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Changes and revisions to National s results format

The National wishes to advise changes to its Full Year Results announcement pack format and revisions to prior period numbers. Previously reported Group profit numbers have not changed.
A summary of revisions to prior period numbers are:
1) September 2003 and March 2004 non-accrual loan balances will be revised upward by \$254 million and \$263 million respectively. This amount relates to a single exposure within Corporate & Institutional Banking, which is adequately provided for. Previously accrued interest of \$38 million will be written-back during the September 2004 half year. The exposure had previously been classified as 90 days past due at 30 September 2003 and 31 March 2004.
2) The balance of loans reported as 90 days past due at 30 September 2003 and 31 March 2004 has been revised following the implementation of new processes. The revised balances are \$492 million at 30 September 2003 (previously \$360 million) and \$563 million at 31 March 2004 (previously \$434 million), after adjusting for the non-accrual exposure referred to above.
3) Risk-weighted assets at 30 September 2003 and 31 March 2004 have been revised upward by \$1,901 million to \$254,266 million and \$1,438 million to \$278,239 million respectively. The revision primarily relates to New Zealand and the reporting of unutilised limits in Corporate & Institutional Banking and to capture additional retail lending products. Certain categories of residential mortgages across risk-weightings were also reclassified.
4) Changes have been made to the classification of average interest-bearing liabilities between categories on the average balance sheet.
5) A change has been made to the classification of interest income/expense in relation to certificates of deposit, such that these amounts are now recorded on a net basis rather than gross.
The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the half year to March 2004 took account of the interest expense on the ExCaps after booking the tax benefit. Removing the tax benefit from the calculation increases the diluted cash earnings per share from 119.9 cents to 121.1 cents.
Further details on these revisions and additional disclosures are provided in the attached explanation and pro forma results template.

Changes from National Australia Bank s Half Year Results Announcement on 12 May 2004 to the Full Year Results Announcement on 10 November 2004
Page references refer to the Full Year Results Announcement Template (attached)
Additional Wealth Management-related disclosures
Management Discussion & Analysis Wealth Management (page 20)

Additional disclosures relating to the Wealth Management business will be provided as follows:

Reconciliation of movement in funds under management and administration

Reconciliation of movement in annual inforce premiums

Shareholders retained profits and capital from life business asset mix

Consolidation of Excess Capital and Group Funding results

Management Discussion & Analysis Other (incl. Group Funding & Corp. Centre) (page 29)

Previously within the Group s segment reporting the Other segment was broken out between Excess Capital, Group Funding and Corporate Centre within the Divisional Performance Analysis Management Discussion & Analysis section. Excess Capital has now been consolidated into Group Funding.

Additional net interest margin reconciliation

Note 2. Net Interest Margins & Spreads (page 37)

A reconciliation has been provided between the net interest margin for each of the operating divisions and the net interest margin for the Group has been included.							
Reclassification of interest in relation to certificates of deposit							

Note 2. Net Interest Income (page 35) and Note 4. Average Balance Sheet (page 39)

A change has been made to the classification of interest income/expense in relation to certificates of deposit, such that these amounts are now recorded on a net basis rather than gross. The amount of the misclassification in relation to the half year to March 2004 was \$109 million and the year to September 2003 was \$78 million.

There is no impact on / change to net profit, net interest income, net interest spread, net interest margin or average asset or average liability balances.

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Reclassification of average balance sheet categories

Note 4. Average Balance Sheet (page 39)

A change has been made to the classification of average interest-bearing liabilities between categories on the average balance sheet. This has been undertaken to improve the consistency between the classification of categories between the Summary of Financial Position (spot) and the Average Balance Sheet.

The gross up of trading derivatives (non-Australian) in the average balance sheet has been revised, resulting in a change in total average assets, but no change in interest-earning assets.

Restatement of non-accrual loans

Note 11. Asset Quality (page 54)

At 30 September 2001 through to 31 March 2004, a certain Australian exposure was classified as performing, (although from 30 September 2003 to 31 March 2004 this exposure was classified as past due 90 days). However, the classification of this exposure as non-accrual during this period is now considered more appropriate, and comparative information for these years has been restated to include the balance of this exposure (including accrued interest) of \$263 million at 31 March 2004 and \$254 million at 30 September 2003.

Restatement of past due 90 day loans

Note 11. Asset Quality (page 55)

90 day past due loans are well-secured loans that accrue interest, but are in arrears 90 days or more. These loans are not classified as impaired assets.

In addition to the above restatement of one large Australian exposure as non-accrual, the Group has revised its data collection procedures used to establish 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.

In summary, comparative information has been restated as follows:

90 days past due	31 Mar 2004 \$m	30 Sep 2003 \$m
Previously reported	434	360
Loan reclassified as non-accrual	(263)	(254)
Revised data	392	386
Restated comparative	563	492

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Revision to risk-weighted assets

Note 15. Capital Adequacy (page 61)

The revision primarily relates to New Zealand and the reporting of unutilised limits in Corporate & Institutional Banking and to capture additional retail lending products. Certain categories of residential mortgages across risk-weightings were also reclassified.

As a result risk-weighted assets as at 30 September 2003 and 31 March 2004 have been restated/increased by \$1,901 million and \$1,438 million respectively.

Additional disclosures re: the treatment of the Wealth Management business for capital adequacy purposes

Note 15. Capital Adequacy (page 63)

Under guidelines issued by APRA, life insurance and funds management activities are excluded from the calculation of risk-weighted assets, and the controlled entities are deconsolidated for the purposes of calculating capital adequacy. Profits from Wealth Management only benefit the Group s regulatory capital position to the extent they are remitted to the Group by way of dividend. The total deduction from the Group s capital position in respect of Wealth Management entities at 31 March 2004 of \$5,905 million, 30 September 2003 of \$5,697 million.

A reconciliation between the market value of NAFiM subsidiaries and Wealth Management capital deduction has been provided in the Results Announcement.

Treatment of interest expense relating to the exchangeable capital units (ExCaps)

Note 16. Cash earnings per share (page 64)

From 1 October 2003 the Group elected not to book the tax benefit on the interest expense relating to ExCaps following the receipt of an ATO assessment.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the half year to March 2004 took account of the interest expense on the ExCaps after booking the tax benefit. Removing the tax benefit from the calculation increases the diluted cash earnings per share from 119.9 cents to 121.1 cents.

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RESULTS TEMPLATE FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 2004

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SECTION 1

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

		Fav / (Unfav)						Fav / (Unfav)
		Half Year to		Change on Year				Change on
	Note	Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	Mar 04 %	Sep 04 \$m		Sep 03 \$m	Sep 03 %
Cash earnings (1)		фШ	фШ	70	фШ		фии	70
Retail Banking								
Financial Services Australia	1		999				1,871	
Financial Services Fugurana Financial Services Europe	1		308				897	
Financial Services New Zealand	1		158				311	
Retail Banking	•		1,465				3,079	
Corporate & Institutional Banking (2)	1		375				877	
Other (incl. Group Funding and	•		373				011	
Corporate Centre) (2)	1		(117)				(77)	
Total Banking	-		1,723				3,879	
Wealth Management operating profit			1,723				2,017	
(2) (3)	1		221				374	
Cash earnings before significant	-		221				511	
items and distributions			1,944				4,253	
Distributions			(94)				(183)	
Cash earnings before significant			(21)				(105)	
items			1,850				4,070	
Weighted av no. of ordinary shares			1,050				1,070	
(million)	16		1,505				1,516	
Cash earnings per share before	10		1,505				1,510	
significant items (cents)	16		122.9				268.5	
Diluted cash earnings per share	10		122.7				200.5	
before significant items (cents)	16		121.1				262.3	
Reconciliation to net profit	10		121.1				202.5	
Cash earnings before significant								
items			1,850				4,070	
Adjusted for:			1,050				1,070	
Significant items after tax	13		127					
Cash earnings after significant	15		127					
items			1,977				4,070	
Adjusted for:			1,777				4,070	
Net profit/(loss) attributable to outside								
equity interest			63				(8)	
Distributions			94				183	
Wealth Management revaluation			2 1				103	
profit/(loss)			148				(200)	
Goodwill amortisation			(53)				(98)	
Net profit			2,229				3,947	
Net (profit)/loss attributable to outside			2,229				3,771	
equity interest			(63)				8	
Net profit attributable to members			(03)				U	
of the Company			2,166				3,955	
Distributions			(94)				(183)	
Earnings attributable to ordinary			(34)				(103)	
shareholders			2,072				3,772	
Shar Cholact S			2,072				3,112	

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

- (2) Cash earnings after outside equity interest.
- (3) Refers to net profit generated through the Wealth Management operations. It excludes revaluation profit/(loss) after tax.

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GROUP PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Note	Half Y Sep 04 \$m	ear to Mar 04 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04	Sep 04 \$m	Year to Sep 03 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03 %
Banking (1)		фін	ъщ	%	фШ	фIII	70
Net interest income	2		3,519			7,302	
Other operating income (1) (2)	7		2,044			4,277	
Banking net operating income (1)	•		5,563			11,579	
Wealth Management			2,202			11,079	
Net interest income	2		66			117	
Net life insurance income (3)	6		455			444	
Other operating income (2)	7		412			733	
Net operating income	•		6,496			12,873	
Banking operating expenses (1)	8		(2,800)			(5,548)	
Wealth Management operating	, i		(2,000)			(0,0.0)	
expenses (4)	8		(436)			(806)	
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	10		(305)			(633)	
Cash earnings before tax			2,955			5,886	
Banking income tax expense (1)	12		(730)			(1,512)	
Wealth Management income tax			(,,,,,			(-,)	
benefit/(expense)	12		(218)			(129)	
Cash earnings before significant			(===)			(>)	
items, distributions and outside							
equity interest			2,007			4,245	
Wealth Management revaluation			_,			.,,_	
profit/(loss) after tax	1		148			(200)	
Goodwill amortisation			(53)			(98)	
Net profit before significant items			2,102			3,947	
Significant items after tax	13		127			- /-	
Net profit			2,229			3,947	
Net (profit)/loss attributable to outside							
equity interest							
Wealth Management			(58)			16	
Corporate & Institutional Banking			(5)			(9)	
Other						1	
Net profit attributable to members							
of the Company			2,166			3,955	
Distributions			(94)			(183)	
Earnings attributable to ordinary			,				
shareholders			2,072			3,772	

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

⁽²⁾ Other operating income excludes net interest income, net life insurance income and revaluation profit/(loss).

⁽³⁾ Net life insurance income is the profit before tax excluding net interest income of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group.

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

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Ha Sep 04 \$m	alf Year to Mar 04 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04 %	Sep 04 \$m	Year to	Sep 03 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03 %
Cash earnings							
Australia							
Retail Banking (1)		991				1,854	
Corporate & Institutional Banking		199)			390	
Wealth Management		190)			327	
Other		(181	.)			(146)	
Total Australia		1,199)			2,425	
Europe							
Retail Banking (1)		309)			899	
Corporate & Institutional Banking		82	2			253	
Wealth Management		14	ļ			26	
Other		(11	.)			(104)	
Total Europe		394	ļ			1,074	
New Zealand							
Retail Banking (1)		165	5			326	
Corporate & Institutional Banking		59)			142	
Wealth Management		4	5			2	
Other		(1)	.)			(11)	
Total New Zealand		218	3			459	
United States							
Corporate & Institutional Banking		17	1			48	
Other		77	1			165	
Total United States		94	ļ			213	
Asia							
Corporate & Institutional Banking		18	3			44	
Wealth Management		12	2			19	
Other		ģ)			19	
Total Asia		39)			82	
Cash earnings before significant							
items and distributions		1,944				4,253	

⁽¹⁾ Regional Retail Banking results differ from Financial Services Australia, Europe and New Zealand primarily due to the inclusion of the global fleet management business units within Financial Services Australia.

Refer to the Divisional Performance Summary on page 2 for a reconciliation of cash earnings before

significant items and distributions to net profit.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

			As at		Change or	1
	Note	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 04	Sep 03
		\$m	\$m	\$m	%	%
Assets						
Cash and other liquid assets			11,641	8,405		
Due from other financial						
institutions			20,200	29,234		
Due from customers on						
acceptances			14,988	19,562		
Trading securities			25,691	23,724		
Trading derivatives			24,352	23,644		
Available for sale securities			2,794	6,513		
Investment securities			7,099	8,647		
Investments relating to life ins.						
business			37,982	35,846		
Loans and advances			233,987	225,735		
Shares in entities and other						
securities			867	1,445		
Regulatory deposits			436	225		
Property, plant and equipment			2,483	2,498		
Income tax assets			1,248	1,203		
Goodwill			682	740		
Other assets			11,130	10,050		
Total assets			395,580	397,471		
Liabilities			373,300	377,171		
Due to other financial institutions			43,968	52,530		
Liability on acceptances			14,988	19,562		
Trading derivatives			21,046	21,479		
Deposits and other borrowings			210,624	201,194		
Life insurance policy liabilities			34,059	32,457		
Income tax liabilities			1,238	1,537		
Provisions			1,143	1,262		
Bonds, notes and subordinated			1,143	1,202		
debt			25,204	24,257		
Other debt issues			1,693	1,743		
Other liabilities				· ·		
			13,707	14,239		
Net assets			27,910	27,211		
Equity			(000	(070		
Ordinary shares			6,029	6,078		
Preference shares			1.045	730		
National Income Securities			1,945	1,945		
Trust Preferred Securities	1.7		975	975		
Contributed equity	15		8,949	9,728		
Reserves	15		784	893		
Retained profits	15		14,619	13,786		
Total equity parent entity						
interest			24,352	24,407		
Outside equity interest in						
controlled entities	15					
Wealth Management			3,385	2,614		
Corporate & Institutional Banking			173	190		
Total equity			27,910	27,211		

GROUP KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		Half Year to		Y	ear to
	Note	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Sep 03
Shareholder measures					
EVA® (\$ million) (1)			978		2,259
Earnings per share (cents)					
Cash earnings per ordinary share before significant items (2)	16		122.9		268.5
Diluted cash earnings per share before significant items (2)	16		121.1		262.3
Cash earnings per ordinary share after significant items (2)			131.4		268.5
Earnings per ordinary share before significant items			129.2		248.8
Earnings per ordinary share after significant items			137.7		248.8
Weighted average ordinary shares (no. million)	16		1,505		1,516
Weighted average diluted shares (no. million)	16		1,574		1,586
Dividends per share (cents)			83		163
Performance (after non-cash items) (3)					
Return on average equity before significant items			18.8%		18.3%
Return on average equity after significant items			20.0%		18.3%
Return on average assets before significant items			0.96%		0.96%
Net interest income					
Net interest spread	3		1.95%		2.18%
Net interest margin	3		2.40%		2.53%
Profitability (before significant items)					
Cash earnings per average FTE (\$ 000)			86		95
Banking cost to income ratio (4)			50.9%		48.4%

			As at	
		Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Capital				
Tier 1 ratio	15		7.43%	7.76%
Tier 2 ratio	15		2.92%	3.27%
Deductions	15		(1.05)%	(1.41)%
Total capital ratio	15		9.30%	9.62%
Adjusted common equity ratio	15		5.33%	4.92%
Assets (\$ bn)				
Gross loans and acceptances			253	249
Risk-weighted assets	15		278	254
Off-balance sheet assets (\$ bn)				
Funds under management and administration			77	73
Assets under custody and administration			397	311
Asset quality				
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	11		0.57%	0.65%
Net impaired assets to total equity (parent entity interest)	11		4.1%	5.0%
General provision to risk-weighted assets	11		0.64%	0.71%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	11		33.5%	28.3%
General and specific provisions to gross impaired assets	11		157.8%	138.0%
Other information				
Full-time equivalent employees (no.)	9		43,282	42,540

⁽¹⁾ Economic Value Added (EVA \circledR) 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) Includes non-cash items, ie. revaluation profits/(losses) after tax and goodwill amortisation.
- (4) Total Banking cost to income ratio is before eliminations (refer note 1). 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.

SECTION 2

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

GROUP PROFITABILITY & CAPITAL

Management Discussion & Analysis Capital & Performance Measures

CAPITAL & PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures

Economic Value Added (EVA®)

	Half Y	ear to	Fav/ (Unfav) Change on		Year to	Fav/ (Unfav) Change on
	Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	Mar 04 %	Sep 04 \$m	Sep 03 \$m	Sep 03 %
Cash earnings before significant items		1,850		4,070		
Tax rate variance (1)		41		(7))	
Imputation credits benefit (2)		360		727		
EVA® net operating profit after tax		2,251		4,790		
Average shareholders equity		27,055		24,111		
Add average cumulative goodwill amortisation		1,724		1,648		
Add/(deduct) average significant items		(64)				
Deduct average other equity instruments (3)		(6,422)		(3,532))	
Deduct average cumulative WM revaluation		(152)		(220))	
Average economic capital		22,141		22,007		
Capital charge		(1,273)		(2,531))	
EVA®		978		2,259		

⁽¹⁾ Difference between the EVA® tax rate of 30% and the effective tax rate.

⁽²⁾ Imputation credits are measured at 70% of Australian tax.

⁽³⁾ Other equity instruments are National Income Securities, Trust Preferred Securities, preference share capital and outside equity interest.

SECTION 3

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Management Discussion & Analysis Total Banking

TOTAL BANKING

Total Banking includes Retail Banking, Corporate & Institutional Banking and Other (including Group Funding and Corporate Centre). It excludes Wealth Management.

Performance Summary

		Year to		av / (Unfav) nge on Sep 03
Comparison to September 2003 year	Sep 04 \$m	Sep 03 \$m	%	Ex FX (1)
Net interest income	ΨΠ	7,302	,,,	
Other operating income (2)		4,394		
Total income		11,696		
Pension fund expense		(207)		
Other operating expenses (2)		(5,458)		
Underlying profit		6,031		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(632)		
Cash earnings before tax		5,399		
Income tax expense		(1,512)		
Cash earnings before significant items and outside				
equity interest		3,887		
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		(8)		
Cash earnings before significant items		3,879		

	Half	Year to		/ (Unfav) e on Mar 04
Comparison to March 2004 half	Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	%	Ex FX (1) %
Net interest income		3,519		
Other operating income (2)		2,110		
Total income		5,629		
Pension fund expense		(136)		
Other operating expenses (2)		(2,730)		
Underlying profit		2,763		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(305)		
Cash earnings before tax		2,458		
Income tax expense		(730)		
Cash earnings before significant items and outside				
equity interest		1,728		
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		(5)		
Cash earnings before significant items		1,723		

Key Performance Measures

	Half Y	Year to	Y	ear to
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Sep 03
Performance & profitability				
Cost to income ratio		50.9%		48.4%
(1) Change expressed at constant foreign	exchange rates.			

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

Management Discussion & Analysis Retail Banking

RETAIL BANKING

The regional Retail Banking Divisions include the business, agribusiness and consumer financial services retailers, as well as cards, payments and leasing units together with supporting Customer Service and Operations. These operate in Australia, Europe and New Zealand. They exclude Wealth Management, Corporate & Institutional Banking and Other (including Group Funding & Corporate Centre).

	Yea	ır to		/ (Unfav) ge on Sep 03
Comparison to September 2003 year	Sep 04	Sep 03	64	Ex FX (1)
	\$m	\$m	%	%
Net interest income		6,497		
Other operating income (2)		3,217		
Total income		9,714		
Pension fund expense		(176)		
Other operating expenses (2)		(4,538)		
Underlying profit		5,000		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(566)		
Cash earnings before tax		4,434		
Income tax expense		(1,355)		
Cash earnings before significant items		3,079		

			Fav A	/ (Unfav)
	Half '	Year to	Change	e on Mar 04
Comparison to March 2004 half	Sep 04	Mar 04		Ex FX (1)
	\$m	\$m	%	%
Net interest income		3,177		
Other operating income (2)		1,559		
Total income		4,736		
Pension fund expense		(119)		
Other operating expenses (2)		(2,276)		
Underlying profit		2,341		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(217)		
Cash earnings before tax		2,124		
Income tax expense		(659)		
Cash earnings before significant items		1,465		

⁽¹⁾ Change expressed at constant foreign exchange rates.

⁽²⁾ Retail Banking is the sum total of Financial Services Australia, Financial Services New Zealand and Financial Services Europe, before inter-divisional eliminations.

Management Discussion & Analysis Financial Services Australia

FINANCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Performance Summary

	Half Year Sep 04 \$m	r to Mar 04 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04	Sep 04 \$m		o 03 m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03
Net interest income		1,799				3,519	
Other operating income		989				1,950	
Total income		2,788				5,469	
Pension fund expense		(29)				(82)	
Other operating expenses		(1,225)				(2,420)	
Underlying profit		1,534				2,967	
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(105)				(298)		
Cash earnings before tax	1,429 2,				2,669		
Income tax expense		(430)				(798)	
Cash earnings before significant items (1)		999				1,871	

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1 for a reconciliation of Financial Services Australia s result to Group net profit.

Key Performance Measures

Performance & profitability		
Return on average assets (annualised)	1.33%	1.39%
Cost to income ratio	45.0%	45.7%
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised)		
(\$ 000)	115	104
Net interest income		
Net interest margin	2.91%	3.14%
Net interest spread	2.39%	2.68%
Average balance sheet (\$bn)		
Gross loans and acceptances	145.0	132.4
Interest-earning assets	122.5	111.2
Retail deposits	65.4	60.6

		As at	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Asset quality			
Gross non-accrual loans (\$m)		429	494

Gross loans and acceptances (\$bn)	148.8	140.5
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances	0.29%	0.35%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets	34.0%	27.6%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)	17,663	17,233

		As at	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Market share (1)			
Housing		14.6%	14.9%
Business (including Corporate & Institutional Banking)		19.0%	19.2%
Other Personal		15.7%	16.1%
Retail deposits (Personal & Business)		15.0%	14.7%

(1) Source: RBA

Management Discussion & Analysis Financial Services Europe

FINANCIAL SERVICES EUROPE

Performance Summary

Australian dollars	Half Y Sep 04 \$m	Tear to Mar 04 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04 %	Sep 04 \$m	Year to	Sep 03 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03
Net interest income		1,043				2,327	
Other operating income		410				938	
Total income		1,453				3,265	
Pension fund expense		(92)				(93)	1
Other operating expenses		(803)				(1,626)	
Underlying profit		558				1,546	
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(100)				(247)	
Cash earnings before tax		458				1,299	
Income tax expense		(150)				(402)	1
Cash earnings before significant items (1)		308				897	

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1 for a reconciliation of Financial Services Europe s result to Group net profit.

Pounds sterling	£m	£m	%	£m	£m	%
Net interest income		436			887	
Other operating income		172			357	
Total income		608			1,244	
Pension fund expense		(39)			(36)	
Other operating expenses		(335)			(621)	
Underlying profit		234			587	
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(42)			(94)	
Cash earnings before tax		192			493	
Income tax expense		(63)			(153)	
Cash earnings before significant items		129			340	

Key Performance Measures

			Fav / (Unfav)				Fav / (Unfav)
	Half Y	ear to	Change on		Year to		Change on
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Mar 04	Sep 04		Sep 03	Sep 03
	£m	£m	%	£m		£m	%
Performance & profitability							
Return on average assets (annualised)		0.97%	, o			1.36%	
Cost to income ratio		61.5%				52.8%	
Cost to income ratio (excl. pension fund							
expense)		55.1%	, o			49.9%	
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised)							
(£ 000)	22				29		
Net interest income							
Net interest margin		4.16%	'n			4.30%	
Net interest spread		3.69%	'n			3.82%	
Average balance sheet (£bn)							
Gross loans and acceptances		19.1				18.3	
Interest-earning assets		20.6				20.3	
Retail deposits		14.9				14.6	

		As at	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Asset quality			
Gross non-accrual loans (£m)		101	122
Gross loans and acceptances (£bn)		19.2	18.7
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and			
acceptances		0.53%	0.65%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets		43.7%	39.9%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)		11,661	11,411

Management Discussion & Analysis Financial Services New Zealand

FINANCIAL SERVICES NEW ZEALAND

Performance Summary

Australian dollars	Half Sep 04 \$m	Year to Mar 04 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04	Sep 04 \$m	Year to	Sep 03 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03
Net interest income	фШ	335	70	фи		651	70
Other operating income		160				329	
Total income		495				980	
Operating expenses		(246))			(493)	
Underlying profit		249				487	
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	(12)			(21)			
Cash earnings before tax		237				466	
Income tax expense	(79)			(155)			
Cash earnings before significant items (1)		158				311	

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1 for a reconciliation of Financial Services New Zealand s result to Group net profit.

New Zealand dollars	NZ\$m	NZ\$m	%	NZ\$m	NZ\$m	%
Net interest income		382			725	
Other operating income		182			367	
Total income		564			1,092	
Operating expenses		(280)			(549)	
Underlying profit		284			543	
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(14)			(23)	
Cash earnings before tax		270			520	
Income tax expense		(90)			(173)	
Cash earnings before significant items		180			347	

Key Performance Measures

Performance & profitability		
Return on average assets (annualised)	1.17%	1.25%
Cost to income ratio	49.6%	50.3%
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised)		
(NZ\$ 000)	85	81
Net interest income		
Net interest margin	2.56%	2.71%
Net interest spread	2.78%	3.00%

Average balance sheet (NZ\$bn)

Gross loans and acceptances	25.6	23.5
Interest-earning assets	29.6	26.6
Retail deposits	16.6	15.9

	~	As at	~
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Asset quality			
Gross non-accrual loans (NZ\$m)		39	30
Gross loans and acceptances (NZ\$bn)		26.2	24.6
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances		0.15%	0.12%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets		59.5%	34.5%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)		4,238	4,257
Market share			
Cards		30.2%	30.6%
Housing		15.6%	15.6%
Agribusiness		18.5%	18.8%
Retails deposits		19.0%	19.1%

(1) Source: RBNZ

Management Discussion & Analysis Corporate & Institutional Banking

CORPORATE & INSTITUTIONAL BANKING

Corporate & Institutional Banking (CIB) is responsible for managing the Group s relationships with large corporate clients and financial institutions worldwide. CIB operates through an international network of offices in Australia, Europe, New Zealand, North America and Asia.

CIB comprises Corporate Banking, Markets, Specialised Finance, Financial Institutions Group, Transactional Solutions and a Support Services unit. The business also incorporates Custodian Services, which provides custody and related services to institutions within the Australian, NZ and UK markets.

Performance Summary

	Year to			/ (Unfav) nange on
	Sep 04	Sep 03	Sep 03	Sep 03 Ex FX(1)
	\$m	\$m	%	%
Net interest income		848		
Other operating income		1,102		
Total income		1,950		
Operating expenses		(755)		
Underlying profit		1,195		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(70)		
Cash earnings before tax		1,125		
Income tax expense		(239)		
Cash earnings before significant items (2)		886		
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		(9)		
Cash earnings before significant items and after				
outside equity interest		877		

	Half	Year to		Fav / (Unfav) Change on
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Mar 04	Mar 04 Ex FX(1)
	\$m	\$m	%	%
Net interest income		371		
Other operating income		596		
Total income		967		
Operating expenses		(400)		
Underlying profit		567		
Charge to provide for doubtful debts		(88)		
Cash earnings before tax		479		
Income tax expense		(99)		
Cash earnings before significant items (2)		380		
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		(5)		

Cash earnings	before significant items and a	fter
outside equity	interest	

375

- (1) Change expressed at constant exchange rates.
- (2) Refer to Note 1 for a reconciliation of Corporate & Institutional Banking s result to Group net profit.

	Half Y	Year to		Year to
Key Performance Measures	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 04	Sep 03
Performance & profitability				
Cost to income ratio		41.4%		38.7%
Cash earnings per average FTE (annualised) (\$ 000) (3)		279		344
Net interest income				
Net interest margin		0.56%		0.62%
Average balance sheet (\$bn)				
Core lending		37.6		39.4
Gross loans and acceptances		42.8		45.1
Interest-earning assets		130.8		135.9

⁽³⁾ Cash earnings before significant items and after outside equity interest.

		As at	
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Asset quality			
Gross non-accrual loans (\$m)		719	793
Gross loans and acceptances (\$bn)		43.0	44.5
Gross non-accrual loans to gross loans and acceptances		1.67%	1.78%
Specific provision to gross impaired assets		28.4%	24.6%
Full-time equivalent employees (FTE)		2,720	2,624

Management Discussion & Analysis Wealth Management

WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Wealth Management operates a diverse portfolio of financial services businesses. It provides financial planning, insurance, private banking, superannuation and investment solutions to both retail and corporate customers and portfolio implementation systems and infrastructure services to financial advisers. The businesses operate across four regions, Australia, Europe (Great Britain & Ireland), New Zealand and Asia.

Operating Profit

			Fav / (Unfav)				Fav / (Unfav)
	Half Y	ear to	Change on		Year to		Change on
	Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	Mar 04 %	Sep 04 \$m		Sep 03 \$m	Sep 03 %
Investments (1)		77				142	
Insurance (2)		121				204	
Private Bank		32				56	
Other (including regulatory programs) (3)		(37))			(58)	
Strategic investment expenditure		(16))			(28)	
Profit from operations (after tax)		177				316	
Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits							
and capital from life businesses		44				58	
Operating profit after tax and outside equity							
interest		221				374	
Revaluation profit/(loss) after tax		148				(200)	
Net profit before significant items and after							
outside equity interest		369				174	

⁽¹⁾ Investments include funds management, funds administration and asset management. Investments exclude prior year adjustments.

⁽²⁾ Insurance includes retail insurance (retail risk insurance encompassing term, trauma and disability insurance, life insurance and general insurance agency) and group insurance.

⁽³⁾ Other includes Advice Solutions and other businesses and shareholders branches of the life companies. The costs of NAFiM investor compensation and enforceable undertakings are included in this line.

Key Performance Measures

	Half Yea	r to	Fav / (Unfav) Change on		Year to		Fav / (Unfav) Change on
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Mar 04	Sep 04		Sep 03	Sep 03
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m		\$m	%
Investment sales		7,104				12,189	
Insurance sales		98				243	
Debt sales		661				1,200	

		As at		Increase/ (Decrease) on		
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 04 %	Sep 03	
Full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)						
(No.)		6,068	6,174			
Bank channels:						
- Australia		477	456			
- Europe		171	187			
Total Bank channels		648	643			
Aligned channels:						
- Australia		909	947			
- Europe		55	64			
- Asia		1,541	1,561			
Total Aligned channels		2,505	2,572			
Financial advisers (No.) (1)		3,153	3,215			

Management Discussion & Analysis Wealth Management

Investments

	Fav / (Unfav Half Year to Change				Year to		Fav / (Unfav) Change on
	Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	Mar 04 %	Sep 04 \$m		Sep 03 \$m	Sep 03 %
Total funds under management and	,	,				7	
administration (\$bn)							
Spot		76.7				73.1	
Average		74.3				68.3	

		As at	
	Jun 04	Mar 04	Sep 03
Market share Australia% (1)			
Total Master Funds (2)		15.9	16.3
Annual Master Funds inflows		10.9	11.7
Annual Master Funds outflows		12.8	13.9
Retail funds management (ex cash mgmt)(2)		12.2	12.3
Annual Retail inflows (ex cash mgmt)		8.8	9.3
Annual Retail outflows (ex cash mgmt)		9.6	10.1
Corporate Master Funds (2)		12.6	14.5
Net annual Corporate Master Funds flows		18.4	5.3

⁽¹⁾ Source: Plan for Life Australian Retail & Wholesale Investments Market Share & Dynamics Reports as at June 2004, March 2004 and September 2003. Plan for Life is now used to report Investments market share (previously ASSIRT) due to the additional reporting provided by Plan for Life on business drivers such as gross inflows and outflows.

⁽²⁾ Plum funds under administration included in market share reporting for the first time at June 2004. Corporate Master Funds are a subset of Total Master Funds and Retail Funds Management.

Year ended 30 September 2004

Funds Under Management and	Opening Balance			Investment		Closing Balance
Administration	Sep 03 \$m	Inflows \$m	Outflows \$m	Earnings \$m	Other (1) \$m	Sep 04 \$m
Platforms	36,992					
Wholesale	16,538					
Other Retail and Trustee	12,695					
Australia	66,225					
International	6,868					
Total	73,093					

Year ended 30 September 2003

Funds Under Management and Administration	Opening Balance Sep 02 \$m	Inflows \$m	Outflows \$m	Investment Earnings \$m	Other \$m	Closing Balance 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 and Trustee	13,358	493	(1,684)	466	62	12,695
Australia	58,982	10,607	(9,133)	4,479	1,290	66,225
International	6,590	1,559	(1,233)	222	(270)	6,868
Total	65,572	12,166	(10,366)	4,701	1,020	73,093

⁽¹⁾ Other includes trust distributions and flows due to the sale/purchase of businesses and product closures.

Management Discussion & Analysis Wealth Management

Insurance

		As at		Fav / (Unfav) Change on		
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Sep 03	Mar 04 %	Sep 03 %	
Annual InForce Premiums (\$m) (1)						
Retail risk insurance		469.3	445.2			
Group insurance		108.2	109.1			
Market share Australia (%) (2)						
Retail risk insurance		15.0	14.7			
New retail risk annual premiums		15.4	16.5			

⁽¹⁾ Annualised inforce premiums for Australia and New Zealand only. Inforce premiums for Asia are not shown in this table as they are Traditional in nature

(2) Source: DEXX&R Life Analysis Reports as at March 2004, December 2003 and June 2003. Retail risk insurance includes term, trauma and disability insurance.

		Year ended 30 September 2004							
Australia and New Zealand Annual Inforce Premiums (1)	Opening Balance Sep 03 \$m	Sales/New Business \$m	Lapses & other movements \$m	Closing Balance Sep 04 \$m					
Retail risk	445.2								
Group risk	109.1								
Total	554.3								
Australia	526.0								
New Zealand	28.3								
Total	554.3								

		Year ended 30 S	September 2003	
Australia and New Zealand Annual Inforce Premiums (1)	Opening Balance Sep 02 \$m	Sales/New Business \$m	Lapses & other movements \$m	Closing Balance Sep 03 \$m
Retail risk	389.1	87.6	(31.5)	445.2
Group risk	103.2	36.2	(30.3)	109.1
Total	492.3	123.8	(61.8)	554.3
Australia	465.5	121.8	(61.3)	526.0
New Zealand	26.8	2.0	(0.5)	28.3
Total	492.3	123.8	(61.8)	554.3

⁽¹⁾ Inforce premiums for Asia are not shown in this table as they are Traditional in nature.

Investment earnings on shareholders retained profits and capital from life businesses

Asset mix - shareholder retained profits and capital from life business	As at Sep 04 %	As at Mar 04 %	As at Sep 03 %
Equity		24.4	29.0
Fixed interest		22.8	24.0
Cash and others		56.6	51.8
Subordinated debt		(3.8)	(4.8)
Total		100.0	100.0

The asset mix is consistent with the investment profile of policyholder assets and regional regulatory requirements.

			Fav /				Fav /
Investment earnings on shareholders			(Unfav)				(Unfav)
retained profits and capital from life	Half Y	ear to	Change on		Year to		Change on
business	Sep 04	Mar 04	Mar 04	Sep 04		Sep 03	Sep 03
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m		\$m	%
Investments		28				31	
Insurance		16				27	
Total		44				58	

Valuation and revaluation profit

NAFiM subsidiaries Market value summary (\$m)	Net assets	Value of inforce business	Embedd -ed value	Value of future new business	Market value
Market value at 30 September 2003	1,572	2,463	4,035	2,598	6,633
Operating profits after tax of NAFiM subsidiaries (1) Capital and other movements					
Increase in shareholders net assets					
Revaluation profit /(loss) components before tax:					
Business assumptions & roll forward					
Roll forward of DCF (1)					
Change in assumptions & experience					
Tax consolidations transfer of franking					
credits to National Group					
Revaluation profit/(loss) before tax					
Foreign exchange excess movements					
Market value at 30 September 2004					

Revaluation Profit

The components comprising the revaluation profit are summarised below:

	\$m
Roll forward of DCF	
Change in assumptions and experience	
Revaluation profit/(loss) (pre tax consolidations) before tax	
Tax consolidations - transfer of tax credits to the National Group	
Revaluation profit/(loss) before tax	
Income tax benefit on revaluation loss	
Income tax benefit arising from election into tax consolidations	
Revaluation profit after tax	

Revaluation profit/(loss) after tax - excluding the impact of tax consolidations

NAFiM subsidiaries Market value summary (\$m)	Net assets	Value of inforce business	Embedd -ed value	Value of future new business	At 30 Sep 04 Market value	At 30 Sep 03 Market value
By region						
Australia						5,775
Europe						504
New Zealand						77
Asia						277
Market value at 30 September 2004						6,633
By business segment						
Investments						3,707
Insurance						2,785
Other						141
Market value at 30 September 2004						6,633

		September 2004			September 2003	
Assumptions applied in the determination of market value	New business multiplier	Risk discount rate (%)	Franking credit assumptn (%)	New business multiplier	Risk discount rate (%)	Franking credit assumptn (%)
Insurance				9.1	11.0	70
Investments				9.1	11.0 - 12.0	70
New Zealand				6.8	11.25 - 12.50	70
Hong Kong				9.0	12.5	

Management Discussion & Analysis Other (including Group Funding & Corporate Centre)

OTHER (GROUP FUNDING & CORPORATE CENTRE)

Performance Summary

By Division	Half Year to Sep 04 \$m	Mar 04 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04 \$m	Sep 04 \$m	Year to Sep 03 \$m	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03 \$m
Group Funding (1)		(49)		·	(12	
Corporate Centre		(68)	1		(65	5)
Other (2)		(117)			(77)	<i>'</i>)

⁽¹⁾ Excess capital has been included within the Group Funding result and comparatives have been reclassified.

⁽²⁾ Refer to Note 1 for a reconciliation of Other (including Group Funding & Corporate Centre) to Group net profit.

SECTION 4

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

DETAILED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following section does not purport to be a set of financial statements. For the Group s financial statements refer to the Appendix 4E filed with the ASX.

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Detailed Financial Information - Note 1: Performance Summary by Division

1. PERFORMANCE SUMMARY BY DIVISION

Year to 30 September 2004	Note	FSA \$m	FSE \$m	FSNZ \$m	CIB \$m	Other(1) \$m	Total Banking \$m	WM \$m	Elimina- tions(2) \$m	Total Group \$m
Net interest income	2									
Net life insurance income (3)	6									
Other operating income (4)	7									
Net operating income										
Operating expenses (5)	8									
Underlying profit										
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	10									
Cash earnings before tax										
Income tax expense - net life										
insurance income	6									
Income tax (expense)/benefit - other	12									
Cash earnings before significant										
items, distributions and outside										
equity interest										
Wealth Management revaluation										
profit after tax										
Goodwill amortisation										
Net profit/(loss) before significant										
items										
Significant items after tax	13									
Net profit										
Net profit attributable to outside										
equity interest										
Net profit/(loss) attributable to										
members of the Company										
Distributions										
Earnings attributable to ordinary										
shareholders										

⁽¹⁾ Other includes Group Funding, Corporate Centre and elimination entries within Total Banking.

- (3) Net life insurance income is the profit before tax excluding net interest income of the life insurance and investments businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group.
- (4) Other operating income excludes the net interest income and net life insurance income and revaluation profit/(loss).
- (5) Operating expenses excludes the life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income (Wealth Management only). It includes pension expenses.

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

Year to							Total		Elimina-	Total
30 September 2003	Note	FSA \$m	FSE \$m	FSNZ \$m	CIB \$m	Other(1) \$m	Banking \$m	WM \$m	tions(2) \$m	Group \$m
Net interest income	2	3,519	2,327	651	848	(43)	7,302	117		7,419
Net life insurance income (3)	6							444		444
Other operating income (4)	7	1,950	938	329	1,102	75	4,394	733	(117)	5,010
Net operating income		5,469	3,265	980	1,950	32	11,696	1,294	(117)	12,873
Operating expenses (5)	8	(2,502)	(1,719)	(493)	(755)	(196)	(5,665)	(806)	117	(6,354)
Underlying profit		2,967	1,546	487	1,195	(164)	6,031	488		6,519
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	10	(298)	(247)	(21)	(70)	4	(632)	(1)		(633)
Cash earnings before tax		2,669	1,299	466	1,125	(160)	5,399	487		5,886
Income tax expense - net life										
insurance income	6							(126)		(126)
Income tax (expense)/benefit - other	12	(798)	(402)	(155)	(239)	82	(1,512)	(3)		(1,515)
Cash earnings before significant										
items, distributions and outside										
equity interest		1,871	897	311	886	(78)	3,887	358		4,245
Wealth Management revaluation loss										
after tax								(200)		(200)
Goodwill amortisation		(3)	(62)	(1)		(32)	(98)			(98)
Net profit/(loss) before significant										
items		1,868	835	310	886	(110)	3,789	158		3,947
Significant items after tax	13									
Net profit/(loss)		1,868	835	310	886	(110)	3,789	158		3,947
Net (profit)/loss attributable to										
outside equity interest					(9)	1	(8)	16		8
Net profit/(loss) attributable to										
members of the Company		1,868	835	310	877	(109)	3,781	174		3,955
Distributions										(183)
Earnings attributable to ordinary										
shareholders										3,772

⁽¹⁾ Other includes Group Funding, Corporate Centre and 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 excluding net interest income of the life insurance and investments businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group.

⁽⁴⁾ Other operating income excludes the net interest income and net life insurance income and revaluation profit/(loss).

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

Half Year to 30 September 2004	Note	FSA \$m	FSE \$m	FSNZ \$m	CIB	Other(1) \$m	Total Banking	WM \$m	Elimina- tions(2) \$m	Total Group
Net interest income	2	βШ	ЭШ	ЭШ	\$m	ЭШ	\$m	ЭШ	ֆIII	\$m
Net life insurance income (3)	6									
Other operating income (4)	7									
Net operating income	,									
Operating expenses (5)	8									
Underlying profit	Ū									
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	10									
Cash earnings before tax	10									
Income tax expense - net life										
insurance income	6									
Income tax (expense)/benefit - other	12									
Cash earnings before significant										
items, distributions and outside										
equity interest										
Wealth Management revaluation loss										
after tax										
Goodwill amortisation										
Net profit/(loss) before significant										
items										
Significant items after tax	13									
Net profit/(loss)										
Net profit attributable to outside										
equity interest										
Net profit/(loss) attributable to										
members of the Company										
Distributions										
Earnings attributable to ordinary										
shareholders										

⁽¹⁾ Other includes Group Funding, Corporate Centre and 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 excluding net interest income of the life insurance and investments businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group.
- (4) Other operating income excludes the net interest income and net life insurance income and revaluation profit/(loss).
- (5) Operating expenses excludes the life insurance expenses incorporated within net life insurance income (Wealth Management only). It includes pension expenses.

Half Year to 31 March 2004	Note	FSA	FSE	FSNZ	CIB	Other(1)	Total Banking	WM	Elimina- tions(2)	Total Group
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Net interest income	2	1,799	1,043	335	371	(29)	3,519	66		3,585
Net life insurance income (3)	6							455		455
Other operating income (4)	7	989	410	160	596	(45)	2,110	412	(66)	2,456
Net operating income		2,788	1,453	495	967	(74)	5,629	933	(66)	6,496
Operating expenses (5)	8	(1,254)	(895)	(246)	(400)	(71)	(2,866)	(436)	66	(3,236)
Underlying profit		1,534	558	249	567	(145)	2,763	497		3,260
Charge to provide for doubtful debts	10	(105)	(100)	(12)	(88)		(305)			(305)
Cash earnings before tax		1,429	458	237	479	(145)	2,458	497		2,955
Income tax expense - net life										
insurance income	6							(213)		(213)
Income tax (expense)/benefit - other	12	(430)	(150)	(79)	(99)	28	(730)	(5)		(735)
Cash earnings before significant										
items, distributions and outside										
equity interest		999	308	158	380	(117)	1,728	279		2,007
Wealth Management revaluation										
profit after tax								148		148
Goodwill amortisation		(6)	(31)	(1)		(15)	(53)			(53)
Net profit/(loss) before significant										
items		993	277	157	380	(132)	1,675	427		2,102
Significant items after tax	13				(252)	379	127			127
Net profit		993	277	157	128	247	1,802	427		2,229
Net profit attributable to outside										
equity interest					(5)		(5)	(58)		(63)
Net profit attributable to members										
of the Company		993	277	157	123	247	1,797	369		2,166
Distributions										(94)
Earnings attributable to ordinary										
shareholders										2,072

⁽¹⁾ Other includes Group Funding, Corporate Centre and 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 excluding net interest income of the life insurance and investments businesses of the statutory funds of the life insurance companies of the Group.

⁽⁴⁾ Other operating income excludes the net interest income and net life insurance income and revaluation profit/(loss).

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

Detailed Financial Information - Note 2: Net Interest Income

2. NET INTEREST INCOME

	Note	Half Y Sep 04	Mar 04	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04	Sep 04	Year to	Sep 03	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03
Group		\$m	\$m	%	\$m		\$m	%
Interest income								
Loans to customers			7,589				14,425	
Other			1,485				2,597	
Total interest income	7		9,074				17,022	
Interest expense	,		2,074				17,022	
Deposits and other borrowings			(4,237)				(6,809)	
Other			(1,252)				(2,794)	
Total interest expense	8		(5,489)				(9,603)	
Net interest income	Ū		3,585				7,419	
By Division								
Financial Services Australia			1,799				3,519	
Financial Services Europe			1,043				2,327	
Financial Services New Zealand			335				651	
Retail Banking			3,177				6,497	
Corporate & Institutional Banking			371				848	
Other (incl. Group Funding & Corporate								
Centre)			(29)				(43)	
Total Banking			3,519				7,302	
Wealth Management			66				117	
Net interest income			3,585				7,419	
		35						

Detailed Financial Information - Note 3: Net Interest Margins & Spreads

3. NET INTEREST MARGINS & SPREADS

	Half Y Sep 04 %	ear to Mar 04 %	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Mar 04 basis pts	Sep 04 %	Year to	Sep 03 %	Fav / (Unfav) Change on Sep 03 basis pts
<u>Group</u>							
Gross interest spread (1)		1.98				2.21	
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.03)				(0.03)	
Net interest spread (2)		1.95				2.18	
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions							
and equity		0.45				0.35	
Net interest margin (3)		2.40				2.53	
By Region							
Australia (4)							
Gross interest spread (1)		2.01				2.37	
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.02)				(0.04)	
Net interest spread (2)		1.99				2.33	
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions							
and equity		0.31				0.18	
Net interest margin (3)		2.30				2.51	
Europe (4)							
Gross interest spread (1)		1.94				2.07	
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.02)				(0.02)	
Net interest spread (2)		1.92				2.05	
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions		1.92				2.03	
and equity		0.61				0.50	
Net interest margin (3)		2.53				2.55	
Net interest margin (3)		2.33				2.33	
Other International (4)							
Gross interest spread (1)		1.68				1.55	
Interest forgone on impaired assets		(0.02)				(0.02)	
Net interest spread (2)		1.66				1.53	
Benefit of net free liabilities, provisions							
and equity		0.06				0.23	
Net interest margin (3)		1.72				1.76	

⁽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)						
	Year t	to Sep 04	Year to	Sep 03	Varia	ance	Year t	to Sep 04	Year to	Sep 03	Varia	ance
Reconciliation of divisional												
margins to Group margin	\$bn	Mix%	\$bn	Mix%	\$bn	%	\$m	Mix%	\$m	Mix%	\$m	%
Financial Services Australia			112.1	38					3,519	48		
Financial Services Europe			54.2	19					2,327	31		
Financial Services New Zealand			24.0	8					651	9		
Retail Banking			190.3	65					6,497	88		
Wealth Management			7.0	2					117	2		
Corporate & Institutional												
Banking			136.4	46					848	11		
Other			10.3	4					(43)	(1)		
Inter-divisional eliminations			(50.7)	(17)								
Group			293.3	100					7,419	100		

	Net interest margin		Contribution to Group margin (2)				
Reconciliation of divisional							
margins to Group margin (cont d) Sep 04	Sep 03	Variance	Sep 04	Sep 03	Variance		
Financial Services Australia	3.14%			1.20%			
Financial Services Europe	4.30%			0.79%			
Financial Services New							
Zealand	2.71%			0.22%			
Retail Banking	3.42%			2.21%			
Wealth Management	1.65%			0.04%			
Corporate & Institutional							
Banking	0.62%			0.29%			
Other	(0.42)%			(0.01)%			
Inter-divisional eliminations							
Group				2.53%			

⁽¹⁾ Interest-earning assets include intercompany balances.

⁽²⁾ Divisional net interest margin multiplied by % share of Group average interest-earning assets.

	Half	Year to	Fav / (Unfav) Change on		Year to		Fav / (Unfav) Change on
	Sep 04	Mar 04	Mar 04	Sep 04		Sep 03	Sep 03
By Division	%	%	Basis pts	%		%	Basis pts
Net interest margin							
Financial Services Australia		2.91				3.14	
Financial Services Europe		4.16				4.30	
Financial Services New Zealand		2.56				2.71	
Corporate & Institutional							
Banking		0.56				0.62	
Net interest spread							
Financial Services Australia		2.39				2.68	
Financial Services Europe		3.69				3.82	
Financial Services New Zealand		2.78				3.00	

Detailed Financial Information - Note 4: Average Balance Sheet & Related Interest

4. 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

	Year ended Sep 04				Year ended Sep 03	
	Average balance	Interest	Average	Average balance	Interest	Average
	\$m	sm	rate %	\$m	sm	rate %
Interest-earning assets	,	,		,	,	
Due from other financial						
institutions						
Australia				8,022	349	4.35
Europe				19,944	668	3.35
Other International				3,264	76	2.33
Regulatory deposits						
Europe				140	2	1.43
Other International				71		
Marketable debt securities (1)						
Australia				16,433	803	4.89
Europe				9,622	394	4.09
Other International				8,444	254	3.01
Loans and advances (2)						
Australia				125,641	8,528	6.79
Europe				61,826	3,636	5.88
Other International				35,038	2,261	6.45
Other interest-earning assets (3)						
Australia				1,129	(102)	n/a
Europe				2,126	109	n/a
Other International				1,618	44	n/a
Intragroup loans (4)						
Europe				8,719	374	4.29
Other International				9,357	248	2.65
Average interest-earning assets						
and interest income incl.						
intragroup loans by:						
Australia				151,225	9,578	