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# PSS and CSS Long Term Cost Report 2020

A Report on the Long Term Cost of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

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## 1 Executive Summary

We are pleased to present this report on the actuarial investigation of the long term costs of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS) and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS), prepared at the request of the Department of Finance. This report has been carried out based on membership data as at 30 June 2020.

### **Previous Long Term Cost Report**

The previous actuarial investigation into the long term costs of the PSS and CSS was undertaken as at 30 June 2017 by Richard Boyfield, FIAA and Guy Holley, FIAA on behalf of Mercer Consulting (Australia) Pty Limited. The outcomes of that investigation are outlined in our report entitled *PSS and CSS Long Term Cost Report 2017*, dated 25 June 2018 (2017 LTCR).

## **Purpose of the Report**

This report estimates the long term cost of providing superannuation benefits to members of the PSS and CSS and monitors progress of the unfunded defined benefit liability. The costs of the Schemes have been estimated in three ways:

- unfunded liability as at 30 June 2020;
- projected net annual outlays; and
- the notional employer contribution rates.

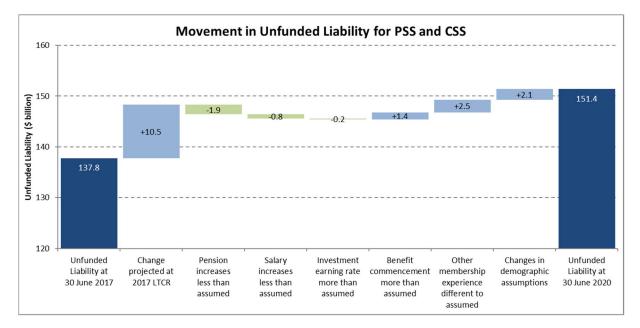
### **Unfunded Liability**

The unfunded liability represents an estimate of the present value of the superannuation entitlements in respect of service already rendered, less the value of assets held by the Schemes. The unfunded liability relates to all employers in the Schemes, including entities which are no longer part of the Australian Government (i.e. long serving employees of the Australian National University and the ACT and NT Governments).

The total unfunded liability of the PSS and CSS at 30 June 2020 was \$151.4 billion. This compares with the unfunded liability calculated as at 30 June 2017 of \$137.8 billion.

The unfunded liability was expected to increase during the investigation period as further benefit accruals and notional interest on accrued liabilities were expected to more than outweigh the reduction in liabilities as a result of benefit payments during the period.

The 2017 LTCR projected that the unfunded liability would be \$148.3 billion as at 30 June 2020, \$3.1 billion less than the current estimate. The factors contributing to the change in the unfunded liability are quantified in the following chart:



Further details on the changes in demographic assumptions are provided in Section 4 and on the overall movement in the unfunded liability in Section 5.

## **Projected Outlays**

The annual projected outlays represent the future annual cash cost of PSS and CSS benefit payments to current and past employees and their dependants.

Projected outlays are calculated as:

- productivity superannuation contributions paid by employers to the PSS and CSS; plus
- benefit payments made from the Australian Government's Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF); less
- transfers of Scheme assets in respect of an individual member to the CRF at the time that benefits first become payable.

Note that no allowance has been made in this report for the reimbursement of the CRF for benefit payments made in respect of service with an employer which is no longer part of the Australian Government. The Australian Government has arrangements in place to be reimbursed directly by those employers.

The projected outlays are expected to reduce as a percentage of projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 0.29% in the year ending 30 June 2021 to 0.06% in the year ending 30 June 2060.

Further detail regarding the projected outlays is contained in Section 6.

## **Notional Employer Contribution Rates**

The notional employer contribution rates (NECR) represent the estimated contribution rates as a percentage of salary that would be required to finance the benefits accruing to contributors over the next three years (from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023). That is, if the Schemes were fully funded at the valuation date and contributions were made to the Schemes at the NECRs, the Schemes would be expected to remain fully funded at the end of the period.

The NECR is determined using long term assumptions as the rates are notional in nature. Only the productivity contribution component of the NECR is actually paid by the employers to the PSS and CSS to be invested as Scheme assets by the trustee.

The NECRs (including allowance for contributions towards the productivity superannuation benefit) are:

NECR (% of Superannuation Salaries)			
PSS	CSS	Combined	
32.5	17.7	31.9	

Further details are provided in Section 7.

## 2 Scheme Information

The Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS) was established on 1 July 1976 by the *Superannuation Act 1976* (as amended). The CSS was closed to new members from 1 July 1990. All CSS contributors at 1 July 1990 were given the option of transferring to the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS). A further option to transfer to the PSS was provided for a limited period of time in 1996. The current membership of the CSS consists of current and former employees of the Australian Government, or participating employers, who were members on 30 June 1990 and who have not elected to transfer to the PSS.

Prior to July 1976, superannuation for Australian Government public servants was covered by the *Superannuation Act 1922* (the 1922 Scheme). Although contributors were transferred from the 1922 Scheme to the CSS on its establishment, some pensioners remain entitled to benefits under the 1922 Scheme. The liabilities in respect of these pension payments are included in the results for the CSS. In this report, references to the CSS also include the 1922 Scheme, as the context requires.

The PSS was established on 1 July 1990 by the *Superannuation Act 1990* (as amended). Its operations are also governed by a Trust Deed dated 21 June 1990 (as amended). The PSS was closed to new members from 1 July 2005. Employees of the Australian Government or other participating employers who commenced service prior to 1 July 2005 were eligible for membership of the PSS.

Most employees of Australian Government agencies who commence employment on or after 1 July 2005 are eligible to join the Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan (PSSap). PSSap is an accumulation plan and is not considered further in this report.

In this report, references to the Scheme or Schemes refers to one or all of the CSS, PSS and 1922 Scheme.

#### **Governance and Operations**

The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) is responsible for the licensing and supervision of regulated superannuation schemes.

The PSS and CSS are regulated superannuation funds, complying with the *Superannuation Industry* (*Supervision*) *Act 1993* (SIS Act). The SIS Act governs the superannuation industry and provides the framework within which superannuation schemes operate.

APRA Prudential Standard SPS 160 – Defined Benefit Matters, which relates to the prudential management of defined benefit schemes, does not apply to either the PSS or the CSS, as specified in SPS 160.

The Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC), a corporate Commonwealth entity established on 1 July 2011, is the trustee of the Schemes. CSC is responsible for:

- administration of the Schemes, including payment to beneficiaries when eligible in accordance with the rules of each Scheme;
- management and investment of the Schemes' assets;
- compliance with relevant law and other applicable regulations.

CSC is supported by a custodian and other specialist service providers.

#### **Benefits**

The PSS is a defined benefit scheme – benefits are generally linked to final average salary. The CSS is a hybrid accumulation-defined benefit scheme – some benefits are linked to final salary and other benefits are based on an accumulation of contributions with investment earnings.

Benefits payable from the CSS include a lifetime CPI indexed pension, and the option between a lifetime non-indexed pension and a lump sum. The main retirement benefit is an employer-financed CPI indexed pension which is calculated by a set formula based on a member's length of contributory service, age and final salary. Members' basic contributions and employer productivity contributions, together with investment earnings, can be taken as a lump sum or an additional non-indexed lifetime pension. The non-indexed pension is calculated by converting accumulated contributions using age-based conversion factors.

The primary benefit from the PSS is expressed as a lump sum and is calculated based on the member's length of contributory service, their rate of member contributions and final average salary (average of a member's superannuation salary on their last three birthdays). Generally, members can convert 50% or more of their lump sum to a lifetime CPI indexed pension. The indexed pension is calculated by converting the lump sum benefit using age-based conversion factors.

Benefits may also be payable to a surviving eligible spouse and children on the death of a member or pensioner.

We have relied on the data provided by CSC. If any of the data is subsequently amended (for example, salary amounts or service dates), this will have an impact on members' benefits, our projected outlays and the value of the unfunded liability.

Further details of the benefits are set out in Appendix A.

## **Funding and Scheme Assets**

The PSS and CSS are partially funded to the extent that member and employer productivity superannuation contributions are paid to, and invested by, the trustee.

In general, when a member becomes entitled to a benefit, the amounts held in the PSS or CSS for the member (i.e. funded member and productivity contributions, plus investment earnings thereon) are transferred to the Australian Government's Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) and the benefit payments are made from the CRF.

Arrangements exist for the direct reimbursement of the CRF for benefit payments made in respect of service with an employer which is no longer part of the Australian Government (i.e. long serving employees of the Australian National University and the ACT and NT Governments).

The assets of the Australian Government's Future Fund are ultimately intended to contribute towards the financing of the unfunded superannuation liabilities in the PSS and CSS, as well as other unfunded schemes. However, since these assets are not held by the Schemes, no allowance has been made for the Future Fund in the results contained in this report.

	PSS (\$ billion)	CSS (\$ billion)	Combined (\$ billion)
Net Assets at 30 June 2017	19.1	3.0	22.1
Investment revenue	+3.1	+0.4	+3.5
Member contributions	+1.8	+0.1	+1.9
Employer productivity contributions	+0.5	+0.1	+0.6
Net appropriation from Consolidated Revenue Fund	+3.1	+11.7	+14.8
Benefits paid	-7.1	-13.3	-20.4
Income tax	-0.1	-	-0.1
Net Assets at 30 June 2020	20.4	2.0	22.4

The change in the net assets of each Scheme is summarised below:

Source: Audited financial statements for the years ended 30 June 2018, 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020.

The unfunded liability is that portion of the total accrued superannuation liability in excess of the assets held in the Schemes.

## **Investment and Earning Rate Policy**

For PSS contributors, the primary benefit is a defined benefit based on service and final average salary. It does not depend on investment earnings. Member contributions and employer productivity contributions, accumulated with investment earnings, are paid from the PSS into the CRF at the time that a benefit first becomes payable to a member and offset the cost of the overall defined benefit. Hence, positive investment returns reduce the cost of the Schemes to the Australian Government.

For preserved PSS members, and CSS contributors and deferred members, the member and employer productivity contributions are accumulated with investment earnings to form part of the eventual benefits. Hence, positive investment returns for these members increase their benefit entitlements and the higher benefit entitlement when converted to pension form will lead to an increase in the cost to the Australian Government of providing the benefits for these members.

This arises because the accumulated contributions paid from the Schemes into the CRF at the time that a benefit first becomes payable are lower than the expected value of the future pension payments to be made. Positive investment returns therefore generally increase the cost to the Australian Government of providing pension benefits for these members.

The Schemes' assets are jointly invested in one pooled investment trust, with professional external investment managers responsible for the management of the investments. The trustee's investment objective for the Default option is to outperform the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by 3.5% per annum, after fees and taxes, over 10 years. To achieve this objective, a target asset allocation and asset allocation ranges are set. The current allocation is:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Target Range
Equities	47%	15-75%
Property	11%	5-25%
Infrastructure	1%	0-20%
Alternatives	19%	0-30%
Fixed Interest	18%	0-65%
Cash	4%	0-65%

Source: Product Disclosure Statements of CSS and PSS issued 6 December 2019.

We consider the trustee's current target asset allocation to be suitable, taking into account the largely unfunded nature of the Schemes' liabilities and the Government's method of funding outlays from the CRF.

The earning rate applied to members' benefits is effectively the actual rate of investment return. The earning rate policy is documented and included on the trustee's website. We consider the trustee's earning rate policy to be suitable.

Financial Year	PSS	CSS
2017-18	9.3%	9.4%
2018-19	7.7%	7.9%
2019-20	-1.1%	-0.8%
3 year average (per annum)	5.2%	5.4%

Earning rates for the Default option over the three years to 30 June 2020 are shown in the table below:

Source: Annual Reports 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

While the assets of the CSS and PSS are invested in the same underlying investment pool, the actual rates of return may differ because of differences in the timing of cash flows.

#### **Insurance Arrangements**

Standard death and invalidity benefits in the PSS and CSS are self-insured. We consider this to be appropriate, given the unfunded nature of the Schemes, the credit rating of the Australian Government, the ability to spread any risk over a sizeable population, and that benefits are generally paid as a pension so that payments are spread over many years.

PSS contributors have the option of taking out additional death and invalidity cover. This additional benefit is covered by an insurance policy held between the trustee and an external commercial insurer. The cost of the insurance premiums is shared between the member and employer.

#### **Changes to Benefits Since 2017**

There have been a number of amendments to the Scheme rules since the 2017 LTCR as noted below, but these have not had a material impact on the value of the unfunded liability, projected outlays or NECRs.

#### <u>CSS</u>

The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Act 2017 amended the law relating to rehabilitation and compensation for Defence Force employees. From 12 October 2017, those amendments were also recognised under the Superannuation Act 1976.

The amended legal definition of marriage within the new *Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017* were also recognised under the *Superannuation Act 1976* on 9 December 2017.

The CSS Act was also amended by the *Public Sector Superannuation Legislation Amendment Act* 2018 to standardise and modernise the eligibility criteria for child reversionary pensions. The amendments commenced on 1 January 2020.

#### <u>PSS</u>

The Superannuation Amendment (PSS Trust Deed) Instrument 2018 amended the PSS Trust Deed and Rules to take account of both the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment (Defence Force) Act 2017 and the Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017. The amendments also simplified and updated a range of provisions and addressed matters related to preserved benefits. Most amendments took effect on 5 June 2018.

The Public Sector Superannuation Scheme Trust Deed was also amended by the *Superannuation Amendment (PSS Trust Deed) Instrument 2019* to standardise and modernise the eligibility criteria for child reversionary pensions. The amendments commenced on 1 January 2020.

## 3 **Membership and Data**

Data relating to the membership of the PSS and CSS was provided to us by the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC), the Schemes' administrator and trustee. Membership is grouped into three broad categories:

Contributors	Deferred/Preserved	Pensioners
Currently employed by a participating Scheme employer and a member of the Scheme.	No longer employed by a participating employer but maintains an account within the Scheme. Can generally recommence contributions if re- employed by a participating employer.	Members in receipt of a pension benefit. Includes dependants who are the eligible spouses and/or children of deceased members or pensioners.

Detailed membership data provided for the purposes of this investigation included:

- benefit entitlements for all contributors, deferred/preserved members and pensioners of the PSS and CSS as at 30 June 2020; and
- contributor and deferred/preserved member exits from the PSS and CSS during the three year period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020.

Following a family law split, an associate record may be established for the former spouse. For the purposes of this investigation, associate records are classified as deferred/preserved members if the entitlement is yet to be paid or as dependent pensioners if a pension is being paid.

A range of validity data checks is conducted by CSC prior to the data being provided to Mercer. Mercer has reviewed the data for internal consistency and has conducted a range of general reasonableness checks, including member movements, changes in salary and account balances, benefit payments and accruals, but has not verified or audited any of the information provided. However, we are satisfied that the data is sufficiently accurate for the stated purpose. The Schemes' administrator and trustee are ultimately responsible for the validity, accuracy and comprehensiveness of this information.

As at		Headcount		Average	Average	Average
30 June 2020	Males	Females	Total	Age (years)	Service (years)	Annual Salary
Contributors						
CSS	1,853	1,133	2,986	57.4	32.5	\$130,225
PSS	27,041	38,524	65,565	50.9	19.7	\$111,327
Total	28,894	39,657	68,551	51.2	20.3	\$112,150
Deferred/Preserved						
CSS	1,953	1,296	3,249	57.3	13.2	-
PSS	37,472	57,558	95,030	50.9	5.9	-
Total	39,425	58,854	98,279	51.1	6.1	-

#### The membership as at 30 June 2020 is summarised below:

As at	Headcount			Average	Average
30 June 2020	Males	Females	Total	Age (years)	Annual Pension
Primary Pensioners					
1922 Scheme	282	137	419	80.6	\$39,130
CSS	55,588	23,937	79,525	73.8	\$47,384
PSS	26,124	31,443	57,567	65.3	\$36,712
Total	81,994	55,517	137,511	70.3	\$42,891
Dependant Pensioners					
1922 Scheme	24	1,357	1,381	87.2	\$30,029
CSS	1,661	21,385	23,046	81.4	\$24,482
PSS	838	1,869	2,707	66.6	\$20,702
Total	2,523	24,611	27,134	80.1	\$24,387

Further detail of the membership is set out in Appendix B.

## 4 Assumptions

In order to value the liabilities, it is necessary to make assumptions regarding the incidence, timing and amount of future benefits. These assumptions fall into two broad categories:

- economic assumptions: relating to the general economic environment and not directly to the membership of the Schemes; and
- demographic assumptions: relating to the experience of the membership of the Schemes.

This section sets out the assumptions used in this report and highlights any changes from those used for the 2017 LTCR. The assumptions are detailed in Appendix D.

In total, the changes in demographic assumptions have resulted in an increase in the combined unfunded liability of \$2.1 billion, or +1.4%, as at 30 June 2020.

### **Economic Assumptions**

#### **Key Economic Assumptions**

The key economic assumptions include:

- future increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which links to the level of pension increases;
- future increases in salaries (other than those arising from promotions); and
- future rate of investment return / discount rate.

The relationships between the assumptions adopted for these factors have a greater bearing on the long term cost estimates of the PSS and CSS than do the individual assumptions. This is due to the effect of one assumption being used to project the liability into the future (future pension and salary increases) and another assumption being used to discount that liability to current day values (discount rate).

It is therefore the 'gap' between these assumptions that determines the value placed on benefit liabilities i.e. discount rate less CPI and discount rate less rate of salary increases.

Frequent changes in economic assumptions are undesirable since they can overwhelm any examination of the impact of changes in experience or scheme design, and impede the understanding of the long term cost of the Schemes. Changes to economic assumptions for the purposes of preparing LTCRs are therefore only expected to be made if there is a material shift in the expectations for economic conditions.

The principles applied in setting the economic assumptions are:

- 1. These should be based on realistic long term future expectations over the term of the Schemes' liabilities, based on economic forecasts;
- 2. These should be stable over time, only changing when there has been a material change in long term expectations;
- 3. These should recognise the interrelationships between the assumptions; and
- 4. These will take into account short term considerations only where there is a compelling reason to do so.

For the purpose of this LTCR we have not adopted different economic assumptions for the short term and long term. To adopt, for example, short term inflation assumptions would necessitate the use of other short term assumptions (e.g. salary increases and discount rates). However, as noted above, it is the relationships or 'gap' between the assumptions that determines the value placed on benefit liabilities. Whilst in the short term these rates may vary, in the longer term we expect the relationships to remain stable. Use of short term assumptions may be appropriate for other purposes.

The key long term economic assumptions remain unchanged from the 2017 LTCR and are set out in the table below:

Assumption as at	30 June 2020	30 June 2017
CPI increases	2.5% per annum	2.5% per annum
General salary increases	3.5% per annum (nominal) (1.0% per annum (real))	3.5% per annum (nominal) (1.0% per annum (real))
Investment return / discount rate	5.0% per annum (nominal) (2.5% per annum (real))	5.0% per annum (nominal) (2.5% per annum (real))

Section 8 provides sensitivity analysis of the results under different individual assumptions.

#### **CPI Increases**

The assumed long term rate of future increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) remains at 2.5% per annum. This rate is set based on the following considerations:

- The Reserve Bank target for CPI increase is 2% to 3% per annum on average, over the medium term.
- The long term assumption for consumer price inflation in the 2021 Intergenerational Report is 2.5% per annum.
- Mercer's best estimate of the long term economic outlook for CPI is 2.5% per annum and this is consistent with other market forecasters.

#### **General Salary Increases**

The assumed rate for long term future general salary increases (i.e. excluding promotional salary increases) remains at 3.5% per annum (nominal) or 1% per annum (real). This rate is set based on the following considerations:

- Historical rates of salary growth have exceeded 1% per annum above CPI and in the longer term government projections expect this will return. In the shorter term there are a number of downward pressures on salary growth.
- The duration of salary linked liabilities is considerably less than the duration of the liabilities for the Schemes as a whole, since salary increases are only relevant to benefits while a member is in active service. Whilst the intention when setting assumptions for the long term is to not give too much weight to short term considerations, the shorter term nature of the salary linked liabilities means that short term factors have a greater significance than for the other economic assumptions.
- Wage growth is a function of spare capacity in the labour market, productivity growth, and inflationary expectations. The Australian Government forecasts have spare capacity in the labour market for some time.
- The RBA expects that the unemployment rate will decrease only gradually and will need to reach lower levels before generating inflationary pressure to wages.
- There is evidence that productivity growth has slowed.
- Wage growth has been subdued and may remain subdued for a while.
- The Australian Government has announced a deferral of general wage increases for all Commonwealth agencies. The determination operates for twelve months from April 2020. All increases to wages and salary-related increases are deferred by a period of six months from the date they otherwise fall due.
- The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) has issued a revised Public Sector Workplace Relations Policy 2020 which caps the annual remuneration adjustments in line with the year to date percentage change in the Wage Price Index (WPI) for the private sector from the most recently released June quarter. This policy applies to all APS and non-APS Australian Government entities and Members of Parliament staff.

#### **Investment Return / Discount Rate**

The discount rate is used to calculate the present value of projected future benefit payments and provide a summary measure of those cash flows. The unfunded liability represents the present value of the estimated future benefit payments in respect of service already rendered, less the value of Scheme assets. In isolation, a lower discount rate leads to a higher estimate of the unfunded liability, and vice versa.

The present value does not change the ultimate benefit payments, as these are dictated by actual experience, but does however provide a manageable way to assess and compare the value of expected future cash flows, expressed in today's dollars.

For consistency, the discount rate assumption is also used as the assumption for the rate of investment returns at which productivity and member contributions are accumulated for the period up to a member's retirement or exit.

The assumed investment return / discount rate has been set relative to the CPI assumption + 2.5% (i.e. 2.5% per annum real). This rate is set based on the following considerations:

- The Australian Government does not have an obligation to finance immediately the unfunded superannuation liability of the PSS and CSS. Financing is only required as and when benefit entitlements become payable. As the PSS and CSS are largely unfunded, our view is that the best determinant of the discount rate is by reference to the long term expectations for nominal GDP and the expected return on government bonds over the long term. This contrasts to a funded scheme where a discount rate is typically based on an assumption for the investment earning rate on the scheme's assets.
- The long term government bond yield would be the cost to the Australian Government were it to fund future benefit payments via borrowings. The long term expectations for nominal GDP growth essentially represents the earnings of the Government and so sets a reasonable limit on the rate that can be paid on any debt (all other things being equal).
- The bond market has seen an unprecedented period of historically low bond yields and inflation below the RBA target. Given the long term nature of the unfunded liabilities we have adopted long term expectations for GDP growth to determine the discount rate. This provides a guide to expected government bond yields under stable long term market conditions.
- At the present time, we consider that a realistic expectation for long term GDP growth is likely to be in the order of 5.0% pa (see also next section on GDP) on the assumption that long term price inflation averages 2.5% pa. The return above CPI being generated by productivity growth and growth in hours worked.
- Whilst this LTCR does not take into account the assets of the Australian Government's Future Fund, we note that the current benchmark investment return for the Future Fund is, as set out in the Future Fund Investment Mandate Direction 2017, an average return of at least the Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 4 to + 5 per cent per annum over the long term. This is higher than the investment return / discount rate assumption used for this report. If the interest rate / discount rate assumption was higher, the measure of the unfunded liability would be lower. This is demonstrated in the sensitivity analysis presented in Appendix 8.

#### GDP

The Department of Treasury has supplied projections of nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) specifically for the purposes of this LTCR using assumptions for CPI increases and wages growth consistent with those set out above. These are not official Treasury projections of GDP but enable the unfunded liability and projected outlays to be compared relative to GDP over time on a consistent basis. The projection of GDP has no effect on the measure of unfunded liability or projected outlays.

## GDP for the 2020/2021 financial year is assumed to be \$2.0 trillion. The assumed average future increases in GDP are shown below together with the assumptions from the 2017 LTCR:

	Assumption as at 30 June 2020	Assumption as at 30 June 2017
GDP Increases*	5.0% per annum (nominal) 2.5% per annum (real)	5.2% per annum (nominal) 2.7% per annum (real)

\* Average of the annual rates over the forty year period from the investigation date.

#### Taxation

It is assumed that the current tax rate of 15% continues to apply to the Schemes' assessable income, including tax payable by the Schemes on employer productivity superannuation contributions.

#### **Superannuation Guarantee**

Allowance has been made for increases in the Superannuation Guarantee rate (currently 9.5% and increasing to 12% by 1 July 2025 as legislated).

## **Demographic Assumptions**

The demographic assumptions adopted incorporate the results of a detailed analysis of the membership experience. A summary of the experience analysis is shown in Appendix C. Details of the updated demographic assumptions are set out in Appendix D.

The overall impact on the unfunded liability as at 30 June 2020 of changes made to the demographic assumptions since the 2017 LTCR is summarised in the following table:

	PSS (\$ billion)	CSS (\$ billion)	Combined (\$ billion)
PSS member contribution rate	-	-	-
Rates of involuntary retirement (redundancy)	+0.2	-	+0.2
Rates of invalidity retirement (disablement)	-	-	-
Rates of death for contributors and deferreds/preserveds	-	-	-
Pensioner mortality and future mortality improvements	-0.9	-0.8	-1.7
Rates of deferral/preservation of benefits	-	-	-
Rates of pension take-up	+2.8	-	+2.8
Spouse assumptions	+0.7	+0.1	+0.8
Total	+2.8	-0.7	2.1

#### **Promotional Salary Increases**

Salary increases consist of general salary increases due to salary inflation together with increases due to merit or promotion. General salary increases capture the average salary increase for all government employees, while promotional salary increases capture the increases due to promotion within and between employment bands.

The promotional salary increase assumptions are unchanged from the 2017 LTCR. The experience of the Schemes is generally consistent with an age-based trend for promotional salary increases in excess of general inflationary increases.

#### **PSS Member Contribution Rate**

The average rate at which PSS members elect to make contributions is shown to increase with age.

Assumed member contribution rates have been increased to align with experience.

This assumption has no immediate effect on the value of the unfunded liability. However, the benefits accruing in future are dependent on the rate of members' contributions. The NECRs, projected outlays and the future estimated value of the unfunded liability are influenced by this assumption.

#### **Rates of Age Retirement**

Assumed rates of contributor retirements are unchanged from the 2017 LTCR.

Previously assumed peaks at ages 55 and 60 for PSS preserved members' retirement rates have been removed. This simplification is supported by experience and does not have a material impact on the results.

#### **Rates of Involuntary Retirement (Redundancy)**

An assumption is required because benefits differ and may also be paid immediately on involuntary retirement.

Assumed rates of involuntary retirement (redundancy) for CSS contributors are unchanged from the 2017 LTCR.

The number of redundancies for PSS contributors during the three-year investigation period was considerably more than previously projected. To better reflect the emerging experience, the assumed rates of involuntary retirement (redundancy) from age 55 have been increased. In isolation, the impact of this change is to marginally increase the projected outlays in the shorter term but reduce the projected outlays and future estimated value of the unfunded liability in the longer term. There is a relatively small immediate increase in the unfunded liability. Whilst the assumed timing of when benefits become payable is brought forward, future accruals are curtailed. Benefits on redundancy are also no longer linked to salary increases but are instead indexed with increases in CPI.

#### **Rates of Resignation**

With the continued decline in the number of contributors, the assumed rates of resignation have become less significant for the projected results. Assumed rates of resignation are unchanged from the 2017 LTCR.

For CSS contributors, a high rate of resignation is assumed at age 54, which reflects the specific benefit design and is consistent with CSS experience.

#### **Rates of Invalidity Retirement (Disablement)**

Assumed rates of invalidity retirement (disablement) have been scaled up to more closely match the emerging experience. This change does not have a material impact on the results.

#### **Rates of Death for Contributors and Deferred/Preserved Members**

Assumed rates of mortality before retirement have been updated based on the pattern of premium rates charged by an external insurer for PSSap death cover but scaled to be consistent with PSS and CSS experience. This change does not have a material impact on the results.

#### **Pensioner Mortality**

Assumed mortality rates for pensioners have been updated based on the emerging experience for the PSS and CSS, the Mercer 2012-17 Pensioner Mortality Investigation, and the latest Australian Life Tables 2015-17.

#### **Future Mortality Improvements**

Allowance has been made for assumed future improvements in pensioner mortality.

Improvements in mortality have been updated to reflect the short term (25 year experience) and long term (125 year experience) factors derived by the Australian Government Actuary and published in the Australian Life Tables 2015-17. The short term improvement factors are significantly higher (i.e. result in lower projected mortality) than the long term improvement factors.

Short term improvements are incorporated for the period 2021 to 2024, with long term improvements assumed thereafter.

Combined with changes to the assumed pensioner mortality rates, pensioners are generally assumed to live for a shorter period of time and therefore receive fewer pension payments. This change has decreased the unfunded liability.

Based on the mortality assumptions adopted for this investigation, an example of the number of additional years expected to be lived by an age retirement pensioner is shown in the table below (figures from the 2017 LTCR are shown in brackets for comparison).

Projected Future Life Expectancy	As at 30 June 2020	As at 30 June 2040
Male pensioner aged 65	22.7 years (22.8 years)	23.3 years (23.3 years)
Female pensioner aged 65	24.9 years (25.6 years)	25.5 years (26.1 years)

#### **Rates of Deferral/Preservation of Benefits**

Members who are made redundant are eligible to be paid pension benefits immediately and therefore have a different pattern of deferral/preservation compared to members leaving due to resignation.

The assumption regarding deferral of benefits for retrenched CSS contributors is relatively immaterial. This assumption has been simplified to be the same as for deferral of resignation benefits.

Similarly, no distinction is made for preservation of PSS benefits between pre and post 1 July 1999 contributors. All PSS contributors are assumed to fully preserve their benefit on resignation. The assumed proportion of retrenchment benefits has been reduced in line with experience.

These changes do not have a material impact on the results.

#### **Rates of Pension Take-up**

It was assumed for the 2017 LTCR that 80% of age or involuntary (redundancy) retirement benefits from the PSS would be converted to a pension. Based on the emerging trend in experience, and expectations regarding the future, this assumption has been increased to 90%. The value of the pension benefit when determined using the actuarial assumptions is greater than the lump sum benefit. This change has increased the unfunded liability.

CSS members have the option to convert the funded portion of their benefits from a lump sum to a non-indexed lifetime pension. For the 2017 LTCR, it was assumed that 30% of members would elect to take their funded benefits as a non-indexed pension. Scheme experience over the investigation period supports maintaining this assumption.

#### **Spouse Assumptions**

Assumptions regarding the proportion of members with a spouse have been updated based on analysis of the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 Census of Population and Housing. On average, more members, and particularly younger members, are assumed to have a spouse than previously assumed. This change has marginally increased the unfunded liability.

The assumed age differences between members and their spouses are unchanged from the 2017 LTCR.

#### **Future New Entrants**

No allowance is made for future new entrants. The PSS was closed to new members from 1 July 2005. The CSS has been closed to new members since 1 July 1990.

## 5 **Unfunded Liability**

The unfunded liability represents the discounted present value of the estimated total future benefit payments in respect of superannuation entitlements accrued by virtue of Scheme membership up to 30 June 2020, less the value of the assets of the Schemes.

### **Valuation Methodology**

The steps involved in calculating the unfunded liability are as follows:

- 1. The membership of each Scheme as at 30 June 2020 is projected into the future based on assumptions relating to the rates of exit of members (as set out in Appendix D).
- 2. The total amount of benefits payable to the projected exits and pensioners in each future year are determined taking into account assumed member choices, salary growth, pension indexation, and investment returns in each future year.

For contributory members, the projected benefits are determined based on members' service rendered prior to 30 June 2020 only.

For example, for the PSS retirement benefit, this involves determining the benefit attributable to service to 30 June 2020 using:

Accrued Benefit Multiple as at 30 June 2020 × Final Average Salary at future date

3. The unfunded liability as at 30 June 2020 is determined as the sum of the present values of the projected benefits over all future years (being the total accrued liability), reduced by funded accumulated member and productivity contribution accounts as at 30 June 2020.

The calculation methodology is consistent with the requirements of Professional Standard No. 402 *"Determination of Accrued Benefits for Defined Benefit Superannuation Funds"* issued by the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

The same methodology was used for the 2017 LTCR.

## Results

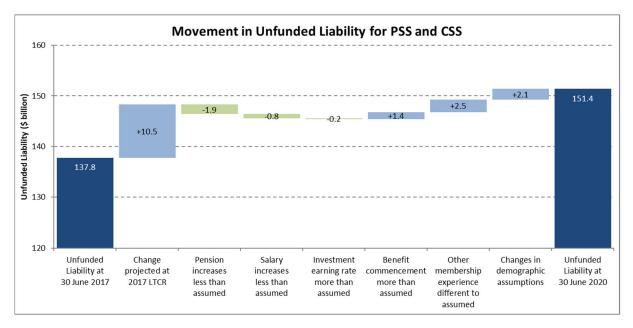
The following table shows the unfunded liability as at 30 June 2020:

	PSS (\$ billion)	CSS (\$ billion)	Combined (\$ billion)
Contributors	35.1	3.9	39.0
Deferred/Preserved members	8.7	2.8	11.5
Pensioners	40.2	60.7*	100.9
Unfunded Liability at 30 June 2020	84.0	67.4	151.4

\* Includes \$0.4 billion in respect of the 1922 Scheme.

## Analysis of Change Compared with Previous Report

The 2017 LTCR projected that the unfunded liability would be \$148.3 billion as at 30 June 2020, \$3.1 billion less than the current estimate. The factors contributing to the change in the unfunded liability are quantified in the following chart:



In general, economic experience relative to the previous assumptions has reduced the unfunded liability. However, the impact of actual membership experience relative to the previous demographic assumptions and changes made to the demographic assumptions for this report have increased the unfunded liability by more than previously projected.

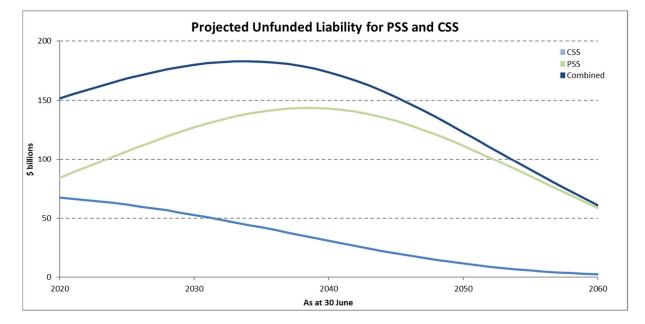
The more significant items of membership experience are:

- More benefits than projected commenced during the period, resulting in \$1.4 billion above what was previously anticipated to be transferred from the Schemes' assets to the CRF. The reduction in Scheme assets when a benefit first becomes payable ordinarily increases the unfunded liability.
- Differences between the actual and expected number of members becoming eligible for the various benefits, particularly involuntary retirement (redundancy) which generally have a greater expected value than resignation or age retirement.
- Benefits greater than projected accrued to contributors because member contributions were made at higher rates than anticipated;
- The proportion of PSS benefits converted from a lump sum to a pension was higher than projected.

A breakdown of the impact of changes to the demographic assumptions is set out in Section 4.

### **Projected Unfunded Liability**

Based on the assumptions used for this investigation, the projected nominal unfunded liability over the next 40 years is:



The chart above illustrates that the general trend is a slow increase in the combined unfunded liability over the next 10 to15 years followed by a steady decline to less than half the current liability by 2060.

A table with details of the projected unfunded liability each year is included in Appendix E.

## 6 **Projected Outlays**

The annual projected outlays represent the future annual cost of PSS and CSS benefits to current and past employees, and their dependants.

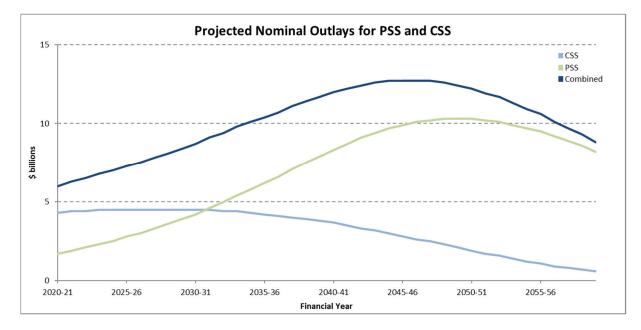
In general, when a member becomes entitled to a benefit, the member's accumulation accounts (i.e. funded member and productivity contributions, plus investment earnings) are transferred to the Australian Government's CRF. The total benefit payment to the member is then made from the CRF.

The projected outlays in each year are calculated as:

- productivity superannuation contributions paid by employers to the PSS and CSS; plus
- benefit payments made from the Australian Government's CRF; less
- transfers of Scheme assets to the CRF when benefits become payable.

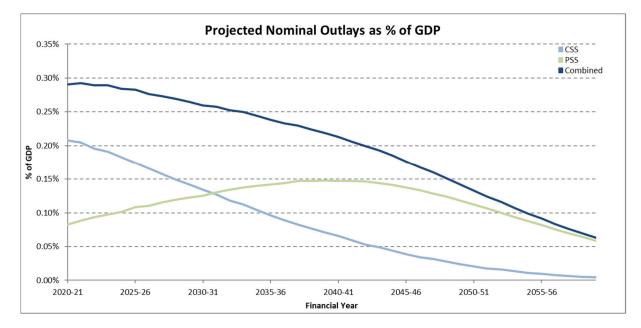
No allowance is made for the reimbursement of the CRF directly for benefit payments made in respect of service with an employer that is no longer part of the Australian Government.

The expected nominal outlays each year for the next 40 years are shown in the following chart:



Overall outlays are projected to increase during the next 20 to 25 years as contributors leave the workforce and deferred and preserved members commence a pension or receive a lump sum benefit.

Total outlays are expected to peak around 2044 to 2048 and then decline as a result of pensioner mortality.



Outlays as a percentage of GDP are expected to steadily decline as shown in the following chart:

Future outlays are expected to reduce as a percentage of projected GDP from 0.29% in the year ending 30 June 2021 to 0.06% in the year ending 30 June 2060.

A table with details of the projected outlays is included in Appendix E.

## 7 Notional Employer Contribution Rates

The notional employer contribution rates (NECR) represent the estimated contribution rates that would be required to finance the benefits accruing to contributors over the next three years (from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023). That is, if the Schemes were fully funded at the valuation date and contributions were made at the NECRs, the liability for contributors would be expected to remain fully funded at the end of the period.

The NECR is therefore a short-term indicator and relates to the cost of funding the future benefit accruals of contributors only (which make up approximately 3% of CSS membership and 30% of PSS membership).

The NECR is determined using long term assumptions as this rate is notional in nature. Only the productivity contribution component of the NECR is actually paid by the employers to the PSS and CSS to be invested as Scheme assets by the trustee. The non-productivity contribution component is notional and no such contributions are actually paid to the Schemes.

## Method of Determining the Notional Employer Contribution Rates

A notional fund with initial assets equal to the accrued liabilities at the valuation date is projected for the three years to 30 June 2023, together with member contributions, notional employer contributions, investment earnings and benefit payments in line with the valuation assumptions. The notional contributions are determined so that the projected notional assets are equal to the projected accrued liabilities after three years. The NECRs are the notional employer contributions expressed as a constant annual percentage of projected salaries.

### Results

NECRs (% of Superannuation Salaries)	PSS	CSS	Combined
As at 30 June 2017	28.7	20.3	28.0
As at 30 June 2020	32.5	17.7	31.9
Movement	+3.8	-2.6	+3.9

The NECR for the PSS is projected to increase over the next 10-15 years as the discounting applied to future expected benefit payments diminishes, and then decline as more of the remaining members reach their maximum benefit limit. The NECR for the CSS is projected to continue to decrease as the rate of benefit accrual declines with length of membership. The combined NECR is a weighted average which is influenced by changes in the proportion of contributors in each Scheme.

## 8 Sensitivity Analysis

## **Economic Assumptions**

The sensitivity of the estimated unfunded liability as at 30 June 2020 and the projected outlays to the key economic assumptions were tested by measuring the effect of varying each key assumption in turn by plus or minus 1% per annum whilst keeping all other assumptions unchanged.

Unfunded Liability (UFL) as at Modified		PS	PSS		CSS		Combined	
30 June 2020	assumption	UFL (\$ billion)	% Change	UFL (\$ billion)	% Change	UFL (\$ billion)	% Change	
Base case		84.0	-	67.4	-	151.4	-	
+1% pa investment return / discount rate	6.0% pa	69.2	-17.6%	60.9	-9.6%	130.1	-14.1%	
-1% pa investment return / discount rate	4.0% pa	102.9	+22.6%	75.2	+11.5%	178.1	+17.7%	
+1% pa general salary increases	4.5% pa	87.4	+4.1%	67.5	+0.1%	154.9	+2.3%	
-1% pa general salary increases	2.5% pa	80.9	-3.7%	67.3	-0.1%	148.2	-2.1%	
+1% pa CPI increases	3.5% pa	98.0	+16.7%	74.3	+10.2%	172.3	+13.8%	
-1% pa CPI increases	1.5% pa	72.4	+13.7%	61.6	-8.7%	134.0	-11.5%	

The results show that the unfunded liability is not particularly sensitive to changes in the rate of salary increases because only liabilities for contributors are linked to salaries and this is a small proportion of the total liabilities. In addition, the impact of changes in salaries is only for a relatively short period of time (i.e. the remaining period of service). The unfunded liability is much more sensitive to the assumed rate of CPI increases and the discount rate assumption.

Period Ending	Change in Nominal Outlays (Combined) (\$ billion)							
30 June	Base case	+1% per annum investment return	-1% per annum investment return	+1% per annum general salary increase	- 1% per annum general salary increase	+1% per annum CPI increase	- 1% per annum CPI increase	
2021	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2022	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1	
2023	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-0.2	
2024	6.8	-	-	-	-	+0.1	-0.4	
2025	7.0		+0.1	-		+0.1	-0.4	
2026 - 30	39.1	-0.4	+0.4	+0.3	-0.4	+2.0	-3.0	
2031 – 35	47.1	-0.8	+0.6	+0.9	-0.8	+4.6	-5.4	
2036 - 40	55.3	-0.7	+0.7	+1.9	-1.7	+7.5	-7.5	
2041 – 45	61.9	-0.2	+0.3	+3.1	-2.6	+10.5	-9.6	
2046 - 50	63.1	+0.4	-0.4	+3.9	-3.3	+12.9	-11.0	
2051 – 55	58.0	+0.6	-0.6	+4.3	-4.1	+13.8	-11.4	
2056 - 60	48.5	+0.7	-0.5	+4.4	-3.9	+13.5	-10.6	

The nominal outlays are not significantly impacted by changes in the rate of salary increases for the same reasons as for the unfunded liability above. CPI changes have a more material effect as the majority of the liability is linked to these increases.

The investment return impacts upon the amount of funds held for members within the CSS and PSS prior to when a benefit first becomes payable. This amount is transferred to the CRF and offsets the total amount of benefit payments in that year. The 'Investment and Earning Rate Policy' in Section 2 describes how investment returns on these funds impact upon the benefits payable.

In the short term higher investment returns will reduce total benefit outlays payable as offsets will be higher. In the longer term total benefit outlays will increase as benefits are typically paid over a long period while offsets are only received in the year that the benefit first becomes payable. The overall amounts of variation are small as there are offsetting impacts and the total benefits payable relating to the assets held are also small.

#### Post valuation date events

Economic activity and the future outlook have been particularly volatile over the last 12-18 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst this can have an impact on short term outcomes the purpose of this report is to focus on the longer term position in relation to the Schemes, and to enable comparison with the longer term position at the previous valuation date. Given the success of the development of vaccines and the return to economic growth we believe the longer term assumptions as set out in Section 4 remain appropriate for this purpose.

Since 30 June 2020 we have seen lower a CPI increase emerge for the year to the end of March 2021. The annual rate is 1.1% which will be applied as the annual pension amount effective 1 July 2021. Investment returns for the financial year to the end of April 2021 have been approximately 10% per annum higher than assumed.

We do not have any updated data on salary increases albeit we note that the expectation in the short term is for rates of growth to be below the longer term rate.

Over the long term there will be periods where actual experience is either above or below the long term average assumed. We do not believe the rates observed since 30 June 2020 are outside the normal range of variation and so will not materially impact the longer term projections.

The sensitivities above are intended to demonstrate the potential impacts should rates remain above or below the assumed levels in the longer term.

### **Demographic Assumptions**

The sensitivity of the estimated unfunded liability as at 30 June 2020 to certain demographic assumptions was tested by measuring the effect of varying each assumption in turn whilst keeping all other assumptions unchanged.

The alternative assumptions used were:

- 5% higher pensioner mortality rates (e.g. a 3% probability of death becomes 3.15%);
- 5% lower pensioner mortality rates (e.g. a 3% probability of death becomes 2.85%);
- future improvements in pensioner mortality in line with short term (25 year experience) factors only, with no reversion to long term factors after 2024; and
- pension take-up rate assumed for PSS age and involuntary retirement benefits increased from 90% to 100%.

Unfunded Liability (UFL) as at 30 June 2020	PS	SS	CSS		Combined	
	UFL (\$ billion)	% Change	UFL (\$ billion)	% Change	UFL (\$ billion)	% Change
Base case	84.0	-	67.4	-	151.4	-
5% higher pensioner mortality rates	83.1	-1.0%	66.5	-1.3%	149.6	-1.2%
5% lower pensioner mortality rates	84.9	+1.1%	68.3	+1.3%	153.2	+1.2%
25 year experience future mortality improvements	85.9	+2.3%	68.3	+1.3%	154.2	+1.9%
PSS pension take up increased to 100%	86.9	+3.4%	67.4	-	154.3	+1.9%

Period Ending	Change in Nominal Outlays(Combined) (\$ billion)						
30 June	Base case	5% higher pensioner mortality rates	5% lower pensioner mortality rates	25 year experience future mortality improvements	PSS pension take up increased to100%		
2021	6.0	-	-	-	-0.1		
2022	6.3	-	-	-	-0.2		
2023	6.5	-	-	-	-0.2		
2024	6.8	-	-	-	-0.2		
2025	7.0	-	-	-	-0.1		
2026 – 30	39.1	-	+0.4	+0.1	-0.6		
2031 – 35	47.1	-0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1		
2036 - 40	55.3	-0.3	+0.6	+0.8	+1.3		
2041 – 45	61.9	-0.7	+0.9	+1.3	+3.0		
2046 – 50	63.1	-0.9	+1.0	+2.0	+4.3		
2051 – 55	58.0	-1.2	+1.1	+2.9	+4.5		
2056 - 60	48.5	-1.3	+1.3	+3.3	+4.3		

The impact of changes to the demographic assumptions has, in general, less of an impact on the unfunded liability and nominal outlays than changes in the economic assumptions.

The sensitivity of the projected number of future years lived by an age retirement pensioner to the mortality rates and future improvements is demonstrated below:

Projected Future Life Expectancy	Male pensioner aged 65	% Change	Female pensioner aged 65	% Change
Base case	22.7 years		24.9 years	
5% higher pensioner mortality rates	22.4 years	-1.3%	24.6 years	-1.2%
5% lower pensioner mortality rates	23.1 years	+1.8%	25.3 years	+1.6%
25 year experience future mortality improvements	23.4 years	+3.1%	25.3 years	+1.6%

Please note that the alternative results shown above are illustrations only, and show what may occur under future scenarios which differ from the base case assumptions. These scenarios do not in any way constitute upper or lower bounds and the ultimate results may differ from the ranges shown above, depending on actual future experience.

## 9 Actuary's Certification

### **Professional Standards and Scope**

This report satisfies the requirements of Professional Standard No. 400 of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia. Professional Standard No. 400 relates to the preparation of reports commenting on the financial condition of defined benefit superannuation funds.

### **Use of Report**

This investigation report should not be relied upon for any other purpose or by any party other than the Australian Government and the trustee of the Schemes. Mercer is not responsible for the consequences of any other use. This report should be considered in its entirety and not distributed in parts.

The advice contained in this report is given in the context of Australian law and practice. No allowance has been made for taxation, accountancy or other requirements in any other country.

### **Actuarial Uncertainty and Assumptions**

An actuarial investigation provides a snapshot of a scheme's financial condition at a particular point in time, and projections of a scheme's estimated future financial position based on certain assumptions. It does not provide certainty in relation to a scheme's future financial condition or its ability to pay benefits in the future.

Future funding and actual costs relating to a scheme are primarily driven by a scheme's benefit design, the actual rate of salary inflation, movements in the CPI, investment returns, and any discretions exercised by the trustee of the scheme or the Australian Government, or choices made by members. The scheme's actuary does not directly control or influence any of these factors in the context of an actuarial investigation.

A scheme's future financial position and the estimated long term cost depend on a number of factors, including the amount of benefits the scheme pays, the cause and timing of member withdrawals, scheme expenses, the level of taxation and the amount earned on any assets invested to pay the benefits. These amounts and others are uncertain and unknowable at the valuation date, but are predicted to fall within a reasonable range of possibilities.

To prepare this report, assumptions, as described in Section 4 and Appendix D, are used to select a single scenario from the range of possibilities. The results of that single scenario are included in this report.

However, the future is uncertain and a scheme's actual experience will differ from those assumptions; these differences may be significant or material. In addition, different assumptions or scenarios may also be within the reasonable range and results based on those assumptions would be different. For this reason this report also shows the impact on the results of certain changes in assumptions.

Actuarial assumptions may also be changed from one valuation to the next because of mandated requirements, scheme experience, changes in expectations about the future and other factors. We did not perform, and thus do not present, an analysis of the potential range of future possibilities and scenarios.

Because actual scheme experience will differ from the assumptions, decisions about benefit changes, investment policy, funding amounts, benefit security and/or benefit related issues should be made only after careful consideration of alternative future financial conditions and scenarios, and not solely on the basis of a limited set of results.

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## Appendix A Summary of Benefits

The Schemes' benefit entitlements are complex and a **summary** of the principal provisions is set out below. This summary should not be used to calculate benefits for individuals.

## **THE SUPERANNUATION ACT 1976 (CSS)**

#### **Membership**

The CSS has been closed to new entrants since 1 July 1990.

#### Salary

Salary for contribution purposes is the amount agreed between the member and employer through an agreement such as an Enterprise Agreement. If no such agreement is in place, salary is basic annual salary plus any recognised allowances on a member's last birthday.

#### **Final Salary**

The salary used for calculating benefits is, in most cases, the annual rate of salary on a member's last day of service.

#### **Member Contributions**

Basic contributions are 5% of salary. A member can also make supplementary (or voluntary) contributions. Contributions are accumulated with investment earnings based on the crediting rates of the CSS. Members can also choose not to contribute to the CSS.

#### **Productivity Contributions**

Most members have fortnightly employer productivity contributions paid to the CSS. The rate at which contributions are paid varies depending on income limits. The 2020-21 amounts are:

Fortnightly rate of salary	Fortnightly productivity contribution
Less than \$2,488.67	\$74.66
\$2,488.67 or more but less than \$4,009.33.00	3% of salary
\$4,009.33 or more but less than \$6,014.00	\$120.28
\$6,014.00 or more	2% of salary

## THE SUPERANNUATION ACT 1976 (CSS) continued

#### **Retirement Benefits**

Retirement benefits are payable upon retirement at maximum retirement age (usually age 65) or early retirement from minimum retirement age (usually age 55), subject to general superannuation preservation rules.

The retirement benefit comprises:

- an <u>employer-financed indexed lifetime pension</u> being a percentage of final salary based on the period of contributory service and discounted for early retirement before age 65 (the percentage is based on years of contributory service and on whether the member transferred from the 1922 Scheme or joined the CSS before or after 30 June 1976);
- a <u>productivity component</u> made up of accumulated productivity contributions which can be taken as a lump sum or converted to a non-indexed lifetime pension; and
- a <u>member-financed component</u> made up of accumulated basic and supplementary contributions which can be taken as a lump sum or converted to a non-indexed lifetime pension.

Generally, the accrual rates are 2% per annum for the first 20 years of contributory membership, 1% per annum for the next 10 years, and 0.25% per annum for each of the next 10 years. A maximum percentage of 52.5% of salary applies after 40 years of contributory membership.

The discount for retirement prior to age 65 depends on age at the time that the pension commences:

Age	Early Retirement Reduction	Age	Early Retirement Reduction
64	0.98	59	0.87
63	0.96	58	0.84
62	0.94	57	0.81
61	0.92	56	0.78
60	0.90	55	0.75

The factors to convert the productivity component and member-financed component to a non-indexed lifetime pension are the same as for resignation (see below). Note that the non-indexed pension is limited to 20% of the final salary if a member retires at age 60 or more, with any excess required to be paid as a lump sum. The maximum non-indexed pension percentage is reduced for retirement before age 60.

## THE SUPERANNUATION ACT 1976 (CSS) continued

#### Resignation

A member has three options on resignation as follows:

#### 1. Immediate Lump Sum

An immediate lump sum benefit is payable on resignation equal to:

- the accumulated member and productivity contributions; plus
- an employer-financed top-up amount equal to the difference between the notional accumulation of minimum Superannuation Guarantee contributions and the accumulated productivity contributions.

#### 2. Deferred Benefit

Alternatively, a member may elect to defer receipt of the benefit by preserving it within the CSS until minimum retirement age. Under this option, after reaching preservation age and having retired from the workforce, the member will receive:

- an <u>employer-financed indexed lifetime pension</u> based on 2.5 times the accumulated basic contributions at the date of payment; and
- a <u>productivity component</u> made up of accumulated productivity contributions which can be taken as a lump sum or converted to a non-indexed lifetime pension; and
- a <u>member-financed component</u> made up of accumulated basic and supplementary contributions which can be taken as a lump sum or converted to a non-indexed lifetime pension.

The conversion factors used to calculate the lifetime pensions are:

Age	Conversion	Age	Conversion
	Factor		Factor
65	0.110	56	0.0940
64	0.108	55	0.0925
63	0.106	54	0.0910
62	0.104	55	0.0895
61	0.102	54	0.0910
60	0.100	53	0.0895
59	0.0985	52	0.0880
58	0.0970	51	0.0865
57	0.0955	50	0.0850

# THE SUPERANNUATION ACT 1976 (CSS) continued

#### 3. Transfer Benefit

Alternatively, the member can choose to take a transfer value of 3.5 times the accumulated basic contributions, plus accumulated supplementary and productivity contributions, to an eligible superannuation scheme.

#### **Invalidity Retirement**

The following amounts are payable on invalidity retirement:

- an employer-financed indexed lifetime pension being a percentage of final salary depending on the period of prospective service to maximum retirement age, or the actual period of contributory service where this is over 30 years; and
- a lump sum of accumulated basic contributions or, at the member's election, an additional nonindexed lifetime pension being a percentage of final salary based on the period of prospective service to maximum retirement age; and
- a lump sum of accumulated supplementary and productivity contributions.

#### **Death of a Contributor**

A spouse's pension payable at the rate of 67% of the invalidity pension that would have been payable to the deceased, plus 11% of the invalidity pension for each eligible child (until age 16 or, if a full-time student, until age 25) with the total pension limited to 100% of the invalidity pension.

No ongoing pension is payable if there is no spouse or eligible children.

Accumulated productivity contributions and any supplementary contributions are payable as a lump sum in addition to any ongoing pension benefit.

#### **Death of a Pensioner**

A pension is payable to a surviving spouse and any eligible children of an amount equal to a percentage of the pension payable to the deceased at the time of death. The percentages are the same as for the death of a contributor.

#### **Involuntary Retirement (Redundancy)**

The benefit options available to a member who is made redundant are similar combinations of pension (based on age) and lump sum as are available on age retirement or resignation.

#### Indexation

Indexed pensions are indexed twice yearly (in January and July) in line with changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

# THE SUPERANNUATION ACT 1990 (PSS)

#### Membership

The PSS has been closed to new entrants since 1 July 2005.

#### **Superannuation Salary**

Superannuation salary is the amount agreed between the member and employer through an agreement such as an Enterprise Agreement. If no such agreement is in place, superannuation salary is generally basic annual salary plus any recognised allowances on a member's last birthday.

#### **Final Average Salary**

Final Average Salary (FAS) is the average superannuation salary on the three birthdays before leaving the PSS.

#### **Member Contributions**

Members can choose to contribute at any rate between 2% and 10% of superannuation salary. Members can also choose not to contribute to the PSS. The rate of contribution can be varied at any time.

#### **Productivity Contributions**

Members have fortnightly employer productivity contributions paid to the PSS. The rate at which contributions are paid varies depending on income limits. The 2020-21 amounts are:

Fortnightly rate of salary	Fortnightly productivity contribution
Less than \$2,488.67	\$74.66
\$2,488.67 or more but less than \$4,009.33.00	3% of salary
\$4,009.33 or more but less than \$6,014.00	\$120.28
\$6,014.00 or more	2% of salary

#### **Total Benefit**

A member's Total Benefit is calculated by multiplying the member's Benefit Multiple by their FAS. The Total Benefit consists of three parts:

- the <u>employer-financed component</u>, determined as the Total Benefit less the productivity and member-financed component;
- the productivity component, made up of accumulated productivity contributions; and
- the <u>member-financed component</u>, made up of accumulated member contributions.

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#### **Benefit Multiple**

A member's Benefit Multiple is equal to the aggregate of:

- 11% for each year of service; and
- 2 x the Member's Contribution Rate (aggregated over the total period of service).

For example, the Benefit Multiple for a member contributing 5% of salary is 21% per annum.

#### 10 year Rule – Restriction on Employer's Share of Benefit Multiple

The maximum employer component of the Benefit Multiple cannot be greater than that which would have accrued if member contributions had been made at 5% for the first 10 years of membership and 10% for membership in excess of 10 years.

#### **Maximum Benefit**

The maximum benefit allowable under the PSS is known as the Maximum Benefit Limit (MBL). For most members, the MBL is 10 times their Final Average Salary. On reaching the MBL, member and productivity contributions to the PSS will cease.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

Retirement benefits are payable upon retirement on or after minimum retiring age, subject to general superannuation preservation rules.

The four options on retirement are:

- Pension benefit The Total Benefit is taken in the form of an indexed lifetime pension;
- Lump sum benefit The Total Benefit is taken as an immediate lump sum;
- <u>Lump sum plus pension benefit</u> The benefits are taken as a combination of indexed lifetime pension (subject to a minimum of 50% of the Total Benefit) and an immediate lump sum;
- <u>Preserved benefit</u> The benefits are preserved within the PSS and later taken as a lump sum, indexed lifetime pension or a combination of both.

Any employer-financed component preserved within the PSS is indexed to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The member-financed and productivity components are adjusted with PSS investment earnings.

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Age	Conversion Factor	Age	Conversion Factor
70	9.0	62	10.6
69	9.2	61	10.8
68	9.4	60	11.0
67	9.6	59	11.2
66	9.8	58	11.4
65	10.0	57	11.6
64	10.2	56	11.8
63	10.4	55	12.0

Lump sums can be converted to indexed pensions by dividing by age-based factors:

#### Resignation

There are three benefit options:

- preserve the Total Benefit within the PSS until early retirement age and then retirement pension options are available;
- immediate refund of the member-financed component, up to the limit allowed under superannuation preservation rules, and preserve the employer-financed and productivity components within the PSS (due to general superannuation preservation requirements, all post 1 July 1999 contributions are preserved under most circumstances); and
- transfer the Total Benefit to an eligible superannuation scheme.

#### **Invalidity Retirement**

On retirement on medical grounds before age 60, the Total Benefit is calculated based on potential service to age 60 (assuming that the member will continue to contribute at their rate at retirement or 5% if more, but subject to a maximum average contribution of 5% for the first 10 years of service). The Total Benefit is converted to an indexed pension using the same factors for age retirement but assuming that the member is aged 60 at the time of invalidity. The member-financed component may be taken as a lump sum.

#### **Death of a Contributor**

A spouse's pension payable at the rate of 67% of the invalidity pension that would have been payable to the deceased, plus 11% of the invalidity pension for each eligible child (until age 16 or, if a full-time student, until age 25) with the total pension limited to 100% of the invalidity pension. The spouse can convert up to half of the pension to a lump sum or receive the full amount as a lump sum with no ongoing pension. No ongoing pension is payable if there is no spouse or eligible children.

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#### **Death of a Pensioner**

A pension is payable to a surviving spouse and any eligible children of an amount equal to a percentage of the pension payable to the deceased at the time of death. The percentages are the same as for the death of a contributor.

#### Redundancy

The following benefit options are available to a member who is made redundant:

- receive the Total Benefit in the form of an immediate, non-commutable, indexed lifetime pension;
- immediate refund of member-financed component, up to the limit allowed under superannuation preservation rules, and receive the remainder as an immediate, non-commutable, indexed lifetime pension;
- preserve all benefits within the PSS until early retirement age and then pension options are available;
- immediate refund of member-financed component, up to the limit allowed under superannuation preservation rules, and preserve employer-financed and productivity components within the PSS; and
- transfer the Total Benefit to an eligible superannuation scheme.

#### Indexation

Pensions are indexed twice yearly (in January and July) in line with changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

# Appendix B **Details of Membership Data**

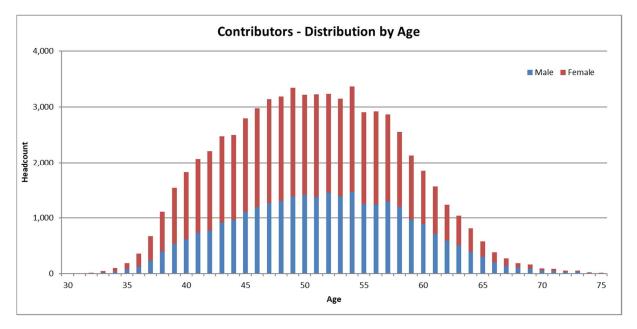
### **Contributors**

Contributor members' statistics as at 30 June 2020 are:

As at	Headcount			Average	Average	Average
30 June 2020	Males	Females			Service	Annual Salary
CSS	1,853	1,133	2,986	57.4	32.5	\$130,225
PSS	27,041	38,524	65,565	50.9	19.7	\$111,327
Total	28,894	39,657	68,551	51.2	20.3	\$112,150

The equivalent statistics for contributor members as at 30 June 2017 are shown below:

As at	Headcount			Average	Average	Average
30 June 2017	Males	Females	Total	Age	Service	Annual Salary
CSS	3,655	2,132	5,787	55.7	30.5	\$120,192
PSS	32,770	46,141	78,911	49.3	17.6	\$101,296
Total	36,425	48,273	84,698	49.7	18.5	\$102,587



The distribution of contributors by age as at 30 June 2020 is shown in the chart below. There are more females, and at younger ages, than males.

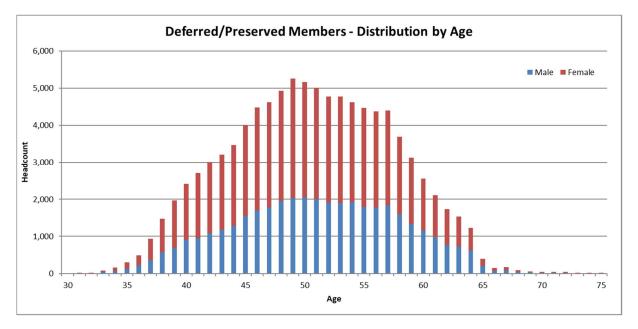
# **Deferred / Preserved Members**

Statistics for deferred CSS and preserved PSS members as at 30 June 2020 are:

As at		Headcount	Average	Average	
30 June 2020	Males	Females	Total	Age	Service
CSS	1,953	1,296	3,249	57.3	13.2
PSS	37,472	57,558	95,030	50.9	5.9
Total	39,425	58,854	98,279	51.1	6.1

The equivalent statistics for deferred/preserved members as at 30 June 2017 are:

As at		Headcount	Average	Average		
30 June 2017	Males	Females Total		Age	Service	
CSS	3,053	1,783	4,836	55.8	14.3	
PSS	39,918	60,511	100,429	48.8	5.6	
Total	42,971	62,294	105,265	49.1	6.0	



The distribution of deferred/preserved members by age as at 30 June 2020 is shown in the chart below.

# **Pensioners**

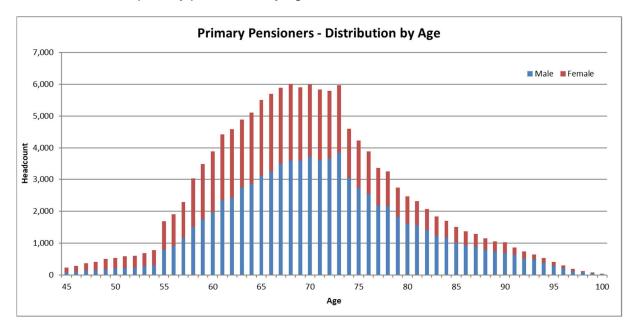
Statistics for age and invalidity retiree pensioners as at 30 June 2020 are:

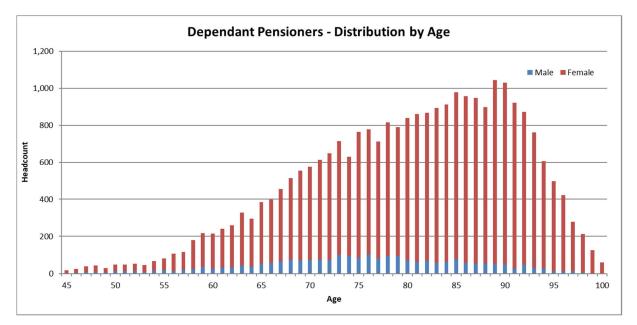
As at		Headcount		Average		
30 June 2020	Males	Females	Total	Average Age	Annual Pension	
Primary Pensioners						
1922 Scheme	282	137	419	80.6	\$39,130	
CSS	55,588	23,937	79,525	73.8	\$47,384	
PSS	26,124	31,443	57,567	65.3	\$36,712	
Total	81,994	55,517	137,511	70.3	\$42,891	
Dependant Pensioners						
1922 Scheme	24	1,357	1,381	87.2	\$30,029	
CSS	1,661	21,385	23,046	81.4	\$24,482	
PSS	838	1,869	2,707	66.6	\$20,702	
Total	2,523	24,611	27,134	80.1	\$24,387	

As at		Headcount		Average	
30 June 2017	Males	Females	Total	Average Age	Annual Pension
Primary Pensioners					
1922 Scheme	404	175	579	80.0	\$37,617
CSS	58,881	24,382	83,263	72.8	\$42,201
PSS	21,411	24,780	46,191	63.7	\$32,218
Total	80,696	49,337	130,033	69.6	\$38,634
Dependant Pensioners					
1922 Scheme	25	1,961	1,986	86.9	\$28,485
CSS	1,584	22,491	24,075	80.7	\$22,836
PSS	617	1,343	1,960	63.3	\$18,958
Total	2,226	25,795	28,021	79.9	\$22,966

#### The equivalent statistics for pensioners as at 30 June 2017 are shown below:

The distribution of primary pensioners by age as at 30 June 2020:





#### The distribution of dependant pensioners by age as at 30 June 2020 is:

# **Reconciliation of Membership Movements**

	CSS (including 1922 Scheme pensioners)						
	Contributor	Total					
As at 30 June 2017	5,787	4,836	109,903	120,526			
New	+55*	+354	+8,141	+8,550			
Exit	-2,856	-1,941	-13,673	-18,470			
As at 30 June2020	2,986	3,249	104,371	110,606			

\* Deferred members recommencing contributions on re-employment with a participating employer.

	PSS					
	Contributor	Preserved	Pensioner	Total		
As at 30 June 2017	78,911	100,429	48,151	227,491		
New	+3,374*	+4,580	+13,381	+21,335		
Exits	-16,720	-11,746	-1,258	-29,724		
As at 30 June 2020	65,565	95,030	60,274	219,102		

\* Preserved members recommencing contributions on re-employment with a participating employer.

# Appendix C Analysis of Experience

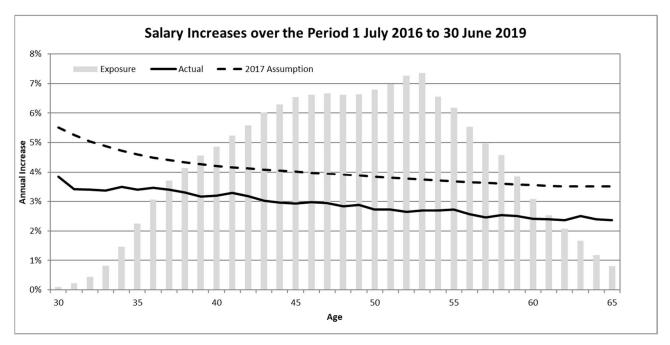
### Contributors

#### **Salary Increases**

Increases in salary are considered for CSS and PSS members who were contributors at two consecutive 30 June review dates and for whom a valid salary was available.

The assumptions made for the 2017 LTCR were that salaries would increase by an average of 3.5% per annum plus allowance for assumed promotional increases which vary by age.

The chart below shows a comparison of the actual rates of salary increases over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, together with the previous assumptions adopted for the 2017 LTCR:



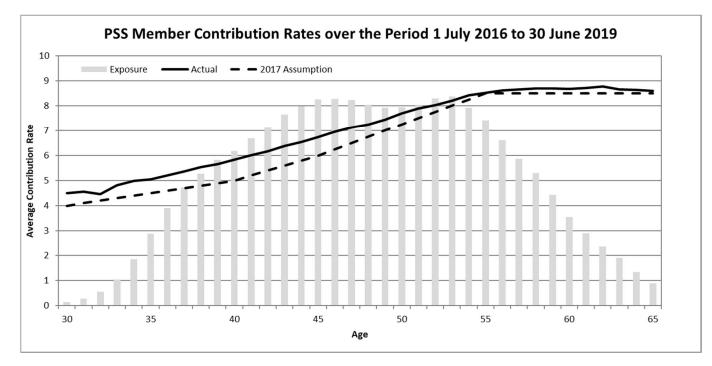
#### Observations:

- increases are higher at younger ages, indicating that there have been promotional increases in addition to general inflationary increases;
- actual salary increases have been below those previously assumed.

#### **PSS Member Contribution Rate**

Benefits from the PSS are based on each member's rate of contribution. The assumption made for the 2017 LTCR was that members would increase their rate of contribution as they become older.

The chart below shows a comparison of the average rates of member contribution at each 30 June review date, and the previous assumptions adopted for the 2017 LTCR:



#### Observations:

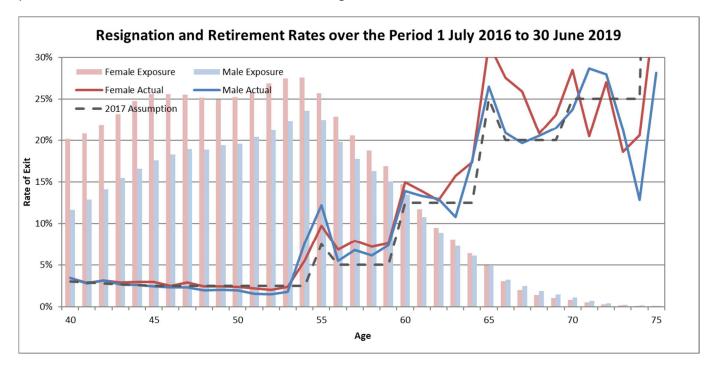
- members at older ages contribute at higher rates than younger members;
- actual member contribution rates have been higher at all ages than previously assumed;
- the overall average member contribution rate is expected to continue to increase as the (closed group of the) contributory members age.

The overall average member contribution rate as at 30 June 2020, and corresponding value for the two prior LTCRs, is shown in the following table:

Average Member Contribution Rate (% of salary)	2020 LTCR	2017 LTCR	2014 LTCR
Weighted by headcount	7.46	7.10	6.67
Weighted by salary	7.59	7.27	6.83

#### **Resignation and Age Retirement**

The assumed rates of resignation and age retirement, and the actual experience over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following chart:

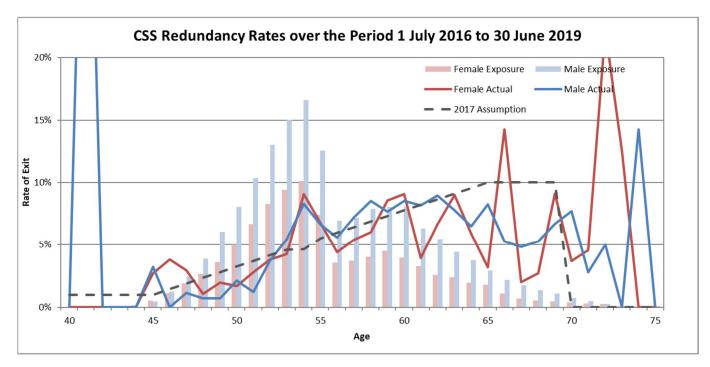


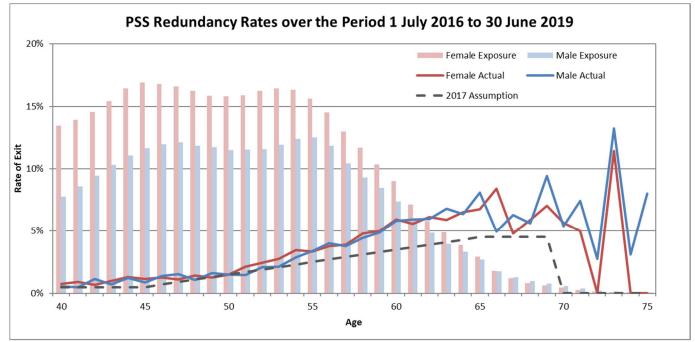
#### Observations:

- a higher rate of resignation occurs (and is assumed to occur) for CSS contributors at age 54 due to the nature of the benefit design (the "54/11" resignation benefit);
- there are peaks for rates of retirement at the milestone ages of 55, 60 and 65.

#### Involuntary Retirement (Redundancy)

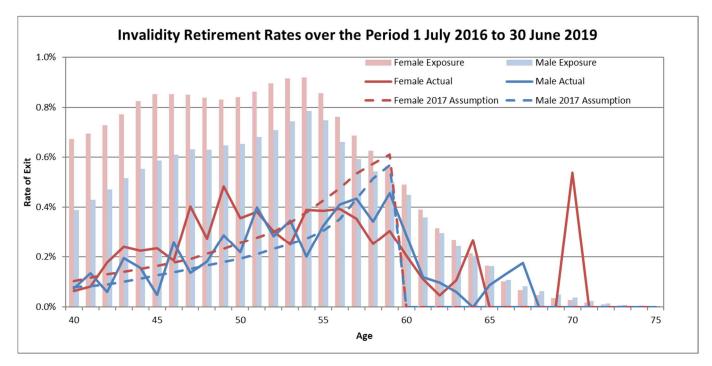
The assumed rates of redundancy, and the actual experience over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following charts. Note that different assumptions were made for the CSS and PSS.





#### **Invalidity Retirement (Disablement)**

The assumed rates of disablement, and the actual experience over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following charts. Note that different assumptions were made for males and females.



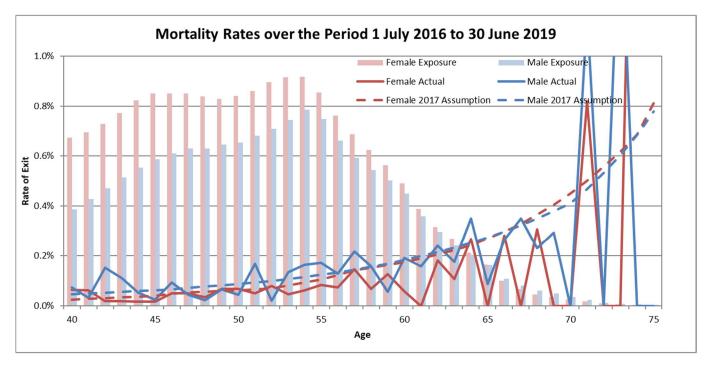
#### Observations:

- actual rates for females were higher than assumed, and higher than for males, at younger ages but less than assumed, and less than males, at older ages;
- on average, the existing assumptions were marginally below what was observed.

Note that CSS contributors are eligible for invalidity retirement up to age 65 and, while not shown in the graph above (so as not to lose the detail at younger ages), disability rates are assumed to continue to age 65. PSS contributions are not eligible for invalidity retirement from age 60.

#### Death

The assumed rates of death whilst a contributory member, and the actual experience over the threeyear period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following chart. Note that different assumptions were made for males and females.



**Observations:** 

- actual rates of death for males were generally higher than for females;
- on average, the number of deaths whilst a contributory member was lower than expected using the existing assumptions.

#### **Deferral/Preservation of Benefits**

On resignation prior to eligibility for retirement, members are generally assumed to fully defer or preserve their benefit until retirement age.

A lower immediate lump sum benefit is available for CSS members. Very few elect this option.

PSS members who resign prior to retirement are required to preserve at least some of their benefit. If the benefit is fully preserved, the lump sum amount can ultimately be converted to an indexed lifetime pension on retirement. Members may receive any pre-1 July 1999 member component as an immediate benefit but then the remaining amount can only be paid as a lump sum.

Members who are made redundant are able to be paid pension benefits immediately. A different pattern of deferral/preservation occurs for retrenchments relative to resignations.

Scheme	Resignation		Redundancy	
	2017 Assumption	Actual	2017 Assumption	Actual
CSS	100%	100%	70%	88%
PSS pre-1 July 1999	80%	94%	40%	150/
PSS post-1 July 1999	100%	100%	40%	15%

The assumed rates of deferral/preservation, and the actual experience over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following table:

#### **Rate of Pension Take-up**

CSS members have the option to convert the funded portion of their benefits (i.e. member and productivity component) from a lump sum to a non-indexed lifetime pension. PSS members may elect to convert their age or involuntary (redundancy) retirement benefit from a lump sum to an indexed lifetime pension.

The assumed pension take-up rates, and the actual experience over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following table:

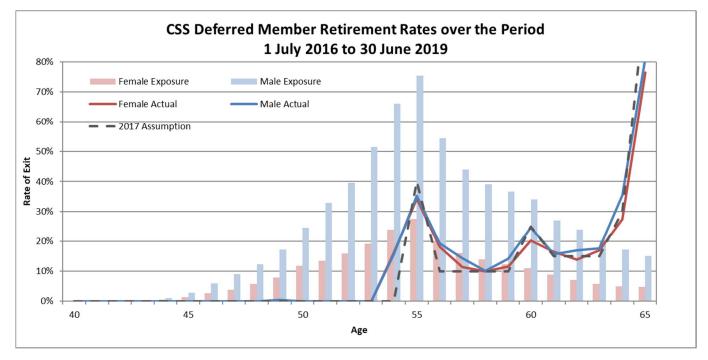
Scheme	2017 Assumption	Actual
CSS	30%	33%
PSS	80%	89%

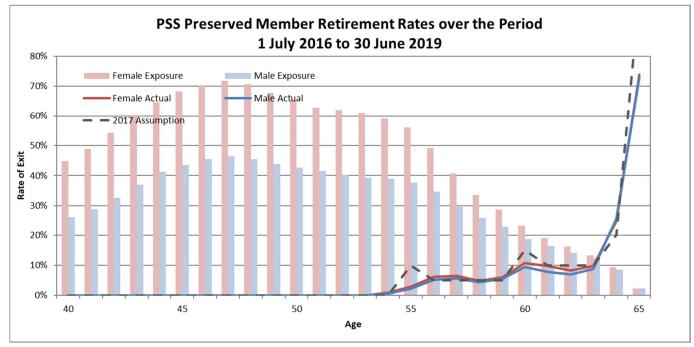
Observations:

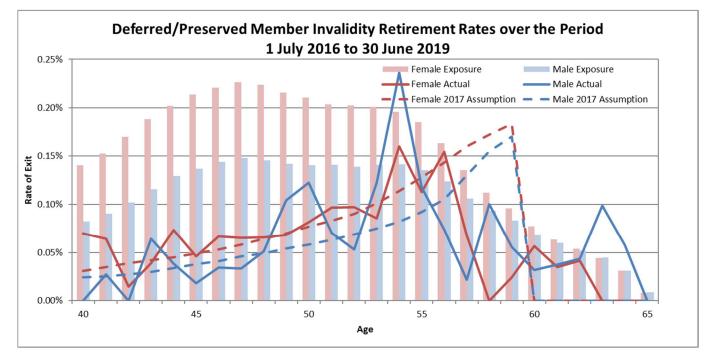
- the rate of pension take-up for CSS members is broadly consistent with the 2017 assumption;
- the rate of pension take-up for PSS members has been trending upwards and was greater than previously assumed.

# **Deferred/Preserved Members**

#### **Age Retirement**

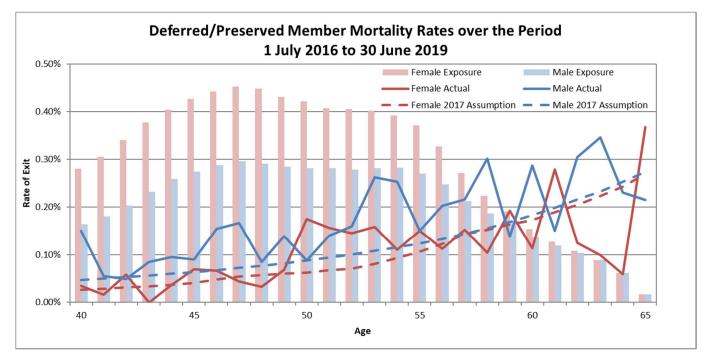






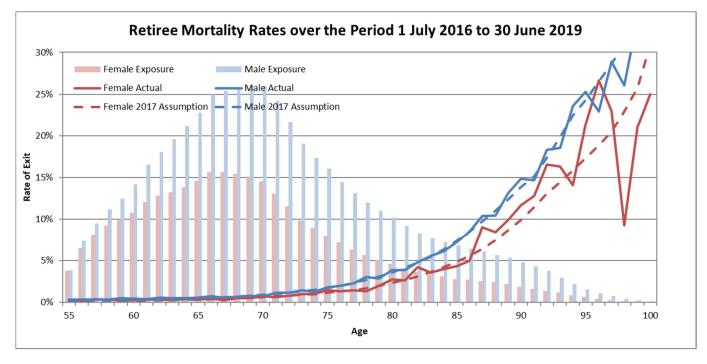
#### **Invalidity Retirement (Disablement)**

#### Death

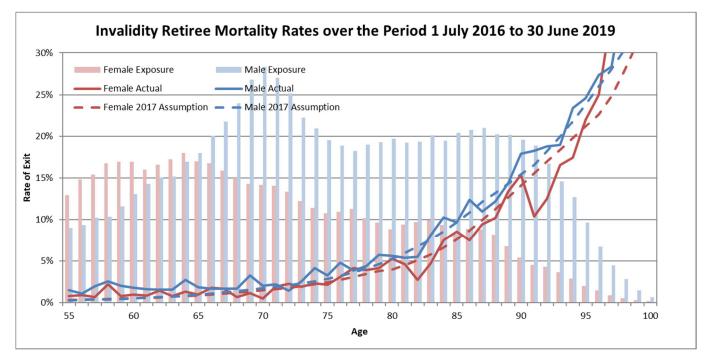


# Pensioners

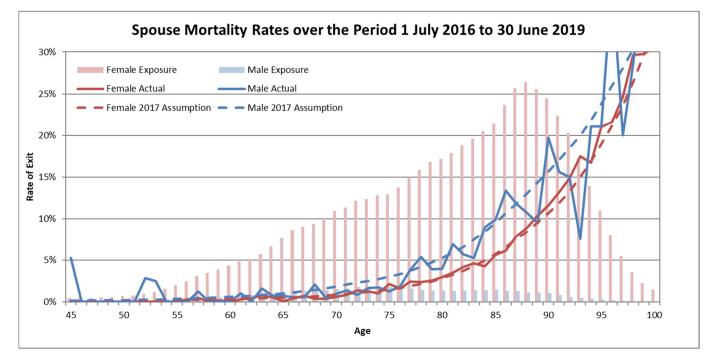
#### **Age Retirement Pensioner Mortality**



#### **Invalidity Retirement (Disablement) Pensioner Mortality**



#### **Spouse Pensioner Mortality**



#### Age of Spouse

The assumed age difference between members and their spouse, and the actual experience for deceased pensioners with a spouse reversion over the three-year period to 30 June 2019, are shown in the following table:

	2017 LTCR Assumption	Actual
Age of male member relative to spouse	3 years older	3.3 years older
Age of female member relative to spouse	2 years younger	1.5 year younger

# Appendix D Details of Actuarial Assumptions

# **Economic Assumptions**

The key economic assumptions adopted are shown in the table below:

Assumption as at	30 June 2020	30 June 2017
CPI increases	2.5% per annum	2.5% per annum
General salary increases	3.5% per annum (nominal) (1.0% per annum (real))	3.5% per annum (nominal) (1.0% per annum (real))
Investment return / discount rate	5.0% per annum (nominal) (2.5% per annum (real))	5.0% per annum (nominal) (2.5% per annum (real))

These assumptions remain unchanged from the 2017 LTCR.

#### **GDP Growth**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the 2020/21 financial year is assumed to be \$2.0 trillion. The table below shows sample rates (nominal and real) of projected GDP growth over the next 40 years:

Year Ending 30 June	Nominal rate per annum	Real rate per annum
2021	4.0%	1.5%
2022	4.2%	1.7%
2023	4.5%	2.0%
2024	4.6%	2.1%
2025	4.7%	2.2%
2030	5.4%	2.9%
2040	5.2%	2.7%
2050	4.9%	2.4%
2060	4.8%	2.3%
Average	5.0%	2.5%

#### **Taxation**

Allowance has been made for 15% tax payable by the Schemes on assessable income, including employer productivity superannuation contributions. All member contributions are made from after tax salary and are not subject to tax in the Schemes.

No allowance has been made for:

- Superannuation surcharge, as members' benefits are reduced by a surcharge offset account.
- Excess contributions tax, as this is payable by the member.
- Division 293 tax on contributions for those with incomes above the threshold, is this is payable by the member.

In determining the projected outlays, no adjustment is made for any tax payable by members on the unfunded portion of benefits.

#### **Superannuation Guarantee**

Superannuation Guarantee legislation requires employers to provide a minimum level of superannuation benefits for their employees. This is known as the Minimum Requisite Benefit (and MRB) and is defined in a Benefit Certificate. Benefits from the Schemes must be at least equal to the MRB.

In projecting the MRB, allowance has been made for legislated increases in the Superannuation Guarantee rate (currently 9.5% and increasing to 12% by 1 July 2025).

Due to the generous nature of the PSS and CSS benefits, the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee rate does not have a material impact on the valuation results.

### **Demographic Assumptions**

#### **Future New Contributory Members**

No allowance has been made for future new entrants to the Schemes. The PSS was closed to new members from 1 July 2005. The CSS has been closed to new members since 1 July 1990.

In practice, there may be deferred or preserved members who return to work for the Australian Government or a participating employer and have a right to recommence contributory membership. However, the overall level of such reinstatement is not considered to be material to the overall projections.

#### **Promotional Salary Increases**

The following table shows examples of the annual assumed percentage increase in salary due to promotion (excluding general salary increases due to inflation):

Age	Promotional Increase
35	1.10%
40	0.72%
45	0.52%
50	0.34%
55	0.18%
60	0.05%

For example, a contributor aged 40 is assumed to have a promotional salary increase in the following year of 0.72% in addition to the assumed level of general salary increases.

#### **PSS Member Contribution Rates**

Age	Contribution Rate (% of Salary)
35	5.0%
40	5.9%
45	6.8%
50	7.7%
55	8.6%
60	8.6%
65	8.6%

Age	Resignation	Age Retirement
35	3.5%	-
40	3.0%	-
45	2.5%	-
50	2.5%	-
55	-	7.5%
60	-	12.5%
65		25.0%
70	÷	25.0%
75	-	100.0%

#### **Resignation and Age Retirement Rates for Contributors**

A higher rate (40%) is assumed for CSS contributors at age 54, which reflects the benefit design and Scheme experience.

# Age Retirement Rates for Deferred/Preserved

Age	PSS	CSS
55	5%	40%
56 - 59	5%	10%
60	10%	25%
61 - 63	10%	15%
64	20%	30%
65	100%	100%

#### **Involuntary Retirement (Redundancy) Rates**

Age	PSS	CSS
35	0.05%	1.00%
40	0.05%	1.00%
45	0.05%	1.00%
50	1.50%	3.25%
55	2.50%	5.50%
60	4.25%	7.75%
65	6.00%	10.00%

Age	Death		Invalidity**	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
35	0.033%	0.017%	0.063%	0.064%
40	0.045%	0.025%	0.087%	0.108%
45	0.064%	0.039%	0.140%	0.172%
50	0.088%	0.060%	0.213%	0.268%
55	0.124%	0.097%	0.336%	0.447%
60	0.183%	0.166%	0.625%*	0.678%*
65	0.274%	0.249%	-	-
70	0.411%	0.374%	-	-

#### **Death and Invalidity Retirement Rates**

\* PSS contributors are not eligible for invalidity retirement from age 60 and nil rate is assumed.

\*\* Rates of invalidity retirement for deferred/preserved members are assumed equal to 30% of contributor rates.

#### **Rates of Deferral/Preservation of Benefits**

Scheme	Resignation	Redundancy
PSS	100%	15%
CSS	100%	100%

On resignation, all contributors are assumed to fully preserve or defer their benefit until retirement age when retirement pension options are available.

CSS contributors who are retrenched are also assumed to fully defer their entitlement and receive a benefit of greater value than the immediate lump sum.

On retrenchment, PSS contributors can elect to preserve their benefits or receive immediately a lump sum, a pension, or a combination of the two. The assumption is that 15% of retrenched PSS contributors preserve their benefit and 85% elect an immediate benefit.

#### **Rates of Pension Take-up**

Scheme	% Pension
PSS	90%
CSS (employer-financed component)	100%
CSS (member and productivity component)	30%

Age	Male		Female			
	Retiree	Invalid	Widower	Retiree	Invalid	Widow
55	0.164%	0.751%	0.395%	0.164%	0.457%	0.229%
60	0.262%	1.118%	0.588%	0.220%	0.652%	0.326%
65	0.476%	1.629%	0.857%	0.335%	0.975%	0.488%
70	0.921%	2.375%	1.370%	0.636%	1.561%	0.824%
75	1.790%	3.684%	2.352%	1.187%	2.593%	1.449%
80	3.482%	5.975%	4.268%	2.450%	4.514%	2.766%
85	7.128%	10.573%	8.133%	5.250%	8.293%	5.627%
90	14.290%	16.859%	14.660%	11.434%	15.072%	11.230%
95	24.864%	24.156%	21.960%	19.386%	23.171%	19.141%
100	37.705%	33.193%	30.175%	30.526%	31.602%	29.290%
105	51.682%	42.044%	38.222%	41.683%	42.406%	40.286%
110	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%

#### Pensioner Mortality Rates

The mortality rates shown above include assumed improvements to 2020.

#### **Future Mortality Improvements**

Allowance is made for assumed future improvements (i.e. reductions) in pensioner mortality.

Improvements in mortality have been updated to reflect the short term (25 year experience) and long term (125 year experience) factors derived by the Australian Government Actuary and published in the Australian Life Tables 2015-17. The short term improvement factors are significantly higher (i.e. result in lower projected mortality) than the long term improvement factors.

Short term improvements are incorporated for the period 2021 to 2024, with long term improvements assumed thereafter.

Age	Male	Female
55	66.0%	62.0%
60	66.0%	59.5%
65	66.0%	57.0%
70	66.0%	54.0%
75	66.0%	47.0%
80	63.0%	36.0%
85	54.0%	21.0%
90	39.0%	8.0%
95	22.0%	3.0%
100	10.0%	2.0%

#### **Proportion with Spouses**

#### Age Difference between Member and Spouse

It is assumed that male members are three years older than their spouse, and that female members are two years younger than their spouse.

#### **Family Law**

Benefits subject to family law splitting order or agreement have been flagged in the membership data as at 30 June 2020. The member's benefit is reduced due to the split and the associate member (former spouse) is included as a dependant pensioner if currently receiving a pension, or as a deferred/preserved member if the entitlement is yet to be paid.

#### **Co-Contributions and LISTO/ LISC**

Government co-contributions, low income super tax offset and low income super contributions are treated as fully funded additional member accounts and have no effect on the unfunded liability or NECRs.

# Appendix E Details of Projected Results

# **Projected Unfunded Liability**

As at 30 June	Projected Unfunded Liability (\$ billion)			
	PSS	CSS	Combined	of GDP
2020	84.0	67.4	151.4	7.62%
2021	88.6	66.4	155.0	7.51%
2022	93.2	65.3	158.5	7.37%
2023	97.8	64.1	161.9	7.20%
2024	102.4	62.8	165.2	7.03%
2025	106.9	61.1	168.3	6.83%
2026	111.3	59.8	171.1	6.62%
2027	115.5	58.2	173.7	6.40%
2028	119.6	56.5	176.1	6.16%
2029	123.5	54.6	178.1	5.91%
2030	127.1	52.7	179.8	5.66%
2031	130.5	50.7	181.2	5.41%
2032	133.5	48.6	182.1	5.16%
2033	136.2	46.5	182.7	4.91%
2034	138.6	44.3	182.9	4.66%
2035	140.5	42.1	182.6	4.41%
2036	141.9	39.9	181.8	4.17%
2037	142.9	37.6	180.5	3.93%
2038	143.5	35.3	178.8	3.70%
2039	143.4	33.0	176.4	3.47%
2040	142.9	30.8	173.7	3.25%
2041	141.9	28.5	170.4	3.03%
2042	140.3	26.3	166.6	2.82%
2043	138.2	24.2	162.4	2.61%
2044	135.6	22.1	157.7	2.41%
2045	132.5	20.1	152.6	2.22%
2046	129.0	18.2	147.2	2.04%
2047	125.1	16.4	141.5	1.87%
2047	120.8	14.7	135.5	1.71%
2049	116.3	13.1	129.4	1.55%
2050	111.5	11.5	123.0	1.41%
2050	106.6	10.1	116.7	1.41%
2052	101.4	8.8	110.2	1.15%
2052	96.2	7.7	103.9	1.03%
2053	90.8	6.6	97.4	0.92%
2054	85.4	5.6	97.4 91.0	0.82%
2055	79.9	4.8	84.7	0.73%
2058	79.9	4.0	78.5	0.73%
2058	69.1	3.4	78.5	0.65%
2058	63.7	2.8	66.5	0.50%
2059	58.5	2.0	60.8	0.44%

# **Projected Outlays**

Year Ending 30 June		Nominal Outlays as %		
	PSS	CSS	Combined	of GDP
2021	1.7	4.3	6.0	0.29%
2022	1.9	4.4	6.3	0.29%
2023	2.1	4.4	6.5	0.29%
2024	2.3	4.5	6.8	0.29%
2025	2.5	4.5	7.0	0.28%
2026	2.8	4.5	7.3	0.28%
2027	3.0	4.5	7.5	0.28%
2028	3.3	4.5	7.8	0.27%
2029	3.6	4.5	8.1	0.27%
2030	3.9	4.5	8.4	0.26%
2031	4.2	4.5	8.7	0.26%
2032	4.6	4.5	9.1	0.26%
2033	5.0	4.4	9.4	0.25%
2034	5.4	4.4	9.8	0.25%
2035	5.8	4.3	10.1	0.24%
2036	6.2	4.2	10.4	0.24%
2037	6.6	4.1	10.7	0.23%
2038	7.1	4.0	11.1	0.23%
2039	7.5	3.9	11.4	0.22%
2040	7.9	3.8	11.7	0.22%
2041	8.3	3.7	12.0	0.21%
2042	8.7	3.5	12.2	0.21%
2043	9.1	3.3	12.4	0.20%
2044	9.4	3.2	12.6	0.19%
2045	9.7	3.0	12.7	0.19%
2046	9.9	2.8	12.7	0.18%
2047	10.1	2.6	12.7	0.17%
2048	10.2	2.5	12.7	0.16%
2049	10.3	2.3	12.6	0.15%
2050	10.3	2.1	12.4	0.14%
2051	10.3	1.9	12.2	0.13%
2052	10.2	1.7	11.9	0.12%
2053	10.1	1.6	11.7	0.12%
2054	9.9	1.4	11.3	0.11%
2055	9.7	1.2	10.9	0.10%
2056	9.5	1.1	10.6	0.09%
2057	9.2	0.9	10.1	0.08%
2058	8.9	0.8	9.7	0.08%
2059	8.6	0.7	9.3	0.07%
2060	8.2	0.6	8.8	0.06%

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