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PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUATION SCHEME (ABN 74172177893)

### INDEPENDENT REPORT BY THE APPROVED AUDITOR TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND DEREGULATION AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHEME

#### (A) Financial Statements

##### Scope

I have audited the financial statements of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme for the year ended 30 June 2009 comprising the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and its controlled entities which comprises the Statement of Net Assets as at 30 June 2009, the Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the year ended 30 June 2009, a Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory notes.

##### Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The superannuation entity's trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the form agreed with the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the requirements of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (SIS Act) and the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994* (SIS Regulations). The trustee's responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

##### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian National Audit Office Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the trustee's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the trustee's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the trustees, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

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### *Independence*

In conducting the audit, I have followed the independence requirements of the Australian National Audit Office, which incorporate the requirements of the Australian accounting profession. The Auditor-General is mandated to perform the audit of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme, pursuant to the *Superannuation Act 1990*. I am the delegate of the Auditor-General responsible for the conduct of this audit and I am a member of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme. I have no involvement in any investment or any other decision made by the trustee of Public Sector Superannuation Scheme. A number of safeguards are in place in respect of my independence, including a quality review by an appropriately skilled auditor who is not a member of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme.

### Audit Opinion

In my opinion:

- (i) The financial statements are in the form as agreed by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation in accordance with sub-section 28(1)(b) of the *Superannuation Act 1990*; and
- (ii) The financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), the net assets of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and its controlled entities as at 30 June 2009 and the changes in net assets for the year ended 30 June 2009.

### **(B) Compliance**

#### *Trustees' Responsibility for Compliance*

The superannuation entity's trustees' are responsible for complying with the requirements of the SIS Act, SIS Regulations, the Reporting Standards made under Section 13 of the *Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001* (FSCODA Reporting Standards), the *Corporations Act 2001* (Corporations Act) and *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Corporations Regulations).

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the trustee's compliance with the requirements of the SIS Act, SIS Regulations, FSCODA Reporting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations based on the audit. My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian National Audit Office Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the trustees of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme has in all material respects:

- (a) complied with the relevant requirements of the following provisions (to the extent applicable) of the SIS Act and SIS Regulations:
 

Sections 19(2), 19(3), 35A, 35C, 36, 65, 66, 67, 69 to 85, 86 to 93A, 95, 97, 98, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 117, 118, 122, 124, 125, 126k, 152, 154;

Regulations 2.33(2), 3.10, 4.08(3), 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 7.05, 9.09, 9.14, 9.29, 9.30, 13.14, 13.17, 13.17A;
- (b) complied with the FSCODA Reporting Standards that are subject to audit (to the extent applicable);
- (c) complied with the relevant requirements of the following provisions (to the extent applicable) of the Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations:
 

Sections 1012B, 1012F, 1012H(2), 1012I, 1013B, 1013D, 1013K(1), 1013K(2), 1016A(2), 1016A(3), 1017B(1), 1017B(5), 1017C(2), 1017C(3), 1017C(5), 1017C(8), 1017D(1), 1017D(3), 1017D(3A), 1017DA(3), 1017E(2), 1017E(3), 1017E(4), 1020E(8) and 1020E(9);

Regulation 7.9.32(3);
- (d) complied with the requirement to prepare and lodge the respective forms comprising the APRA Annual Return; and

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- (e) complied with the requirements of Section 155(2) of the SIS Act in that the trustee has appropriate processes in place to identify and resolve s.155 cases, and has adhered to those processes in determining issue and redemption prices.

for the year ended 30 June 2009.

My procedures with respect to SIS Regulation 6.17 included testing whether amounts identified by the trustee as preserved and restricted non-preserved have been cashed or transferred only in accordance with the requirements of Part 6 of the SIS Regulations. These procedures did not include testing of the calculation of the preserved and restricted non-preserved amounts beyond a broad assessment of the apparent reasonableness of the calculations.

My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with those requirements of the SIS Act, SIS Regulations, FSCODA Reporting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations.

These tests have not been performed continuously throughout the period, were not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance, and have not covered any other provisions of the SIS Act and SIS Regulations, FSCODA Reporting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations apart from those specified. The superannuation entity's trustees are responsible for complying with the SIS Act and SIS Regulations, FSCODA Reporting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### Qualification

I have noted the following breach in relation to equal representation requirements:

Section 89 (3) of the *Superannuation Industry Supervision Act 1993* requires a vacancy of an employer representative trustee position to be filled within 90 days. This requirement has been breached as the term of an employer representative expired on 18 September 2008. This position was not filled until 19 March 2009, which was outside the required timeframe.

### Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, except for the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the trustees of Public Sector Superannuation Scheme have complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the SIS Act and SIS Regulations, FSCODA Reporting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations for the year ended 30 June 2009.

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15 September 2009