zealand Equity unit fund	9.5	7.5	9.5	7.5
Overseas Equity unit fund	38.0	40.0	37.0	39.0

4 INCOME FROM UNIT FUNDS

Income from unit funds is derived from the changes in fair value of units held by the GAT and reflects both realised and unrealised gains and losses. The income stated is net of expenses (including investment management and custodial fees) directly related to investment activities.

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4 INCOME FROM UNIT FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The income per unit fund is as follows:

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Alternatives unit fund	(2,293)	(4,957)
Cash unit fund	-	98
Fixed Interest unit fund	11,910	3,274
New Zealand Equity unit fund	9,676	1,237
Overseas Equity unit fund	77,211	(10,566)
Income/(loss) from unit funds*	96,504	(10,914)

* The income from unit funds is received tax paid.

5 MANAGEMENT AND BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES

Management expenses comprise administration fees charged by Datacom Connect Limited, and a share of the expenses of the Board. The Board member expenses are split evenly between the schemes.

6 INCOME TAX

Income specific to the Scheme is subject to tax at 28%, after allowing for deductible expenses. The income tax reconciliation is as follows:

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Scheme specific income	13	54
Deductible expenses	(883)	(867)
Expense election to the GAT	870	813
Taxable income	-	-
Net income/(loss) before tax and membership activities	95,655	(11,724)
Tax at 28%	26,783	(3,283)
Non-assessable income	(27,027)	3,055
Income tax credit	(244)	(228)
Represented by:		
Income tax credit on current year income	(244)	(228)
Prior year adjustment	-	-
Income tax credit	(244)	(228)
Movement in deferred taxation		
Opening balance	228	-
Prior period adjustment	-	-
Current year movement	(228)	228
Deferred tax asset	-	228

The current year tax credit results from the benefit of the Scheme electing to transfer surplus deductible expenses to the GAT under section DV 2 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the Tax Act). The GAT is subject to tax at the rate of 28%. The opening deferred tax asset is a result of 2020 tax losses available to carry forward. The tax losses consisted of surplus deductible expenses which the Scheme has now transferred to the GAT under the Tax Act in the current income year.

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6 INCOME TAX (CONTINUED)

The income of \$96.504 million (2020: loss \$10.914 million) from unit funds, shown on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets, is all received tax paid.

7 RECEIVABLE FROM THE GAT

This receivable represents the 2020 and 2021 outstanding tax credits, (refer note 6), utilised by the GAT, resulting from the transfer of the Scheme's surplus deductible expenses to the GAT under the Tax Act. The Scheme will realise the receivable by investing in unit funds of the GAT, with the remainder being settled by cash (if applicable).

8 OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables consist of:

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Member tax credits accrued at 31 March	14	20
Management fee refund	33	122
Total other receivables	47	142

The member tax credits, accrued at 31 March 2021, will be claimed from the Inland Revenue as part of a total member tax credit claim for the year ending 30 June 2021.

9 SECTION 72 CLAIM

Section 72 of the Act provides that where any deficiency in the accounts of the Scheme arises from the application of the 4.0% minimum earnings rate, then the Minister shall, at the request of the Board, pay to the Board, as Trustee of the Scheme, such an amount as may be required to meet the deficiency.

No Section 72 claim was made for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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10 RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE IN LIABILITY FOR ACCRUED BENEFITS TO NET CASH FLOWS USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Increase/(decrease) in liability for accrued benefits	55,827	(52,487)
Movement in working capital		
Change in accounts payable	(77)	39
Change in other receivables	111	(7)
Change in contributions receivable	(33)	243
	<u>-</u>	<u>275</u>
Change in non-cash items		
Movement in receivable from the GAT	-	251
Movement in deferred tax	(244)	(228)
	<u>(244)</u>	<u>23</u>
Items classified as investing activities		
(Income)/loss from unit funds	(96,504)	10,914
	<u>(96,504)</u>	<u>10,914</u>
Net cash flows used in operating activities	<u>(40,920)</u>	<u>(41,275)</u>

11 GUARANTEED BENEFITS

Under section 60 of the Act, the benefits payable by the Scheme are guaranteed by the Crown. The earnings rate each year is determined with reference to the investment return and is not less than 4% per annum as per the Scheme Trust Deed.

12 UNALLOCATED RESERVES

The unallocated reserves are derived from the net income after tax and before membership activities; earnings not allocated to contributors' total credits; and balances of any total credits not transferred or otherwise disbursed, in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme Trust Deed.

Movements in reserves during the year were as follows:

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Reserves at beginning of year	4,573	37,611
Applied to transfers	(2,153)	(3,422)
Extinguished liabilities	(171)	170
Net income/(loss) after tax for the year	95,899	(11,496)
Applied to exits	(2,932)	(1,499)
Applied to contributors' total credits	(64,286)	(16,808)
Section 72 claim	-	17
Reserves at end of year	<u>30,930</u>	<u>4,573</u>

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12 UNALLOCATED RESERVES (CONTINUED)

Unallocated reserves may be distributed at the discretion of the Board, in accordance with the Scheme Trust Deed, principally for:

- Meeting all or part of contributors' or employers' contributions on an equitable basis.
- Increasing total credits of all contributors on an equitable basis.
- Providing benefits, other than retirement benefits, to all contributors on an equitable basis.
- Providing hardship benefits to contributors or their dependents.
- Paying Scheme expenses.

13 VESTED BENEFITS

The value of vested benefits is the value of the benefits contributors would have been entitled to if they left the Scheme.

As at 31 March 2021, the market value of the net assets of the Scheme was greater than the amount that would have been payable if all members transferred out of the Scheme on that date and was greater than the amount that would have been payable if all contributors retired on that date.

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
Value of vested benefits	499,563	441,816
Value of net assets	502,216	446,389

This table should be read in conjunction with note 10.

14 ACTUARIAL VALUATION

The Scheme is a defined contribution scheme. As the Scheme has no pensioners, an actuarial valuation is not required under the FMCA.

The Act does however require an actuarial examination to be undertaken every three years. The last examination was undertaken, as at 31 March 2018, and covered the three years 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2018.

The Actuary reported that the funding level of the Scheme increased from 108.2% to 108.6% over the three years to 31 March 2018. The valuation results were:

Valuation date	2018 (\$000)	2015 (\$000)
Present value of -		
Total credits	482,236	493,685
Reserves	41,683	40,607
Net assets	523,919	534,292
Funding level	108.6%	108.2%

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15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Scheme invests in units of the GAT based on the SAA determined for the Scheme (see note 3). The unit fund holds quoted equity, fixed interest and debt instruments. These instruments are all measured at fair value.

Under *NZ IFRS 13: Fair Value Measurement* (NZ IFRS 13), disclosures for fair value instruments are required using a three-level fair value hierarchy. These tiers reflect the availability of observable market inputs. The Scheme's investment in unit funds of the GAT is classified as a level 2 investment as the unit prices are based on a net asset valuation derived from either quoted prices for similar assets or unquoted but observable inputs.

The Scheme's major risk in relation to its investment in the GAT is the price risk that the value of its units may fluctuate. Other risks, such as market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk, are managed in the GAT.

More information on the disclosures under NZ IFRS 13 and the risks mentioned above is provided in the financial statements of the GAT. A copy of the financial statements of the GAT can be viewed on the National Provident Fund's website (www.npf.co.nz).

The Board manages the other risks by determining a diversified SAA Strategy appropriate for the Scheme's liabilities. In addition, the Board selects the investment managers, sets their mandates and monitors performance against those mandates.

The long run investment return for the Scheme is estimated to be 3.4% per annum. The volatility is expected to be +/- 6.4%. This is based on the Scheme's SAA and the long term rate of return for each asset class (after investment management, custody fees and tax), and after deducting a provision for the Scheme's operating expenses (after tax).

The earnings rate each year is determined with reference to the investment return and is not less than 4.0% per annum as per the Scheme Trust Deed.

16 COVID-19 IMPACT

Around the world the Covid-19 outbreak has led to significant economic slowdown and volatility. These disruptions are likely to continue into the foreseeable future and provide uncertainty for the value of the investment assets and the income earned from them.

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the Scheme has recorded a gain from unit funds of \$96.504 million. This compares to a loss of \$10.914 million in the previous year. The Board continues to monitor the impact of the movements in the market on an ongoing basis.

17 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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

**Pension National Scheme (the Scheme)
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

18 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

18.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared under the requirements of clause 50 of the Scheme Trust Deed and in accordance with the FMCA. For a description of the Scheme and its funding arrangements see note 1.

18.2 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements comply with the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS), the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate for profit-oriented entities.

18.3 MEASUREMENT BASE

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost, except for investment assets which are stated at their fair value as set out below.

18.4 PRESENTATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, the Scheme's functional currency, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

18.5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

In compliance with NZ IFRS, preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgement has been applied in the classification and measurement of financial assets. This policy has a significant impact on the amounts disclosed in the financial statements.

There are no material assumptions or major sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing material adjustments to the carrying amounts of scheme assets at year end. Investment asset values are subject to variation due to market fluctuations. Receivables have been valued in accordance with NZ IFRS 9. Under this standard the scheme has adopted the simplified expected credit loss model.

The estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period; or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

18.6 STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT EFFECTIVE

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been issued that are not mandatory for 31 March 2021 reporting periods and have not been adopted early by the Board. None of these standards are likely to have a material impact on the Scheme when they are adopted. All standards will be adopted in the period in which they become mandatory.

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18 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

18.7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments include both financial assets and financial liabilities.

Financial assets include balances due from contributors, and receivables from related parties (if applicable).

Financial liabilities, measured at amortised cost, include accounts payable and bank overdrafts (if applicable).

18.8 RECOGNITION

The Scheme recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date the Scheme becomes a contractual party to the financial instruments.

18.9 MEASUREMENT

Financial assets that are classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value where all resulting gains or losses are recorded in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability.

18.10 IMPAIRMENT

Financial assets which are recorded at amortised cost are reviewed at each financial statement date to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment.

18.11 DERECOGNITION

The Scheme derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or the Scheme transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition. A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

18.12 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash comprises current deposits with banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, where there is an insignificant risk of change in value. Cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments.

18.13 INVESTMENT INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate of the instrument. Changes in the fair value of GAT unit funds are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. Interest income on financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss, is accrued at balance date. Dividend income is recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets on the ex-dividend date.

18 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

18.14 EXPENSES

All expenses are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets on an accrual basis.

18.15 TAXATION

Any income or loss arising from the movement in the fair value of the unit funds of the GAT is received by the Scheme tax paid. The Scheme's deductible operating expenses are offset against the Scheme's interest received to result in nil assessable income.

Any surplus deductible operating expenses are transferred to the GAT under the Tax Act (refer notes 6 and 7).

18.16 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets when they become receivable.

18.17 BENEFITS

Benefits are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets when a request for payment is made and all relevant credits for payment has been met.

18.18 ACCRUED BENEFITS

The liability for accrued benefits is the Scheme's present obligation to pay benefits to contributors and beneficiaries. This has been calculated as the difference between the carrying amounts of the assets and the carrying amounts of the Scheme's liabilities, as at balance date.

19 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

There have been no material changes to accounting policies during the year.

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20 OTHER INFORMATION

The Board, as Trustee of the Scheme, provides members with the following information:

20.1 SCHEME MEMBERSHIP

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

	Non Locked-in section	Locked-in section	Total
Opening membership as at 1 April 2020	2,150	115	2,265
Retirements	(159)	(7)	(166)
Withdrawals	(7)	-	(7)
Transfers	(87)	(1)	(88)
Deaths and disablements	(117)	(1)	(118)
Joins/re-joins	5	1	6
Reinstated extinguished liabilities*	18	-	18
Closing as at 31 March 2021	1,803	107	1,910

* Following a Trust Deed amendment on 5 April 2001, once reasonable efforts have been made to locate a member, who has been missing for at least five years, the Board may extinguish the liabilities to that member.

Where a person re-establishes contact with the Board within 15 years of the liabilities to that person being extinguished, the person is reinstated as a member of the Scheme.

As at 31 March 2021 there were 107 members in the Locked-in section, with assets amounting to \$13,444,000 (2020: \$12,200,000). During the year to 31 March 2021 there were seven retirements totalling \$2,992,000, one death related withdrawal totalling \$71,000 and one transfer to another NPF Scheme totalling \$226,000. One member also joined the scheme during the year.

20.2 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND BENEFITS PAID

On the basis of evidence available, the Board believes that all contributions required to be made to the Scheme, in accordance with the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed, have been made.

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.

20.3 VESTED BENEFITS

The Board, based on the advice of the Actuary, certifies that as at 31 March 2021, the market value of the net assets of the Scheme exceeded the total value of the vested benefits. The amounts are shown in note 13 to the financial statements.

20.4 INVESTMENT WITH PARTIES TO THE SCHEME

The Board confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, not more than 10% of the net market value of the Scheme assets were invested with employers (or associated entities), either directly or indirectly, who are parties to the Scheme.

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20 OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

20.5 EARNINGS RATES

The Scheme's earnings rate declared by the Board for the year ended 31 March 2021 was 16.11%.

20.6 ADMINISTRATION FEES

Total Scheme administration fees are calculated on fee per member and fee per transaction bases and are charged to the Scheme as a whole. As at 1 October 2020 the administration fees increased in line with inflation. The Board certifies it is satisfied the increase in the administration fee for the Scheme is not unreasonable. The Board is satisfied the total management fees charged to the Scheme are not unreasonable.

20.7 TRUST DEED

The Scheme Trust Deed was last amended on 6 May 2021 (being after year end). The amendments are effective from 30 January 2021 and were made following the repeal of the Trustee Act 1956 to address changes brought about under the Trusts Act 2019. A copy of the trust deed is available on request.

20.8 DIRECTORY

Trustee

Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund

Members of the Board are:
Edward Schuck (Board Chair)
Louise Edwards
Daniel Mussett
Sarah Park
Wayne Stechman
Stephen Ward (Deputy Chair)

Administration manager Datacom Connect Limited

Investment managers **Alternatives Manager**
AQR Capital Management, LLC

Fixed Interest Managers
Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC
Pacific Investment Management Company, LLC

New Zealand Equity Managers
Devon Funds Management Limited
Harbour Asset Management Limited

Overseas Equity Managers
Arrowstreet Capital, Limited Partnership
Lazard Asset Management, LLC
Marathon Asset Management, LLP (*terminated 13 May 2020*)
T. Rowe Price Australia Limited

Foreign Exchange Hedging Managers
ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited (*terminated 17 August 2020*)
Bank of New Zealand Limited

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20.8 DIRECTORY (CONTINUED)

Actuary	Christine Ormrod, PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (New Zealand) LP
Auditor	Silvio Bruinsma, Deloitte Limited (on behalf of the Auditor-General)
Solicitor	DLA Piper New Zealand
Bank	Bank of New Zealand
Custodian	JP Morgan Chase Bank

20.9 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence relating to the Scheme should be addressed to:

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National Provident Fund Administration
Datacom Connect Limited
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WELLINGTON 6140

OR

The Secretary
Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund
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WELLINGTON 6140

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund.



Edward Schuck
Board Chair

24 June 2021



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF PENSION NATIONAL SCHEME

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Pension National 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 financial statements of the Scheme on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Scheme on pages 1 to 13, that comprise the Statement of Net Assets as at 31 March 2021, the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion the financial statements of the Scheme on pages 1 to 13:

- present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its net assets as at 31 March 2021 and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Our audit was completed on 24 June 2021. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.

Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

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

Key Audit Matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees for the financial statements

The Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. The Board of Trustees are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Board of Trustees intend to wind-up the Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Trustees' responsibilities arise from the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and clause 50 of the Scheme's Trust Deed.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of members taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Scheme's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Trustees.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board of Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Scheme to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.



Other information

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 14 to 16, but does not include the financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

Independence

We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1: *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Scheme.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Silvio Bruinsma".

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

Pension National Scheme

Directory as at 24 June 2021

TRUSTEE

Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund

BOARD MEMBERS

Edward Schuck PhD, MBA – Board Chair (appointed 2015 and Chair from 1 September 2017)

Louise Edwards (appointed 1 July 2019)

Daniel Mussett (appointed 2016)

Sarah Park (appointed 1 February 2020)

Wayne Stechman (appointed 2012)

Stephen Ward – Deputy Chair (appointed 2016 and Deputy Chair from 1 February 2020)

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

MANAGEMENT

Simon Tyler

Chief Executive

Fiona Morgan

Chief Financial Officer

Philippa Drury

General Manager – Schemes

Janet Shirley

Manager – Schemes (retired March 2021)

Paul Bevin

General Manager – Investments

Nicky Rumsey

Manager – Investments

Peter McCaffrey

Manager – Equities and Alternatives

Keith Poore

Manager – Asset Allocation

There was one change to Management during the year as noted above.

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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.

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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
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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.