

ASX Announcement

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National Australia Bank Half Year Results Format

Prior to the release on 11 May 2005 of the National's Half Year Results Announcement, the Company wishes to advise the market of changes to its Half Year Results Announcement format. These include additional disclosures, changes to the format with regard to the new business operating model, and reclassifications of prior period numbers. Previously reported Group profit numbers have not changed.

Details of the changes, including a Proforma Half Year Results template, is attached.

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Summary of Changes

- Following feedback a number of additional disclosures have been incorporated. These
 provide more detail on loans, deposits, expenses, number of shares and the Irish
 Banks.
- 2) In August 2004 the Group announced a number of changes to the structure of its business operating model and executive management team. The new business operating model, which is effective for the 2005 financial year, is run along regional lines for Australia, the UK and New Zealand, together with Institutional Markets & Services, which will continue to operate on a global basis. As such, the Group's segment reporting has been revised in line with the new business operating model. The revised segment information is attached, with four half years of historical information provided. Also provided is a reconciliation of the results from the previous to the new business operating model.
- 3) During the year the Group introduced a common chart of general ledger accounts across its business operations and subsidiaries globally. In preparation for the introduction of this global chart of accounts, an extensive and detailed Group-wide review of general ledger account classifications was undertaken. As a result changes have been made to the classification between certain categories in the Group balance sheet to more appropriately reflect the nature of specific products, as follows:
 - transfer of certain exposures from On-Demand & Short-Term Deposits to Due to Other Financial Institutions and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase totalling \$3,357 million at 30 September 2004;
 - transfer of certain exposures from Due to Other Financial Institutions to On-Demand & Short-Term Deposits totalling \$939 million at 30 September 2004;
 - transfer of certain loans from Overdrafts to Term Lending \$5,346 million at 30 September 2004; and
 - transfer of certain loans from Overdrafts to Market Rate Advances totalling \$450 million at 30 September 2004.

Changes from National Australia Bank's Full Year Results Announcement on 10 November 2004 to the Half Year Results Announcement on 11 May 2005

Page references refer to the Half Year Results Announcement Template (attached)

Summary of Financial Position

Summary of Financial Position (page 4) and Note 5. Average Balance Sheet (page 27)

		Previous balance	Reclassification	New batance
Summary at 30 September 2004	Ref	Sm	Sm	\$m
Asset categories				
Housing, Leasing & Credit Cards		148,676		148,676
Term lending	(a)	78,890	5,346	84,236
Overdrafts	(a)(b)	18,763	(5,796)	12,967
Other	(b)	6,049	450	6,499
Total Gross Loans & Advances		252,378		252,378
<u>Liability categories</u> Due to Other Financial Institutions	(c)(d)	42,044	1,724	43,768
Deposits not bearing interest		13,516		13,516
On-demand & short-term deposits	(c)(d)	85,532	(2,418)	83,114
Term & Certificates of deposit		100,342		100,342
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(c)	2,115	694	2,809
Borrowings		19,247	<u></u>	19,247
Total Deposits & Other Borrowings		220,752	(1,724)	219,028

The following changes do not impact total assets, total liabilities, total average interestearning assets, total average interest-bearing liabilities, net interest income, net profit, net interest margin or net interest spread.

- (a) A change has been made to the classification of certain loans from Overdrafts to Term Lending in the UK. There has been no change to Total Gross Loans & Advances. On this basis, comparative information at 30 September 2004 of \$ \$5,346 million has been reclassified. This reclassification is also reflected in Note 6. Gross Loans & Advances.
- (b) A change has been made to the classification of certain loans from Overdrafts to Market Rate Advances in the UK. There has been no change to Total Net Loans & Advances. On this basis, comparative information at 30 September 2004 of \$450 million has been reclassified. This reclassification is also reflected in Note 6. Gross Loans & Advances.

- (c) A change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from On-Demand & Short-Term Deposits to Due to Other Financial Institutions and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase in Australia. On this basis, comparative information has been reclassified as follows:
 - at 30 September 2004 amounts were reclassified from On-Demand & Short-Term Deposits (\$3,357 million) to Due to Other Financial Institutions (\$2,663 million) and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase (\$694 million).

This reclassification is also reflected in <u>Note 7. Deposits & Other Borrowings</u>, and will impact categories within the average balance sheet at <u>Note 5.Average Balance</u> Sheet & Related Interest.

(d) A change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from Due to Other Financial Institutions to On-Demand & Short-Term Deposits in Australia. On this basis, comparative information at 30 September 2004 of \$939 million respectively has been reclassified.

This reclassification is also reflected in <u>Note 7. Deposits & Other Borrowings</u>, and will impact categories within the average balance sheet at <u>Note 5.Average Balance</u> Sheet & Related Interest.

Deletion - Retail Banking

Consistent with the Group's regional operating model, a detailed profit and loss for global Retail Banking has not been included. (In the previous Full Year Results Announcement this information was included on page 32).

Additional disclosures - average loans

Note 5. Average Balance Sheet & Related Interest (page 27)

Average loans and advances have been separated between housing and non-housing lending.

Additional disclosures - deposits & other borrowings

Note 7. Deposits & Other Borrowings (page 35)

Additional disclosures relating to the categories and geographic distribution of deposits & other borrowings on the balance sheet.

Additional disclosures – investment earnings on shareholders' retained profits and capital from life businesses

Note 8. Net Life Insurance Income (page 37)

Investment earnings on shareholders' retained profits and capital from life businesses is separately disclosed and is now shown both pre and post tax.

This also impacts the Group Performance Summary, Note 1. Performance Summary by Division and Note 9. Revenue.

Reclassification of fleet management fee income

Note 9. Revenue (page 38)

A component of fleet management income, which was previously classified within total fees and commissions income, has been reclassified and now forms part of total fleet management fee income. On this basis, comparative information for the March 2004 half and the September 2004 half of \$11 million and \$12 million respectively has been reclassified.

Additional disclosures - Banking expenses

Note 10. Expenses (page 40)

Total Banking expenses have been split out further. Motor vehicle and insurance expenses are new disclosure lines within Total Banking general expenses.

The capitalised balance of software on the balance sheet is disclosed in a separate table.

Reclassification within occupancy expenses

Note 10. Expenses (page 40)

A component of occupancy expenses, which was previously classified within maintenance and repairs, has been reclassified and now forms part of operating lease rental expense. On this basis, comparative information for the March 2004 half and the September 2004 half of \$10 million and \$10 million respectively has been reclassified.

Additional disclosures - number of shares

Note 18. Reconciliation of Number of Shares (page 55)

Inclusion of a movement reconciliation of the number of shares on issue.

Additional disclosures - Irish Banks

While not included in the attached template, the Results Announcement will include disclosures in relation to the profit and loss and balance sheet of the Irish Banks, which were sold on 28 February 2005.

Management reporting segments Cash earnings (before significant items) for the Sep 04 year

			Transf	ers	<u> </u>	
Previous Segment View Half Year to Sep 2004	Cash earnings before reclassifications \$m	Private Bank \$m	Fleet Management \$m	IMS to the Regions ⁽³⁾ \$m	Corporate Cash earnings Centre to the after Regions reclassifications \$m \$m\$	New Segment View from Oct 2004
Financial Services Australia	877	30	(3)	35	940	Australian Banking
Financial Services Europe	290		2	(8)	284	UK Banking
Financial Services New Zealand	171		1		(35) 137	New Zealand Banking
Corporate & Institutional Banking Wealth Management (WM) (1)	243			(27)	2 217	Institutional Markets & Services
Australia & Asia	179	(30)			149	WM Australia (2)
Europe	3				3	WM UK
New Zealand	6				6	WM NZ
Group Funding	(16)				(16)	Group Funding
Corporate Centre	(49)				33 (16)	Corporate Centre
Distributions	(93)				(93)	Distributions
Cash earnings before significant items	1,611				1,6,6	Cash earnings before significant items

			Transf	ers		
Previous Segment View Half Year to Mar 2004	Cash earnings before reclassifications \$m	Private Bank \$m	Fleet Management \$m	IMS to the Regions ⁽³⁾ \$m	Corporate Cash earnings Centre to the After Regions reclassifications Sm Sm	New Segment View from Oct 2004
Financial Services Australia	999	32	(8)	32	(2) 1,053	Australian Banking
Financial Services Europe	308	52	1	1	310	UK Banking
Financial Services New Zealand	158		7		(6) 159	New Zealand Banking
Corporate & Institutional Banking Wealth Management (WM) (1)	375			(33)	(1) 341	Institutional Markets & Services
Australia & Asia	202	(32)			1 1 71	WM Australia (2)
Europe	14				14	WM UK
New Zealand	5				5	WM NZ
Group Funding	(49)				(49)	Group Funding
Corporate Centre	(68)				8 (60)	Corporate Centre
Distributions	(94)				(94)	Distributions
Cash earnings before significant items	1,850				1,850	Cash earnings before significant items

⁽¹⁾ Previously Wealth Management was managed as one global business, but a regional breakdown has been provided for reconciliation purposes.

⁽²⁾ Includes the Australian and Asian operations of Wealth Management.

⁽³⁾ Transfers of National Custodian Services, Transactional Solutions and adjustments to revenue sharing arrangements.

Management reporting segments Cash earnings (before significant items) for the Sep 03 year

			Transf	ers		
Previous Segment View	Cash earnings before reclassifications	Private Bank	Fleet Management	IMS to the Regions ⁽³⁾	Corporate Cash earnings Centre to the after Regions reclassifications	New Segment View
Haif Year to Sep 2003	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	from Oct 2004
Financial Services Australia	967	31	(8)	18	1 1,010	Australian Banking
Financial Services Europe	407		1	(5)	1 404	UK Banking
Financial Services New Zealand	152		7		(13) 146	New Zealand Banking
Corporate & Institutional Banking	447			(13)	4 437	Institutional Markets & Services
Wealth Management (WM) (1)						
Australia & Asia	203	(31)			172	WM Australia (2)
Europe	14				1 15	WM UK
New Zealand	(4)				(4)	WM NZ
Group Funding	(18)				14 (4)	Group Funding
Corporate Centre	(36)				(8) (44)	Corporate Centre
Distributions	(89)				(89)	Distributions
Cash earnings before significant items	2,043				2,043	Cash earnings before significant items

			Transf	ers		
Previous Segment View Half Year to Mar 2003	Cash earnings before reclassifications \$m	Private Bank \$m	Fleet Management \$m	IMS to the Regions ⁽³⁾	Corporate Cash earnings Centre to the after Regions reclassifications	
Financial Services Australia	904	25	(9)	24	(4) 940	Australian Banking
Financial Services Europe	490		1	2	(1) 492	UK Banking
Financial Services New Zealand	159		8		167	New Zealand Banking
Corporate & Institutional Banking Wealth Management (WM) (1)	430			(26)	(1) 403	Institutional Markets & Services
Australia & Asia	143	(25)			1 119	WM Australia (2)
Europe	12				1 13	WM UK
New Zealand	6				6	WM NZ
Group Funding	6				6	Group Funding
Corporate Centre	(29)				4 (25)	Corporate Centre
Distributions	(94)				(94)	Distributions
Cash earnings before significant items	2,027				2,027	Cash earnings before significant items

⁽¹⁾ Previously Wealth Management was managed as one global business, but a regional breakdown has been provided for reconciliation purposes

⁽²⁾ Includes the Australian and Asian operations of Wealth Management

⁽³⁾ Transfers of National Custodian Services, Transactional Solutions and adjustments to revenue sharing arrangements.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

			Half Year	to	
	Note	Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	Sep 03 \$m	Mar 03 \$m
Cash earnings (1)	HOLE	7111	фи	фи	\$111
Australian Banking	1a	940	1,053	1.010	940
Wealth Management Australia (2) (3)	1a 1a	149	1,033	1,010	119
Total Australia		1,089	1,224	1,182	1,059
UK Banking	1a	284	310	404	492
Wealth Management UK	1a	3	14	15	13
Total UK		287	324	419	505
New Zealand Banking	1a	137	159	146	167
Wealth Management New Zealand	1a	6	5	(4)	6
Total New Zealand		143	164	142	173
Institutional Markets & Services (3)	1a	217	341	437	403
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)	1a	(32)	(109)	(48)	(19)
Cash earnings before significant items and distributions		1,704	1,944	2,132	2,121
Distributions		(93)	(94)	(89)	(94)
Cash earnings before significant items		1,611	1,850	2,043	2,027
Weighted av no. of ordinary shares (million)	19	1,525	1,505	1,508	1,524
Cash earnings per share before significant items (cents)	19	105.6	122.9	135.5	133.0
Diluted cash earnings per share before significant items (cents)	19	104.9	121.1	132.2	130.1
Reconciliation to net profit					
Cash earnings before significant items		1,611	1,850	2,043	2,027
Adjusted for:					
Significant items after tax	15	(511)	127	-	-
Cash earnings after significant items		1,100	1,977	2,043	2,027
Adjusted for:					
Net profit/(loss) attributable to outside		311	63	(18)	10
equity interest					
Distributions		93	94	89	94
Wealth Management revaluation profit/(loss) Goodwill amortisation		(132) (50)	148 (53)	5 (49)	(205) (49)
Goodwin amortisation		(30)	(33)	(43)	(**3)
Net profit		1,322	2,229	2,070	1,877
Net (profit)/loss attributable to outside equity interest		(311)	(63)	18	(10)
Net profit attributable to members of the Company		1,011	2,166	2,088	1,867
Distributions		(93)	(94)	(89)	(94)

⁽¹⁾ Cash earnings is a performance measure used by the management of the Group.

⁽²⁾ Wealth Management Australia division includes Asian operations.

⁽³⁾ Cash earnings after outside equity interest.

GROUP PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

		н	alf Year to		Fav / (U Change	-
	_	Mar Q5	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Banking (1)						
Net interest income	3		3,603	3,581		
Other operating income (1)(2)	9		1,967	2,057		
Banking net operating income (1)			5,570	5,638		
Wealth Management						
Net interest income	3		3	4		
Net life insurance income ex IORE (3)	8		523	396		
Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital from life businesses (IORE)	8		34	59		
Other operating income (2)	9		408	399		
Net operating income			6,538	6,496		
Banking operating expenses (1)	10		(3,147)	(2,831)		
Wealth Management operating expenses (4)	10		(429)	(405)		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	12		(254)	(305)		
Cash earnings before tax			2,708	2,955		
Banking income tax expense (1)	14		(619)	(743)		
Wealth Management income tax benefit/	14		(74)	(205)		
(expense)	14		(74)	(205)		
Cash earnings before significant items, distributions and outside equity interest			2,015	2,007		
Wealth Management revaluation profit/(loss)	1a		(132)	148		
after tax Goodwill amortisation			(50)	(53)		
Net profit before significant items			1,833	2,102		
Significant items after tax	15		(511)	127		
Net profit			1,322	2,229		
-			1,322	2,223		
Net (profit)/loss attributable to outside equity interest Wealth Management			(207)	/E0\		
Institutional Markets & Services			(307) (4)	(58) (5)		
			(**)	(3)		
Net profit attributable to members of the Company			1,011	2,166		
Distributions			(93)	(94)		
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders			918	2,072		
(1) making attributable to ordinary shareholders			310	2,0/2		

⁽¹⁾ Banking refers to Total Banking adjusted for eliminations. Refer to note 1a for further details.

Refer to Note 1a Performance Summary by Division for a reconciliation of the Divisional results to the Group Performance Summary set out above. Note 1a also provides a reconciliation of Total Banking and Total Wealth Management results as set out above.

⁽²⁾ Other operating income excludes net interest income, net life insurance income ex IORE, investment earnings on shareholders retained profits and capital from life businesses ('IORE') and revaluation profit/(loss).

⁽³⁾ Net life insurance income is the profit before tax of the life insurance and investment businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group (excluding net interest income and investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses ('IORE')).

⁽⁴⁾ Operating expenses excludes life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

			As at		Change on		
		Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04	
	Note	\$m	\$m	<u>\$m</u>	%	%	
Assets							
Cash and liquid assets			8,080	11,641			
Due from other financial institutions			23,494	20,200			
Due from customers on acceptances			16,344	14,988			
Trading securities			24,248	25,691			
Trading derivatives			17,939	24,352			
Available for sale securities			4,610	2,794			
Investment securities			11,513	7,099			
Investments relating to life insurance business			41,013	37, 9 82			
Loans and advances			247,836	233,987			
Shares in entities and other securities			158	867			
Regulatory deposits			177	436			
Property, plant and equipment			2,257	2,483			
Income tax assets			1,367	1,248			
Goodwill			632	682			
Other assets			11,641	11,130			
Total assets			411,309	395,580			
Liabilities							
Due to other financial institutions (1)			43,768	45,213			
Liability on acceptances			16,344	14,988			
Trading derivatives			16,150	21,046			
Deposits and other borrowings (1)	7		219,028	209,379			
Life insurance policy liabilities	•		36,134	34,059			
Income tax liabilities			1,178	1,238			
Provisions			1,129	1,143			
Bonds, notes and subordinated debt			32,573	25,204			
Other debt issues			1,612	1,693			
Other liabilities			13,627	13,707			
Total liabilities			381,543	367,670			
Net assets							
			29,766	27,910			
Equity Ordinary shares			7,271	6,029			
National Income Securities			1,945	1,945			
Trust Preferred Securities			975	975			
Contributed equity	17		10,191	8,949			
Reserves (2)	17		1,194	784			
Retained profits (2)	17		14,515	14,619			
Total equity (parent entity interest)			25,900	24,352			
	17		20,500	- 1,000			
Outside equity interest in controlled entities	17		3 000	יי ייטרי			
Wealth Management			3,866	3,385			
Institutional Markets & Services			-	173			
Total equity (1) A net change has been made to the classification of certain e			29,766	27, 9 10			

⁽¹⁾ A net change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from Deposits and Other Borrowings to Due to Other Financial Institutions. Comparative information has been reclassified at 30 September 2004 and 31 March 2004 of \$1,724 million and \$1,245 million respectively.

⁽²⁾ At 30 September 2004 an amount of \$840 million was reclassified from Reserves to Retained Profits, leaving Total Equity unchanged. Refer to ASX Announcement dated 10 December 2004.

GROUP KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	_	Н		
	Note	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
Shareholder measures				
EVA® (\$ million) (1)			639	978
Earnings per share (cents)				
Basic cash earnings per ordinary share before significant items (2)	19		105.6	122.9
Diluted cash earnings per share before significant items (2)	19		104.9	121.1
Basic cash earnings per ordinary share after significant items (2)			71.7	131.4
Basic earnings per ordinary share before significant items			93.5	129.2
Basic earnings per ordinary share after significant items			60.2	137.7
Weighted average ordinary shares (no. million)	19		1,525	1,505
Weighted average diluted shares (no. million)	19		1,591	1,574
Dividends per share (cents)			83	83
Performance (after non-cash items) (3)				
Return on average equity before significant items			12.9%	18.8%
Return on average equity after significant items			8.3%	20.0%
Return on average assets before significant items			0.70%	0.96%
Net interest income				
Net interest spread	4		1.92%	1.95%
Net interest margin	4		2.29%	2.40%
Profitability (before significant items)				
Cash earnings per average FTE (\$'000)			74	86
Banking cost to income ratio (4)	1b		57.1%	50.8%

		As at	
		Mar 05 Sep 04	Mar 04
Capital			
Tier 1 ratio	17	7.34%	7.43%
Tier 2 ratio	17	4.26%	2.92%
Deductions	17	(1.02%)	(1.05%)
Total capital ratio	17	10.58%	9.30%
Adjusted common equity ratio	17	5.30%	5.33%
Assets (\$bn)			
Gross loans and acceptances		269	253
Risk-weighted assets	17	287	278
Off-balance sheet assets (\$bn)			
Funds under management and administration		81	77
Assets under custody and administration		432	3 9 7
Asset quality			
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	13	0.46%	0.57%
Net impaired assets to total equity (parent entity interest)	13	3.5%	4.1%
General provision to risk-weighted assets	13	0.74%	0.64%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	13	32.3%	33.5%
General and specific provisions to gross impaired assets	13	1 9 8.1%	157.8%
Other information			
Full-time equivalent employees (no.)	11	43,517	43,282
(1) Economic Value Added (EVA®) is a registered trademark of Stern Stewart & Co			

⁽¹⁾ Economic Value Added (EVA $^{\&}$) is a registered trademark of Stern Stewart & Co.

⁽²⁾ Cash earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders excludes revaluation profits/(losses) after tax and goodwill amortisation.

 $^{^{(3)} \ \ \}textit{Includes non-cash items}, \ \textit{ie. revaluation profits/(losses) after tax and goodwill amortisation}.$

⁽⁴⁾ Total Banking cost to income ratio is before eliminations (refer note 1a). Costs include total expenses excluding significant items, goodwill amortisation, the charge to provide for doubtful debts and interest expense. Income includes total revenue excluding significant items and net of interest expense.

RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

TOTAL AUSTRALIA (1)

Summary

	Half Year to				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
Cash earnings before significant items	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Australian Banking	940	1,053	1,010	940	
Wealth Management Australia (1)	149	171	172	119	
Total Australia	1,089	1,224	1,182	1,059	

⁽²⁾ Wealth Management Australia division includes Asian operations.

Australian Banking Performance Summary

	Half Year to					
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Net interest income	1,834	1,867	1,869	1,762		
Other operating income	1,073	1,049	1,048	994		
Total income	2,907	2,916	2,917	2,756		
Other operating expenses	(1,465)	(1,306)	(1,336)	(1,257)		
Underlying profit	1,442	1,610	1,581	1,499		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(97)	(104)	(141)	(156)		
Cash earnings before tax	1,345	1,506	1,440	1,343		
Income tax expense	(405)	(453)	(430)	(403)		
Cash earnings before significant items (2)	940	1,053	1,010	940		

⁽²⁾ Refer to Note 1a for a reconciliation of Australian Banking's result to Group net profit.

Key Performance Measures

Performance & profitability				
Return on average assets (annualised)	1.13%	1.33%	1.36%	1.39%
Cost to income ratio	50.4%	44.8%	45.8%	45.6%
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised) (\$'000)	102	115	109	101
Net interest income				
Net interest margin	2.56%	2.75%	2.95%	3.12%
Net interest spread	2.41%	2.69%	2.91%	3.06%
Average balance sheet (\$bn)				
Gross loans and acceptances	160.1	152.0	143.5	133.4
Interest-earning assets	142.9	135.5	126.5	113.1
Retail deposits	71.6	69.9	65.7	63.7

	As at			
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Asset quality				
Gross non-accrual loans (\$m)	428	428	494	685
Gross loans and acceptances (\$bn)	162.2	156.0	147.2	137.0
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	0.26%	0.27%	0.34%	0.50%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	29.7%	33.6%	27.0%	32.0%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)	18,382	18,468	17,895	18,747
Australian market share (1)				
Housing	14.4%	14.6%	14.9%	14.9%
Business (2)	18.6%	19.0%	19.2%	18.0%
Other personal	15.4%	16.0%	16.1%	16.2%
Retail deposits	15.3%	15.7%	15.5%	15.2%

⁽¹⁾ Source: RBA.

 $^{^{(2)}}$ Includes Institutional Markets & Services (Australia).

Wealth Management Australia (1) Performance Summary

	Half Year to				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Investments (2)	106	93	102	74	
Insurance (3)	82	83	69	65	
Other (including regulatory programs) (4)	(26)	(37)	(41)	(34)	
Profit from operations (after tax)	162	139	130	105	
Investment earnings on shareholders' retained	27	42	42	14	
profits and capital from life businesses	21	"+∠	*+∠	1.**	
Underlying operating profit after tax and	189	181	172	119	
outside equity interest	105	101	172	117	
Prior year tax adjustments	(40)	(10)	-	-	
Cash earnings before significant items and	149	171	172	119	
after outside equity interest	1.42	1,1	1/2	117	
Revaluation profit/(loss) after tax	(132)	148	5	(205)	
Net profit before significant items and after	17	319	177	(86)	
outside equity interest	1,	519	1//	(00)	

⁽¹⁾ Wealth Management Australia division includes Asian operations.

Key Performance Measures

		Half Year to					
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03			
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m			
Investment sales	6,965	6,723	6,629	4,831			
Insurance sales	111	94	129	95			
Debt sales	868	661	698	502			

	Half Year to				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
Full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) (No.)	4,746	4,669	4,728	4,416	
Financial advisers					
Bank channels (Australia)	460	477	456	415	
Aligned channels					
Australia	848	909	947	1,048	
Asia	1,586	1,541	1,561	1,212	
Financial advisers (No.)	2,894	2,927	2,964	2,675	

⁽²⁾ Investments include funds management, funds administration and asset management.

⁽³⁾ Insurance includes retail insurance (retail risk insurance encompassing term, trauma and disability insurance, life insurance and general insurance agency) and group insurance.

⁽⁴⁾ Other includes Advice Solutions and other businesses and shareholders' branches of the life companies and strategic investment expenditure. The costs of NAFIM investor compensation and enforceable undertakings are included in this line.

Investments

	Half Year to				
Funds under management and	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
administration	\$bn	\$bn	\$bn	\$bn	
Spot	74.6	70.5	66.7	59.2	
Average	72.2	68.1	64.3	60.2	

	Year ended 30 September 2004						
	Opening balance			Investment		Closing balance	
Funds under management and administration	Sep 03 \$m	Inflows \$m	Outflows \$m	earnings \$m	Other \$m	Sep 04 \$m	
Platforms	36,992	6,566	(6,169)	4,963	(1,375)	40,977	
Wholesale	16,538	6,191	(2,984)	1,785	237	21,767	
Other Retail & Trustee	12,695	205	(1,395)	664	(881)	11,288	
Australia	66,225	12,962	(10,548)	7,412	(2,019)	74,032	
Asia	516	265	(68)	27	(168)	572	
Total	66,741	13,227	(10,616)	7,439	(2,187)	74,604	

	Year ended 30 September 2003					
	Opening balance		:	(nvestment		Closing balance
Funds under management and administration	Sep 02 \$m	Inflows \$m	Outflows \$m	earnings \$m	Other \$m	Sep 03 \$m
Platforms	34,258	6,296	(5,595)	3,188	(1,155)	36,992
Wholesale	11,366	3,818	(1,854)	825	2,383	16,538
Other Retail & Trustee	13,358	493	(1,684)	466	62	12,695
Australia	58,982	10,607	(9,133)	4,479	1,290	66,225
Asia	427	286	(100)	37	(134)	516
Total	59,409	10,893	(9,233)	4,516	1,156	66,741

	As at			
	Jun 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Market share - Australia	%	%	%	%
Total Master Funds	17.1	15.9	16.3	16.5
Annual Master Fund inflows	11.6	10.9	11.7	14.3
Annual Master Fund outflows	14.3	12.8	13.9	16.7
Retail funds management (ex cash management)	13.1	12.2	12.3	12.3
Annual Retail inflows (ex cash management)	9.4	8.8	9.3	11.2
Annual Retail outflows (ex cash management)	10. 9	9.6	10.1	11.8
Corporate Master Funds	18.9	12.6	14.5	15.5
Net annual Corporate Master Funds Flow	18.8	18.4	5.3	12.8

Insurance

		Half Year to				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03		
Annual inforce premiums	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Retail risk insurance	464.9	440.4	416.9	387.2		
Group insurance	110.7	108.2	109.1	105.0		

		As at				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03		
Market share - Australia	o/o	%	%	%		
Retail risk insurance	15.1	15.0	14.7	14.1		
New retail risk annual premiums	13.6	15.4	16.5	16.8		

	Year	ended 30 S	30 September 2004			
	Opening balance Sep 03	Sales / New Business	Lapses & Other Movements	Closing balance Sep 04		
Annual inforce premiums	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Retail	416.9	76.8	(28.8)	464.9		
Group Risk	109.1	43.9	(42.3)	110.7		
Total	526.0	120.7	(71.1)	575.6		

	Year	Year ended 30 September 2003				
	Opening balance Sep 02	Sales / New Business	Lapses & Other Movements	Closing balance Sep 03		
Annual inforce premiums	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Retail	362.2	85.6	(30.9)	416.9		
Group Risk	103.2	36.2	(30.3)	109.1		
Total	465.4	121.8	(61.2)	526.0		

Investment earnings on shareholders' retained profits and capital from life businesses

		Half Year to			
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Investments	20	28	31	-	
Insurance	7	14	11	14	
Total	27	42	42	14	

	As at				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
Asset mix	%	%	%	%	
Equity	22.9	24.2	31.8	31.3	
Fixed interest	20.9	22.5	25.9	23.8	
Cash & others	56.2	57.1	47.6	51.7	
Subordinated debt	-	(3.8)	(5.3)	(6.8)	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

TOTAL UK

Summary

	Half Year to			
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Cash earnings before significant items	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
UK Banking	284	310	404	492
Wealth Management UK	3	14	15	13
Total UK	287	324	419	505

Total UK (Banking & Wealth Management) Performance Summary

		Half Year	· to	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Australian dollars	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Net interest income	1,103	1,055	1,121	1,232
Other operating income	53 9	536	563	641
Total income	1,642	1,591	1,684	1,873
Other operating expenses	(1,121)	(1,017)	(964)	(1,013)
Underlying profit	521	574	720	860
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(124)	(100)	(117)	(131)
Cash earnings before tax	397	474	603	729
Income tax expense	(110)	(150)	(184)	(224)
Cash earnings before significant items (1)	287	324	419	505

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1a for a reconciliation of UK Banking's and Wealth Management UK's result to Group net profit.

Pounds sterling	£m	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	433	441	451	446
Other operating income	211	224	226	232
Total income	644	665	677	678
Other operating expenses	(439)	(425)	(388)	(367)
Underlying profit	205	240	289	311
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(49)	(42)	(47)	(47)
Cash earnings before tax	156	198	242	264
Income tax expense	(43)	(63)	(74)	(81)
Cash earnings before significant items	113	135	168	183

Key Performance Measures

	Half Year to				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
Performance & profitability					
Return on average assets (annualised)	0.78%	1.01%	1.28%	1.42%	
Cost to income ratio	68.2%	63.9%	57.3%	54.1%	
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised) (£'000)	17	21	26	28	
Net interest income					
Net interest margin	3.93%	4.18%	4.29%	4.33%	
Net interest spread	3.47%	3.80%	3.91%	3.94%	
Average balance sheet (£bn)					
Gross loans and acceptances	19.8	19.2	18.7	18.3	
Interest-earning assets	22.0	21.1	21.0	20.7	
Retail deposits	15.6	15.1	15.1	14.8	

	As at				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
Asset quality					
Gross non-accrual loans (£m)	109	103	123	163	
Gross loans and acceptances (£bn)	20.4	19.4	18.8	18.5	
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	0.53%	0.53%	0.65%	0.88%	
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	46.0%	43.8%	40.3%	36.0%	
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)	12,865	12,886	12,693	12,923	
Financial advisers					
Bank channels	157	171	187	228	
Aligned channels	64	55	64	69	
Financial advisers (No.)	221	226	251	297	
Funds under management and administration (£m)	1,674	1,613	1,599	1,452	

TOTAL NEW ZEALAND

Summary

	Half Year to				
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03	
Cash earnings before significant items	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
New Zealand Banking	137	159	146	167	
Wealth Management New Zealand	6	5	(4)	6	
Total New Zealand	143	164	142	173	

Total New Zealand (Banking & Wealth Management) Performance Summary

		Half Year	to	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Australian dollars	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Net interest income	374	346	332	337
Other operating income	203	199	1 9 5	199
Total income	577	545	527	536
Operating expenses	(344)	(289)	(303)	(275)
Underlying profit	233	256	224	261
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(8)	(13)	(14)	(8)
Cash earnings before tax	225	243	210	253
Income tax expense	(82)	(79)	(68)	(80)
Cash earnings before significant items (1)	143	164	142	173

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1a for a reconciliation of New Zealand Banking's and Wealth Management New Zealand's result to Group net profit.

New Zealand dollars	NZ\$m	NZ\$m	NZ\$m	NZ\$m
Net interest income	415	395	374	371
Other operating income	226	227	219	220
Total income	641	622	593	591
Operating expenses	(380)	(330)	(340)	(305)
Underlying profit	261	292	253	286
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(9)	(15)	(15)	(8)
Cash earnings before tax	252	277	238	278
Income tax expense	(91)	(90)	(76)	(88)
Cash earnings before significant items	161	187	162	190

Key Performance Measures

	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Performance & profitability				
Return on average assets (annualised)	0.96%	1.15%	1.10%	1.38%
Cost to income ratio	59.3%	53.1%	57.3%	51.6%
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised) (NZ\$'000)	70	83	71	85
Net interest income				
Net interest margin	2.62%	2.60%	2.66%	2.82%
Net interest spread	2.38%	2.45%	2.57%	2.74%
Average balance sheet (NZ\$bn)				
Gross loans and acceptances	27.3	25.6	24.5	22.5
Interest-earning assets	31.6	30.3	28.0	26.4
Retail deposits	17.2	16.6	16.1	15.6

		As at		
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Asset quality				
Gross non-accrual loans (NZ\$m)	93	39	31	38
Gross loans and acceptances (NZ\$bn)	27.9	26.2	24.7	23.1
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	0.33%	0.15%	0.13%	0.17%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	24.6%	56.5%	34.5%	28.8%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)	4,596	4,501	4,527	4,475
Market share (1)				
Housing	15.9%	15.7%	15.7%	15.3%
Agribusiness	17.5%	18.5%	18.9%	19.8%
Cards	30.5%	31.2%	31.1%	31.0%
Retail deposits (personal & business)	18.3%	18.7%	19.0%	18.4%

⁽¹⁾ Source: RBNZ

INSTITUTIONAL MARKETS & SERVICES

Performance Summary

	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Net interest income	274	344	375	437
Other operating income	354	512	528	442
Total income	628	856	903	879
Operating expenses	(368)	(337)	(321)	(322)
Underlying profit	260	519	582	557
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(25)	(88)	(41)	(27)
Cash earnings before tax	235	431	541	530
Income tax expense	(14)	(85)	(100)	(123)
Cash earnings before significant items	221	346	441	407
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest	(4)	(5)	(4)	(4)
Cash earnings before significant items and after outside equity interest (1)	217	341	437	403

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1a for a reconciliation of Institutional Markets & Services' result to Group net profit.

Key Performance Measures

		Half Year	to	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Performance & profitability				
Cost to income ratio	58.6%	39.4%	35.5%	36.6%
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised)(\$'000) ⁽²⁾	213	349	460	447
Net interest income				
Net interest margin	0.41%	0.54%	0.58%	0.63%
Average balance sheet (\$bn)				
Gross loans and acceptances	45.1	42.7	44.1	45.9
Interest-earning assets	133.0	126.7	128.9	139.6

⁽²⁾ Cash earnings before significant items and after outside equity interest.

	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03
Asset quality				
Gross non-accrual loans (\$m)	423	719	794	649
Gross loans and acceptances (\$bn)	45.0	43.0	44.4	45.2
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	0.94%	1.67%	1.79%	1.44%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	29.0%	28.5%	24.5%	28.4%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)	2,073	1,963	1,904	1,842

OTHER (INCLUDING GROUP FUNDING & CORPORATE CENTRE)

Performance Summary

		Half Year to								
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 03						
By Division	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m						
Group Funding	(16)	(49)	(4)	6						
Corporate Centre	(16)	(60)	(44)	(25)						
Other (1)	(32)	(109)	(48)	(19)						

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1a for a reconciliation of Other to Group net profit.

RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

DETAILED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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1a. PERFORMANCE SUMMARY BY DIVISION

	_	Banking				Total	Wealth Management (WM) Tota			
Half Year to		Aust	UK	NZ	IM&S	Other ⁽¹⁾ Banking	Aust	ŲK	NZ WM	tions ⁽²⁾ Group
30 September 2004	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m \$ m	\$m	\$m	\$m \$ m	\$m \$ m
Net interest income	3	1,834	1,099	373	274	23 3,603	(2)	4	1 3	- 3,606
Net life insurance income (3)	8	-	-	-	-		519	-	4 523	- 523
Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital (IORE)	8	-	-	•	-	- ************************************	34	-	- 34	- 34
Other operating income ⁽⁴⁾	9	1,073	458	179	354	(22) 2,042	266	126	16 408	(75) 2,375
Net operating income		2,907	1,557	552	628	1 5,645	817	130	21 968	(75) 6,538
Operating expenses (5)	10	(1,465)	(1,038)	(325)	(368)	(26) (3,222)	(286)	(128)	(15) (429)	75 (3,576)
Underlying profit		1,442	519	227	260	(25) 2,423	531	2	6 539	- 2,962
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	12	(97)	(124)	(8)	(25)	- (254)	-	-	- -	- (254)
Cash earnings before tax		1,345	395	219	235	(25) 2,169	531	2	6 539	- 2,708
Income tax expense:										
Net life insurance income & IORE	8	-	-	-	-		(89)	-	1 (88)	- (88)
Other	14	(405)	(111)	(82)	(14)	(7) (619)	14	1	(1) 14	- (605)
Cash earnings before significant items, distributions & outside equity interest		940	284	137	221	(32) 1,550	456	3	6 465	- 2,015
WM revaluation loss after tax		-	-	-	-	-	(132)	-	- (132)	- (132)
Goodwill amortisation		-	(31)	(4)	-	(15) (50)	-	-	- ************************************	- (50)
Net profit/(loss) before significant items		940	253	133	221	(47) 1,500	324	3	6 333	- 1,833
Significant items after tax	15	(123)	(85)	(46)	(40)	(162) (456)	(12)	(43)	- (55)	- (511)
Net profit/(loss)		817	168	87	181	(209) 1,044	312	(40)	6 278	- 1,322
Net profit - outside equity interest		-	-	-	(4)	- (4)	(307)	-	- (307)	- (311)
Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Company		817	168	87	177	(209) 1,040	5	(40)	6 (29)	- 1,011
Distributions										(93)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders										918

⁽¹⁾ Other includes elimination entries within Total Banking.

⁽²⁾ Elimination of inter-divisional income and expenses (eq. revenue sharing arrangements between divisions).

⁽³⁾ Net life insurance income is the profit before tax of the life insurance and investment businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group (excluding net interest income and investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses).

⁽⁴⁾ Other operating income excludes the net interest income, net life insurance income, investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses and revaluation profit/(loss).

⁽⁵⁾ Operating expenses excludes the life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income (Wealth Management only).

						(WM) Total	Elimina- Total			
Half Year to		Aust	UK	NZ	IM&S	Other ⁽¹⁾ Banking	Aust	UK	NZ WM	tions ⁽²⁾ Group
31 March 2004	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m		\$m \$ m	\$m	\$m	\$m \$ m	\$m \$ m
Net interest income	3	1,867	1,051	346	344	(27) 3,581	-	4	- 4	- 3,585
Net life insurance income (3)	8	-	-	-	-	- 1	394	1	1 396	- 396
Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital (IORE)	8	-	-	,	-	-	56	1	2 59	- 59
Other operating income ⁽⁴⁾	9	1,049	429	175	512	(42) 2,123	262	129	8 399	(66) 2,456
Net operating income		2,916	1,480	521	856	(69) 5,70 4	712	135	11 858	(66) 6,496
Operating expenses (5)	10	(1,306)	(920)	(270)	(337)	(64) (2,897)	(278)	(121)	(6) (405)	66 (3,236)
Underlying profit		1,610	560	251	519	(133) 2,807	434	14	5 453	- 3,260
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	12	(104)	(100)	(13)	(88)	- (305)	-	-		- (305)
Cash earnings before tax		1,506	460	238	431	(133) 2,502	434	14	5 453	- 2,955
Income tax expense:										
Net life insurance income & IORE	8	-	-	-	-	-	(214)	-	1 (213)	- (213)
Other	14	(453)	(150)	(79)	(85)	24 (743)	9	-	(1) 8	- (735)
Cash earnings before significant items, distributions & outside equity interest		1,053	310	159	346	(109) 1 ,759	229	14	5 248	- 2,007
WM revaluation profit after tax		-	-	-	-	-	148	-	- 148	- 148
Goodwill amortisation		-	(31)	(6)	-	(16) (53)	-	-	- +//	- (53)
Net profit/(loss) before significant items		1,053	279	153	346	(125) 1,706	377	14	5 396	- 2,102
Significant items after tax	15	-	-	-	(252)	379 127	-	-		- 127
Net profit		1,053	279	153	94	254 1,833	377	14	5 396	- 2,229
Net profit - outside equity interest		-	-	-	(5)	- (5)	(58)	-	- (58)	- (63)
Net profit attributable to members of the Company		1,053	279	153	89	254 1,828	319	14	5 338	- 2,166
Distributions										(94)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders										2,072

⁽¹⁾ Other includes elimination entries within Total Banking.

⁽²⁾ Elimination of inter-divisional income and expenses (eg. revenue sharing arrangements between divisions).

⁽³⁾ Net life insurance income is the profit before tax of the life insurance and investment businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group (excluding net interest income and investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses).

⁽⁴⁾ Other operating income excludes the net interest income, net life insurance income, investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses and revaluation profit/(loss).

⁽⁵⁾ Operating expenses excludes the life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income (Wealth Management only).

		Banking			Total	Wealth Management (WM) Tota			Elimina- Total
Half Year to	Aust	UK	NZ	IM&S	Other ⁽¹⁾ Banking	Aust	ŲK	NZ WM	tions ⁽²⁾ Group
30 September 2003	\$m	\$m	\$m		\$m \$ m	\$m	\$m	\$m \$ m	\$m \$ 200
Net interest income	1,869	1,117	331	375	(23) 3,669	(1)	4	1 4	- 3,673
Net life insurance income (3)	-	-	-	-		293	10	2 305	- 305
Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital (IORE)	-	-	-	-	-	58	(1)	1 58	- 58
Other operating income (4)	1,048	456	176	528	77 2,28 5	237	101	11 349	(56) 2,578
Net operating income	2,917	1,573	507	903	54 5,954	587	114	15 716	(56) 6,614
Operating expenses (5)	(1,336)	(870)	(274)	(321)	(145) (2,946)	(257)	(97)	(24) (378)	56 (3,268)
Underlying profit	1,581	703	233	582	(91) 3,008	330	17	(9) 338	- 3,346
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(141)	(117)	(14)	(41)	2 (311)	-	-		- (311)
Cash earnings before tax	1,440	586	219	541	(89) 2,697	330	17	(9) 338	- 7,035
Income tax expense:									
Net life insurance income & IORE	-	-	-	-	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(197)	-	1 (196)	- (196)
Other	(430)	(182)	(73)	(100)	41 (744)	17	(2)	4 19	- (725)
Cash earnings before significant items, distributions & outside equity interest	1,010	404	146	441	(48) 1,953	150	15	(4) 161	- 2,114
WM revaluation profit after tax	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	- 7 5	- 5
Goodwill amortisation		(31)	(2)	-	(16) (49)	-	-	-	- (49)
Net profit/(loss) before significant items	1,010	373	144	441	(64) 1,904	155	15	(4) 166	- 2,070
Significant items after tax	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- ***
Net profit/(loss)	1,010	373	144	441	(64) 1,904	155	15	(4) 166	- 2,070
Net (profit)/loss - outside equity interest		-	-	(4)	- (4)	22	-	- 22	- 18
Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Company	1,010	373	144	437	(64) 1,900	177	15	(4) 188	- 2,088
Distributions									(89)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders									1,999

⁽¹⁾ Other includes elimination entries within Total Banking.

⁽²⁾ Elimination of inter-divisional income and expenses (eg. revenue sharing arrangements between divisions).

⁽³⁾ Net life insurance income is the profit before tax of the life insurance and investment businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group (excluding net interest income and investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses).

⁽⁴⁾ Other operating income excludes the net interest income, net life insurance income, investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses and revaluation profit/(loss).

⁽⁵⁾ Operating expenses excludes the life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income (Wealth Management only).

		Banking			2/36111115/361815/361816.	Elimina- Total			
Half Year to	Aust	UK	NZ	IM&S	Other ⁽¹⁾ Banking	Aust	ŲK	NZ WM	tions ⁽²⁾ Group
31 March 2003	\$m	\$m	\$m		\$m .\$ m	\$m	\$m	\$m \$ m	\$m
Net interest income	1,762	1,227	337	437	(18) 3,745	(4)	5	- 1	- 3,746
Net life insurance income (3)	-	-	-	-	- 2	54	(1)	2 55	- 55
Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital (IORE)	-	-	-	-	-	23	3	- 26	- 26
Other operating income (4)	994	521	182	442	7 2,146	211	127	11 349	(63) 2,432
Net operating income	2,756	1,748	519	879	(11) 5,891	284	134	13 431	(63) 6,259
Operating expenses (5)	(1,257)	(906)	(264)	(322)	(42) (2,791)	(235)	(116)	(7) (358)	63 (3,086)
Underlying profit	1,499	842	255	557	(53) 3,100	49	18	6 73	- 3,173
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(156)	(131)	(8)	(27)	- (322)	-	-	-	- (322)
Cash earnings before tax	1,343	711	247	530	(53) 2,778	49	18	6 73	- 2,851
Income tax expense:									
Net life insurance income & IORE	-		-	-	- 2	69	-	1 70	- 70
Other	(403)	(219)	(80)	(123)	34 (791)	7	(5)	(1) 1	- (790)
Cash earnings before significant items, distributions & outside equity interest	940	492	167	407	(19) 1,987	125	13	6 144	- 2,131
WM revaluation loss after tax	-	-	-	-	- * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	(205)	-	- (205)	- (205)
Goodwill amortisation		(31)	(2)	-	(16) (49)	-	-		- (49)
Net profit/(loss) before significant items	940	461	165	407	(35) 1,938	(80)	13	6 (6 1).	- 1,877
Significant items after tax	-	-	-	-	- 2	-	-		- ************************************
Net profit/(loss)	940	461	165	407	(35) 1,938	(80)	13	6 (61)	- 1,877
Net profit - outside equity interest		-	-	(4)	- (4)	(6)	-	- (6)	- (10)
Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Company	940	461	165	403	(35) 1,934	(86)	13	6 (67)	- 1,867
Distributions									(94)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders									1,773

⁽¹⁾ Other includes elimination entries within Total Banking.

⁽²⁾ Elimination of inter-divisional income and expenses (eg. revenue sharing arrangements between divisions).

⁽³⁾ Net life insurance income is the profit before tax of the life insurance and investment businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group (excluding net interest income and investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses).

⁽⁴⁾ Other operating income excludes the net interest income, net life insurance income, investment earnings on shareholders retained profits & capital of the life insurance businesses and revaluation profit/(loss).

⁽⁵⁾ Operating expenses excludes the life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income (Wealth Management only).

1b. PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FOR TOTAL BANKING

Total Banking includes the Banking operations within Total Australia, Total UK and Total New Zealand, as well as Institutional Markets & Services, and Other (including Group Funding and Corporate Centre). It excludes the Wealth Management operations within Total Australia, Total UK and Total New Zealand.

	Half Ye	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 04		
	Mar 05	Sep 04		Ex FX (1)
Comparison to September 2004 half year	\$m	\$m	%	%
Net interest income		3,603		
Other operating income (2)		2,042		
Total income		5,645		
Other operating expenses (2)		(3,222)		
Underlying profit		2,423		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(254)		
Cash earnings before tax		2,169		
Income tax expense		(619)		
Cash earnings before significant items and outside equity interest		1,550		
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		(4)		
Cash earnings before significant items (3)		1,546		

			Fav / (Ui	ıfav)	
	Half Year	to	Change on Mar 04		
	Mar 05 M	Mar 04		Ex FX (1)	
Comparison to March 2004 half year	\$m	\$m	%	%	
Net interest income	3	3,581			
Other operating income (2)	Ź	2,123			
Total income	É	5,704			
Other operating expenses (2)	(2	2,897)			
Underlying profit	Ž	2,807			
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(305)			
Cash earnings before tax	2	2,502			
Income tax expense		(743)			
Cash earnings before significant items and outside equity interest	1	L,759			
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		(5)			
Cash earnings before significant items (3)		L,754			

Key Performance Measures		Half Year to					
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04				
Performance & profitability							
Cost to income ratio		57.1%	50.8%				

⁽t) Change expressed at constant exchange rates.

⁽²⁾ Total Banking is before inter-divisional eliminations.

⁽³⁾ Refer to Note 1a for a reconciliation of Total Banking to Group net profit and a reconciliation of Total Banking to the Divisional Performance Summary.

3. NET INTEREST INCOME

	_	Н	alf Year to	Fav / (Unfav) Change on		
	_	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
Group	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Interest income						
Loans to customers			8,290	7,589		
Other ⁽¹⁾			1,330	1,441		
Total interest income	9		9,620	9,030		
Interest expense						
Deposits and other borrowings (1)			(4,479)	(4,193)		
Other			(1,535)	(1,252)		
Total interest expense	10		(6,014)	(5,445)		_
Net interest income			3,606	3,585		

⁽¹⁾ A change has been made to the classification of interest income and interest expense of \$44 million between the March 2004 and September 2004 halves, leaving the full year to September 2004 unchanged.

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Australian Banking	1,834	1,867
UK Banking	1,099	1,051
New Zealand Banking	373	346
Institutional Markets & Services	274	344
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)	23	(27)
Total Banking	3,603	3,581
Wealth Management	3	4
Net interest income	3,606	3,585

4. NET INTEREST MARGINS & SPREADS

	н	Fav / (Unfav) Change on			
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
Group	%	%	%	basis pts	basis pts
Gross interest spread (1)		1.95	1.98		
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.03)	(0.03)		
Net interest spread (2)		1.92	1.95		
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions and		0.37	0.45		
equity					
Net interest margin (3)		2.29	2.40		
By Region					
Australia (4)					
Gross interest spread (1)		1.77	2.01		
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.03)	(0.02)		
Net interest spread (2)		1.74	1.99		
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions and		0.38	0.31		
equity		0.30	0.51		
Net interest margin (3)		2.12	2.30		
Europe (4)					
Gross interest spread (1)		2.01	1.94		
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.02)	(0.02)		
Net interest spread (2)		1.99	1.92		
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions and equity		0.53	0.61		
Net interest margin (3)		2.52	2.53		
Other International (4)					
Gross Interest spread (1)		2.03	1.68		
Interest forgone on impaired assets		-	(0.02)		
Net interest spread (2)		2.03	1.66		
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions and equity		(0.20)	0.06		
Net interest margin (3)		1.83	1.72		

⁽¹⁾ Gross interest spread represents the difference between the average interest rate earned (inclusive of interest forgone on impaired assets) and the average interest rate incurred on funds.

⁽²⁾ Net interest spread represents the difference between the average interest rate earned and the average interest rate incurred on funds.

 $^{^{(3)}}$ Net interest margin is net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

⁽⁴⁾ Australia, Europe and Other International include intragroup cross border loans/borrowings and associated interest.

		Interest earning assets (\$bn) (1)					Net interest income (\$m)						
Reconciliation of divisional	Half year t	Mar 05	Half year to Sep 04		Variance		nce Half year to I		if year to Mar 05 Half year to Sep 04		Variance		
margins to Group margin	\$bn	Mix %	\$bn	Mix %	\$bn	%	\$m	Mix %	\$m	Mix %	\$m	%	
Australian Banking			142.9	46					1,834	51			
UK Banking			55.9	18					1,099	30			
New Zealand Banking			28.4	9					373	10			
Institutional Markets & Services			133.0	42					274	8			
Other ⁽²⁾			(46.4)	(15)					26	1			
Group			313.8	100					3,606	100			

Reconciliation of divisional	Net interest man	gin	Contribution to Group margin (3)			
margins to Group margin (cont'd)	HY Mar 05 HY Sep 04	Variance	HY Mar 05	HY Sep 04	Variance	
Australian Banking	2.56%			1.16%		
UK Banking	3.92%			0.70%		
New Zealand Banking	2.62%			0.24%		
Institutional Markets & Services	0.41%			0.17%		
Other	(0.11%)			0.02%		
Group				2.29%		

⁽¹⁾ Interest-earning assets include intercompany balances.

⁽²⁾ Other includes the Wealth Management regional operations, Group Funding, Corporate Centre and Inter-divisional eliminations.

⁽³⁾ Divisional net interest margin multiplied by % share of Group average interest-earning assets.

5. AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET & RELATED INTEREST

The following tables set forth the major categories of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, together with their respective interest rates earned or paid by the Group. Averages are predominantly daily averages. Interest income figures include interest income on non-accruing loans to the extent cash payments have been received. Amounts classified as Other International represent interest-earning assets or interest-bearing liabilities of the controlled entities and overseas branches, excluding Europe. Non-accrual loans are included with interest-earning assets within loans and advances.

Average assets and interest income

_	Half year ended Mar 05			Half ye	3 04	
	Average		Average	Average		Average
	balance	Interest	rate	balance	Interest	rate
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%
Interest-earning assets						
Due from other financial institutions						
Australia (1)				9,288	187	4.03
Europe				13,082	198	3.03
Other International				1,749	15	1.72
Regulatory deposits						
Europe				163	1	1.23
Other International				66	-	-
Marketable debt securities						
Australia				21,018	568	5.40
Europe				8,365	176	4.21
Other International				5,819	87	2.99
Loans and advances - housing (2)						
Australia				91,186	3,016	6.62
Europe				18,969	513	5.41
Other International				13,900	475	6.83
Loans and advances - non-housing (2)						
Australia				54,837	2,097	7.65
Europe				46,199	1,455	6.30
Other International				22,821	745	6.53
Other interest-earning assets (3)						
Australia				1,060	(8)	n/a
Europe				3,338	25	n/a
Other International				1,985	70	n/a
Intragroup loans (4)						
Europe				7,568	147	3.88
Other International				6,557	62	1.89
Average interest-earning assets and						
interest income incl. intragroup loans by:						
Australia				177,389	5,860	6.61
Europe				97,684	2,515	5.15
Other International				52,897	1,454	5.50
Total average interest-earning						
assets and interest income incl.				327,970	9,829	5.99
intragroup loans					•	

Average assets and interest income

Average assets and interest meome	Half year ended Mar 05			Half year ended Sep 04																
_	Average	Average										Average	Average	Average	Average		Average	Average		Average
	balance	Interest	rate	balance	Interest	rate														
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%														
Intragroup loans eliminations				(14,125)	(209)	2.96														
Total average interest-earning assets by:																				
Australia				177,389	5,860	6.61														
Europe				90,116	2,368	5.26														
Other International				46,340	1,392	6.01														
Total average interest-earning assets				313,845	9,620	6.13														
Non-interest-earning assets			_																	
Investments relating to life insurance business (5)																				
Australia				35,263																
Europe				-																
Other International				254																
Acceptances																				
Australia				17,902																
Europe				46																
Other International				4																
Property, plant and equipment																				
Australia				1,319																
Europe				745																
Other International				95																
Other assets																				
Australia				23,670																
Europe				12,849																
Other International				5,831																
Total average non-interest-earning assets b	y:																			
Australia				78,154																
Europe				13,640																
Other International				6,184																
Total average non-interest-earning				97,978																
Provision for doubtful debts																				
Australia				(1,167)																
Europe				(1,167)																
Other International				(872) (280)																
				(280)																
Total average assets by:				25.																
Australia				254,376																
Europe				102,884																
Other International				52,244																
Total average assets				409,504																
Percentage of total average assets				A7 A4																
applicable to international operations				37. 9 %																

Average liabilities and interest expense

_	Half year ended Mar 05		Half ye	p 04		
	Average		Average	Average		Average
	balance	Interest	rate	balance	Interest	rate
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%
Interest-bearing liabilities						
Term deposits and certificates of deposit (6)						
Australia				47,201	1,184	5.02
Europe				29,232	501	3.43
Other International				23,671	469	3.96
Savings (short-term) deposits				•		
Australia				7,626	187	4.90
Europe				13,485	152	2.25
Other International				3,815	64	3.36
Other on-demand deposits (1) (7) (8)				0,515	•	0.00
Australia				34,459	551	3.20
Europe				14,713	133	1.81
Other International				6,894	59	1.71
Government and Official Institutions				0,03**	23	1./1
Australia				006	10	4 10
				906	19	4.19
Other International Due to other financial institutions (7) (8)				706	5	1.42
				4.050	207	
Australia				14,358	307	4.28
Europe				21,459	426	3.97
Other International				11,689	110	1.88
Short-term borrowings (7)						
Australia				16,091	344	4.28
Europe				733	9	2.46
Other International				7,256	51	1.41
Long-term borrowings						
Australia				28,160	569	4.04
Other International				1,782	51	5.72
Other interest-bearing liabilities						
Australia				97	600	n/a
Europe				12	3	n/a
Other International				152	158	n/a
Loan Capital						
Australia				349	7	4.01
Europe				1,356	55	8.11
Intragroup loans (4)						
Australia				14,125	209	2.96
Average interest-bearing liabilities and				,		
interest expense incl. intragroup loans by:						
Australia				163,372	3,977	4.87
Europe				80,990		3.16
Other International					1,279	
				55,965	967	3.46
Total average interest-bearing				200 22-		
liabilities and interest expense incl.				300,327	6,223	4.14
intragroup loans						

Average liabilities and interest expense

	Half year ended Mar 05			Half ye	p 04	
	Average		Average	Average		Average
	balance	Interest	rate	balance	Interest	rate
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%
Intragroup loans eliminations				(14,125)	(209)	2.96
Total average interest-bearing liabilities						
and interest expense by:						
Australia				149,247	3,768	5.05
Europe				80,990	1,279	3.16
Other International				55, 9 65	967	3.46
Total average interest-bearing				286,202	6,014	4.20
liabilities and interest expense				200,202	0,014	₩.20
Non-interest-bearing liabilities						
Deposits not bearing interest						
Australia				5,946		
Europe				6,086		
Other International				1,039		
Liability on acceptances				•		
Australia				17,902		
Europe				46		
Other International				4		
Life insurance policy liabilities (5)						
Australia				33,398		
Europe				-		
Other International				391		
Other liabilities						
Australia				10,383		
Europe				16,591		
Other International				2,967		
Total average non-interest-bearing liabilities	by:					
Australia	ž			67,629		
Europe				22,723		
Other International				4,401		
Total average non-interest-bearing liabilities				94,753		

Equity

	Half ye	Half year ended Mar 05		Half year ended Sep 04			
	Average		Average	Average		Average	
	balance	Interest	rate	balance	Interest	rate	
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%	
Equity							
Ordinary shares				6,566			
Preference share capital				-			
Trust Preferred Securities				975			
National Income Securities				1,945			
Contributed equity				9,486			
Reserves				1,458			
Retained profits				14,025			
Parent entity interest				24,969			
Outside equity interest in controlled entities				3,580			
Equity				28,549			
Total liabilities and equity				409,504			
Percentage of total average liabilities applicable to international operations				43.1%			

⁽¹⁾ A change has been made to the classification of interest income and interest expense of \$44 million between the March 2004 and September 2004 halves, leaving the full year to September 2004 unchanged.

⁽²⁾ Includes non-accrual loans.

⁽³⁾ Includes interest on derivatives and escrow deposits.

⁽⁴⁾ The calculations for Australia, Europe and Other International include intragroup cross border loans/borrowings and associated interest.

⁽⁵⁾ Included within investments relating to life insurance business are interest-earning debt securities. The interest earned from these securities is reported in life insurance income, and has therefore been treated as non-interest earning for the purposes of this note. The assets and liabilities held in the statutory funds of the Group's Australian life insurance business are subject to the restrictions of the Life Insurance Act 1995.

⁽⁶⁾ The sum of term deposits and certificates of deposit equate to time deposits.

^(?) A change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from Other On-Demand Deposits to Due to Other Financial Institutions and Short-Term Borrowings. To ensure consistent classification with notes to the spot balance sheet an amount of \$3,606 million was reclassified from Other On-Demand Deposits to Due to Other Financial Institutions \$2,498 million and Short-Term Borrowings \$1,108 million. Associated interest expense was also reclassified.

⁽⁸⁾ A change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from Due to Other Financial Institutions to Other On-Demand Deposits
To ensure consistent classification with notes to the spot balance sheet an amount of \$2,753 million was reclassified from Due to
Other Financial Institutions to Other On-Demand Deposits. Associated interest expense was also reclassified.

6. GROSS LOANS & ADVANCES

Total gross loans and advances

	As at	As at				
	Mar 05 Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04		
By region	\$m \$m	<u> \$m</u>	%	%		
Australia	148,407	144,075				
Europe	66,010	59,290				
New Zealand	32,098	28,994				
United States	2,522	2,685				
Asia	3,341	3,056				
Total gross loans and advances	252,378	238,100				
Securitised loans	2,788	462				
By product						
Housing	125,773	118,866				
Term lending (1)	84,236	78,863				
Overdrafts (1)	12,967	12,791				
Leasing	16,027	15,288				
Credit cards	6,876	6,645				
Other (1)	6,499	5,647				

⁽¹⁾ A change has been made to the classification of certain loans from Overdrafts to Term Lending and Other Lending (Market Rate Advances). Comparative information has been reclassified at 30 September 2004 and 31 March 2004, of \$5,346 million and \$3,605 million to Term Lending, and \$450 million and \$260 million to Other Lending (Market Rate Advances) respectively.

252,378 238,100

	As at Mar 05					
			New	United		
	Australia	Europe	Zealand	States	Asia	Tota
By product & region sm	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Housing						
Term lending						
Overdrafts						
Leasing						
Credit cards						
Other						

	Increase / (Decrease) from Sep 04						
			New	United			
	Australia	Europe	Zealand	States	Asia	Tota	
Ferm lending Overdrafts Leasing Credit cards Other	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Housing							
Term lending							
Overdrafts							
Leasing							
Credit cards							
Other							
Total gross loans and advances							
		Increas	se / (Decrea	se) from Mai	r 04		
Total gross loans and advances		Increas	se / (Decrea New	se) from Mai United	r 04		
Total gross loans and advances Movement from March 2004	Australia	Increas Europe			: 04 Asia	Total	
Total gross loans and advances	Australia %		New	United			
Total gross loans and advances Movement from March 2004		Europe	New Zealand	United States	Asia	Total	
Total gross loans and advances Movement from March 2004 excluding foreign exchange		Europe	New Zealand	United States	Asia		
Total gross loans and advances Movement from March 2004 excluding foreign exchange Housing		Europe	New Zealand	United States	Asia		
Total gross loans and advances Movement from March 2004 excluding foreign exchange Housing Term lending		Europe	New Zealand	United States	Asia		
Total gross loans and advances Movement from March 2004 excluding foreign exchange Housing Term lending Overdrafts		Europe	New Zealand	United States	Asia		

By Division	Australian Banking \$m	UK Banking \$m	NZ Banking \$m	IM&S \$m	WM \$m	Total Other ⁽¹⁾ Group \$m \$m
As at 31 March 2005						
Housing lending Non-housing lending						
Total gross loans and advances Acceptances						
Total gross loans and acceptances						
As at 30 September 2004						
Housing lending	94,047	19,576	14,299	639	-	(2,788) 125,773
Non-housing lending	43,368	31,739	11,840	39,656	87	(85) 126,605
Total gross loans and advances	137,415	51,315	26,139	40,295	87	(2,873) 252,378
Acceptances	24,787	59	18	4,738	-	(13,258) 16,344
Total gross loans and acceptances	162,202	51,374	26,157	45,033	87	(16,131) 268,722
As at 31 March 2004						
Housing lending	89,307	17,184	12,236	601	-	(462) 118,866
Non-housing lending	43,295	29,543	10,637	37,066	71	(1,378) 119,234
Total gross loans and advances	132,602	46,727	22,873	37,667	71	(1,840) 238,100
Acceptances	23,395	48	_	5,317	-	(13,772) 14,988
Total gross loans and acceptances	155,997	46,775	22,873	42,984	71	(15,612) 253,088

Other housing lending includes securitised loans. Other non-housing lending includes Group Funding, Corporate Centre and intra-group elimination entries. Other acceptances includes NAB-issued acceptances bought back by NAB.

7. DEPOSITS & OTHER BORROWINGS

		Change on			
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	4 Sep 04	Mar 04
By region	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	9/0
Australia (1) (2)		116,287	112,060		
Europe		62,133	56,084		
New Zealand		25,643	22,970		
United States		11,287	14,717		
Asia		3,678	3,548		
Total deposits and other borrowings (1) (2)		219,028	209,379		
By product					
Deposits not bearing interest		13,516	13,191		
On-demand and short-term deposits (1) (2)		83,114	82,093		
Certificates of deposit		34,130	30,349		
Term deposits		66,212	62,581		
Total deposits		196,972	188,214		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (1)		2,809	2,406		
Borrowings		19,247	18,759		
Total deposits and other borrowings (1) (2)		219 በ28	209 379		

⁽¹⁾ A change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from On-Demand and Short-Term Deposits to Due to Other Financial Institutions and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase. Comparative information has been reclassified at 30 September 2004 and 31 March 2004 of \$2,663 million and \$2,442 million to Due to Other Financial Institutions, and \$694 million and \$1,238 million to Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase, respectively.

⁽²⁾ A change has been made to the classification of certain exposures from Due to Other Financial Institutions to On-Demand and Short-Term Deposits. Comparative information has been reclassified at 30 September 2004 and 31 March 2004 of \$939 million and \$1,107 million respectively.

	As at Mar 05					
			New	United		
	Australia	Europe	Zealand	States	Asia	Total
By product & region	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m

Deposits not bearing interest On-demand and short-term deposits

Certificates of deposit

Term deposits

Total deposits

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase

Borrowings

Total deposits and other borrowings

		Increas	se / (Decrea	se) from Sep	04	
Movement from September 2004	Australia	Europe	New Zealand	United States	Asia	Total
excluding foreign exchange	%	%	%	%	%	%
Deposits not bearing interest On-demand and short-term deposits Certificates of deposit						
Term deposits						
Total deposits Securities sold under agreements to repurchase Borrowings						
Movement from March 2004	Australia	Increas Europe	se / (Decrea New Zealand	se) from Mai United States	r 04 Asia	Total
excluding foreign exchange	%	%	%	%	%	%
Deposits not bearing interest On-demand and short-term deposits Certificates of deposit Term deposits						
Total deposits						
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase Borrowings						

8. NET LIFE INSURANCE INCOME

	Half Year to			Fav / (U Change	•
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	\$m	\$m	\$m	<u>%</u>	%
Premium and related revenue		549	456		
Investment revenue (1)		2,381	2,368		
Life insurance income excluding IORE		2,930	2,824		
Claims expense		(345)	(357)		
Change in policy fiabilities		(1,665)	(1,703)		
Policy acquisition and maintenance expense		(377)	(346)		
Investment management fees		(20)	(22)		
Life insurance expenses		(2,407)	(2,428)		
Net life insurance income excluding IORE		523	396		
Investment earnings on shareholders' retained profits & capital from life businesses (IORE)		34	59		
Net life insurance income		557	455		
Interest expense - life insurance funds		(7)	(10)		
Profit of life insurance funds before income tax		550	445		
Income tax expense - life insurance funds		(88)	(213)		
Net profit of life insurance funds before outside equity interest		462	232		
Net (profit)/ loss attributable to outside equity interest		(307)	(58)		
Net profit of life insurance funds after outside equity interest		155	174		

⁽¹⁾ Investment revenue excluding investment earnings on shareholders' retained profits and capital from life businesses.

Sources of Operating Profit from Life Companies life insurance funds

Life company - planned profit margins	124	127	
Life company - experience profit	4	3	
Life company operating margins (1)	128	130	
Investment earnings on shareholders' retained	27	44	
profits and capital from life businesses after tax	27		
Net profit of life insurance funds after outside	155	174	
equity interest	133	17.4	

⁽¹⁾ Reflects operating profit of all business written through life insurance funds, irrespective of the business type (investment or insurance).

Net life insurance income is the profit before tax excluding net interest income of the life insurance and investments businesses of the life insurance funds of the life insurance companies of the Group. Refer to note 54 of the Group's Annual Financial Report 2004 for further details.

9. REVENUE

		н	alf Year to		Fav / (U Chang	•
		Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Interest income	3		9,620	9,030		
Investment earnings on shareholders' retained profits & capital from life businesses (IORE)	8		34	59		
Investment revenue (1)	8		2,381	2,368		
Total investment revenue			2,415	2,427		
Premium and related revenue	8		549	456		
Life insurance income			2,964	2,883		
Wealth Management other operating income			408	399		
Revaluation profit/(loss)			(144)	7		
Wealth Management total income (2)			264	406		
Total Banking other operating income						
Dividends received			1	22		
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment			8	6		
and other assets			O	U		
Loan fees from banking			720	727		
Money transfer fees			495	488		
Trading income (before significant items)			235	340		
Foreign exchange income			2	(4)		
Fees and commissions (3)			376	362		
Fleet service fees (3)			71	60		
Other income			134	122		
Total Banking other operating income			2,042	2,123		
Eliminations			(75)	(66)		
Banking other operating income net of			1,967	2,057		
eliminations			1,507	2/03/		
Total revenue before significant items			14,815	14,376		
Significant revenue						
Proceeds from the sale of strategic	15		_	993		
shareholdings	113			223		
Total revenue from ordinary activities			14,815	15,369		

⁽¹⁾ Investment revenue excluding investment earnings on shareholders retained profits and capital from life businesses.

⁽²⁾ Wealth Management total income excludes life insurance income. Refer to note 8 for further details.

⁽³⁾ A change has been made to the classification of certain fees from Fees and Commissions to Fleet Service Fees. Comparative information has been reclassified for the September 2004 and March 2004 halves of \$12 million and \$11 million respectively.

Other operating income (before revaluation profit/(loss) and significant income) by Division ${\bf P}({\bf P})$

	н		Fav / (U Chang	•	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Australian Banking		1,073	1,049		
UK Banking		458	429		
New Zealand Banking		179	175		
Institutional Markets & Services		354	512		
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)		(22)	(42)		
Total Banking		2,042	2,123		
Wealth Management		408	399		
Eliminations		(75)	(66)		
Other operating income		2,375	2,456		

10. EXPENSES

		н	alf Year to		Fav / (U Chang	-
		Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Interest expense	3		6,014	5,445		
Claims expense			345	357		
Change in policy flabilities			1,665	1,703		
Policy acquisition and maintenance expense			377	346		
Investment management fees			20	22		
Life insurance expenses	8		2,407	2,428		
Wealth Management other operating expenses (1)			429	405		
Total Banking other operating expenses						
Personnel expenses						
Salaries and related on costs			1,330	1,271		
Superannuation			138	138		
Other			170	134		
			1,638	1,543		
Occupancy expenses						
Rental on operating leases (2)			147	136		
Depreciation and amortisation			35	33		
Other (2)			125	111		
			307	280		
General expenses						
Advertising and marketing			122	94		
Non-lending losses			30	47		
Communications, postage and stationery			199	182		
Depreciation and amortisation			174	159		
Fees and commissions			54	48		
Computer equipment and software			121	139		
Rental on operating leases			36	36		
Professional fees			203	121		
Travel			34	30		
Freight and cartage			40	37		
Motor vehicle expenses			21	20		
Insurance			22	16		
Operational (bank & bureau) charges			39	39		
Other expenses			182	106		
			1,277	1,074		
Total Banking other operating expenses			3,222	2,897		
Eliminations			(75)	(66)		
Banking other operating expenses net of eliminations			3,147	2,831		
Other operating expenses			3,576	3,236		
Total operating expenses before significant items, goodwill and charge to provide for doubtful debts			11,997	11,109		

⁽¹⁾ Wealth Management other operating expenses excludes life insurance expenses. Refer to note 8 for further details.

⁽²⁾ A change has been made to the classification of certain expenses from Other Occupancy Expenses to Rental on Operating Leases. Comparative information has been reclassified for both the September 2004 and March 2004 halves of \$10 million.

		Ha	alf Year to		Fav / (U Chang	-
	_	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	Note	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Significant expenses						
Cost of sale of strategic shareholdings	15		-	678		
Foreign currency options trading losses	15		-	360		
Reversal of HomeSide non-lending loss provision	15		-	(64)		
Write-down of impaired application software	15		409			
Total significant expenses			409	9 74		
Total operating expenses before goodwill and charge to provide for doubtful debts			12,406	12,083		
Amortisation of goodwill			50	53		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts - ordinary	12		254	305		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts - significant	15		292	-		
Total operating expenses after significant items			13,002	12,441		

Operating expenses (before goodwill, significant expenses and charge to provide for doubtful debts) by Division

	Half Year to			Fav / (Unfav) Change on	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Australian Banking		1,465	1,306		
UK Banking		1,038	920		
New Zealand Banking		325	270		
Institutional Markets & Services		368	337		
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)		26	64		
Total Banking		3,222	2,897		
Wealth Management		429	405		
Eliminations		(75)	(66)		
Other operating expenses		3,576	3,236		

Capitalisation of Software Costs

		As at	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Capitalised application software on the balance sheet		655	981

11. FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (1)

		As at			
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
By Region	No.	No.	No.	%	%
Australia	2	24,567	24,442		
Europe	1	13,324	13,307		
New Zealand		4,766	4,661		
United States		141	140		
Asia		719	732		
Total full time equivalent employees (FTEs)	4	13,517	43,282		
Australian Banking		18,382	18,468		
Wealth Management Australia		18,382 4,746	18,468 4,669		
Total Australia		23,128	23,137		
Total UK		12,865	12,886		
Total New Zealand		4,596	4,501		
Institutional Markets & Services		2,073	1,963		
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)		855	795		
Total full time equivalent employees (FTEs)	4	13,517	43,282		
Average half year FTEs	4	13.515	42.986		

⁽¹⁾ Full-time equivalent staff include part-time staff (pro-rated) and non-payroll FTEs (ie. contractors).

12. DOUBTFUL DEBTS

	Н	alf Year to		Fav / (U Chang	•
Total charge for doubtful debts	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
by Region	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Australia		101	143		
Europe		128	147		
New Zealand		8	12		
United States		15	4		
Asía		2	(1)		
Total charge to provide for doubtful debts before significant items		254	305		
Significant charge to provide for doubtful debts Revision of accounting estimate		292	-		
Total charge to provide for doubtful debts		546	305		
Total charge for doubtful debts by Division					
Australian Banking		97	104		
UK Banking		124	100		
New Zealand Banking		8	13		
Institutional Markets & Services		25	88		
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)		-			
Total Banking		254	305		
Wealth Management		-			
Total charge to provide for doubtful debts		254	305		

Movement in provisions for doubtful debts

	Half Year to Mar 05			Half '	Year to Sep	to Sep 04
	Specific	General	Total	Specific	General	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening balance				480	1,783	2,263
Transfer to/(from) specific/general provision				256	(256)	-
Bad debts recovered				99	-	99
Bad debts written off				(434)	-	(434)
Charge to profit and loss - ordinary				-	254	254
Charge to profit and loss - significant				-	292	292
Foreign currency translation and consolidation adjustments				11	43	54
Total provisions for doubtful debts				412	2,116	2,528

13. ASSET QUALITY

		As at		Chang	e on
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
Summary of impaired assets	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Gross non-accrual loans		1,230	1,434		
Gross restructured loans		41	-		
Gross assets acquired through security enforcement		5	-		
Gross impaired assets		1,276	1,434		
Less: Specific provisions - non-accrual loans		(375)	(441)		
Net impaired assets		901	993		

	As at Mar	r 05	As at Se	p 04	As at Ma	r 04
Total impaired assets	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
by region	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Australia			700	536	770	559
Europe			333	174	347	199
New Zealand			87	68	37	17
United States			155	123	277	218
Asia			1	<u> </u>	3	_
Total impaired assets			1,276	901	1,434	993

Movement in gross impaired assets	Australia \$m	Europe \$m	New Zealand \$m	United States \$m	Asia \$m	Total
Balance at 30 September 2003	912	375	202	145	1	1,635
New	158	149	25	160	2	494
Written off	(189)	(34)	(1)	-	-	(224)
Returned to performing or repaid	(111)	(135)	(190)	(9)	-	(445)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	(8)	1	(19)	-	(26)
Balance at 31 March 2004	770	347	37	277	3	1,434
New	173	118	62	90	-	443
Written off	(188)	(52)	(14)	-	-	(254)
Returned to performing or repaid	(55)	(96)	(5)	(224)	(3)	(383)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	16	7	12	1	36
Balance at 30 September 2004 New Written off Returned to performing or repaid Foreign currency translation adjustments	700	333	87	155	1	1,276

Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
%	%	%
	0.43	0.48
	0.50	0.58
	0.27	0.13
	4.32	10.32
	0.03	0.10
	0.46	0.57
		% % 0.43 0.50 0.27 4.32 0.03

Group provisioning coverage ratios		
Net impaired assets to total equity (1)	3.5	4.1
Net impaired assets to total equity plus general provision (1)	3.2	3.8
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	32.3	33.5
General and specific provisions to gross impaired assets	198.1	157.8
General provision to risk-weighted assets	0.74	0.64

⁽¹⁾ Total parent entity interest in equity.

The amounts below are not classified as impaired assets and therefore are not included in the summary on the previous page.

	As at			Change on	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
Memorandum disclosure	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more with adequate security (2)		829	563		
Accruing portfolio facilities past due 90 to 180 days (net)		26	28		
90 days past due loans - by region (2)					
		756	E 17		
Australia		766	517		
Europe		43	33		
Europe New Zealand					
Europe		43	33		

During the September 2004 half year the Group revised its data collection procedures for establishing its 90 day past due exposures. This process now includes loans that are identified by the internal categories 'watch' or 'substandard' and are in arrears 90 days or more.

14. INCOME TAX RECONCILIATION

		Year to	
Group	Mar 05 \$m	Sep 04	Mar 04 \$m
•	39111	\$m	4 11:
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense Australia		1,302	1,967
Overseas		511	961
Add/deduct: (Profit)/loss from ordinary activities before income tax		311	301
expense attributable to the life insurance statutory funds and their		(550)	(445)
controlled trusts		(330)	(
Total profit from ordinary activities excluding that attributable			
to the statutory funds of the life insurance business, before		1,263	2,483
income tax expense			
Prima facie income tax at 30%		379	745
Add/(deduct) tax effect of permanent differences:			
Assessable foreign income		13	13
Non-allowable depreciation on buildings		3	4
Rebate of tax on dividends, interest etc		(15)	(28)
Foreign tax rate differences		-	1
Amortisation of goodwill		15	16
Future income tax benefits no longer recognised		7	-
Under/(over) provision in prior year		(6)	(3)
Profit on sale of strategic shareholdings		-	(95)
Reversal of HomeSide non-lending loss provision		-	(19)
Write-down of impaired application software		22	-
Effect of reset tax values on entering tax consolidation - Wealth Management (1)		-	(150)
Interest expense on exchangeable capital units		17	16
Other		(32)	(14)
Total income tax expense on profit from ordinary activities excluding that attributable to the statutory funds of the life		403	486
insurance business			
Income tax expense/(benefit) attributable to the statutory funds of the life insurance business		88	213
Total income tax expense		491	699
rotal income tax expense		*+31	033
		31.9%	19.6%
Effective tax rate excluding statutory funds attributable to the life insurance business			13.0 A
life insurance business			13.0 A
life insurance business By Division		405	
By Division Australian Banking		405	453
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking		111	453 150
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking		111 82	453 150 79
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services		111 82 14	453 150 79 85
By Division Australian Banking JK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre)		111 82 14 7	453 150 79 85 (24)
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Fotal Banking		111 82 14	453 150 79 85 (24)
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management		111 82 14 7	453 150 79 85
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management Cash earnings		111 82 14 7 619	453 150 79 85 (24) 743
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management Cash earnings Net life insurance income & IORE		111 82 14 7 619	453 150 79 85 (24) 743
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management Cash earnings Net life insurance income & IORE Other		111 82 14 7 619	453 150 79 85 (24) 743 213 (8)
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management Cash earnings Net life insurance income & IORE Other Revaluation profit/(loss) - ordinary		111 82 14 7 619	453 150 79 85 (24) 743 213 (8) 9
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management Cash earnings Net life insurance income & IORE Other Revaluation profit/(loss) - ordinary Revaluation profit/(loss) - tax consolidations (1)		111 82 14 7 619 88 (14) (12)	453 150 79 85 (24) 743 213 (8) 9 (150)
By Division Australian Banking UK Banking New Zealand Banking Institutional Markets & Services Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Total Banking Wealth Management Cash earnings Net life insurance income & IORE Other Revaluation profit/(loss) - ordinary		111 82 14 7 619	453 150 79 85 (24) 743 213 (8) 9

⁽¹⁾ Income tax benefit that arose due to the National's election to consolidate for Australian income tax purposes.

	Hal	f Year to	
Washib Managana at Oasantiana	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
Wealth Management Operations	\$m	\$m	\$n
Cash earnings before significant items before income tax Australia		522	415
Overseas		17	38
Add/deduct: (Profit)/loss from ordinary activities before income tax		17	36
expense attributable to the life insurance statutory funds and their		(550)	(445)
controlled trusts		(330)	() IS
Total profit from ordinary activities excluding that attributable			
to the statutory funds of the life insurance business, before		(11)	8
income tax expense		, ,	
Prima facie income tax at 30%		(3)	2
Add/(deduct) tax effect of permanent differences:			
Under/(over) provision in prior year		(5)	(3)
Other		(6)	(7
Total income tax expense/(benefit) on operating profit excl.			· · ·
that attributable to the statutory funds of the life insurance		(14)	(8
business			
Income tax attributable to the statutory funds of the life insurance		88	213
business		00	213
Total income tax expense/(benefit) attributable to cash earnings before significant items		74	205
Effective tax rate excluding statutory funds attributable to the life insurance business		large	large
Banking operations Cash earnings before significant items before income tax Australia		1,368	1,522
Overseas		801	980
Total cash earnings before income tax		2,169	2,502
Prima facie income tax at 30%		651	751
Add/(deduct) tax effect of permanent differences:			
Assessable foreign income		13	13
Non-allowable depreciation on buildings		3	4
Rebate of tax on dividends, interest etc		(15)	(28
Foreign tax rate differences		-	1
Distributions outside the Group		-	(5
Non-assessable branch income		(17)	(19
Over provision in prior year		(1)	-
Interest expense on exchangeable capital units		17	16
Other		(32)	10
Total income tax expense on cash earnings before significant		£40	740
items		619	743
Effective tax rate		28.5%	29.7%

15. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

	Ha	alf Year to	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Foreign currency options trading losses			
Foreign currency options trading losses		-	(360)
Income tax benefit		-	108
Net loss on foreign currency options trading losses		-	(252)
Disposal of strategic shareholdings			
Proceeds from the sale of strategic shareholdings		-	993
Cost of sale of strategic shareholdings		-	(678)
Net profit on sale of strategic shareholdings		-	315
Cost of foreign controlled entities sold - revision of accounting estimate			
·			
Reversal of HomeSide non-lending loss provision (1)		-	64
Write-down of impaired application software			
Integrated Systems Implementation (ISI)		(200)	-
Wealth Management Europe - Endeavour		(60)	-
Other		(149)	-
Write-down of impaired application software		(409)	-
Income tax benefit		102	_
Net write-down of impaired application software		(307)	-
Charge to provide for doubtful debts - revision of			
accounting estimate			
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(292)	-
Income tax benefit		88	_
Net charge to provide for doubtful debts		(204)	
Significant items after tax		(511)	127

16. EXCHANGE RATES

Exchange rates

	S	Statement of		Si	tatement of	•
	Financial Performance		Fina	on		
	Avera	ige Half Yea	er to		Spot as at	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
British Pounds		0.3928	0.4182		0.3973	0.4138
Euros		0.5869	0.6071		0.5799	0.6200
United States Dollars		0.7122	0.7409		0.7149	0.7591
New Zealand Dollars		1.1108	1.1400		1.0682	1.1466

Impact on Statement of Financial Performance of exchange rate movements

March 2005 half to September 2004 half Favourable/(unfavourable) Net interest income	Europe \$m	New Zealand \$m	United States \$m	Asia \$m	Total \$m
Other operating expenses					
Charge to provide for doubtful debts					
Income tax expense					
Cash earnings before significant items,					
distributions and outside equity interest	_	New	United		
distributions and outside equity interest March 2005 half to March 2004 half	Europe \$m	Zealand	States	Asia \$m	Total \$m
distributions and outside equity interest	Europe \$m			Asia \$m	Total \$m
distributions and outside equity interest March 2005 half to March 2004 half Favourable/(unfavourable)	•	Zealand	States		
March 2005 half to March 2004 half Favourable/(unfavourable) Net interest income	•	Zealand	States		

Cash earnings before significant items, distributions and outside equity interest

Income tax expense

Impact on Statement of Financial Position of exchange rate movements

Since September 2004 increase/(decrease)	Europe \$m	New Zealand \$m	United States \$m	Asia \$m	Total \$m
Housing Term lending	·	-	-		
Overdrafts					
Leasing					
Credit cards Other					
Gross loans and advances					
Other assets					
Total assets					
Deposits and other borrowings					
Since March 2004	Europe \$m	New Zealand \$m	United States \$m	Asia \$m	Total \$m
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease)	Europe \$m			Asia \$m	Total \$m
Since March 2004	·	Zealand	States		
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease) Housing	·	Zealand	States		
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease) Housing Term lending Overdrafts Leasing	·	Zealand	States		
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease) Housing Term lending Overdrafts Leasing Credit cards	·	Zealand	States		
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease) Housing Term lending Overdrafts Leasing Credit cards Other	·	Zealand	States		
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease) Housing Term lending Overdrafts Leasing Credit cards Other Gross loans and advances	·	Zealand	States		
Since March 2004 increase/(decrease) Housing Term lending Overdrafts Leasing Credit cards Other	·	Zealand	States		

17. CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Regulatory capital position

Under guidelines issued by APRA, life insurance and funds management activities are excluded from the calculation of risk-weighted assets, and the related controlled entities are deconsolidated for the purposes of calculating capital adequacy. The intangible component of the investment in these controlled entities (the difference between the appraisal value and the embedded value) is deducted from Tier 1 capital, and the embedded value is deducted from the total of eligible Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital. Additionally, any profits from these activities included in the Group's results are excluded from the determination of Tier 1 capital to the extent that they have not been remitted to the Company in the form of dividends. A reconciliation of capital under the different bases is provided.

		As at	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
Reconciliation to shareholders funds	\$m	\$m	\$m
Contributed equity		10,191	8,949
Reserves		1,194	784
Retained profits		14,515	14,619
Outside equity interest		3,866	3,558
Estimated reinvestment under dividend reinvestment plan		150	1,265
Less: Goodwill		(632)	(682)
Estimated final dividend		(1,287)	(1,265)
Intangible assets - Wealth Management		(2,448)	(2,448)
Asset revaluation reserve		(86)	(16)
Deconsolidation of Wealth Management profits (net of dividends)		(349)	(535)
FITB (excluding FITB on the general provision for doubtful debts) (1)		-	-
Non - qualifying outside equity interest		(3,866)	(3,558)
Capitalised expenses		(200)	
Tier 1 capital		21,048	20,671
Asset revaluation reserve		86	16
General provision for doubtful debts		1,480	1,254
Perpetual floating rate notes		350	329
Dated subordinated debts		9,044	5,268
Exchangeable capital units		1,262	1,262
Notional revaluation of investment securities to market		(3)	4
Tier 2 capital		12,219	8,133
Other deductions (2)		(2,922)	(2,922)
Total regulatory capital		30,345	25,882
Risk-weighted assets - credit risk		273,189	256,489
Risk-weighted assets - market risk		13,616	21,750
Total risk-weighted assets		286,805	278,239
Risk adjusted capital ratios			
Tier 1		7.34%	7.43%
Tier 2		4.26%	2.92%
Deductions		(1.02%)	(1.05%)
Total capital		10.58%	9.30%

⁽¹⁾ APRA requires any excess FITB (excluding FITB impact on the general provision for doubtful debts) over the provision for deferred income tax liabilities be deducted from Tier 1 capital.

⁽²⁾ Represents investment in non-consolidated controlled entities, net of intangible component deducted from Tier 1 capital (Sep 04: \$2,922 million, Mar 04: \$2,922 million).

		As at			
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04		
Adjusted common equity ratio reconciliation	\$m	\$m	\$m		
Tier 1 capital		21,048	20,671		
Adjusted for:					
National Income Securities		(1,945)	(1,945)		
Trust Preferred Securities		(975)	(975)		
Other deductions		(2,922)	(2,922)		
Adjusted common equity		15,206	14,829		
Total risk-weighted assets		286,805	278,239		
Adjusted common equity ratio		5.30%	5.33%		

		As at	
Reconciliation of market value of NAFiM subsidiaries	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04
to Wealth Management deduction from capital	\$m	\$m	\$m
NAFiM subsidiaries market value		6,509	6,662
Adjusted for:			
Net liabilities of NAFIM not in the mark to market valuation environment		(96)	(77)
Net assets of other Wealth Management entities not in the NAFiM group		48	41
Debt from the National used to fund acquisition of existing Europe and NZ businesses on 1 January 2002		(489)	(467)
Market value uplift in NAFIM upon introduction of AASB 1038 in the year to September 2000		(217)	(217)
Cumulative tax on revaluation profit and other adjustments		(36)	(37)
Total Wealth Management deduction from capital		5,719	5,905
Represented by:			
Wealth Management deductions from tier 1 capital			
Intangible assets		2,448	2,448
Deconsolidation of Wealth Management profits (net of dividends)		349	535
Wealth Management deductions from total capital			
Investment in non-consolidated controlled entities (net of intangible component deducted from Tier 1)		2,922	2,922
Total Wealth Management deduction from capital		5,719	5,905

18. RECONCILIATION OF NUMBER OF SHARES

		Half Year to				
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04			
	No. '000	No. '000	No. 1000			
Ordinary shares, fully paid						
Balance at beginning of period		1,506,493	1,503,956			
Shares issued						
Dividend reinvestment plan		18,083	3,123			
Bonus share plan		1,484	1,880			
Underwriting of dividend reinvestment plan		22,959	-			
Staff share ownership plan		425	378			
Staff share allocation plan		-	1,620			
Executive option plan no. 2		1,293	932			
Share purchase plan		-	-			
Exchangeable capital units converted		-	7			
Paying up of partly paid shares		47	69			
Shares bought back		-	(5,472)			
		1,550,784	1,506,493			
Ordinary shares, partly paid to 25 cents						
Balance at beginning of period		610	679			
Paying up of partly paid shares		(47)	(69)			
		563	610			
Total number of ordinary shares on issue at end of period		1,551,347	1,507,103			

19. CASH EARNINGS PER SHARE

	Half Year to					
	Mar 05		Sep 04		Mar 04	
	Basic	Diluted (1)	Basic	Diluted ⁽¹⁾	Basic	Diluted (1)
Earnings (\$m)						
Cash earnings before significant items (2)			1,611	1,611	1,850	1,850
Potential dilutive adjustments						
Interest expense on exchangeable capital units			-	57	-	55
Adjusted cash earnings before significant items			1,611	1,668	1,850	1,905
Weighted average ordinary shares (no. millions)						
Weighted average ordinary shares			1,525	1,525	1,505	1,505
Potential dilutive ordinary shares						
Options			-	1	-	4
Partly paid ordinary shares			-	-	-	-
Exchangeable capital units			-	65	-	65
Total weighted average ordinary shares			1,525	1,591	1,505	1,574
Cash earnings before significant items per share (cents)			105.6	104.9	122.9	121.1

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average diluted number of ordinary shares includes the impact of options, performance rights, partly paid ordinary shares and potential conversion of exchangeable capital units.

⁽²⁾ Refer to page 2 for a reconciliation of cash earnings before significant items to Group net profit.

20. GEOGRAPHIC PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The following table sets out the Group's results from a pure geographic split (ie. based on the region in which the entity that booked the transactions is located). These geographic results are different from the Divisional management reporting structure due to the separate reporting of Asia and the geographic breakdown of Institutional markets & Services and Other (Group Funding & Corporate Centre)

	Half Year to			Fav / (Unfav) Change on	
	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Mar 04
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Cash earnings					
Australia					
Australian Banking		940	1,053		
Wealth Management Australia (ex Asia)		143	159		
Institutional Markets & Services Australia		98	167		
Other (Group Funding & Corporate Centre) Australia		(116)	(180)		
Total Australia Region		1,065	1,199		
Europe (UK & Ireland)					
UK Banking		284	310		
Wealth Management UK		3	14		
Institutional Markets & Services UK		32	80		
Other (Group Funding & Corporate Centre) UK		8	(10)		
Total Europe Region		327	394		
New Zealand					
New Zealand Banking		137	159		
Wealth Management New Zealand		6	5		
Institutional Markets & Services New Zealand		75	59		
Other (Group Funding & Corporate Centre) New Zealand		(4)	(5)		
Total New Zealand Region		214	218		
United States					
Institutional Markets & Services US		5	17		
Other (Group Funding) US		62	77		
Total United States Region		67	94		
Asia					
Wealth Management Asia		6	12		
Institutional Markets & Services Asia		7	18		
Other (Group Funding) Asia		18	9		
Total Asia Region		31	39		
Cash earnings before significant items and distributions		1,704	1,944		

Refer to the Divisional Performance Summary on page 2 for a reconciliation of cash earnings before significant items and distributions to net profit.

21. RISK MANAGEMENT

Market risk

The management of market risk has been be discussed in detail in the Group's annual financial report 2004, at Risk Management and Note 45 Derivative Financial Instruments. Please refer to that report for detailed information regarding the management of risk.

Trading risk

The following table shows the Group's Value at Risk (VaR) for the Group's trading portfolios, including both physical and derivative positions. The figures reflect the potential losses across products and regions in which the Group operates.

	Average Half Ye	Minimum Half Yea		Maximum value Half Year to ⁽¹⁾		
Value at risk at 99% confidence	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 05	Sep 04	Mar 05	Sep 04
level	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Foreign exchange risk		2		1		10
Interest rate risk		10		7		14
Volatility risk		2		1		4
Commodities risk		1		0		1
Diversification benefit		(2)		n/a		n/a
Total		13		9		18

⁽¹⁾ Value at risk is measured individually according to foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, volatility risk and commodities risk. The individual risk categories do not sum up to the total risk number due to portfolio effect. Risk limits are applied in these categories separately, and against the total risk position.

VaR measures the adverse changes in the trading portfolio value brought about by daily changes in market rates at a 99% confidence level.

Balance sheet risk

a) Structural interest rate risk

The table below presents a summary of the aggregated structural earnings at risk relating to non-trading assets and liabilities. Based on the structural interest rate risk position at balance date, the table shows the possible impact on net income for the year ending September 30, 2005 of an immediate 1% parallel movement in interest rates across the whole yield curve.

	Forecast ef income	fect on net 2005 ⁽¹⁾	Forecast ef income	
	Rates 1% up	Rates 1% down	Rates 1% up	Rates 1% down
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Australian operations	50	(50)	(45)	45
Non-Australian operations	43	(44)	(45)	31

⁽¹⁾ Represents the forecast effect on net interest income for the year ending September 30, 2005.

b) Structural foreign exchange rate risk

Refer to the Group's annual financial report 2004 at Risk Management for a detailed discussion of the management of these risks.

Liquidity risk

Refer to the Group's annual financial report 2004 at Risk Management for a detailed discussion of the management of these risks.

Operational, credit & country risk

Refer to the Group's annual financial report 2004 at Risk Management for a detailed discussion of the management of these risks.

⁽²⁾ Represents the forecast effect on net interest income (as at September 30, 2003) for the year ended September 30, 2004.

Derivatives fair values

This table shows the fair value of all derivative instruments held or issued by the Group. It includes trading and other than trading contracts.

	As at Mar 05			As at Sep 04			
	Notional	Credit	Fair	Notional	Credit	Fair	
	principal	equivalent	value	principal	equivalent	value	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Foreign exchange rate-related							
contracts							
Spot and forward contracts				299,331	6,796	(509)	
Cross currency swaps				117,173	8,252	284	
Futures				156	-	-	
Options				348,056	2,711	(190)	
				764,716	17,759	(415)	
Interest rate-related contracts							
Forward rate agreements				117,048	37	(5)	
Swaps				706,667	10,846	110	
Futures				217,995	-	14	
Options				81,857	404	72	
				1,123,567	11,287	191	
Other contracts				18,398	1,713	24	
Total derivative financial instruments				1,906,681	30,759	(200)	
Deduct : Non consolidated controlled entities				3,519	78	43	
Total derivative financial instruments reported for capital adequacy				1,903,162	30,681	(243)	