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To the Under Treasurer Department of Treasury and Finance

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Judges' Pension Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Judges' Pension Scheme as at 30 June 2023, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023
- an Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023
- a Statement of Changes in Member Benefits for the year ended 30 June 2023
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023
- notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Acting Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance, the Acting Chief Executive, State Superannuation Office and the Director Finance, State Superannuation Office.

Basis for opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of my report. I am independent of the Judges' Pension Scheme. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* establishes the independence of the Auditor-General. In conducting the audit, the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* have been met.

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

Responsibilities of the Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance for the financial report

The Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance is responsible for assessing the Judges' Pension Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, taking into account any policy or funding decisions the government has made which affect the continued existence of the entity. The Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the assessment indicates that it is not appropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, I have audited the financial report of the Judges' Pension Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control

- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Judges' Pension Scheme's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause an entity to cease to continue as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

My report refers only to the financial report described above and does not provide assurance over the integrity of electronic publication by the entity on any website nor does it provide an opinion on other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the report.

I communicate with the Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance about, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.



Daniel O'Donohue
Assistant Auditor-General (Financial Audit)

22 September 2023

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	477	251
Contributions receivable		-	41
Receivables	6	163	3
Investments	4	322 531	308 337
Total assets		323 171	308 632
Liabilities			
Payables	7	222	28
Total liabilities excluding member benefits		222	28
Net assets available for member benefits		322 949	308 604
Member benefits			
Defined benefit member liabilities	3	269 125	272 477
Total net assets		53 824	36 127
Equity			
Defined benefits surplus		53 824	36 127
Total equity		53 824	36 127

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Change in investments measured at fair value		25 923	(4 269)
Interest revenue		14	-
Total revenue		25 937	(4 269)
Investment expenses	8	(1 218)	(1 233)
Administration expenses	9	(103)	(104)
Total expenses		(1 321)	(1 337)
Results from superannuation activities		24 616	(5 606)
Net change in defined benefit member liabilities		(6 920)	(27 960)
Net operating result		17 696	(33 566)

The Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Member Benefits

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Opening balance as at 1 July		272 477	253 555
Employer contributions		6 346	6 240
Benefits to members		(16 618)	(15 278)
Net benefits allocated, comprising:			
Net change in defined benefit member benefits		6 920	27 960
Closing balance as at 30 June	3	269 125	272 477

The Statement of Changes in Member Benefits should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Over funded benefits opening balance 1 July	36 127	69 694
Net operating result	17 696	(33 566)
Transfer (from) equity	1	(1)
Over funded benefits closing balance 30 June	53 824	36 127

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
GST recoup		9	8
Bank Interest Received		12	-
Administration expenses paid		(102)	(112)
Net cash flows from operating activities	11	(81)	(104)
Receipts from the sale of investments from Funds SA		13 022	11 390
Payments to Funds SA for the purchase of investments		(2 670)	(2 130)
Net cash flows from investing activities		10 352	9 260
Contributions by employers		6 368	6 412
Benefits paid		(16 413)	(15 752)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(10 045)	(9 340)
Net change in cash		226	(184)
Cash at the beginning of the financial period		251	435
Cash at the end of the financial period		477	251

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1) Objectives and funding

a) Judges' Pensions Scheme

The Judges' Pensions Scheme (the Scheme) is a compulsory superannuation scheme that exists pursuant to the *Judges' Pensions Act 1971* (the Act). The Act provides for the payment of pension benefits to former South Australian Judges and their families.

The Act provides for a pension to be paid to a Judge who resigns and is over the age of 60 years and has had not less than ten years judicial service or retires. A pension will also be paid to a Judge who resigns due to permanent disability or infirmity.

A Scheme member is entitled to a pension-based benefit determined in accordance with the Act to be a percentage of the member's salary immediately prior to retirement or resignation. The Scheme is non-contributory.

The Scheme is an exempt public sector superannuation scheme and operates on a not-for-profit basis.

b) Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia

Funds SA is a South Australian Government Entity established under the *Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia Act 1995*. Funds SA is responsible for the investment and management of the Scheme's funds pursuant to strategies formulated by Funds SA.

For further information on the investment of the Scheme's funds, reference should be made to the Judges' Pension Scheme Account (the Account) in the annual report of Funds SA. The investment assets, liabilities, income and expense contained in this financial statement are related to the investment activities of Funds SA.

c) Funding Arrangements

Under Section 14(1)(b) of the Act, any payment to a member must be made out of the Consolidated Account (which is appropriated to the necessary extent) or from a Special Deposit Account held at the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) established for that purpose. During the period, payments were made from the Special Deposit Account.

Since 30 June 1994 the Government has undertaken a process of funding its accrued past service liabilities and the Scheme assets have broadly matched liabilities since 1997. The small size of the Scheme, the nature of the way member benefits accrue and variations in investment performance mean that deficits and surpluses will arise from year to year.

Employer contributions at a rate of 30 per cent of salary are paid to the Treasurer from SA Government entities to fund emerging superannuation liabilities. These contributions are deposited into the Scheme with \$6.35 million (2022: \$6.24 million) being credited during the year ended 30 June 2023.

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2) Significant accounting policies

a) *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards, including AASB 1056 Superannuation Entities and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements promulgated under the provision of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 (PFAA), except as provided below.

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

These financial statements are prepared on a 12-month reporting period, presented in Australian currency and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000). The scheme is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing financial statements.

b) *New and amended accounting standards*

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior or current periods or that will affect future periods.

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2023 financial year and have not been early adopted by the Scheme. These standards and interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the Scheme.

c) *Financial assets and liabilities*

(a) **Classification**

The Scheme classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities into the categories below in accordance with AASB 9.

Financial assets and liabilities held for trading:

These assets are acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuation in price. All derivatives are classified as held for trading. Derivative financial instruments entered into by the Scheme do not meet the hedge accounting criteria as defined by AASB 9. Consequently hedge accounting is not applied by the Scheme.

Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition:

These financial assets are designated on the basis that they are part of a group of financial assets which are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with risk management and investment strategies of the Scheme.

Other financial liabilities

This category includes all financial liabilities, other than those classified at fair value through profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are measured at their nominal amounts. Amounts are generally settled within 30 days of being recognised as other financial liabilities. Given the short-term nature of other financial liabilities, the nominal amount approximates fair value.

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(b) Recognition

The Scheme recognises a financial asset or a financial liability when, and only when, it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the timeframe generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Scheme commits to purchase or sell the asset.

(c) Initial recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in the income statement.

Receivables and financial liabilities (other than those classified at fair value through profit or loss) are measured initially at their fair value plus any directly attributable incremental costs of acquisition or issue.

For financial assets and liabilities where the fair value at initial recognition does not equal the transaction price, the Scheme recognises the difference in the income statement, unless specified otherwise.

(d) Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the Scheme measures investments at fair value through profit or loss. Subsequent changes in the fair value of those investments are recorded as 'changes in assets measured at fair value' through the income statement. Interest earned is recorded in 'Interest revenue'.

(e) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- in the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Scheme.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

The Scheme uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy. Refer to financial statement note 4.

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(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short term deposits as defined above.

(g) Receivables and payables

Receivables are carried at nominal amounts due that approximate fair value. Receivables are normally settled within 30 days. Payables are carried at nominal amounts that approximate fair value. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Scheme prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid when the Scheme becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods or services.

(h) Benefits payable

Benefits payable are valued at fair value and relate to pension payments payable on or prior to 30 June 2023 but paid after the end of financial year.

(i) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Scheme and the revenue can be reliably measured, regardless of when the payment is received. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty. The specific recognition criteria described below must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Changes in fair values

Changes in the fair value of investments invested with Funds SA are calculated as the difference between the fair value at sale, or at balance date, and the fair value at the previous valuation point. All changes are recognised in the income statement.

Interest

Interest revenue on cash and other financial assets carried at fair value is recorded according to the terms of the contract and recognised in the income statement.

(j) Taxation

The Scheme is a constitutionally protected superannuation fund in terms of Section 295-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, Regulation 995-1.04 (Schedule 4) and is exempt from income tax. Therefore no income tax has been brought to account in this financial statement.

(k) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except:

- when the GST incurred on a sale or purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), in which case the GST is recognised as part of the revenue or the expense item or as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset, as applicable, or
- when receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

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The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

(l) Foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Scheme is Australian Dollars, the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Scheme operates. The Scheme's performance is evaluated and its liquidity managed in Australian Dollars. Therefore, the Australian Dollar is considered as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions.

(m) Investments

Funds SA manages the Defined Benefit (DB) High Growth Strategy, with individual investment asset classes measured at fair value. Below is the basis for these investments.

(i) Inflation Linked Securities Tax-Exempt

The Inflation Linked Securities Tax-Exempt portfolio invests in discretely managed portfolios and internal inflation linked securities. Discretely managed portfolios are invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date.

Internally managed inflation linked securities, the returns of which are linked to movements in either the Consumer Price Index or Average Weekly Earnings, have been valued using the discounted cash flow method. The valuation as at balance date was performed by an independent valuer.

(ii) Property Tax-Exempt

The Property Tax-Exempt portfolio comprises two sub sectors:

Listed Property Trusts

These investments comprise arrangements whereby professional fund managers are appointed under an investment management agreement to manage and invest in listed property securities and real estate investment trusts. Investments in this sub-sector are in pooled funds and have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers.

Unlisted property vehicles

The unlisted property vehicles portfolio is invested and managed by external managers. Investments in this sub-sector have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers.

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(iii) Australian Equities Tax-Exempt

The Australian Equities Tax-Exempt portfolio comprises investments in listed Australian equities, and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date.

(iv) International Equities Tax-Exempt

The International Equities Tax-Exempt portfolio comprises investments in equities listed on international share markets, and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date. Investments in pooled international vehicles have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

(v) Fixed Interest

Fixed Interest portfolios have exposure to domestic and global debt instruments and is managed by external managers. The custodian appointed to hold the assets has valued the portfolio using market prices applicable at balance date.

(vi) Diversified Strategies Growth Tax-Exempt

The Diversified Strategies Growth Tax-Exempt asset class incorporates two sub sectors:

Private Markets Tax-Exempt

The Private Markets Tax-Exempt portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international private equity funds, which are invested and managed by external managers. The valuation of private equity investments is based on the most recent valuation performed by the fund managers plus or minus cash flows between the last valuation date and the reporting date. Both Australian and international private equity valuations are generally in accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

Core Infrastructure Tax-Exempt

The Core Infrastructure Tax-Exempt portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international infrastructure pooled funds, which are invested and managed by external managers. The valuation of these investments is based on the most recent valuation performed by the fund managers plus or minus cash flows between the last valuation date and the reporting date. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

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(vii) Diversified Strategies Income

The Diversified Strategies Income asset class incorporates four sub sectors:

Defensive Alternatives

The Defensive Alternatives portfolio comprises investments in Australian and international pooled funds and is invested and managed by external managers. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

Credit

The Credit portfolio comprises investments in discretely managed investments and Australian and international pooled funds and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at the balance date. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

Investment Grade Credit

The Investment Grade Credit portfolio comprises investments in discretely managed investments and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at the balance date. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

Growth Alternatives

The Growth Alternatives portfolio comprises investments in discretely managed investments and Australian and international pooled funds and is invested and managed by external managers. Discretely managed portfolios have been valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at the balance date. Investments in the pooled funds have been valued in accordance with the valuations supplied by the managers. Where currency conversions are required, these have been made at the spot market mid rates applicable at balance date.

(viii) Cash

The Cash portfolio comprises investments in a discretely managed investment which is managed by an external manager and is valued by the custodian appointed to hold the assets using market prices applicable at balance date. Deposits at call have been valued on the basis of principal plus accrued interest.

(n) Operation of investment portfolio

Funds SA is responsible for the investment and management of the Scheme's funds pursuant to strategies formulated by Funds SA (refer Note 1 (b)). Funds SA operates a multi-layered notional unitisation structure to facilitate the administration of different investment strategies applying to the various public sector superannuation funds. For the year ending 30 June 2023, funds of the Scheme were invested in the DB High Growth Strategy.

Reference should be made to Funds SA's Annual Report for the strategic asset allocations applying to the DB High Growth Strategy discussed in the preceding paragraph.

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(o) Member liabilities

Member liabilities are measured at the amount of accrued benefits, with defined benefit member liabilities measured as the amount of a portfolio of investments that would be needed as at the reporting date to yield future net cash inflows that would be sufficient to meet accrued benefits at the date they are expected to fall due.

(p) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Scheme's financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

The significant accounting policies have been consistently applied in the current financial year and the comparative period, unless otherwise stated. Where necessary, comparative information has been presented to be consistent with current period disclosures.

Fair value of investments

When the fair values of the investments recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, their fair value is measured using valuation techniques including a discounted cash flow model. The inputs in these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required to establish fair values. Judgements include considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk and volatility.

Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of these investments.

It is also important to note that fair values are accepted directly from Funds SA.

Valuation of defined benefits member liabilities

The amount of member liabilities in relation to defined benefits has been determined using actuarial valuation techniques and assumptions. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions about the future. Actual developments in the future may differ from these assumptions. The assumptions include member turnover, future investment returns, pension indexation rates, mortality rates and future salary increases. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and its long term nature, defined benefit member liabilities are highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. Assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, the actuary considers the expected long term returns on each asset class and return objective set by Funds SA for the investments in respect of defined benefit member liabilities.

The mortality rates for pensioners are based on the Mercer 2012-17 Pensioner Mortality Investigation. The assumed future improvements in mortality rates reflect the short term (25-year experience) factors derived by the Australian government Actuary and published in the Australian Life tables 2015-17.

The long-term future salary growth assumption is based on 1.0 per cent per annum real growth (i.e. salary increases in excess of inflation) over the longer term, plus an implicit allowance of 0.5 per cent per annum for promotional increases.

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(q) Climate change financial risks

In November 2021, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) released Prudential Practice Guide CPG 229 Climate Change Financial Risks. CPG 229 does not impose new requirements in relation to climate risks, rather, it supports compliance with APRA's existing risk management and governance requirements and guidance. Super SA consider financial risks of climate change, including physical climate risks, transition climate risks, and liability risks as part of the overall Super SA Risk Management Strategy.

Additionally, as identified in Note 1(b) as per above, the investments of the scheme, are managed by Funds SA. Funds SA, in turn, is committed to risk management and maintains a rigorous and proactive approach to identifying and managing investment risk, including the risks associated with climate change. Funds SA has developed a Climate Change Position Statement and Climate Risk Response Plan to support its approach in this area. Please refer to the Funds SA website for further detail.

3) Defined benefit member liabilities

The present value of the accrued defined benefit member liabilities of the Scheme has been determined by Ms E Conway, FIAA of Mercer Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd in the Judges Superannuation Scheme – AASB 1056 Liability at 30 June 2023 final report dated 25 August 2023 and is shown below.

	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
Accrued benefits	269 125	272 477

The actuarial valuation of member liabilities reflects the actuarial assessment of the benefits accrued up to the reporting date and payable to members on retirement, resignation, death and disability. The accrued liabilities are the present values of expected future benefit payments arising from membership of the Scheme up to 30 June 2023.

The expected future benefit payments have been determined using the assumptions relating to mortality, disability, withdrawal, preservation and retirement adopted at the SA Superannuation Scheme triennial review as at 30 June 2022. The actuarial valuation of member liabilities of the Scheme is undertaken annually, as at the end of each financial year.

The key assumptions used to determine the values of accrued benefits were:

- The future rate of investment earnings (net of investment taxes and fees): 7.0 per cent per annum (2022: 6.5 per cent)
- The long-term future rate of salary growth: 3.5 per cent per annum (2022: 2.5 per cent)
- Long term inflation (CPI): 2.5 per cent per annum (2022: 2.0 per cent).

The Scheme uses sensitivity analysis to monitor the potential impact of changes to key variables about which assumptions need to be made. The Scheme has identified two assumptions (being the discount rate and the rate of salary adjustment) for which changes are reasonably possible that would have a material impact on the amount of the defined benefit member liabilities.

The assumed discount rate has been determined by reference to the expected long term returns on each asset class and return objective set by Funds SA for the investments in respect of defined benefit member liabilities.

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The other variables about which assumptions have been made in measuring defined benefit member liabilities and for which changes are not considered reasonably possible, or for which reasonably possible changes would not be expected to have a material effect, include: pension indexation rates, mortality rates and resignations.

The following table outlines the sensitivity of key assumptions provided by the scheme actuary on the discount rate, salary increase rate, CPI pension increase rate and mortality assumptions:

Scenario	Member liability result \$000	Change in member benefit liability \$000	Change in member benefit liability %
Base Case	269 125	-	-
Discount rate plus 0.5%	256 718	(12 407)	(4.6)
Discount rate less 0.5%	282 603	13 478	5.0
Salary increase rate plus 0.5%	270 735	1 610	0.6
Salary increase rate less 0.5%	267 565	(1 560)	(0.6)
Pension increase rate plus 0.5%	280 795	11 670	4.3
Pension increase rate less 0.5%	258 210	(10 915)	(4.1)
Mortality Rates plus 10%	262 809	(6 316)	(2.3)
Mortality Rates plus 10%	276 133	7 008	2.6
Vested benefits		2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Vested benefits		238 551	229 368

Vested benefits are benefits that are not conditional upon continued membership of the Scheme, or any factor other than resignation from the Scheme. Vested Benefits include benefits which members are entitled to receive had they terminated their membership as at the reporting date.

4) Fair value of financial instruments

Classification of financial Instruments under the fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 requires disclosures relating to fair value measurements using a three-level fair value hierarchy. The level within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The following table shows financial instruments recognised at fair value, categorised between those whose fair value is based on:

- Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

Valuations are the responsibility of the Board. The valuation of investments is performed daily and are subject to quality assurance procedures.

After the checks above have been performed the Board considers the valuation results, including assumptions used in the valuations.

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The Board also considers the appropriateness of the valuation methods and inputs, and may request that alternative valuation methods are applied to support the valuation arising from the method chosen.

Valuation technique

The Scheme's investments are not quoted in an active market. To ensure fair value can be determined, the Scheme's investment manager, Funds SA, applies due diligence and considers valuation techniques and inputs used in valuing the funds, prior to investing. In measuring fair value, consideration is given to the amounts for which financial assets can be sold, excluding transaction costs. The Scheme classifies these funds as Level 2.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – Level 2		
Level 1 and level 3 are not relevant to the Scheme		
Unlisted managed investment schemes	322 531	308 337
Funds SA	<u>322 531</u>	<u>308 337</u>

5) Movement in the value of investments

	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
Investments at 1 July	308 337	323 099
Change in value of investments	14 194	(14 762)
Investments at 30 June	<u>322 531</u>	<u>308 337</u>

6) Receivables

	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
Refund from ATO for GST	1	3
Funds SA receivables	160	-
Interest receivables	2	-
Receivables	<u>163</u>	<u>3</u>

7) Payables

	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
PAYG payable to ATO	205	-
Audit fees	9	9
Other payables	-	19
Administration expenses	8	-
Payables	<u>222</u>	<u>28</u>

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8) Investment expenses

	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Investment expenses	1 218	1 233

Direct Investment expenses comprise fees paid to Funds SA. Funds SA advises the amount applicable to the Scheme based on the Scheme's funds under management.

9) Administration expenses

	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Administration expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	93	92
Other expenses ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	10	12
	103	104

(i) Administration Expenses comprise the costs incurred by the Department of Treasury and Finance in administering the Scheme, which are met in the first instance from the Department of Treasury and Finance Operating Account. The Department of Treasury and Finance seeks reimbursement from the Scheme.

(ii) Other expenses include Auditor's remuneration. Refer Note 10.

10) Auditors' remuneration

	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Audit fees paid or payable	9	9

Audit fees paid or payable to the Auditor General's Department relating to work performed under the PFAA were \$8,800, GST exclusive (2022: \$8,700). The Auditor General's Department uses the services of Ernst and Young for the audit. No other services were provided by the Auditor General's Department.

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11) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits with the Department of Treasury and Finance. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is classified as part of operating cash flows. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related item in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	2023 \$000	2022 \$000
Cash and cash equivalents	477	251
Reconciliation of net cash from operating activities		
Net operating result	17 696	(33 566)
Adjustments for:		
Change in investments measured at fair value	(25 923)	4 269
Investment expenses	1 218	1 233
Increase in payables	8	-
Allocation to members' accounts	6 920	27 960
Net cash flows from operating activities	(81)	(104)

12) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Scheme's investments are managed by Funds SA predominantly by the appointment of investment managers as determined by the Funds SA Board. Each investment manager is required to invest the assets in accordance with the terms of a written mandate. The Funds SA Board has determined that the appointment of these managers is appropriate for the Scheme and is in accordance with the Scheme's investment strategy. The Funds SA Board obtains regular reports from each manager on the nature of the investments made on its behalf and the associated risks.

The allocation of assets between the various types of financial instruments is determined by the Funds SA Board. Divergence from target asset allocations and the composition of the portfolio is monitored by the Funds SA Board on a regular basis.

The Scheme's investing activities expose it to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- market risk
- credit risk
- liquidity risk

The nature and extent of the financial instruments employed by the Scheme are discussed below. This note presents information about the Scheme's exposure to each of the above risks, the Scheme's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk.

The Funds SA Board has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Scheme's investment risk management framework.

The Scheme's investment risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Scheme, including those risks managed by the Scheme's investment managers, to set appropriate risk limits and controls and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Scheme's activities. The Scheme receives regular reports from Funds SA concerning compliance with investment objectives.

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(a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Scheme's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

Funds SA manages the risk of financial market volatility through the adherence to two principles:

- ensuring a diversity of exposures to different financial markets and sub-markets, and
- ensuring asset allocations for different investment options are consistent with the time horizon of each.

i) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of a change in foreign exchange rates.

The Scheme's currency risk is managed by Funds SA as investments include assets denominated in foreign currencies.

Funds SA strategic policy for the management of its foreign currency exposure is as follows:

- foreign currency exposures in the Tax-Exempt asset classes: Private Markets, Core Infrastructure, Credit, Long Term Fixed Interest and Inflation Linked Securities are economically hedged to Australian dollars, and
- foreign currency exposures over the developed markets component of the Tax-Exempt asset classes: International Equities and International Equities Passive are economically hedged to Australia dollars.

For the purpose of managing foreign currency risk, within defined constraints, the exposure to foreign currency can be varied from the strategic policy stated above, by Funds SA.

ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that a movement in interest rates will cause the value of fixed interest securities to deviate from expectations.

The Scheme's interest rate risk is managed by Funds SA, as investments include fixed interest securities.

Funds SA manages interest rate risk through:

- ensuring asset allocations of different investment products are consistent with the time horizon of each, and
- the use of specialist external investment managers to manage Funds SA's cash and fixed income portfolios.

iii) Other market price risk

Other market price risk is the risk that the value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

As the Scheme's financial instruments are valued at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the Income Statement, all changes in market conditions will directly affect investment revenue.

The Scheme's other market price risk is managed by Funds SA, as investments include financial instruments exposed to market prices.

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Funds SA manages the risk of financial market volatility through the adherence to two principles:

- ensuring a diversity of exposures to different financial markets and submarkets, and
- ensuring asset allocations for different investment options are consistent with the time horizon of each.

iv) Investments sensitivity analysis

The Funds SA Board has determined that its forecast risk/return profile provides a reasonable measure of the sensitivity of the expected returns in the investment for the year ahead. The following tables show the standard deviation around expected nominal returns for DB High Growth Strategy.

The statistics shown below are averages calculated over 10 years, net of investment management fees and gross of tax. These investment statistics have zero per cent tax rate applied and exclude franking credits.

	Expected Average Return	Market Risk	Average Funds Under Management	Potential impact of market risk (+/-) on Income Statement
	%	%	\$000	\$000
2023				
DB High Growth Strategy	8.2	9.6	315 434	30 282
2022				
DB High Growth Strategy	6.7	8.9	315 718	28 099

Market risk is a useful historical measure of the variability of returns earned by an investment portfolio. The market risk shown above represents the range at which actual future returns are expected to occur either side of the nominal return approximately two thirds of the time.

The dollar value of the potential impact on the Income Statement arising from the market risk is indicative only. The impacts are not additive across investment asset classes, as each asset class operates in different markets and is subject to different conditions.

Actual movements in returns may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the underlying trusts invest. As a result, historic variations in rates of return are not a definitive indicator of future variations in rates of return.

(b) **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Scheme.

The value of financial assets, included in the Statement of Financial Position represents the Scheme's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to those assets. The Scheme does not have any significant exposure to any individual counterparty or industry. The credit risk is monitored by Funds SA through ongoing reviews of the investment managers.

The Scheme does not have any assets which are past due or impaired and there is no concentration of credit risk.

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(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Scheme will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Scheme's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its payment of benefits to members and liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Scheme's reputation.

For the Scheme's investments, Funds SA manages liquidity risk as follows:

- by giving careful consideration to the expected net cash redemption requirements of Funds SA's clients. The allocation to cash in the strategic asset allocation of each investment product is set at a level sufficient to manage expected cash redemptions,
- a large proportion of each investment product is invested in highly liquid investments such as actively traded equities, unit trusts or securities with short-term maturities,
- reporting and monitoring the liquidity of the fund on a daily basis to ensure prospective client cash outflows and switches can be met,
- by undertaking portfolio management and rebalancing activities, and
- by undertaking regular stress testing on liquidity positions to identify sources of liquidity strain before they are realised.

For the Scheme itself, the liquidity position is monitored daily. The Scheme's cash and liquidity policy is to have sufficient cash balances to meet anticipated weekly benefit payments, expenses and investing activities.

The following tables summarise the contractual maturity profile of the Scheme's financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Scheme can be required to pay. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 3 Months \$000	Total Contractual Cash Flows \$000	Carrying Amount Liabilities \$000
2023			
Payables ⁽ⁱ⁾	19	19	19
Vested benefits ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	238 551	238 551	238 551
Total	238 570	238 570	238 570
2022			
Payables ⁽ⁱ⁾	19	19	19
Vested benefits ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	229 368	229 368	229 368
Total	229 387	229 387	229 387

(i) Payable amounts disclosed here exclude amounts relating to constructive obligations and statutory payables (e.g. Commonwealth, State and Local Government taxes, fees and charges, Auditor-General's Department audit fees).

(ii) Vested benefits have been included in the "Less than 3 Months" column, as this is the amount that members could call upon as at balance date. This is the earliest date on which the Scheme can be required to pay members vested benefits, however, members may not necessarily call upon amounts vested to them during this time.

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(d) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives can be defined as financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, assets, liabilities, reference rates or indices. Funds SA uses derivatives to manage portfolio risk and to facilitate the implementation of investment strategies efficiently and cost effectively. Funds SA uses a variety of derivative instruments, such as over the counter swap agreements, forward rate agreements, futures and options.

Derivatives are an authorised investment within certain mandates managed by Funds SA's external investment managers for the purposes described above.

13) Segment information

The Scheme operates in one reportable segment, being the provision of benefits to members. The Scheme also operates from one reportable geographic segment, being Australia, from where its activities are managed. While the Scheme operates from Australia only, the Scheme, through its investment managers Funds SA, has investment exposures in different countries and across different industries.

14) Related parties

a) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Scheme includes the Treasurer, the Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance, the Chief Executive and six members of the Executive Leadership Team, State Superannuation Office, who have responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Scheme.

b) Compensation

All key management personnel are compensated by the Department of Treasury and Finance therefore their compensation is disclosed in the respective financial reports.

c) Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties

There were no transactions with key management personnel or related parties.

d) Transactions with other government entities

There were no significant transactions with government entities other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements.

15) Events after the reporting period

There were no significant events after the reporting period.

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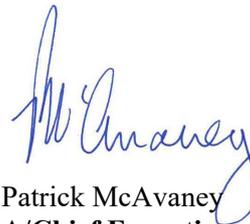
Certification of the financial statement

We certify that the:

- financial statements of the Judges' Pension Scheme:
 - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Scheme,
 - comply with relevant Treasurer's instructions,
 - comply with relevant accounting standards, and
 - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Scheme at the end of the financial year and the result of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls employed by the Scheme for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of the financial statements have been effective.



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14 September 2023

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