



Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

1997 Annual Report



ANZ

Who we are

ANZ is Australia and New Zealand's international bank.

In our home markets of Australia and New Zealand, we are a major financial institution providing the full range of banking and other financial services. We seek to differentiate ourselves from our competitors by the quality of our customer service, our professionalism, and our international capability.

Overseas, we have a significant presence in countries from the Middle East through South and East Asia to the Pacific—the region of greatest geographic and economic relevance to Australia and New Zealand. These businesses are complemented by wholesale and investment banking operations in the world's major financial centres.

Our values

- We have a strong customer focus and build relationships based on integrity, superior service and mutual benefit.
- We strive for profit and sound growth.
- We work as a team to serve the best interests of the Group.
- We are relentless in pursuit of business innovation and improvement.
- We value and respect people and make decisions about people based on merit.
- We base recognition and reward on performance.
- We value open and honest communication.
- We are responsible, trustworthy and law-abiding in all we do.

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Key Dates

Books close for Final Dividend	12 December 1997
Annual General Meeting	21 January 1998
Payment of Final Dividend	21 January 1998
Announcement of Interim Results	27 May 1998*
Books close for Interim Dividend	12 June 1998*
Payment of Interim Dividend	6 July 1998*
Announcement of Final Results	18 November 1998*

**tentative dates only*

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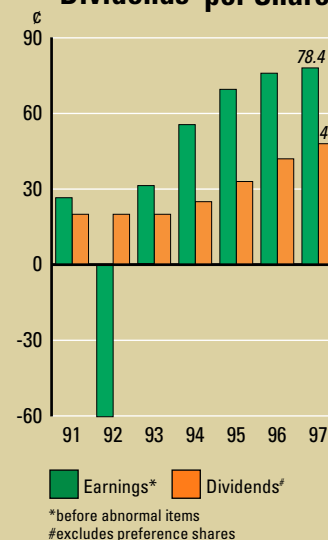
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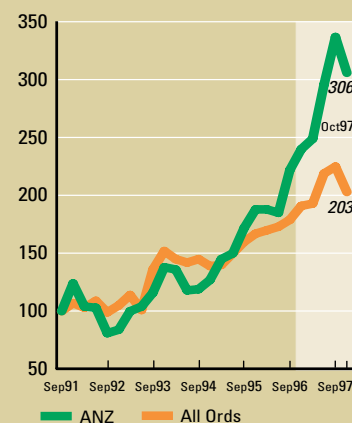
1997 Achievements

- **Underlying profit growth of 17%, well spread across Australia and international operations**
- **Annual dividend increased 14% to 48 cents, fully franked**
- **Asset growth of 8%**
- **Conservative provisioning**
- **Significant restructuring**
- **Named Australian “Bank of the Year”**
- **New branch in Beijing and branch in Jerusalem re-opened**

Earnings* and Dividends# per Share



Sharemarket Accumulation Index



Our Commitment for the Future

ANZ 2000

- Build a truly unique financial company
- Make dealing with ANZ an enjoyable customer experience
- Create an environment where people excel
- Deliver superior growth and financial performance
- Transform the way we do business

ANZ at a Glance

Group Profile

ANZ, with assets of A\$138 billion, is amongst the world's top 100 banks and operates in 43 countries. The Group originated in the United Kingdom in 1835 when the Bank of Australasia was established by Royal Charter.

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Overseas, we have a significant presence in countries from the Middle East through South and East Asia to the Pacific—the region of greatest geographic and economic relevance to Australia and New Zealand. These businesses are complemented by wholesale and investment banking operations in the world's major financial centres.

Underlying profit after tax in 1997 of \$1,308m
An increase of 17%

Personal Banking



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Corporate & Investment Banking



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Funds Management & Private Banking



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Australia

ANZ is one of the "big four" Australian domestic banks providing a full range of retail and corporate financial services.

Within this spectrum, ANZ's relative strengths are in business banking, cards and international banking services.

Through wholly owned subsidiaries, ANZ offers complementary financial services - investment and insurance services through ANZ Funds Management; personal and corporate stockbroking services through ANZ Stockbroking and ANZ Securities Limited; and specialised leasing, motor vehicle and property finance services through Esanda Finance Corporation Limited, the largest finance company in Australia. Town & Country provides retail banking services in Western Australia.

Underlying profit after tax in 1997 of \$764m
An increase of 16%

- "Bank of the Year" award
- Branches - 868, down 202
- EFTPOS devices - 25,167, up 7,852
- Telephone banking - 875,000 registrations
- Lending transformation - 60% of mortgage applications processed within 24 hours
- Strong growth in cards - to 24% market share
- Interactive internet site launched
- Trial of Smart Cards
- PC Banking development

- Strong business lending growth
- Focus on risk adjusted profitability
- Esanda completes major transformation
 - staff numbers down 30%,
 - record new business writings exceeding \$5 billion
- "Best Foreign Exchange Dealer" award
- ANZ Investment Bank leads largest Australian privatisation deal - Loy Yang A

- Strong growth
- \$10 billion in funds under management
- Strategic alliance with Frank Russell company
- Peter Jonson appointed Managing Director of ANZ Funds Management

New Zealand

ANZ is the oldest (1840) and the third largest bank in the country.

ANZ provides a complete range of products and services to the retail and business markets, and is known as New Zealand's international bank. PostBank was purchased in 1989.

The finance subsidiary (UDC Finance Limited) is New Zealand's largest finance company specialising in leasing and motor vehicle finance.

ANZ Securities (NZ) Limited provides wholesale broking services while ANZ Funds Management provides investment management services.

Underlying profit after tax in 1997 of \$165m
An increase of 20%

- Branches - 198, down 61
- EFTPOS devices - 13,423, up 1,909
- Mobile sales force expanded
- Trial of supermarket and hyperstore branches
- Strong mortgage lending growth
- Internet site launched
- Trial of "Branch of the Future"
- Planning for move to new technology platform
- David Airey appointed Managing Director of ANZ New Zealand

- New Zealand's international bank
- Specialist property lending group established
- Offices opened in regional centres; Nelson and West Auckland
- UDC - strong growth in operating leases
- UDC & Esanda to integrate

- Strong growth, 17%
- Over \$3 Billion in funds under management
- Ranked "Number 1" on investment performance
- Bonus Bonds re-launched

International

ANZ has a network of specialist banking operations, principally trading as ANZ and ANZ Grindlays (purchased in 1984), providing trade finance and commercial banking services in 41 countries outside Australia and New Zealand, mainly throughout Greater Asia (pages 118 & 119 list ANZ's worldwide representation). In the emerging markets of South Asia and the Middle East, ANZ Grindlays has provided high quality retail banking services since 1846.

This network is complemented by an active presence in major global financial centres.

ANZ provides on-the-ground banking services to support the international activity of ANZ's customers worldwide.

Underlying profit after tax in 1997 of \$379m
An increase of 18%

- Jerusalem branch re-opened
- Oman operations restructured
- Insurance launched in Vanuatu and PNG
- ATMs introduced in Fiji and PNG
- Credit cards expanded in India
- Credit cards launched in Pakistan and Bangladesh
- Commercial Banking System trial in Vanuatu completed

- Beijing branch licence approved
- Indian Arbitration result announced - successful, appeal pending
- ANZ Investment Bank executes major financing deals
- Strong business growth in South Asia, Middle East and Asia Pacific
- Expand asset based finance into Asia and Middle East

- "Number 1" Emerging Market Debt Fund
- Grindlays Private Bank expanded
- Global Private Banking integrated

Chairman's Report

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Charles Goode
Chairman

Dear Shareholder

ANZ continues to perform well. In 1997 there was a 17% increase in underlying profit which was well spread across the Group. This was prior to making an additional transfer to the general provision and abnormal restructuring costs.

The decision to increase the general provision reflects our desire to be more consistent and conservative in our provisioning. The abnormal restructuring charge is necessary to allow us to achieve further reductions in costs under the ANZ Global Program.

The annual dividend was increased by 14% to 48 cents per share, fully franked. We said last year that there would be some limit on our franking capacity going forward as the proportion of Group profits earned offshore increases. This, together with the dividend increase and the costs associated with the restructuring underway to position ANZ for the future, does impact on our franking capacity. As a result dividends are not expected to be fully franked in 1998.

As well as being a year of significant achievement, 1997 has been a year of change including at Board level. Mr Don Mercer, who was Chief Executive Officer during the recovery in profits over the last five years retired at the end of September. An Executive Director, Mr Alister Maitland, and the Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, Mr David Craig, retired at the end of June after distinguished careers with the Bank spanning 34 and 41 years respectively. Sir Ronald Trotter, a non-executive director, retired in October after providing wise counsel to the Board over his ten years of service. We thank these gentlemen for their enormous contributions to the Bank and wish them all the best in their retirement.

The new Chief Executive Officer, Mr John McFarlane, started with the Bank on 1 October. He has 22 years of banking experience, and in particular, at senior levels in international banking. I look forward to introducing Mr McFarlane to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting in January.

There are many challenges ahead of us in our domestic markets and overseas, but there are also many opportunities. ANZ is well positioned to meet these by improving efficiency and growing the business, notably the international banking and funds management activities. We are confident of our ability to continue adding to shareholder value over the medium term.

Charles Goode

Charles Goode
Chairman

Chief Executive Officer's Review

ANZ is in good shape. We are well positioned to take advantage of the opportunities available to us and to meet our challenges head on. We have recently launched "ANZ 2000" (page 6), to ensure that we meet our customers' expectations into the 21st century, and deliver superior performance for our shareholders.

Review of 1997

ANZ's performance in 1997 underlines the financial strength of the Group. We are a 'AA' bank, with assets of \$138 billion, shareholders' funds of \$6.9 billion and a comfortable Tier 1 capital ratio of 6.6%. Asset quality remains excellent and we are also carrying conservative provisions.

During 1997 underlying profit increased by 17%. Despite aggressive competition domestically, underlying profit in Australia grew by 16%, and in the rest of the world by 19%. Asset growth, increased fee income, and buoyant market-related earnings, all offset lower interest margins. Core cost increases were contained at 2%, as a result of a reduction in staff numbers in Australia and New Zealand mainly in retail banking and Esanda. A charge of \$417 million before tax has been made this year, to cover current and future redundancy and related restructuring costs, including those arising from the ANZ Global program. Most of this has been treated as an abnormal item.

Assets quality remains sound. Non-accrual loans were reduced by 29% to \$872 million, and specific provision charges fell by 26% to \$86 million. Nevertheless, the directors decided to increase the general provision by \$201 million, significantly higher than the Reserve Bank of Australia's guideline of 0.5% of growth in risk-weighted assets. This recognises that loan losses would normally be higher than current levels across the economic cycle. The total charge is based on the annual average debt charge implied

in our portfolio risk management models, and is not linked to any need to provide against specific regions, industries or individual borrowers.

A discussion of the financial performance in 1997 is contained on pages 9 to 12, which I recommend to shareholders, with full details contained in the second half of this Report.

Outlook

The Government has announced its acceptance of the majority of the key recommendations from *The Report of the Financial System Inquiry* which was released in March 1997. Legislation to facilitate the package of reforms is now being formulated. There will be further change in the financial services industry arising from this legislation and continued technological advance.

Domestic economic conditions in Australia and New Zealand appear to be improving, but competition in the finance industry will remain intense.

The recent unsettling events in financial markets in Asia will undoubtedly dampen growth prospects in the region in the near term. We have reviewed our exposures in the region and are satisfied there are no immediate concerns. We remain convinced of the long term growth prospects for the region, and are cautiously looking for opportunities to expand our operations.



John McFarlane
Chief Executive Officer

We have developed a clear vision for ANZ going forward which we call ANZ 2000.

Build a truly unique financial company

ANZ is already unique. We are strong in our domestic markets and in the world's emerging markets. We are recognised as "Australia and New Zealand's international bank". Recently we expanded our funds management and investment banking activities. This foundation gives us the opportunity to create a truly unique international financial services company through organic growth and by acquisition.

Make dealing with ANZ an enjoyable customer experience

On those rare occasions where we experience moments of memorable customer service dedication, how many of them have been in banking? This is the challenge facing all banks, particularly in Australia. We aim to meet this challenge. We are currently reorganising our branches into financial retail outlets. We are building our Private Banking, Priority Banking and Business Banking capabilities, to provide higher levels of service for our best customers. We are also investing in new marketing and customer service training for all of our front-line staff which will be launched early next year. We know we have some way to go, but we aim to make a real difference in this area.

Create an environment where people excel

ANZ has talented people everywhere we operate. Our challenge is to create the environment and the opportunity for them to enjoy their work and to reach their potential. This is made more difficult when we are reducing costs. We are restricting external recruitment to ensure our people have the opportunity to move from areas of restructuring into growth segments. One exception is that we will increase substantially our recruitment of graduates. We are also launching a programme to identify people with high potential, and to channel them to the best opportunities. Our incentive programs have been changed to reward those

who do deliver. We intend also to achieve a better balance of women and men in senior management.

Deliver superior growth and financial performance

In our mature markets we are facing relatively low levels of growth, and certain emerging markets are experiencing economic uncertainty. At the same time, competition is reducing margins. This more difficult revenue environment places greater priority on cost management. Our current relatively high cost-income ratio gives us scope to improve productivity substantially, and to enable us to achieve superior earnings growth. The overall risk of our business needs to be controlled to ensure an acceptable level of earnings volatility. Whilst we are comfortable with the balance today, we will manage the growth of higher risk segments to within the overall growth rate of the group.

Our overall aim is to deliver superior earnings growth and maintain a high return on equity for shareholders. Our new performance management process which was launched this month will focus ongoing attention to achieving these objectives.

Transform the way we do business

Banking in the 21st century will be different. To prepare ourselves, we need to radically restructure the way we do business today, to invest in new technologies to manage our business and to reach our customers. Recently we announced our reorganisation around global business lines. Under "ANZ Global", we are developing three major technology platforms to improve customer service and to lower product costs. Our "Branch of the Future" program is changing the face of branch banking; we are investing in telephone, direct and internet banking and card technologies. We also announced our strategic alliance with Frank Russell – a world leader in funds management. These and other new ventures will ensure that for ANZ, the best is yet to come.

Going Global

ANZ, with representation in 43 countries, is the most international of the Australasian banks. We have a long tradition in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and, through Grindlays, in South Asia and the Middle East. Our presence in East Asia, while more recent, has been expanded significantly over recent years. We are now radically altering our management approach to focus on global lines of business to improve efficiency and build a better platform for growth.

Global Rationale

With the rapid development of information technology and the globalisation of financial markets, banking is changing. To capture the efficiency opportunities of our scale and establish a better platform for growth, we have radically altered our management approach. From October 1997 all businesses moved to global management and reporting. Previously they operated according to geographic areas with independent country management. ANZ is by no means unique in facing these issues. Other leading multinational companies, both within the finance sector and outside it, have made or are making similar changes.

The objective of moving to global business lines is to improve efficiency and build a better platform to support growth. This will achieve economies of scale and scope, minimise duplication of effort, develop and leverage the capabilities of our people and build common values and culture throughout the organisation. Inventing things once and applying them many times is the goal.

We are pleased with the success of our investment banking and capital markets activities which were combined last year to form the first global business unit. By managing activities on a functional rather than geographic basis, ANZ Investment Bank has been able to develop real expertise across geographic boundaries and mobilise quickly to respond to changing client and market needs.



Managing Director John Sunderland, closest to TV screens (in Melbourne), uses video conference facilities to meet regularly with General Manager United Kingdom, Dr Holger van Paucker and Gordon Branson, Head of Structured and Project Finance (in London), and General Manager Americas, Roy Marsden (in New York).

The ANZ Global Program

With the assistance of specialists from the international finance consultancy, KPMG Barents, teams of ANZ staff have been working to re-design processes across almost all of ANZ's activities.

To ensure line management ownership of the changes, ANZ's management structure has been changed to reflect line of business focus. There are now the principal business activities of Personal Banking, Corporate & Investment Banking and Funds Management & Private Banking, and a single Operations and Technology support unit, whereas previously these functions were all part of country management.

There are some 38 individual programs within ANZ Global covering all aspects of the Group's activities. Fundamental to the overall program is increasing the consistency of approach across the Group and the consolidation of technology and support platforms.

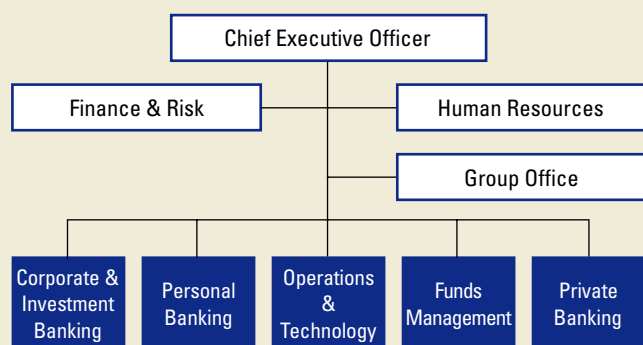
We will be moving to a single banking technology platform in Australia and New Zealand (Hogan), a single global cards system, and a single system supporting banking outside Australia and New Zealand (the Commercial Banking System or CBS). New Zealand will move to the new platform during 1998, and Australia, which already operates on Hogan based systems, in 1999/2000. There will be significant efficiency savings through achieving scale operations and having fewer systems. Also, by standardising products and processes across countries, development and training costs will be reduced.

Customer service will also be enhanced by having consistent product and processes across all of ANZ's operations. Central to this is the project called "Branch of the Future", which is designed to improve efficiency and facilitate the development of a sales culture throughout the branch network. Branch layouts are being redesigned to be more "people friendly" for customers and staff. Sales and enquiry areas are being grouped together near the entrance, with separate private areas for detailed discussions with customers and the telling functions located towards the rear. The trial of the new model, which includes expanded use of modular furniture, is underway in Australia and New Zealand and will be implemented simultaneously in both countries. Application of the same model outside our domestic markets will follow.

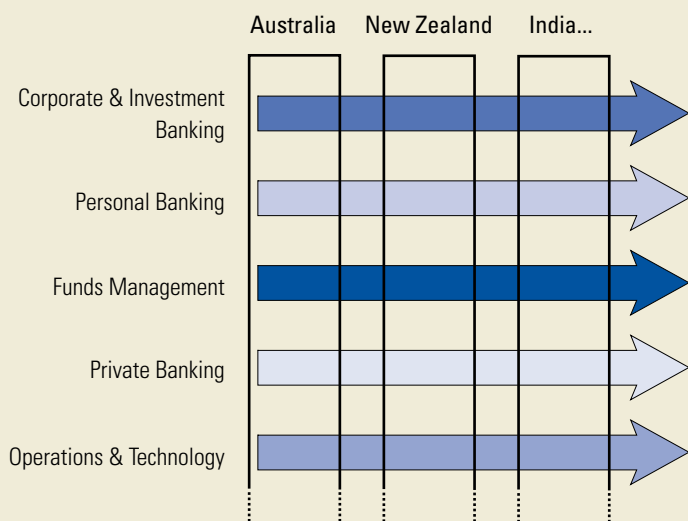
Implementation of ANZ Global will involve significant restructuring. A provision for these costs was taken in the 1997 financial year.

MANAGEMENT

ANZ Global Organisation



Global Management



Review of 1997 Results

Summary

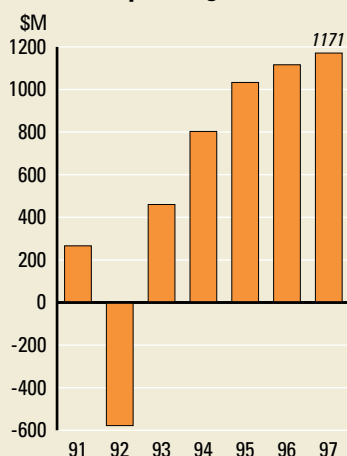
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited recorded a 17% increase in underlying profit after tax to \$1,308 million for the year ended 30 September 1997. This was prior to an additional transfer to the general provision of \$137 million giving an operating profit after tax and before abnormal items of \$1,171 million. Abnormal items were \$147 million (after tax) leading to an operating profit after tax and abnormal items of \$1,024 million. Dividends for the year were increased by 14% to 48 cents per share, fully franked.

Despite aggressive competition, underlying profit in Australia grew by 16%, and in the rest of the world by 19%. Asset growth, increased fee income, and buoyant market-related earnings, all offset lower interest margins.

Core cost increases were contained to 2%, as a result of a reduction in staff numbers in Australia and New Zealand, mainly in retail banking and Esanda. A charge of \$417 million before tax has been made this year, to cover existing and committed redundancy and related restructuring costs, mainly arising from the ANZ Global program. Most of this has been treated as an abnormal item.

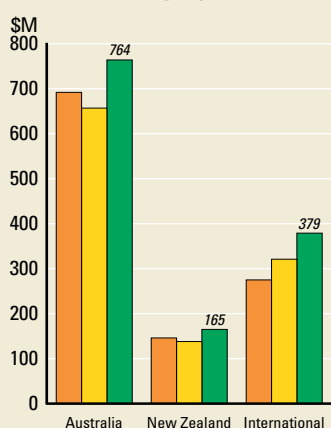
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Operating Profit*



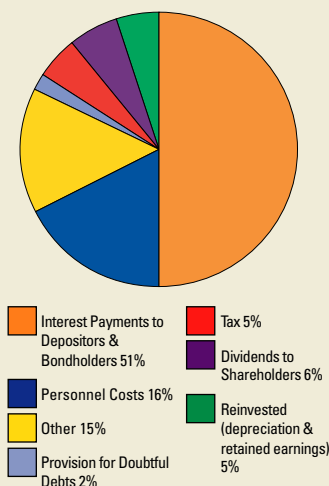
*before abnormal items

Underlying Profit*

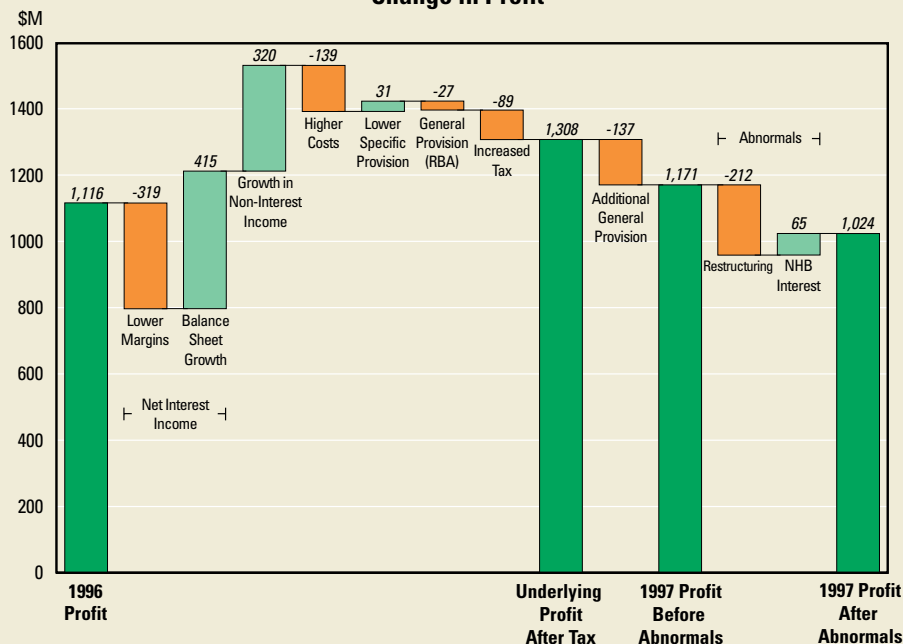


*Operating profit after tax before additional transfer to general provision of \$137 million and abnormal items

Distribution of Gross Income



Change in Profit



Review of 1997 Results

Income

Net interest income grew by 3% as asset growth offset reduced margins in the domestic markets.

Competitive pressures in Australia and New Zealand led to the 19 point decline in gross interest spread. Lower levels of non-accrual loans and lower interest rates reduced the related funding costs. However, the lower interest rates also reduced the earning rate on non-interest bearing items, resulting in a 32 point reduction in overall margins.

The reduction in margins was more than offset by strong growth in interest earning assets in International markets, particularly South Asia, Asia Pacific and the Middle East, the Investment Bank and business lending in Australia.

Non-interest income increased by 15%. Strong growth in our Cards business together with higher transaction and corporate advisory fees lifted fee income.

Foreign exchange continues to be a stable core business. Good trading performances in buoyant global markets led to the significant increase in trading, fee and other income. The Group's earnings from investment banking capital markets activities is sensitive to asset prices in the global financial markets. Profits before tax from these activities were \$208 million in 1997 (1996: \$100 million).

Strong growth in operating lease income and the profit on the sale of the Omani operation also lifted other income.

Operating Expenses

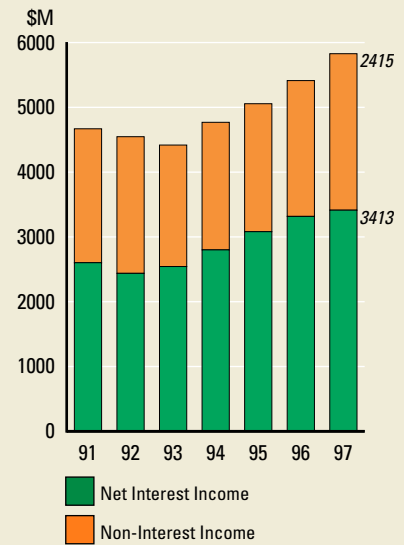
Core costs increased by only 2% (this excludes restructuring costs and Direct Income Related Costs which directly reflect the level of business activity in our Cards and Operating Lease businesses). Staff numbers in Australia and New Zealand declined as a result of branch closures and increased automation and centralisation of processes particularly in retail banking and Esanda, but there were higher overtime and temporary staff costs relating to these major change programs. Personnel costs grew by 8% as a result of increased salaries offsetting low staff numbers, higher performance related bonuses in our investment banking activities and higher overtime and temporary staff costs. The recruitment of relatively highly paid professional staff in the Investment Bank and the impact of high salary inflation in South Asia and Middle East also contributed to the increase in personnel expenses.

Premises costs fell due to branch closures in Australia and New Zealand while computer expenses were steady.

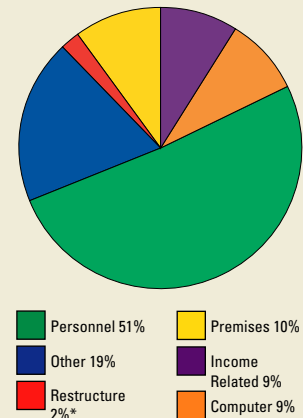
Other expenses fell reflecting a favourable non-lending loss experience both in Australia and overseas following the resolution of certain Indian scam related issues.

Expansion of our Cards and operating lease businesses drove the growth in direct income-related costs.

Operating Income

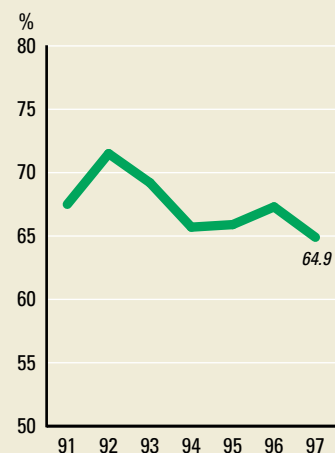


Operating Expenses

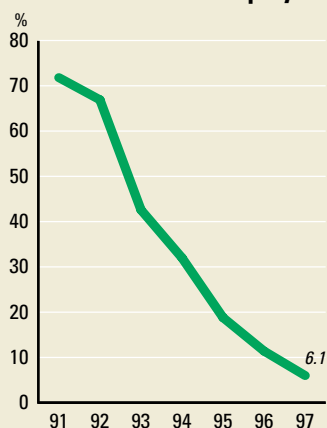


*A further \$327m restructuring costs were abnormal

Operating Expenses as % of Net Income



Net Non-Accrual Loans to Shareholders' Equity



Asset Quality

Gross non-accrual loans were reduced by \$353 million to \$872 million through asset realisations and reduced new non-accrual loans. Net non-accrual loans fell to \$428 million and represent 6% of shareholders' equity at September 1997, down from 11% in 1996.

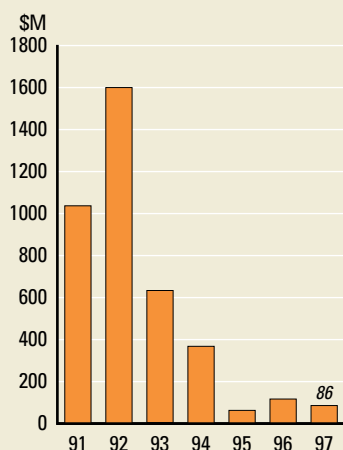
The specific provision charge fell by 26% to \$86 million, reflecting continued good credit conditions and experience. New and increased provisions were slightly down while releases and recoveries were also favourable to last year. The Group remains well provided with the coverage ratio (specific provisions to gross non-accrual loans) now above 50%.

The general provision charge was \$201 million, including an additional transfer of \$137 million. The latter was in recognition that loan losses would normally be higher than current levels across the economic cycle. The total charge is based on the annual average provision implied in our portfolio risk management models and is not linked to any need to provide against specific regions, industries or individual borrowers. The general provision now stands at 0.9% of risk-weighted assets, well in excess of the Reserve Bank of Australia guideline of 0.5%.

Income tax

The pre-abnormal tax expense increased by \$89 million reflecting the higher earnings and an increase in the effective tax rate to 32.9% (1996: 30.3%) owing to the impact of the increased general provision charge more than offsetting the increased level of rebateable dividends.

Specific Provisions for Doubtful Debts



Abnormal Items

The Arbitrators of the long running dispute with the National Housing Bank of India ("NHB") handed down their award in the Group's favour on 29 March 1997. The NHB has repaid the deposit together with interest at 18% p.a. in accordance with the decision. Given its size, the \$145 million interest receipt (before tax) is disclosed as an abnormal item. Subsequently, NHB filed documents with the relevant Court to challenge the award. ANZ is confident that the award will stand.

Cost reduction is a major priority for the Group. We are proceeding with the implementation of ANZ Global. The change programs resulted in a \$417 million before tax restructuring charge. This amount covers both completed restructuring programs and those ANZ Global projects in train to which the Group is demonstrably committed. Of this charge, \$327 million is abnormal.

Review of 1997 Results

Dividends

Dividends for the year have been increased by 14% to 48 cents per share, fully franked (from 42 cents in 1996). We foreshadowed last year that there would be some limit on our franking capacity going forward as the proportion of Group profits earned offshore increases. This, together with the dividend increase and the costs associated with the restructuring underway to position ANZ for the future, impact on our franking capacity. As a result we do not expect dividends in 1998 to be fully franked.

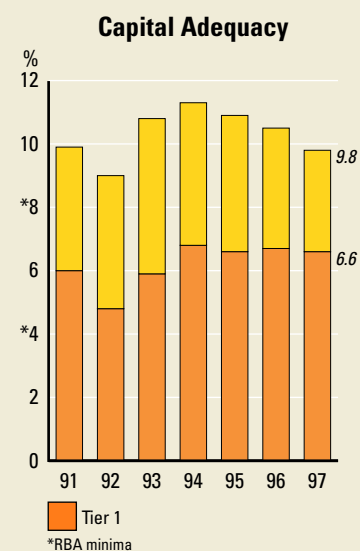
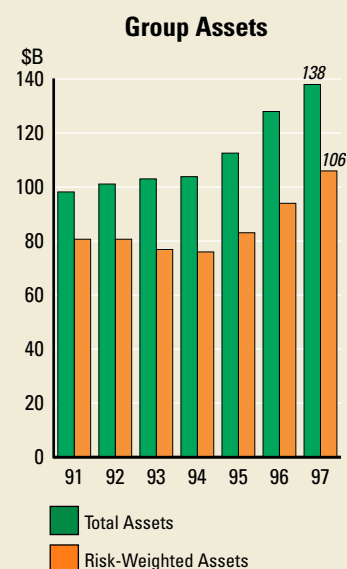
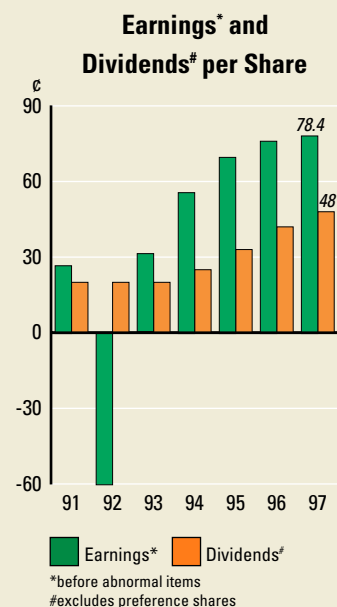
Balance Sheet & Capital Adequacy

Total assets grew by 8% to \$138 billion. Good lending growth was achieved, particularly in business lending in Australia, the Investment Bank and international markets (South Asia, Asia Pacific and the Middle East).

Funding for asset growth came from the wholesale market, as well as from increased retail and corporate deposits.

Total shareholders' equity increased to \$7 billion and capital resources increased to \$10 billion, after the redemption of some subordinated debt.

The Reserve Bank of Australia's guideline ratio of qualifying capital to risk-weighted assets is a minimum of 8.0%, of which Tier 1 capital must be at least 4.0%. The Group's capital adequacy ratio is 9.8%, with a Tier 1 ratio of 6.6%, down 0.1% from September 1996. Retained earnings and dividend reinvestment supported the 14% growth in risk-weighted assets achieved over the year. The Group seeks to maintain the Tier 1 ratio in the range of 6.5% to 7.0%.



Eight Year Summary

	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Profit and loss								
Net interest income	3,413	3,317	3,081	2,800	2,543	2,438	2,602	2,475
Other operating income	2,415	2,096	1,975	1,969	1,875	2,109	2,067	1,765
Operating expenses	(3,783)	(3,644)	(3,334)	(3,183)	(3,124)	(3,329)	(3,153)	(2,848)
Operating profit before tax, debt provisions and abnormal items	2,045	1,769	1,722	1,586	1,294	1,218	1,516	1,392
Provisions for doubtful debts - specific	(86)	(117)	(63)	(368)	(629)	(1,600)	(1,037)	(788)
- general	(201)	(37)	(111)	(13)	(5)	(337)	(16)	(5)
Operating profit(loss) before abnormal items	1,758	1,615	1,548	1,205	660	(719)	463	599
Income tax (expense)benefit	(579)	(490)	(505)	(395)	(193)	146	(193)	(186)
Outside equity interests	(8)	(9)	(10)	(7)	(7)	(5)	(4)	(1)
Operating profit(loss) after tax before abnormal items	1,171	1,116	1,033	803	460	(578)	266	412
Net abnormal (loss)profit	(147)	-	19	19	(213)	(1)	1	(191)
Operating profit(loss) after income tax and outside equity interests	1,024	1,116	1,052	822	247	(579)	267	221
Balance Sheet								
Assets	138,241	127,604	112,587	103,874	103,045	101,138	98,212	99,300
Net assets	6,993	6,336	5,747	5,504	5,133	4,591	5,018	4,323
Ratios (after abnormal items)								
Return on average shareholders' equity	14.8%	18.3%	17.9%	15.6%	5.0%	-11.4%	5.8%	5.4%
Return on average assets	0.7%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.2%	-0.6%	0.3%	0.2%
Capital adequacy - total	9.8%	10.5%	10.9%	11.3%	10.8%	9.0%	9.9%	8.6%
Share information (per fully paid share)								
Dividend - declared rate	48.0¢	42.0¢	33.0¢	25.0¢	20.0¢	20.0¢	20.0¢	38.0¢
Franked portion	100%	79%	18%	-	-	50%	100%	100%
Earnings before abnormal items - basic	78.4¢	76.3¢	68.5¢	54.5¢	30.8¢	-60.1¢	26.7¢	45.0¢
Earnings after abnormal items - basic	68.6¢	76.3¢	69.9¢	55.9¢	13.5¢	-60.2¢	26.9¢	24.2¢
Net tangible assets	\$4.59	\$4.24	\$3.94	\$3.58	\$3.43	\$3.40	\$4.31	\$4.45
Share price on ordinary shares - high	\$11.58	\$7.28	\$5.75	\$5.68	\$4.40	\$4.88	\$4.20	\$6.38
- low	\$7.10	\$5.41	\$3.55	\$3.78	\$2.53	\$2.87	\$2.92	\$3.95
Number of fully paid ordinary shares on issue (millions)	1,508.6	1,478.1	1,446.0	1,353.6	1,308.2	1,054.5	1,019.3	971.1
Dividend reinvestment plan								
Share price - interim	\$9.77	\$5.59	\$4.40	\$3.78	\$3.42	\$3.58	\$3.42	\$4.35
- final	-	\$7.60	\$6.27	\$3.73	\$4.44	\$2.51	\$4.46	\$2.72
Other information								
Points of representation	1,473	1,744	1,881	2,026	2,136	2,302	2,367	2,431
Number of employees (full-time equivalents)	35,926	39,721	39,240	39,642	40,277	43,977	46,261	48,182
Number of shareholders	132,450	121,847	114,829	121,070	115,000	112,036	101,188	92,606

Personal Banking

ANZ, one of the big full service banks in Australia and New Zealand, is the dominant retail bank in several Pacific Islands, and ANZ Grindlays is one of the leading foreign retail banks in the emerging markets of South Asia.

Retail Banking

In Australia and New Zealand ANZ has some 3 million and 1 million customers respectively. During 1997 ANZ was awarded Australian 'Bank of the Year' by Personal Investment Magazine.

During the year there was a strong growth in telephone banking in both markets. The National Teleservicing Centre in Melbourne is now handling the majority of telephone calls from metropolitan customers nationwide. Approximately 60% of these calls are now being handled automatically through telephone banking which provides 24 hour, 7 days a week service. In New Zealand it is the bill payment feature of 'Phone Direct' that is growing fastest.

The centralisation of credit assessments into the National Finance Centre has reduced both approval times for customers and costs. There has also been a complete re-engineering of the sales and credit processes for the small business customer to make greater use of automated procedures and

focus effort more closely on the higher risk elements of the business. This system will be implemented in New Zealand in 1998.

The development of new delivery channels is epitomised in 'ANZ Direct'. Launched in 1996, 'ANZ Direct' provides, without the use of branches, very competitively priced home and car loans, a deposit product and a range of insurance and investment products. It is accessing a new market niche with up to 100% larger mortgages.

These developments, the expansion of the ATM and EFTPOS networks over recent years, and the new pricing regime for transaction accounts introduced in Australia in January 1997, have led to a significant reduction in branch withdrawals (30% in Australia in 1997 and 50% in New Zealand since 1995). With the number of customers visiting our branches to conduct transactions falling steadily there is no longer the need for as many branches. 20% of branches were closed last year in both countries. The trial of smaller in-store branches in supermarkets (and 'hyperstores' in New Zealand) reflect the changing role of branches away from transactions and toward sales and information.

At the same time as making these changes we have taken initiatives to grow the business including launching a business mortgage product, taking the opportunity of the official interest rate reduction in late May to gain price leadership in the mortgage market in Australia and launching a 'no fees' campaign in New Zealand.

Also to enhance our position in the premium market, private banking has been launched across Australia to provide premium

ANZ Phone Banking provides customers with flexible access to ANZ services 24 hours a day.



service to high net worth customers. Priority banking will provide enhanced service levels to the next tier of customers.

Mortgage and small business lending in Australia, while slow in the first half of 1997, have picked up considerably later in the year, stabilising our market share. In New Zealand, strong growth in mortgage lending has continued with ANZ maintaining its 17.5% market share.

The global management of personal banking services will enable greater coordination and joint development of retail banking services. "Branch of the Future" involves the total redesign of branch procedures and layouts to drive efficiencies and free-up staff to focus on sales. It is currently being trialed in both New Zealand and Australia. The full roll-out of the concept to all branches is expected to take place during 1998. We will also be transferring the New Zealand core operating system to Hogan, on which the Australian system is based.

PC Banking is into the final stages of development and will enable a secure internet-based PC banking service for individuals. This will enable customers to use PCs to look up their account balances, transfer funds and pay bills.

ANZ also provides retail banking in the Pacific Islands, including Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Samoa, where we are a major provider of retail banking products such as cards, transaction accounts and home mortgages.

The rollout of the new banking platform across the network in the next few years will standardise products, improve efficiency and facilitate improved customer service.

Cards

ANZ holds a strong market position in the cards market in Australia and New Zealand. In Australia the co-branded Telstra and Qantas/Telstra credit cards were very well received by customers. As a result, despite



ANZ Grindlays offers retail banking services in the United Arab Emirates.

strong competition, ANZ's market share has increased from 18% two years ago, to 24% today. Around 80% of customers taking these cards had no previous relationship with ANZ, providing an excellent opportunity to cross-sell other ANZ products.

Outside Australia and New Zealand, ANZ has card activities in 15 countries, all of which are now part of one business unit. In the near term we plan to replace the current multiple systems with one new system to support all activity.

During the year new cards and merchant acquiring facilities were launched in a number of countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal, supported by systems and infrastructure in Melbourne. Use of this same system also allowed the expansion of cards in India, with a doubling of cards on issue to over 150,000. These are markets of enormous growth potential. In 1998 we will be growing these businesses and expanding into new countries.

The development of Smart Card technology is well advanced. ANZ, together with the other major banks, has taken a shareholding in Mondex International. With experience in both the Visa Cash and MasterCard Cash trials, ANZ is well positioned for a market launch of the Mondex Electronic Purse in 1998.

Corporate & Investment Banking

The provision of banking services to the business and corporate markets has been at the centre of the ANZ franchise in Australia and New Zealand for 150 years, with cross border international banking the basis of our international network. The restructuring of our investment banking activities (financial markets, structured and project finance on to a global basis) the first business unit to do so, has proven to be highly effective is the forerunner for change in other business units.

Business Banking

About 30% of all Australian and New Zealand corporates have a relationship with ANZ and the bank provides about \$30 billion in lending to this business community. Growth of around 10% was achieved during 1997. The quality of the lending portfolio was improved through the shedding of high risk business and net non-accruals now amount to less than 0.5% of corporate banking lending assets. A management information system that provides risk adjusted customer profitability data to front line managers in Australia is a key driver of customer strategies, designed to develop medium term shareholder value.

Business Banking has conducted a major process improvement exercise focused on stripping out non-essential functions, simplifying technology infrastructure, streamlining credit processes and defining service standards by customer size and industry. This is allowing Relationship Managers to spend more time on developing new account relationships and also to extend and deepen relationships with existing customers. This process was assisted by the establishment of an expanded number of Business Centres, where Business Banking is co-located with International, Leasing, Treasury, Electronic Banking and Funds Management specialists, as well as Retail services, in geographic areas of significant business activity.

In order to meet the particular needs of customers, Business Banking has been segmented into Corporate and Middle Market, along with separate specialist industry lending teams, such as Commercial Property Development. This has been received in the market as a distinctive and professional financial service offering.

Process improvement is also being assisted by the rapid acceptance of electronic banking service by business customers, with well over half of target customers now using the ANZ service. The provision of international banking services is also greatly enhanced by electronic delivery. International Services itself underwent a major transformation during the year to centralise and automate back office processing – to free up managers' time to help existing and new customers with their export and import finance and other international transactions.

Asset Based Finance

Esanda is Australia's largest asset financier providing \$9.5 billion of asset lending to some 290,000 customers nationwide. Esanda also, through issuing debentures, raised \$5.3 billion medium term funding for the Group.

During 1997, Esanda underwent a major transformation program to streamline and automate its processes while maintaining service levels to its customers. This greatly improved efficiency and involved a 24% reduction in staffing levels.



Paul Henderson, Relationship Sales Consultant with Esanda, spends the majority of his days on the road visiting customers.

Notwithstanding the impact on the business during the implementation of these changes, new business writings exceeded \$5 billion for the first time – an improvement of 6.8% on 1996. Plans are well advanced to make the same process changes in UDC Finance, the largest asset financier in New Zealand. UDC Finance's strength and experience in operating lease business will be utilised to further develop the Australian operations.

Combined, Esanda and UDC Finance are one of the Asia Pacific region's largest asset finance businesses. The expertise in these companies will be used as the foundation for the expansion of the Group's asset finance business into overseas markets, particularly Asia, South Asia and the Pacific.

International Commercial Banking

ANZ has a commercial banking presence in the region from the Middle East through South and East Asia to the Pacific. This is the region of greatest economic relevance to Australia and New Zealand. The commercial banking activities in these countries focus on providing international trade and investment services to companies from Australia and New Zealand, elsewhere in the international network, and local corporates.

The rollout of the new technology platform (the Commercial Banking System) continues. During the year it was successfully implemented in United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain. The Commercial Banking System, when fully implemented will provide the Bank with an International Core Processing System to replace the existing variety of systems and processes currently in place.

The international network differentiates ANZ from the competition. This provides leadership in trade finance which is a competitive advantage in the business market and uniquely positions ANZ as Australia and New Zealand's international bank.

Investment Banking

ANZ Investment Bank was formed early in 1996 recognising the increasingly global nature of our largest corporate and institutional clients' service and product needs. By managing activities on a functional rather than geographic basis, ANZ Investment Bank is able to develop real expertise across geographic boundaries and to respond quickly to changing client and market needs.

There have been a number of notable achievements during the year which have demonstrated the strength of the integrated approach and the quality of ANZ's franchise among major corporations and institutions in Australia and Greater Asia.

ANZ Investment Bank secured major structured finance deals including the \$4.7 billion privatisation of the Loy Yang A power station and coal mine. We led the US\$300 million sovereign Eurobond issue for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. We have also won a number of project finance advisory and arrangement roles from the Cable and Wireless telecom project in Vietnam to the Mangalore independent power project and Haldia petrochemicals project in India. ANZ Investment Bank also acted as advisor, underwrote an equity issue and provided long term funding for Village Roadshow's expansion in Europe and their acquisition of Austereo.

The quality of ANZ Investment Bank's operations has also been recognised in the receipt of a number of industry awards and rankings. These included a clean sweep of the Australian Business Review Weekly's foreign exchange service awards including Best Overall Service. Project Finance International magazine, in citing the Top 10 Project Finance Deals in Asia, included three deals in which ANZ Investment Bank had a lead arranger status, the only bank to be represented in such a way.



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Funds Management & Private Banking

The Group manages \$18 billion of investment funds for customers around the world. Funds Management is one of the fastest growing sectors of the finance industry. The focus is on providing retail investment and insurance services.

Australia and New Zealand

In our two principal domestic markets of Australia and New Zealand we have in excess of \$10 billion and \$3 billion of funds under management respectively. ANZ Funds Management provides retail funds management and insurance products through specialist investment advisers working with the branch network. Products include balanced and specialist investment funds, cash management accounts, insurance products, administration and advice services. In New Zealand there are also “Bonus Bonds”.

In October 1997, ANZ Funds Management announced a strategic alliance with Frank Russell company, one of the world’s leading asset consulting and investment management firms.

Under this alliance, customers will be offered access to world-class investments through the launch of a unique, personalised investment program. ANZ Funds Management will be able to focus on what it does best – providing quality financial planning services – while Russell will focus on managing the investments and selecting the appropriate fund managers.

Russell uses multi-style, multi-manager investment approval which has an impressive record of investment performance.

To enhance our position in the premium market, private banking has been launched across Australia to provide premium service to high net worth customers.

The New Zealand operation has recorded a very strong growth in funds under management (17%) on the back of outstanding investment performance. Both retail and wholesale funds increased significantly over the year. In New Zealand, ANZ Funds Management was ‘Best International Equities Manager’, and second for balanced funds, while also achieving the best investment performance with the balanced investment fund. Bonus Bonds – a capital guaranteed product where in lieu of interest, holders participate in weekly and monthly cash prize draws – has been relaunched and invested funds have grown to AUD\$1.5 billion.

International

Overseas, our funds management activities draw on our presence in the emerging economies. We have a very successful emerging market investment operation based in London. The success of our six managed emerging markets funds has won us a leading reputation in managing emerging market debt investment funds. Micropal has rated the ANZ flagship fund, EMLIP, the No. 1 emerging market debt fund over three years, and in 1997 Lipper Analytical Services – the leading fund analysts in the USA – rated ANZ Global Emerging Market Debt Fund as the best performing fund over a 12 month period.

Grindlays Private Bank provides full private banking and asset management services to high net worth individuals primarily from Asia and the Middle East through offices in London, Geneva, the Channel Islands and Singapore.



*Ross Chessari,
General Manager Estate
Planning & Management
for ANZ Funds
Management, provides
advice to customer.*

Risk Management

Good risk management is good banking. The identification and monitoring of risk is an essential part of the Bank's operations. Our objective is to make risk management a prime core competency of the organisation by continuous improvement of our systems and procedures to ensure risks are accurately identified and assessed.

ANZ manages risk through an approval and delegation of limits structure that starts with the Board of Directors and is administered by an independent department.

The Risk Management Committee of the Board approves and oversees the framework of risk standards, policies and processes for credit, market and operating risks. Delegations pass through Executive Committees to individual customer controllers and risk managers. Regular reports and compliance checks are presented back through the Risk Management Committee to the Board.

The Risk Management Department is the independent group which has responsibility for ensuring the cohesion and effectiveness of the Group's risk management framework. It oversees the activities of all areas involving risk policy and monitoring. The work of the department is subject to independent review and audit by both the internal and external auditors to ensure

compliance with policies, procedures and industry/government regulations.

Credit Risk

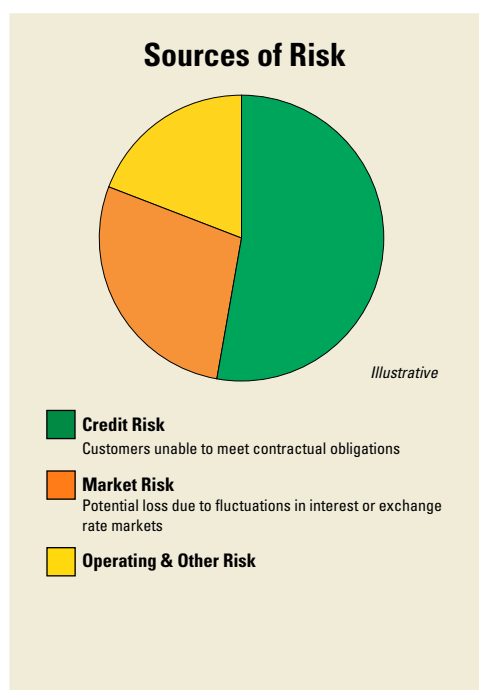
Credit risk is the potential financial loss resulting from the failure of customers to honour fully the terms of a loan or contract. Credit risk represents some 50% of Group risk exposures.

The Board establishes the framework of delegated authority limits for the approval of credit risk transactions. The largest transactions are approved by the Risk Management Committee.

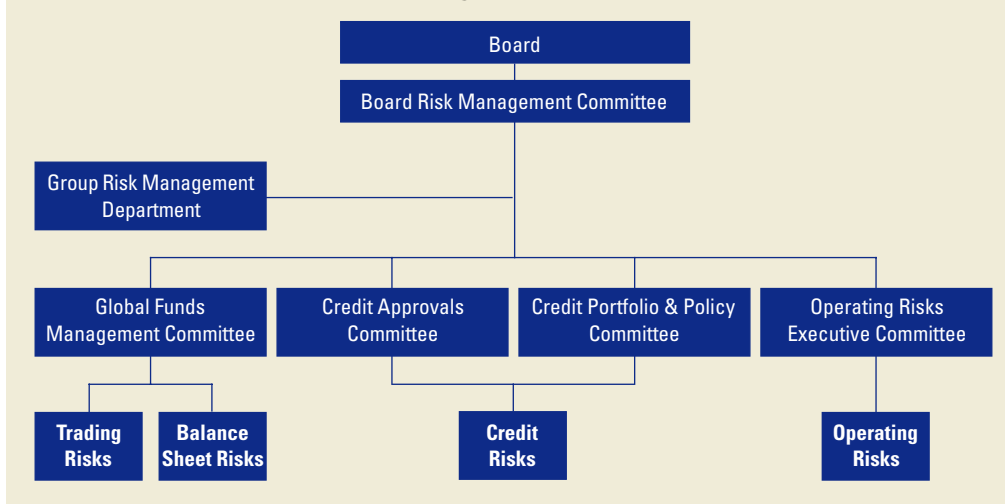
That Committee also receives regular reports on asset quality issues, including portfolio composition, large customer exposures, and developments in credit management policy and processes.

The Credit Approvals Committee, involving senior executive management, makes decisions on transactions, portfolio strategy, policy and processes. Specialist credit and business areas have been established for the larger portfolios (e.g. real estate and agriculture), whilst a specialist group handles the effective management of problem loans.

At operational levels the loan approval process requires independent specialist credit officers to be involved in all major lending decisions, in conjunction with customer relationship managers. A sophisticated customer credit risk grading system is supported by objective risk measurement tools which aids in the assessment of default risk.



Risk Management Framework



Market Risk Management

Market risk is the potential risk to earnings resulting from changes in interest rates, currencies, equities and commodity prices. ANZ's approach starts with independence and segregation of operations, risk measurement and control.

The activities are guided by separate sets of policies approved by the Risk Management Committee of the Board. At the executive level, the Global Funds Management Committee is the most senior market and balance sheet management risk forum and is responsible for maintenance of the Board approved control framework. Its membership includes the Chief Executive Officer and it is chaired by the Executive Director.

The Market Risk Management Unit, as part of the Group Risk Management Department, has responsibility for co-ordination of policy and compliance for market risk and related credit and operating risks. This includes the co-ordination of the independent control of all market risk related activities within the specific business units. ANZ increasingly is integrating its approach to the management of credit and market risk and the monitoring of operating risk from trading activities.

Trading Risk Management

Market risk activities include trading, distribution and underwriting, dealing in a wide range of financial products. Principal portfolios consist of capital markets securities,

foreign exchange and money market products, derivatives, equities and commodities. ANZ's principal trading activities are well diversified, and now managed on a global product basis.

The key principles for control of market risk are "Value at Risk" measurement supplemented with volume and risk concentration limits. The "Value at Risk" limit framework is designed in three levels with an aggregate global market risk limit, global product limits and individual trading book limits. These are supported by daily mark to market profit accounting and advice of loss procedures.

Supporting the risk management framework, particularly for the Bank's major trading and geographically isolated business units, are Professional Standards Reviews. Market specialists conduct reviews of the trading activities to ensure high standards of professional conduct throughout all offices of the Group world-wide.

Balance Sheet Risk Management

The balance sheet risk management process embraces the management of balance sheet interest rate risk, liquidity and foreign currency capital exposures. These risks are managed by a specialist Global Balance Sheet Management unit and are monitored by the Global Funds Management Committee.

Balance sheet interest rate risk management involves minimising fluctuations in net interest income that may occur over time as a result of changes in market interest rates.

A leading edge modelling system was installed in 1997 and is used to simulate the impact on earnings and market value of a large number of market scenarios and balance sheet structures. This enables management to quantify the risks and formulate strategies to manage current and future risk profiles.

The liquidity management process ensures that funds are available at all times to meet maturing obligations as they fall due. ANZ policy establishes daily liquidity management practices as well as scenario-based guidelines to monitor future liquidity flows under normal operating conditions and to cater for a worst case scenario arising from an unfounded, name-specific rumour.

Structural foreign exchange exposures are managed with the objective of ensuring that the ANZ capital ratio is not adversely impacted by changes in the value of the Group's foreign currency capital as a result of movements in exchange rates.

Operating Risk

Operating Risk embraces those risks arising from day to day operational activities which may result in direct or indirect loss.

Operating Risk may arise, for example, from failure to comply with internal policies, laws and regulations, from fraud and forgery or from breakdown in the availability, integrity and confidentiality of services, systems and information. Some operating risks are insurable and appropriate cover is taken. The majority are not insurable.

The objective of Operating Risk management is to ensure that risks are known, assessed and managed in a structured environment. ANZ does not expect to eliminate all risks, but to minimise exposure based on a sound risk/reward analysis in the context of an international financial institution.

Reporting to the Board's Risk Management Committee, the Operating Risk Executive Committee is responsible for the Operating Risk policy, methodology,

reviewing and approving key practices and approving deviations from policy.

The Operating Risk methodology is based on the risk management standards issued by the Australian and New Zealand Standards bodies.

In addition to addressing today's risks, such as the Year 2000 issue and disaster recovery, there is also a forward looking responsibility, to ensure that risks associated with new business initiatives, delivery channels and technology are being properly addressed. ANZ also trains staff in operating risk management.

Year 2000

ANZ, along with all other users of computer systems, faces the issue of the potential disruption to business that may eventuate with the date change from 1999 to 2000.

ANZ has a well established process for dealing with this threat. A project team, with dedicated staff assisted by external consultants, has been established to provide management and control across all Year 2000 compliance related work world-wide. All ANZ systems have been analysed and work is underway to develop, test and implement the necessary changes. Full systems testing for internal applications is scheduled to be completed by December 1998, and in conjunction with other organisations, full cross industry integration testing will take place during 1999.

The potential risk to the Group from vendors and customers not being adequately prepared to manage this issue is also receiving detailed attention.

Group Executive

John McFarlane



John Ries

Peter Hawkins



Peter Marriott

John Sunderland



Peter Jonson

Peter McMahon



JOHN MCFARLANE
Chief Executive Officer

John McFarlane joined ANZ in October 1997 as Chief Executive Officer. He was previously Executive Director of Standard Chartered plc and prior to that he spent 18 years with Citibank where he held a number of positions in corporate banking, treasury, investment banking, stockbroking, strategy, human resources and training.

JOHN RIES
Executive Director

John Ries joined ANZ in 1961 and has held senior management positions within the corporate banking and international banking divisions. In June 1988 he was appointed as Managing Director, ANZ Grindlays Bank, London. He returned to Melbourne in August 1990 to take up the position of Chief General Manager International Banking. In August 1992, John was appointed to the ANZ Board as Executive Director with responsibility for Australia. He currently has responsibility for the Group's Corporate and Investment banking activities.

PETER HAWKINS
Global Head of Personal Banking

Peter Hawkins joined ANZ in December 1971 and has had experience in most aspects of banking including treasury, corporate banking, retail banking, strategy and international banking. He was appointed to his present position in November 1997 after two and a half years as Chief General Manager Australian Retail Division and before that he was Managing Director ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited. Prior to that he was General Manager Asia Pacific.

PETER MARRIOTT
Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

Peter Marriott joined ANZ in February 1993 as General Manager, Group Accounting and was promoted to Group General Manager Credit/Risk Management in July 1995. He was appointed to his present position as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary in July 1997. Prior to joining ANZ, Peter was a partner in KPMG's Melbourne office.

JOHN SUNDERLAND
Managing Director, ANZ Investment Bank

John Sunderland joined ANZ in November 1996 to head the Group's global investment banking activities. He has responsibility for the various business activities undertaken by ANZ to support its large corporate and institutional customers around the globe. Prior to joining ANZ John held senior investment banking positions with BZW in London, New York and Hong Kong.

PETER JONSON
Managing Director, ANZ Funds Management

Dr Peter Jonson was appointed to ANZ's Group Executive in the position of Managing Director ANZ Funds Management in March 1997. Prior to joining ANZ he was Group Managing Director of Norwich Australia. He has also held senior positions with James Capel Australia Limited and the Reserve Bank of Australia.

PETER McMAHON
Managing Director, Esanda Finance Corporation Limited

Peter McMahon joined ANZ in July 1992 as General Manager Special Projects. In December 1992 he was appointed General Manager of the Asset Management Group and then Group General Manager Credit. Prior to joining ANZ he was Managing Director of Costain Australia. He was appointed to his current position of Managing Director Esanda Finance Corporation Limited in July 1995.

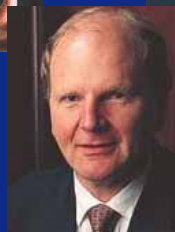
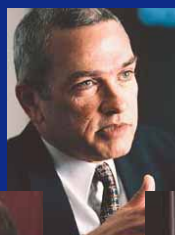
Bob Edgar

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Andrew Ward

Murray Horn



Charles Carbonaro

Grahame Miller

Dave Richardson

Peter Wilson

Elmer Funke Kupper

BOB EDGAR

*Managing Director,
Business Banking*

Dr Bob Edgar joined ANZ in December 1984 as Senior Economist and in 1986 he was appointed Chief Economist. Since then he held a number of executive positions before he was appointed to his present position in Business Banking in March 1995. Before joining ANZ Bob held senior positions with the Australian Bankers' Association and the Reserve Bank of Australia in Sydney.

CHARLES CARBONARO

*Managing Director,
Global Cards Division*

Charles Carbonaro joined ANZ in January 1987 as a senior consultant in the Electronic Network Services Division. He was appointed General Manager-Cards in 1989 and was promoted to Chief General Manager-Australian Operations and Payments Division in 1992. He was appointed to his current position in Global Cards Division in December 1996. Before joining ANZ Charles was Chief General Manager at Resi-Statewide Building Society (now Bank of Melbourne).

DAVID AIREY

*Managing Director, ANZ Banking
Group (New Zealand) Ltd*

David Airey was appointed Managing Director, ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited in March 1997. Prior to this appointment he was Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Melbourne from February 1993 to February 1997 and from January 1990 to December 1992 he was Managing Director of The Rural Bank based in Wellington.

GRAHAME MILLER

*Managing Director,
International Network*

Grahame Miller joined ANZ in 1968. He has held a number of senior positions including General Manager Financial Markets, General Manager Global Treasury, Chief Manager/General Manager Hogan for Retail, Senior Manager Group Strategic Planning and Assistant Vice President Los Angeles. He was appointed to his current position as Managing Director, International Network in July 1997.

JOHN WINDERS

*Group General Manager,
ANZ Global*

John Winders joined ANZ in 1969 and worked across a wide range of business and support areas and spent a number of years with ANZ overseas before leaving in 1985. He returned to ANZ in early 1994 and was appointed to the position of General Manager International Services. He currently heads the ANZ Global program in addition to his International Services role.

DAVE RICHARDSON

*Group General Manager,
Information Technology*

Dave Richardson joined ANZ as General Manager Information Technology in Australia in March 1993. He was appointed Group General Manager, Corporate Development in 1996. This position was responsible for Strategic Planning, Economics, Public Affairs and Technology. He was appointed to his current role as head of global information technology in 1997. Dave Richardson has over 20 years experience in Information Technology and has held a variety of senior positions in Coles Myer, Ansett Australia and overseas.

ANDREW WARD

Head of Operations and Payments

Mr Andrew Ward joined ANZ in February 1971. He has held a number of senior management positions including Administration Executive - Corporate Banking Australia, Zone Chief Manager - Melbourne North and West Zone, Assistant General Manager - Asset Management Group, General Manager Operations and Payment Services - ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Ltd, Acting Managing Director of ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited. He is responsible for the Group's Operations and Payments functions globally.

PETER WILSON

*Group General Manager,
Human Resources and
Management Services*

Peter Wilson joined ANZ in October 1990 as Group General Manager, Strategic Planning and Economics. From 1992-95 he was General Manager, Asia Pacific, responsible for the Bank's operations in North Asia, South East Asia, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. Peter took up his current role as Group General Manager, Human Resources and Management Services in January 1996.

MURRAY HORN

*Group General Manager,
Strategic Planning*

Dr Murray Horn was appointed to the position of General Manager Strategic Planning in September 1997. His responsibilities include overseeing the development of strategic planning as the Group strengthens its global lines of business. Prior to joining ANZ he had a distinguished career with the New Zealand Treasury, where he had been Secretary of the Treasury since 1993.

ELMER FUNKE KUPPER

*Group General Manager,
Risk Management*

Elmer Funke Kupper joined ANZ in 1995 as General Manager, Portfolio Management within Group Credit/Risk Management. Prior to joining the Group he worked as a consultant for McKinsey & Company and later Mitchell Madison Group. In March 1997 he became team leader, Support and Business Management and Organisation Design for ANZ Global and has recently been appointed to the role of Group General Manager, Risk Management.



Elizabeth Proust

Elizabeth Proust will join ANZ in January 1998 as Head of Group Human Resources. Until recently Ms Proust was Secretary of the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet. Previously she had held the positions of Chief Executive Officer of the City of Melbourne, Secretary of the Victorian Attorney-General's Department and Deputy Director General of the Department of Industry, Technology and Resources.

Board of Directors



MR C B GOODE *(left)*

B Com (Hons) (Melb), MBA (Columbia University, New York), FCPA, FSIA
Chairman

Company Director.

Director since July 1991, appointed Chairman August 1995.

Director of CSR Limited, Pacific Dunlop Ltd, Queensland Investment Corporation, Woodside Petroleum Ltd, Mercury Asset Management Ltd and other companies.

Lives in Melbourne. Age 59.

Mr J McFARLANE OBE

MA, MBA, MSI, FHKIB, FRSA

Chief Executive Officer. Appointed Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in October 1997. Former Group Executive Director, Standard Chartered plc (1993-1997), Head of Citibank, United Kingdom (1990-1993), Managing Director, Citicorp Investment Bank Ltd (1987-1990).

Lives in Melbourne. Age 50.

(left to right)

DR B W SCOTT AO

B Ec, MBA, DBA

Company Director.

Director since August 1985. Chairman of Management Frontiers Pty Ltd, W.D. Scott International Development Consultants Pty Ltd, Television Makers Pty Ltd and The Foundation for Development Co-operation Ltd. Director of Air Liquide Australia Ltd and the James N. Kirby Foundation Ltd. Australian member of the Board of Governors of the Asian Institute of Management and Chairman of the Australia-Korea Foundation. Former Chairman of the Australian Government's Trade Development Council (1984-1990). Former Federal President, Institute of Directors in Australia (1982-1986)

Lives in Sydney. Age 62.

MR J K ELLIS

MA (Oxon) FAIMM FTS

Chairman, The Broken Hill Proprietary Co Ltd.

Director since October 1995. Chairman of Sandvik Australia Pty Ltd and Chairman of the International Copper Association Ltd. Patron of the Australian-Korea Business Council. Board Member of the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Lives in Melbourne. Age 60.

MR R B VAUGHAN AO *(seated)*

Company Director.

Director since January 1988. Chairman of MIM Holdings Limited and Queensland Sugar Corporation Limited. Deputy Chairman of Commercial Union Assurance Limited and Transgrid. Chairman of the Federal Government's Trade Policy Advisory Council, APEC Committee and Sugar Industry Review Working Party, and Vice-President of the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee. President and Chairman of the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific. Former Chairman and Chief Executive of Dalgety Farmers Limited and former Chairman of ICI Australia Limited.

Lives in Sydney. Age 69.

MR C J HARPER

CA (Scots)

Company Director.

Director since October 1976. Chairman of CSL Ltd. Former General Manager and Chief Executive of the merchant bank Australian United Corporation Ltd (1968-1976) and since then a professional non-executive director. Inaugural National Vice President of The Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Lives in Melbourne. Age 66.



(left to right)

DR R S DEANE

PhD, B Com (Hons), FCA, FCIS, FNZIM

Chief Executive and Managing Director, Telecom New Zealand Limited.

Director since September 1994. Director of Fletcher Challenge Limited, IHC Mortgages Ltd, The Centre for Independent Studies Ltd and Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University, Wellington. Formerly Chief Executive, Electricity Corporation of New Zealand Ltd, Chairman State Services Commission, Alternate Executive Director, International Monetary Fund and Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

Lives in Wellington, New Zealand. Age 56.

MR J F RIES

B Bus, FCPA, FAIB

Executive Director.

Executive Director since August 1992. Thirty-seven years experience in banking with the Group including Managing Director, ANZ Grindlays Bank plc, London (1988-1990) and Chief General Manager, International Banking (1990-1992).

Lives in Melbourne. Age 53.

MS M A JACKSON

MBA, B Econ, FCA

Company Director.

Director since March 1994. Chairman of Transport Accident Commission (Victoria). Director of The Broken Hill Proprietary Co Ltd, Pacific Dunlop Ltd, Qantas Airways Ltd and other companies. Fund Committee Member of The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research and Trustee of The Brain Imaging Research Foundation.

Lives in Melbourne. Age 44.

MR J C DAHLSSEN

LLB, MBA (Melb)

Solicitor and Company Director.

Director since May 1985. Consultant to and former Partner of the legal firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Chairman of Woolworths Ltd and Melbourne Business School Ltd, Director of Southern Cross Broadcasting (Australia) Ltd, Mining Project Investors Pty Ltd, The Smith Family, GS Private Equity Pty Limited and J. C. Dahlsen Pty Ltd Group. Former Chairman of The Herald and Weekly Times Ltd and Deputy Chairman Myer Emporium Ltd.

Lives in Melbourne. Age 62.



Retired Directors

Three Directors retired during the year.

Mr Charles Goode in farewelling them said,

"We thank these gentlemen for their enormous contribution to the Bank and wish them all the best in their retirement".



Sir Ronald Trotter

Director
1988-1997



Mr D P Mercer

Chief Executive Officer &
Executive Director
1992-1997



Mr A T L Maitland

Executive Director
1992-1997

Corporate Governance

Good governance is essential for ANZ to carry out its business activities and meet the objectives of its shareholders, employees, customers and regulators around the world.

Role of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible to shareholders for the corporate governance of ANZ. The Board

- charts the direction of the Group by participating in the setting of objectives and strategy formulation and establishing policy guidelines
- monitors management's running of the business to ensure implementation is in accordance with the agreed framework.

Effective risk management is central to good banking. The Board and the Risk Management Committee approve and oversee the framework of risk standards, policies and processes. A detailed explanation of the Bank's Risk Management procedure is contained on pages 19 to 21 of this Report.

The Board, and particularly, Audit & Compliance Committee, liaises with the external auditors on accounting policies and practices and compliance issues.

Composition of Board

To achieve its objectives, a well structured Board is necessary. Details of directors, their qualifications and experience are set out on pages 24 and 25.

The Board Nominations Committee identifies and nominates suitable candidates for consideration by the full Board. Although flexible, criteria include the individual's background, experience, and skills. Geographical considerations and availability to commit sufficient time to the Board's program are also considered.

To ensure the benefit of independent views, the Articles of Association of the Company state that there must be a majority of non-executive directors on the Board and that the role of Chairman cannot be held by an executive director, ensuring that the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are separate. Committees of the Board are chaired by non-executive directors and the Audit & Compliance Committee comprises only non-executive directors.

All non-executive directors are regarded as independent, having no substantial supplier customer relationship and no prior executive role in the Group. The Board has established a code of conduct in the event of a conflict of interest.

The Board currently has eight non-executive directors and two executive directors.

Both non-executive and executive directors (other than the Managing Director) are subject to re-appointment by shareholders on a rolling three year basis and must retire upon attaining the age of 70. Executive directors retire as directors on the termination of their employment with the Group. Their status after that date is a matter for the Board at the time.

In the interests of ensuring smooth succession and a reasonable range and turnover of skills, non-executive directors appointed since 1993 have agreed that they will not, in normal circumstances, serve as a Director beyond 15 years.

Board Activities

The Board meets ten times a year. Committee meetings are held at regular intervals. Details of attendance are shown below.

The Board receives regular reports on performance and outlook, and reviews activities and strategies of the Bank and each division.

Directors participate in a programme of visits to operations and create opportunities to meet and discuss current issues with management and staff. The Board held its February 1997 meeting in India which allowed Directors to visit local banking operations, meet staff and customers and government representatives in India and also in neighbouring countries in which the Bank operates.

Whilst there is no restriction on the number of external Board or charitable committee appointments a director may have, they are required to seek Board approval before accepting appointment.

To assist in the exercise of their responsibilities, directors are entitled to seek independent professional advice. With the Chairman's prior approval the advice can be obtained at the Bank's expense and is to be made available to the whole Board.

Directors are required to hold at least 2,000 shares in the Company. Details of their holdings are shown on page 115. They must refrain from dealing in the Company's shares for their personal benefit except in three four week periods; following the announcement of half year and full year results, and the Annual General Meeting, and in each case the Chairman of the Board must be informed prior to any trading. The same restrictions are also imposed upon senior management and those staff in departments with access to market sensitive information, with the notification being required to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Articles of Association provide an indemnity to directors and employees for costs and liabilities incurred in the execution of duty. The External Auditor is not indemnified.

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Attendance of Board and Committee meetings for the period 1/10/96–30/9/97

	Board		Risk Management		Audit & Compliance		Personnel		Executive App. & Remuneration		Donations		Board Nominations	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
C B Goode	10	10	11	8	5	4	3	3	7	7	3	3	4	4
J C Dahlsen	10	10			5	5			7	6				
R S Deane ¹	10	10	11	11			3	3	7	7				
J K Ellis	10	10	11	11					7	7				
C J Harper	10	10	11	11					7	6				
M A Jackson	10	9	11	8					7	7				
A T L Maitland ²	7	7												
D P Mercer ³	10	10					3	3	7	6	3	3		
J F Ries	10	10	11	11										
B W Scott	10	10			5	5	3	3	7	7			4	4
Sir Ronald Trotter ^{1,4}	10	9			5	4			7	5				
R B Vaughan	10	10			5	5			7	7			4	4

Column A—Indicates number of meetings held during the period the Director was a Member of the Board and/or Committee.

Column B—Indicates number of meetings attended during the period the Director was a Member of the Board and/or Committee.

The Executive Committee met three times during the year.

The Chairman is an ex officio member of all Board committees.

¹Resident of New Zealand ²Mr Maitland retired 30/6/97 ³Mr Mercer retired 30/9/97 ⁴Sir Ronald Trotter retired 9/10/97

Committee Structure

The Board's function is to address issues in their broadest context. It is through the Board's committee structure that specific areas of detail are examined. There are six board committees, each with a defined Charter. These committees are charged with providing quality and independent advice to the Board as a whole. Details of the role of each committee is shown opposite.

Membership of the committees and attendance at committee meetings during the year is set out on page 27.

Directors have also participated in meetings of Committees of the Board (4 meetings during 1997) to sign accounts, to declare dividends and make allotments under the Company's various dividend reinvestment and employee share schemes.

The Board has the power to nominate Directors to form an Executive Committee of the Board at any time and delegate to that Committee general executive authority to deal with any matter relating to the company's affairs in circumstances where it is not possible to call a full Board meeting.

Subsidiary Boards - Non-executive Directors

ANZ has a number of subsidiary companies, some of which have non-executive directors. The major subsidiaries in this regard are:

ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited

M A Jackson, B W Scott AO

ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited

J G Todd, F H Wilde

Companies within ANZ Funds Management Group

D P McDonald, C M William,
L J Willett AO.

B W Scott and R B Vaughan, directors on the ANZ Board, are members of the boards of the main Australian Staff Superannuation and Pension companies.

The Audit & Compliance Committee

(Chairman - J C Dahlsen)

Reviews the Group's accounting policies and practices; financial statements; due diligence processes in relation to capital raisings; and compliance with the Group's statutory responsibilities including those relating to Consumer Credit Legislation, Trade Practices Act and privacy issues. Monitors compliance with approved policies and controls; liaises with internal and external auditors. Approves audit plans and the audit fee of the external auditor.

The Risk Management Committee

(Chairman - C J Harper)

Supervises all aspects of risk management. This includes approving and overseeing the setting of delegation policies, standards and reporting mechanisms for credit risk, trading risk, balance sheet risk and operating risk. **Monitors** the risks being assumed by the Group to ensure standards are being met. A full description of the Group's Risk Management procedures is contained on pages 19 to 21 of this report.

Personnel Committee

(Chairman - Dr B W Scott)

Reviews and advises on executive remuneration policies. Has the responsibility of developing and monitoring the new senior executive remuneration scheme, which more closely aligns management remuneration to the generation of shareholder value.

The Executive Appointment & Remuneration Committee

(Chairman - C B Goode)

Approves appointments and individual remuneration packages for the senior officers of the Group. The Committee obtains independent advice on the appropriateness of remuneration packages.

The Board Nominations Committee

(Chairman - C B Goode)

Reviews the composition of the Board to ensure that it has the appropriate mix of expertise and experience. Recommends appointments to the Board where it is considered that the Board would benefit from the service of a new director with particular skills.

The Donations Committee

(Chairman - C B Goode)

Advices on donations policy and considers requests for corporate contributions.

Committee members shown on page 27.

Community Involvement

Our responsibility to shareholders, customers and staff extends to playing an active role in the communities in which we operate. This involvement covers many areas of community life from local sports activities and multicultural festivals to community welfare and the arts.

During 1997, ANZ has contributed to a wide range of initiatives in community welfare, medical research, education and cultural activities.

Fostering the talents of young people is an important contribution to the community's future. ANZ has built on its long running commitment to the arts by supporting young artistic talent through the ANZ Visual Arts Fellowship and the ANZ Music Fellowship.

Food Bank

In Victoria and New South Wales we have provided support to Food Bank, a charity which works with welfare agencies to give assistance to more than 40,000 people in need each week through the provision of meals and food hampers. Our support included providing finance for a new vehicle to assist in delivering food.

Our focus in this area has also extended to supporting The Salvation Army's Family Support Services Network in Victoria which involves the distribution of food to people in need in rural areas.

India's 50th Anniversary of Independence

ANZ has had a presence in India since 1854 and ANZ Grindlays has played an active part in supporting India's cultural heritage. In August 1997, India celebrated the 50th anniversary of its independence.

As part of the celebrations, ANZ Grindlays was involved in sponsoring the National Centre for Performing Arts' festival of dance and drama in Mumbai. Some of

India's leading musicians, dancers and theatre artists performed in the Festival, in celebration of India's history and independence.

ANZ has also supported the establishment of a Chair in South Asian Economics at the Australian National University in Canberra. The Chair is dedicated to India's late Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi and recognises the growing economic links between Australia and India.

ANZ Foundation

During 1997, ANZ further encouraged staff involvement in the community through the ANZ Foundation. Formerly known as the ANZ Staff Foundation, the ANZ Foundation was relaunched in November 1996 to support the Australian community through staff donations and involvement.

The Bank provides financial support to the Foundation, and in 1997 over \$90,000 of grants were made to charities such as the Australian Sport and Recreation Association for Persons with an Intellectual Disability (AUSRAPID), Youth Insearch and the Down Syndrome Association of Victoria.

The ANZ Foundation aims to fund projects which offer opportunities for staff to become involved by giving their time.



Pictured with the new Food Bank truck are Peter Bearsley, ANZ's General Manager Charitable Trusts, and Glenn Ellam, General Manager Food Bank Victoria.

Background - Li Cunxin, Private Client Adviser with ANZ Stockbroking and one of the six principal male dancers with the Australian Ballet.

Business Environment

Financial System Inquiry

In March 1997 the final report of the Australian Financial System Inquiry was presented to the Federal Treasurer. Rapid technological change and globalisation of the financial services industry since the deregulation of the first half of the 1980s prompted the Inquiry. The Report concluded that improvement in efficiency, choice and quality within the financial sector has occurred since the deregulation of the 1980s and recommended a package of 115 regulatory reforms to secure further improvements.

In early September, the Treasurer announced the Government's acceptance of the majority of the Report's recommendations. Implementation of the reform package to sharpen competition and ensure Australia has a world class regulatory structure able to accommodate the significant change that lies ahead, is scheduled to begin in 1998.

Key reforms are:

- establishment of a new regulatory framework.
 - The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) will retain responsibility for the stability of the financial system with a new Payments System Board within the RBA, will be responsible for payments system regulation.
 - A new regulatory body, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, will have prudential oversight of all deposit taking institutions, life and general insurance offices and superannuation funds.
 - A single agency, the Corporations and Financial Services Commission, will be responsible for the corporations law, market integrity and consumer protection roles of the Australian Securities Commission, the Insurance and Superannuation Commission and the Australian Payments System Council.

- Liberalisation of access to the payments system.

While participation has until now been limited to banks and a small number of 'special service providers' offering clearing services to building societies and credit unions, new guidelines for access to payments clearing and settlement to be developed by the Payments System Board will allow access to non-banks.

- Increased flexibility in corporate structures.

Banks will be permitted to restructure their operations under a more flexible non-operating holding company structure; mutual organisations will be permitted to hold a banking licence; and the principle of separating financial activities from non-financial activities within the one corporate group is to be relaxed, subject to prudential and other conditions being met.

Political Donations

ANZ supports a vigorous multi-party democracy as the best guarantee of a market-oriented economy with strong private and commercial rights and freedoms. Accordingly, from time to time, we provide some level of support for the major parties in our home markets.

In Australia we provide details to the Australian Electoral Commission which are published on an annual basis.

In the year to 30 September 1997 in Australia, we donated \$125,000 to the Liberal Party, \$25,000 to the National Party and \$20,000 to the Australian Labor Party.

In New Zealand, we donated NZ\$10,000 to the National Party, NZ\$5,000 to the Labour Party and NZ\$5,000 to the Association of Consumers and TaxPayers.

Events of 1997

OCTOBER

- Interactive Internet Web site launched
- Omani operations restructured

NOVEMBER

- 1996 profit of \$1,116M
- "ANZ Money Saver Home Loan" introduced
- Home loan interest rates reduced

DECEMBER

- Business index rate and business reference rate reduced
- Credit card interest rates reduced

JANUARY

- Mr David Airey appointed Managing Director, ANZ New Zealand
- Launch of ANZ Phone Banking



FEBRUARY

- Dr Peter Jonson appointed Managing Director, ANZ Funds Management
- \$1 billion committed to small business sector
- Home loan rates reduced

MARCH

- Indian arbitration ruling
- ANZ Direct home loans introduced

APRIL

- Jerusalem branch re-opened
- Financial System Inquiry Report
- Approval granted to proceed with Beijing branch licence



MAY

- Half Year profit of \$646M
- Chief Executive Officer, Mr Don Mercer, retirement announced
- Home loan interest rates reduced
- CBS rolled out in United Arab Emirates

JUNE

- ANZ Health Insurance launched
- ANZ No. 1 in foreign exchange
- CBS rolled out in Qatar
- ANZ wins Gold at Annual Report Awards
- ANZ New Zealand Funds Management wins industry awards



JULY

- ANZ "Bank of the Year"
- Emerging markets debt fund launched
- Home loan and business interest rates reduced
- CBS rolled out in Bahrain



AUGUST

- Supermarket banking launched on the Gold Coast
- Credit card interest rates reduced



SEPTEMBER

- Mr John McFarlane appointed Chief Executive Officer
- Home loan rates reduced
- ANZ Beijing branch opened

Supermarket branch at Tweed Heads, New South Wales.

Charles Goode, Dai Ziang Long, Governor of the People's Bank of China, and John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, cut the ribbon to mark the granting of ANZ's branch banking licence in Beijing.

Financial Highlights in Key Currencies

Millions	1997 AUD	1997 USD ¹	1997 GBP ¹	1997 NZD ¹
Profit and loss				
Net income	5,828	4,475	2,736	6,522
Operating expenses	(3,783)	(2,905)	(1,776)	(4,234)
Profit before tax and doubtful debts	2,045	1,570	960	2,288
Provisions for doubtful debts - specific	(86)	(66)	(40)	(96)
- general	(201)	(154)	(94)	(225)
Profit before tax and abnormal items	1,758	1,350	826	1,967
Income tax expense	(579)	(445)	(272)	(648)
Outside equity interests	(8)	(6)	(4)	(9)
Profit before abnormal items	1,171	899	550	1,310
Abnormal loss	(147)	(113)	(69)	(165)
Profit after tax and abnormal items	1,024	786	481	1,145
Profit after tax by geographic segment				
Australia	627	481	295	702
New Zealand	165	127	77	185
UK & Europe	112	86	53	125
Asia Pacific	95	73	45	106
South Asia ²	82	63	38	92
Americas	36	28	17	40
Middle East ³	54	41	25	60
Profit after tax and before abnormal items	1,171	899	550	1,310
Abnormal items	(147)	(113)	(69)	(165)
Profit after tax and abnormal items	1,024	786	481	1,145
Balance Sheet				
Assets	138,241	99,492	61,724	155,826
Liabilities	131,248	94,459	58,602	147,943
Shareholders' equity ⁴	6,993	5,033	3,122	7,883
Ratios				
Earnings per share - after abnormal items (basic)	68.6¢	52.7¢	32.2p	76.8¢
Dividends per share - declared rate	48.0¢	36.9¢	22.5p	53.7¢
Net tangible assets per share	\$4.59	\$3.30	£2.05	\$5.17

¹ USD, GBP and NZD amounts - profit and loss converted at average rates for financial year ended 30 September 1997 and balance sheet items at closing rates at 30 September 1997

² Includes Bangladesh, India and Nepal

³ Includes Bahrain, Greece, Israel, Jordan, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar and United Arab Emirates

⁴ Includes outside equity interests

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The directors present their report together with the accounts of the parent entity (the Company) and the consolidated accounts of the Economic entity (the Group) for the year ended 30 September 1997.

The information is provided in conformity with the Corporations Law.

Activities

The principal activities of the Group during the year were general banking, mortgage and instalment lending, life insurance, leasing, hire purchase and general finance, international and investment banking, investment and portfolio management and advisory services, nominee and custodian services, stockbroking and executor and trustee services.

There has been no significant change in the nature of the principal activities of the Group during the financial year.

At 30 September 1997, the Group had 1,473 points of representation.

Result

Consolidated operating profit after income tax and abnormal items attributable to members of the Company was \$1,024 million. Further details are contained in the Chief Executive Officer's Review and the Review of 1997 Results on page 5 and pages 9 to 12 respectively of the 1997 Annual Report.

Dividends

The directors propose payment of a final dividend of 26 cents per ordinary fully paid share, fully franked at 36%, to be formally declared on 15 December 1997 and to be paid on 21 January 1998. The proposed payment amounts to \$392 million.

Since the end of the previous financial year, the following fully franked dividends on fully paid ordinary shares have been paid:

Type	Cents per share	Amount before bonus option \$m	Date of payment
Final	24	355	15 January 1997
Interim	22	329	7 July 1997

The final dividend paid on 15 January 1997 was detailed in the directors' report dated 29 November 1996. Neither the interim dividend paid on 7 July 1997 nor the current proposed dividend have been mentioned in previous directors' reports.

Review of Operations

A review of the operations of the Group during the financial year and the results of those operations are contained in the Chairman's Report, the Chief Executive Officer's Review, the Review of 1997 Results and the financial statements.

State of Affairs

In the directors' opinion, there have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the financial year, other than:

Net loans and advances increased by 11% from \$75,901 million to \$84,148 million, primarily from growth in International markets, particularly South Asia, Asia Pacific and the Middle East, and business lending in Australia.

Deposits and other borrowings increased by 12% from \$79,709 million to \$89,152 million.

The charge for provisions for doubtful debts increased by 86% to \$287 million. New and increased specific provisions were \$280 million and releases and recoveries totalled \$194 million. The charge for the general provision increased from \$37 million in 1996 to \$201 million for 1997. This included an additional \$137 million transfer. This transfer was based on the annual average provision implied in the Group's portfolio risk management models and is not linked to any need to provide against specific regions, industries or individual borrowers. Gross non-accrual loans fell to \$872 million, or 1% of net loans and advances, from \$1,225 million at 30 September 1996.

The Arbitrators of the long running dispute with the National Housing Bank of India ("NHB") handed down their award in the Group's favour on 29 March 1997. The NHB has repaid the deposit together with interest at 18% in accordance with the decision. Given its size, the \$65 million interest receipt (after tax) is disclosed as an abnormal item. Subsequently, NHB filed documents with the relevant Court to challenge the award. The Group is confident that the award will stand.

Restructuring costs of \$417 million before tax have been charged of which \$327 million are shown as an abnormal item.

While the above matters are those considered to be significant changes, reviews of matters affecting the Group's state of affairs are also contained in the Chairman's Report, the Chief Executive Officer's Review, the Review of 1997 Results and the financial statements.

Events since the End of the Financial Year

No matter or circumstance has arisen between 30 September 1997 and the date of this report that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent years.

Future Developments

Details of likely developments in the operations of the Group in subsequent financial years are contained in the Chairman's Report and the Chief Executive Officer's Review on pages 4 and 5 respectively of the 1997 Annual Report.

In the opinion of the directors, disclosure of any further information would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Group.

Rounding of Amounts

The Company is a company of the kind referred to in the Australian Securities Commission class order 97/1005, dated on 9 July 1997 pursuant to section 313(6) of the Corporations Law. As a result, amounts in this report and the accompanying financial statements have been rounded to the nearest million dollars except where otherwise indicated.

Shareholdings

The directors' interests, beneficial and non-beneficial, in the shares of the Company are detailed on page 115 of the Shareholder Information section of the 1997 Annual Report.

The directors are not aware of any single beneficial interest of five per cent or more in the share capital of the Company.

Share Options

ANZ Group Share Option Scheme

At the date of this report, there are 5,435,000 unexercised options over ordinary shares of \$1 each at an exercise price of \$5.34 per share. The options held by current employees cannot be exercised earlier than three years from the date of issue or later than 30 January 1999 and may only be exercised if the basic earnings per share of the Company (before abnormal

items) for the relevant one of the financial years ending 30 September 1996, 1997 or 1998 are at least 50% over the equivalent figure for the 1993 financial year. 95,000 options were exercised and 95,000 shares issued since the end of the financial year, in accordance with the Rules of the Scheme.

In addition there are 1,400,837 unexercised options issued over ordinary shares of \$1 each at an exercise price of \$8.76 per share. The options held by current employees cannot be exercised earlier than three years or later than five years from the date of issue. 2,254 options were exercised by former employees and 2,254 shares issued since the end of the financial year, in accordance with the Rules of the Scheme.

The Company is of the kind referred to in class order 97/1011 issued by the Australian Securities Commission on 9 July 1997 under which the directors are relieved from the need to disclose the names of employees and relevant details in respect of options granted to those employees under the scheme. The directors have availed themselves of the relief granted under this class order.

The names of all persons who currently hold options granted under the schemes are entered in the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 216C of the Corporations Law and the register may be inspected free of charge.

No person entitled to exercise any option has or had, by virtue of the option, a right to participate in any share issue of any other body corporate.

Further details on the ANZ Group Share Option Scheme are contained in note 42 to the financial statements and form part of this report.

Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme

At the date of this report, there are 50,000 unexercised options over ordinary shares of \$1 each at an exercise price of \$3.44 per share with an expiry date of 1 March 1998 or 90 days after cessation of a director's term of office, whichever is the earlier. No partly paid shares or options were issued under this Scheme since the end of the financial year.

Further details on the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme are contained in note 42 to the financial statements and form part of this report. Details of directors' shareholdings interests are set out on page 115 of the Shareholder Information section of the 1997 Annual Report.

Directors, their Qualifications and Experience

The Board includes eight non-executive directors who have a diversity of business and community experience and two directors with executive responsibilities who have extensive banking experience. The names, qualifications and experience of the directors who are in office at the date of this report are contained on pages 24 and 25 of the 1997 Annual Report.

Special responsibilities and attendance at meetings, are shown on pages 27 and 28 of the 1997 Annual Report.

Directors' Benefits

No director has, during or since the end of the financial year, received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received, or due and receivable, by directors shown in the Company's financial statements for the financial year or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Company, or an entity controlled by the Company, or a body corporate that was related to the Company at a relevant time) because of a contract that the director, or a firm of which the director is a member, or an entity in which the director has a substantial financial interest, has made with the Company or an entity that the Company controlled, or a body corporate that was related to the Company, when the contract was made or when the director received, or became entitled to receive the benefit, with the exception of the following:

- (a) subscription by a director and certain former directors for options to take up unissued shares under the ANZ Group Share Option Scheme, pursuant to approval by shareholders at the January 1997 Annual General Meeting;
- (b) variable benefits payable under the Senior Executive Remuneration Scheme to which J F Ries became entitled after the end of the financial year;
- (c) benefits which may have arisen from an agreement with a former executive director, A T L Maitland, relating to consulting services;
- (d) an employment agreement between the Company and J McFarlane providing, inter alia, for a variable component of remuneration and for the Company

seeking the approval of shareholders for the issue of options, and alternative arrangements if such options cannot be issued;

(e) retirement benefits paid to Sir Ronald Trotter pursuant to an agreement of the type referred to in Article 79(b), following his retirement on 9 October 1997; and

(f) benefits that may be deemed to have arisen because legal fees have been paid or are payable to Corrs Chamber Westgarth of which J C Dahlsen is a consultant.

Further details are set out in note 43 to the financial statements dealing with Related Party Disclosures.

Directors' and Officers' Indemnity

Article 143 provides that to the extent permitted by the Corporations Law "every director, secretary or employee of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto". The Corporations Law prohibits a company from indemnifying directors, secretaries, executive officers and auditors for liabilities except for a liability to a party, other than the Company or a related body corporate, where the liability arises out of conduct involving good faith, and for costs and expenses incurred in defending proceedings in which the officer or auditor is successful. An indemnity for officers or employees who are not directors, secretaries or executive officers, is not expressly restricted by the Corporations Law.

In addition to its obligations under Article 143, it is the policy of the Company to:

- (a) indemnify, in the same terms as Article 143, directors, secretaries and executive officers of related bodies corporate; and
- (b) indemnify other employees of related bodies corporate for all liability incurred,

where they are acting in good faith in furtherance of the objectives of the Company and its related bodies corporate.

The directors, the secretaries of the Company, being P R Marriott, R T Jones and J E Clark, and a former secretary D T Craig, and executive officers of the Company have the benefit of the indemnity in Article 143.

During the financial year, and again since the end of the financial year, the Company has paid a premium for an insurance policy for the benefit of the directors, secretaries as named above and executive officers of the Company, and directors, secretaries and executive officers of related bodies corporate of the Company. In accordance with common commercial practice, the insurance policy prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability insured against and the amount of the premium.

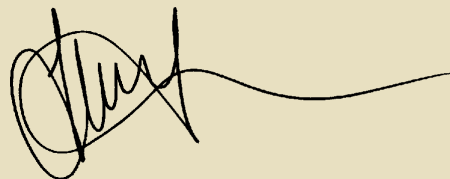
Except for the above, during the financial year and since the end of it, no person has been indemnified nor has the Company or a related body corporate of the Company made an agreement for indemnifying any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Company or of a related body corporate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Charles Goode
Chairman

28 November 1997



John McFarlane
Chief Executive Officer

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Profit and Loss Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1997

	Note	Consolidated			The Company	
		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Interest income	2	9,431	9,286	8,310	6,045	5,974
Interest expense	3	(6,018)	(5,969)	(5,229)	(3,981)	(4,037)
Net interest income		3,413	3,317	3,081	2,064	1,937
Other operating income	2	2,415	2,096	1,975	1,971	1,994
Operating income		5,828	5,413	5,056	4,035	3,931
Operating expenses	3	(3,783)	(3,644)	(3,334)	(2,805)	(2,574)
Operating profit before debt provisions and abnormal items		2,045	1,769	1,722	1,230	1,357
Provisions for doubtful debts	3	(287)	(154)	(174)	(221)	(110)
Operating profit before abnormal items		1,758	1,615	1,548	1,009	1,247
Abnormal loss	5	(182)	-	-	(214)	-
Operating profit before tax		1,576	1,615	1,548	795	1,247
Income tax (expense) benefit						
Operating profit	6	(579)	(490)	(505)	(225)	(224)
Abnormal loss	5	35	-	19	77	-
Income tax expense	6	(544)	(490)	(486)	(148)	(224)
Operating profit after income tax		1,032	1,125	1,062	647	1,023
Outside equity interests		(8)	(9)	(10)	-	-
Operating profit after income tax attributable to members of the Company		1,024	1,116	1,052	647	1,023
Retained profits at start of year		1,583	1,106	585	781	317
Total available for appropriation		2,607	2,222	1,637	1,428	1,340
Transfers (to) from reserves		(82)	(55)	(27)	-	15
Dividends provided for or paid	7					
Ordinary shares		(695)	(584)	(424)	(695)	(574)
Preference shares		-	-	(80)	-	-
Retained profits at end of year		1,830	1,583	1,106	733	781
Earnings per share (cents)	8					
Basic						
Before abnormal items		78.4	76.3	68.5	n/a	n/a
After abnormal items		68.6	76.3	69.9	n/a	n/a
Diluted						
Before abnormal items		78.2	76.1	68.4	n/a	n/a
After abnormal items		68.4	76.1	69.7	n/a	n/a

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n/a Not applicable

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Balance Sheets as at 30 September 1997

	Note	Consolidated		The Company	
		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Assets					
Liquid assets	9	6,298	6,901	3,940	4,784
Due from other financial institutions	10	11,588	11,352	7,594	8,258
Trading securities	11	7,266	7,334	5,148	6,157
Investment securities	12	3,139	2,570	1,416	910
Net loans and advances	13	84,148	75,901	53,345	48,086
Customers' liabilities for acceptances	16	14,040	14,013	13,585	13,307
Due from controlled entities		-	-	7,952	6,251
Regulatory deposits	17	1,206	1,163	638	612
Shares in controlled entities and associates	18	7	10	5,117	4,769
Other assets	19	8,490	6,340	6,437	4,196
Premises and equipment	20	2,059	2,020	459	480
Total assets		138,241	127,604	105,631	97,810
Liabilities					
Due to other financial institutions	21	10,874	12,682	9,330	11,363
Deposits and other borrowings	22	89,152	79,709	56,848	50,443
Liability for acceptances		14,040	14,013	13,585	13,307
Due to controlled entities		-	-	4,921	4,310
Income tax liability	23	778	575	314	301
Creditors and other liabilities	24	9,807	7,471	7,532	5,551
Provisions	25	1,218	954	1,011	785
Bonds and notes	26	1,990	2,264	1,990	2,264
Loan capital	27	3,389	3,600	3,159	3,196
Total liabilities		131,248	121,268	98,690	91,520
Net assets		6,993	6,336	6,941	6,290
Shareholders' equity					
Issued and paid-up capital		1,509	1,478	1,509	1,478
Reserves		3,604	3,229	4,699	4,031
Retained profits		1,830	1,583	733	781
Share capital and reserves attributable to members of the Company		6,943	6,290	6,941	6,290
Outside equity interests	28	50	46	-	-
Total shareholders' equity and outside equity interests		6,993	6,336	6,941	6,290
Commitments	36				
Derivative financial instruments	37				
Contingent liabilities and credit related commitments	38				

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Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the year ended 30 September 1997

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Authorised capital					
2,100,000,000 shares of \$1 each	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
1,000,000,000 preference shares of \$0.01 each	10	10	10	10	10
Total authorised capital	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110
Issued and paid-up capital					
Balance at start of year	1,478	1,446	1,360	1,478	1,446
Conversion of preference shares	-	-	(6)	-	-
Ordinary shares					
Shares issued on conversion of preference shares	-	-	129	-	-
Share buy-back	-	-	(100)	-	-
Dividend reinvestment plan ¹	22	23	47	22	23
Employee share purchase scheme ²	4	3	2	4	3
Bonus share option plan ³	3	6	11	3	6
Group share option scheme ⁴	2	-	-	2	-
Senior officers' share purchase scheme ⁵	#	#	3	#	#
Directors' share and option purchase scheme ⁶	#	#	#	#	#
Total issued and paid-up capital	1,509	1,478	1,446	1,509	1,478
Share premium reserve					
Balance at start of year	2,637	2,516	2,905	2,637	2,516
Premium on issue of shares	189	121	621	189	121
Conversion of preference shares	-	-	(594)	-	-
Share buy-back	-	-	(416)	-	-
Total share premium reserve	2,826	2,637	2,516	2,826	2,637
Asset revaluation reserve					
Balance at start of year	-	-	-	1,152	1,143
Revaluation of investments in controlled entities	-	-	-	441	24
Transfer to retained profits	-	-	-	-	(15)
Total asset revaluation reserve	-	-	-	1,593	1,152
Foreign currency translation reserve					
Balance at start of year	(183)	(88)	(87)	187	223
Currency translation adjustments, net of hedges after tax	104	(95)	(1)	38	(36)
Total foreign currency translation reserve	(79)	(183)	(88)	225	187
General reserve					
Balance at start of year	626	571	544	55	55
Transfers from retained profits	82	55	27	-	-
Total general reserve	708	626	571	55	55
Capital reserve	149	149	149	-	-
Total reserves	3,604	3,229	3,148	4,699	4,031

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 Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the year ended 30 September 1997

	Note	Consolidated			The Company	
		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Retained profits						
Balance at start of year		1,583	1,106	585	781	317
Operating profit after income tax attributable to members of the Company		1,024	1,116	1,052	647	1,023
Total available for appropriation		2,607	2,222	1,637	1,428	1,340
Transfers (to) from reserves		(82)	(55)	(27)	-	15
Dividends provided for or paid	7					
Ordinary shares		(695)	(584)	(424)	(695)	(574)
Preference shares		-	-	(80)	-	-
Retained profits at end of year		1,830	1,583	1,106	733	781
Total shareholders' equity attributable to members of the Company		6,943	6,290	5,700	6,941	6,290

Number of issued shares	1997	The Company	
		1996	1995
Ordinary shares of \$1 each fully paid	1,508,550,854	1,478,089,641	1,446,047,877
Ordinary shares of \$1 each paid to 10 cents per share	274,500	687,500	929,500
Total number of issued shares	1,508,825,354	1,478,777,141	1,446,977,377

The notes appearing on pages 45 to 102 form an integral part of the financial statements

Amounts less than \$500,000

¹ Dividend reinvestment plan issues were
 10,661,444 ordinary shares at \$7.60 per share
 10,132,948 ordinary shares at \$9.77 per share

² Employee Share Purchase Scheme issues were
 4,135,275 ordinary shares at \$6.43 per share

³ Bonus option plan issues were
 1,617,564 ordinary shares at \$7.60 per share
 1,401,371 ordinary shares at \$9.77 per share

⁴ Group share option scheme issues were
 2,040,000 ordinary shares at \$5.34 per share
 9,611 ordinary shares at \$8.76 per share

⁵ Senior officers' share purchase scheme
 issue proceeds from conversion of partly paid to fully paid
 3,000 ordinary shares at \$3.42 per share
 30,000 ordinary shares at \$3.75 per share
 3,000 ordinary shares at \$4.55 per share
 12,000 ordinary shares at \$4.60 per share
 3,000 ordinary shares at \$4.68 per share
 15,000 ordinary shares at \$5.20 per share
 10,000 ordinary shares at \$5.26 per share
 10,000 ordinary shares at \$5.36 per share
 10,000 ordinary shares at \$5.42 per share
 5,000 ordinary shares at \$5.46 per share
 10,000 ordinary shares at \$5.56 per share
 2,000 ordinary shares at \$5.60 per share
 10,000 ordinary shares at \$5.62 per share

⁶ Directors' share and option purchase scheme
 issue of shares

50,000 ordinary shares at \$3.44 per share (on exercise of options)
 issue proceeds from conversion of partly paid to fully paid
 140,000 ordinary shares at \$3.75 per share
 100,000 ordinary shares at \$4.76 per share
 50,000 ordinary shares at \$5.46 per share
 Total uncalled capital at 30 September 1997 was \$1.3 million, comprising
 capital of \$0.3 million and share premium of \$1 million

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and Controlled Entities

Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 September 1997

	Note	Consolidated			The Company	
		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
		Inflows/(Outflows)			Inflows/(Outflows)	
Cash flows from operating activities						
Interest received		9,364	9,458	7,945	5,922	6,061
Dividends received		327	111	4	581	516
Fees and other income received		1,970	1,946	1,918	1,387	1,490
Interest paid		(5,995)	(6,136)	(4,864)	(3,867)	(4,101)
Personnel expenses paid		(2,155)	(1,850)	(1,618)	(1,347)	(1,309)
Premises expenses paid		(315)	(351)	(362)	(296)	(333)
Other operating expenses paid		(1,041)	(1,134)	(1,118)	(975)	(755)
Income taxes paid		(426)	(353)	(153)	(198)	(79)
Net decrease (increase) in trading securities		304	(1,595)	(1,222)	1,212	(1,339)
Net cash provided by operating activities	33(a)	2,033	96	530	2,419	151
Cash flows from investing activities						
Net decrease (increase)						
Due from other financial institutions		1,840	(171)	(1,801)	1,869	(562)
Regulatory deposits		(14)	(28)	(291)	(26)	(61)
Loans and advances		(7,447)	(8,269)	(7,487)	(4,570)	(6,769)
Shares in controlled entities and associates		-	-	(6)	92	480
Investment securities						
Purchases		(3,140)	(2,166)	(6,949)	(1,060)	(718)
Proceeds from sale or maturity		2,803	2,381	8,573	647	609
Controlled entities and branches	33(c)					
Purchased (net of cash acquired)		(11)	13	(81)	-	(198)
Proceeds from sale (net of cash disposed)		41	14	14	-	-
Premises and equipment						
Purchases		(457)	(412)	(361)	(110)	(202)
Proceeds from sale		110	104	69	10	5
Other		982	(954)	(44)	392	(1,832)
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,293)	(9,488)	(8,364)	(2,756)	(9,248)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Net (decrease) increase						
Due to other financial institutions		(2,787)	2,094	520	(3,142)	2,395
Deposits and other borrowings		7,861	10,109	6,080	5,330	7,959
Due from/to controlled entities		-	-	-	(1,090)	929
Creditors and other liabilities		425	879	(186)	296	653
Bonds and notes						
Issue proceeds		973	1,427	655	973	1,427
Redemptions		(1,434)	(655)	(578)	(1,434)	(655)
Loan capital						
Issue proceeds		323	634	165	323	634
Redemptions		(851)	(110)	-	(642)	-
Decrease in outside equity interests		(3)	(8)	(8)	-	-
Dividends paid		(478)	(354)	(241)	(478)	(343)
Share capital issues		39	18	19	39	18
Share buy-back		-	-	(516)	-	-
Net cash provided by financing activities		4,068	14,034	5,910	175	13,017
Net cash provided by operating activities		2,033	96	530	2,419	151
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,293)	(9,488)	(8,364)	(2,756)	(9,248)
Net cash provided by financing activities		4,068	14,034	5,910	175	13,017
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		808	4,642	(1,924)	(162)	3,920
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		11,246	7,079	9,092	6,804	3,238
Foreign currency translation on opening balances		402	(475)	(89)	351	(354)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	33(b)	12,456	11,246	7,079	6,993	6,804

The notes appearing on pages 45 to 102 form an integral part of these financial statements

1: Accounting Policies

(i) Bases of preparation

This general purpose financial report complies with the accounts provisions of the Banking Act, applicable Australian Accounting Standards, the accounts provisions of the Corporations Law and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views. The accounting policies are consistent with those of the previous year except for the change disclosed in note (ii).

Disclosures required by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in respect of foreign registrants have also been included in this report.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain properties, trading instruments and shares in controlled entities. The latter are revalued annually based on the net tangible assets of the entity.

The Company is a company of the kind referred to in the Australian Securities Commission class order 97/1005, dated 9 July 1997. Consequently, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest million dollars except where otherwise indicated.

All amounts are expressed in Australian dollars, unless otherwise stated. Where necessary, amounts shown for the previous year have been reclassified to facilitate comparison.

(ii) Change in accounting policy

Effective 1 October 1996, the Group adopted the equity method of accounting for associates. Shares in associates are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at cost plus the Group's share of post acquisition net assets. The Group's share of results of associates is included in the profit and loss account.

ASC Class Order 97/798 dated 5 June 1997 permitted the adoption of equity accounting.

As a result of the change in accounting policy, the carrying value of associates has increased by \$2 million, and \$2 million of profit after tax has been recognised.

(iii) Consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (the Company) and its controlled entities.

Where controlled entities and associates have been sold or acquired during the year, their operating results have been included to the date of disposal or from the date of acquisition.

(iv) Goodwill

Goodwill, representing the excess of the purchase consideration over the fair value of the identifiable net assets of a controlled entity at the date of gaining control, is recognised as an asset and amortised on a straight line basis over the period during which the benefits are expected to arise, not exceeding 20 years.

The unamortised balance of goodwill and the period of amortisation are reviewed annually. Where the balance exceeds the value of expected future benefits, the difference is charged to the profit and loss account.

(v) Foreign currency

Revenues and expenses of overseas branches and controlled entities are translated at average exchange rates for the year, while assets and liabilities are translated at the mid-point rates of exchange ruling at balance date.

Net translation differences arising from the translation of overseas branches and controlled entities considered to be self-sustaining operations are included in the foreign currency translation reserve, after allowing for those positions hedged by foreign exchange contracts and related currency borrowings.

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Australian dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at balance date.

(vi) Net loans and advances

Net loans and advances include direct finance provided to customers such as bank overdrafts, credit cards, term loans, lease finance, hire purchase finance and commercial bills.

Overdrafts, credit cards and term loans are carried at principal balances outstanding. Interest on amounts outstanding is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts are accounted for using the finance method whereby income is taken to account progressively over the life of the lease or the contract in proportion to the outstanding investment balance.

Investments in leveraged leases are recorded at an amount equal to the investment participation, and income is taken to account on an actuarial basis over the term of each lease.

Customer financing through redeemable preference shares is included within net loans and advances. Dividends received on redeemable preference shares are taken to the profit and loss account as part of interest income.

All loans are subject to regular scrutiny and graded according to the level of credit risk. Loans are classified as either productive or non-accrual. The Group has adopted the Reserve Bank of Australia Impaired Assets Guidelines in assessing non-accrual loans. Non-accrual loans include loans where the accrual of interest and fees has ceased due to doubt as to full recovery, and loans that have been restructured with an effective yield below the Group's average cost of funds at the date of restructuring. A specific provision is raised to cover the expected loss, where full recovery of principal is doubtful.

Restructured loans are loans with an effective yield above the Group's cost of funds and below the yield applicable to a customer of equal credit standing.

Cash receipts on non-accrual loans are, in the absence of a contrary agreement with the customer, applied as income or fees in priority to being applied as a reduction in principal, except where the cash receipt relates to proceeds from the sale of security.

(vii) Bad and doubtful debts

Specific provisions are maintained to cover identified doubtful debts.

General provisions are maintained for losses which, although not specifically identified, are known from experience to be inherent in any asset portfolio. The level of the general provision is determined having regard to economic conditions, the level of on and off-balance sheet assets and other general risk factors.

All known bad debts are written off in the year in which they are identified.

Provisions for doubtful debts are deducted from loans and advances in the balance sheet.

(viii) Acceptances

Commercial bills accepted but not held in portfolio are accounted for and disclosed as a liability with a corresponding contra asset.

The Group's own acceptances discounted are held as part of either the trading securities portfolio or the loan portfolio, depending on whether, at the time of such discount, the intention was to hold the acceptances for resale or until maturity.

(ix) Trading securities

Securities held for trading purposes are recorded at market value. Unrealised gains and losses on revaluation are taken to the profit and loss account.

(x) Investment securities

Investment securities are those which the Group purchased with the positive intent and ability to hold until maturity. Such securities are recorded at cost or at cost adjusted for amortisation of premiums or discounts.

Premiums and discounts are capitalised and amortised from the date of purchase to maturity. Interest and dividend income is accrued.

Changes in market values of securities are not taken into account unless there is considered to be a permanent diminution in value.

(xi) Repurchase agreements

Securities sold under repurchase agreements are retained in the financial statements and a counterparty liability is disclosed under the classifications of Due to other financial institutions or Deposits and other borrowings. The difference between the sale price and the repurchase price is amortised over the life of the repurchase agreement and charged to interest expense in the profit and loss account.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell are recorded as Liquid assets, Net loans and advances, or Due from other financial institutions, depending on the term of the agreement and the counterparty.

(xii) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments (derivatives) are contracts whose value is derived from one or more underlying financial instruments or indices. They include swaps, forward rate agreements, futures, options and combinations of these instruments.

Trading derivatives comprising derivatives entered into for customer-related or proprietary reasons or for hedging the trading portfolio, are measured at fair value and all gains and losses are taken to the profit and loss account.

Fair value losses arising from trading derivatives are not offset against fair value gains unless a legal right of set-off exists.

Derivatives designated, and effective, as hedges of underlying non-trading exposures are accounted for on the same basis as the underlying exposures.

Gains and losses resulting from the termination of a derivative that was designated as a hedge of non-trading exposures are deferred and amortised over the remaining period of the original term covered by the terminated instrument where the underlying exposure still exists. Where the underlying exposure no longer exists, the gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Gains and losses on derivatives related to hedging exposures arising from anticipated transactions are deferred and recognised in the financial statements when the anticipated transaction occurs. These gains and losses are deferred only to the extent that there is an offsetting unrecognised (unrealised) gain or loss on the exposures being hedged. Deferred gains and losses are amortised over the expected term of the hedged exposure.

(xiii) Premises and equipment

Premises and equipment (including computer equipment) are carried at cost less depreciation or amortisation, or at valuation. Any surplus on revaluation of a class of assets is credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve. Where a deficit arises, this is debited to the asset revaluation reserve to the extent of any previous revaluation surplus for that class, and the excess debited to the profit and loss account. Potential capital gains tax arising from revaluations is not taken into account as the Group has no current intention to dispose of the subject properties.

Profit or loss on the disposal of premises and equipment is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the assets at the time of disposal and the proceeds of disposal, and is included in the results of the Group in the year of disposal.

Assets other than freehold land are depreciated at rates based upon their expected useful lives to the Group, using the straight line method. Leasehold improvements are amortised on a straight line basis over the remaining period of each lease.

The carrying values of all non-current assets have been assessed and are not in excess of their recoverable amounts. In assessing recoverable amounts, the relevant cash flows have not been discounted to their present value.

(xiv) Income tax

The Group adopts the liability method of tax effect accounting whereby income tax expense is calculated based on accounting profit adjusted for permanent differences. Permanent differences are items of revenue and expense which are recognised in the profit and loss account but are not part of taxable income. General provisions for doubtful debts are treated as permanent differences as the provisions do not relate to specific accounts for which a tax deduction would be available in the event of a loss.

Future tax benefits and deferred tax liabilities relating to timing differences and tax losses are carried forward at tax rates applicable to future periods. Future tax benefits relating to tax losses are only carried forward where realisation of the benefit is considered virtually certain.

Provision for Australian income tax is made where the earnings of overseas controlled entities are subjected to Australian tax under the attribution rules for the taxation of foreign sourced income. Otherwise, no provision is made for overseas withholding tax or Australian income tax which may arise on repatriation of earnings from overseas controlled entities, where it is expected these earnings will be retained by those entities to finance their ongoing business.

(xv) Life insurance business

The Group conducts life insurance business through ANZ Life Assurance Company Limited (ANZ Life). The Group's financial statements include its interest in the actuarially assessed surplus of ANZ Life's statutory funds for the year, after allowing for increases in policyholder reserves determined under the margin on services methodology. The net result for the year of \$82 million (1996: \$55 million) has been included in the profit and loss account and then transferred to the general reserve, until available for distribution under the requirements and restrictions of the Life Insurance Act 1995 and statutory accounting practices.

The Group's interest in the accumulated retained earnings of the life insurance statutory funds of \$436 million (1996: \$354 million), together with the net assets of the shareholders' funds of ANZ Life, are included within the balance sheet of the Group.

Due to the provisions of the Life Insurance Act 1995, the assets of the life insurance statutory funds attributable to policyholders of ANZ Life do not form part of the assets to which the Group is entitled and are therefore not consolidated.

(xvi) Employee entitlements

The amounts expected to be paid in respect of employees' entitlements to annual leave are accrued at current salary rates including on-costs. Liability for long service leave is accrued in respect of all applicable employees at the present value of future amounts expected to be paid.

(xvii) Superannuation commitments

Contributions, which are determined on an actuarial basis, to superannuation schemes are charged to personnel expenses in the profit and loss account.

Any aggregate deficiencies arising from the actuarial valuations of the Group's defined benefit schemes have been provided for in the financial statements.

The assets and liabilities of the schemes have not been consolidated as the Company does not have direct or indirect control of the schemes.

(xviii) Leasing

Leases entered into by the Group as lessee are predominantly operating leases, and the operating lease payments are included in the profit and loss account in equal instalments over the lease term.

Assets relating to operating leases entered into by the Group as lessor are included within Premises and equipment with rental income and depreciation separately classified in income and expense.

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
2: Income					
Interest income					
From other financial institutions	753	766	661	535	525
On regulatory deposits	13	25	43	6	14
On trading and investment securities	835	754	698	501	480
On loans and advances	7,284	7,320	6,502	4,286	4,381
Dividends from redeemable preference share finance	8	9	2	-	-
Other	538	412	404	374	216
	9,431	9,286	8,310	5,702	5,616
From controlled entities	-	-	-	343	358
Total interest income	9,431	9,286	8,310	6,045	5,974
Other operating income					
(i) Fee income					
Lending	570	550	537	458	440
Other including commissions	964	854	801	644	571
	1,534	1,404	1,338	1,102	1,011
From controlled entities	-	-	-	284	269
Total fee income	1,534	1,404	1,338	1,386	1,280
(ii) Other income					
Foreign exchange earnings	245	231	226	153	140
Profit on trading instruments	192	113	96	142	80
Rental income	35	36	33	27	28
Operating lease income	146	116	89	-	-
Life insurance fund surplus	94	55	52	-	-
Development ventures					
Income	10	6	13	-	-
Diminution in value	-	7	14	-	6
Profit on sale of premises and equipment	5	10	4	-	3
Other ¹	154	118	110	263	457
Total other income	881	692	637	585	714
Total other operating income	2,415	2,096	1,975	1,971	1,994
Abnormal items (refer note 5)	145	-	-	-	-
Total income	11,991	11,382	10,285	8,016	7,968

¹ Includes dividend income of \$327 million (1996: \$111 million) for the Group and \$581 million (1996: \$516 million) for the Company. The Company's dividends include dividends received from controlled entities of \$276 million (1996: \$405 million)

3: Expenses

Interest expense					
To other financial institutions	804	862	809	648	694
On deposits	3,838	3,826	3,271	2,464	2,498
On borrowing corporations' debt	512	520	490	-	-
On commercial paper	275	247	179	102	109
On bonds and notes	25	134	114	25	134
On loan capital	364	245	254	322	210
Other	200	135	112	170	107
	6,018	5,969	5,229	3,731	3,752
To controlled entities	-	-	-	250	285
Total interest expense	6,018	5,969	5,229	3,981	4,037

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
3: Expenses (continued)					
Provisions for doubtful debts (refer note 15)					
New and increased provisions	280	292	293	161	201
Provision releases	(145)	(129)	(178)	(89)	(87)
	135	163	115	72	114
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	(49)	(46)	(52)	(31)	(26)
Specific provision	86	117	63	41	88
General provision	201	37	111	180	22
Total provisions for doubtful debts	287	154	174	221	110
Operating expenses					
(i) Personnel					
Salaries and wages	1,453	1,387	1,270	1,084	1,031
Pension fund	114	105	93	86	10
Employee taxes					
Payroll	76	73	64	73	70
Fringe benefits tax	46	53	48	40	48
Provision for employee entitlements	19	29	19	14	27
Other	241	158	116	184	122
Total personnel expenses	1,949	1,805	1,610	1,481	1,308
(ii) Premises					
Rent	189	204	207	145	144
Depreciation of buildings and integrals	31	31	31	6	4
Amortisation of leasehold improvements	16	13	16	8	7
Other	126	137	147	91	92
	362	385	401	250	247
To controlled entities	-	-	-	60	87
Total premises expenses	362	385	401	310	334
(iii) Other					
Computer costs					
Depreciation	98	97	86	63	64
Other	232	231	224	152	150
Non-lending losses, frauds and forgeries	2	55	79	1	44
Remuneration of auditors (refer note 4)	27	8	8	23	3
Depreciation of furniture and equipment	49	49	49	31	31
Depreciation of motor vehicles	3	3	5	2	2
Loss on disposal of premises and equipment	7	24	5	2	15
Other	627	635	588	488	430
Total other expenses	1,045	1,102	1,044	762	739
Total core operating expenses	3,356	3,292	3,055	2,553	2,381
(iv) Direct income-related expenditure					
Brokerage and commissions	49	61	67	25	22
Interchange and card costs	197	172	150	158	141
Operating lease depreciation	91	62	49	-	-
Total direct income-related expenditure	337	295	266	183	163
(v) Restructuring ¹					
	90	57	13	69	30
Total operating expenses	3,783	3,644	3,334	2,805	2,574
Total expenses	10,088	9,767	8,737	7,007	6,721

¹ In addition, restructuring costs of \$327 million have been treated as abnormal for the Group (Company: \$214 million) in the 1997 financial year. Refer note 5

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000	1995 \$'000	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000
4: Remuneration of Auditors					
Amounts received and due and receivable					
Auditing the accounts					
By KPMG	3,771	3,652	3,833	1,637	1,553
By other Group auditors	11	8	84	-	-
	3,782	3,660	3,917	1,637	1,553
Other services					
By KPMG					
Audit related services ¹	2,008	2,143	2,123	847	997
Taxation	90	1,037	1,201	48	402
Accounting	120	74	200	65	18
Consulting ²	20,657	658	785	20,565	57
By other Group auditors	59	42	101	25	5
	22,934	3,954	4,410	21,550	1,479
Total remuneration of auditors	26,716	7,614	8,327	23,187	3,032

¹ Audit related services are services other than those relating to the audit or review of the statutory financial statements of the Group. These services include prudential supervision reviews for central banks, prospectus reviews, trust audits and other audits required for local statutory purposes

² Includes fees of \$20,326,000 in 1997 paid to KPMG Barents (a wholly owned entity of the USA practice of KPMG) for consultancy work in connection with the ANZ Global Project

By virtue of an Australian Securities Commission class order dated 29 June 1992, the auditors of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and its related bodies corporate, KPMG, have been exempted from compliance with the requirements of Section 324(2) of the Corporations Law. The class order exemption applies in that partners and associates of KPMG not engaged on the audit of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and its related bodies corporate may be indebted to the Company, provided that such indebtedness arose upon ordinary commercial terms and conditions.

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
5: Abnormal Items					
Profit before tax					
Interest on National Housing Bank deposit	145	-	-	-	-
	145	-	-	-	-
Loss before tax					
Restructuring costs	327	-	-	214	-
Total abnormal loss before tax	(182)	-	-	(214)	-
Income tax (expense) benefit applicable to					
Interest on National Housing Bank deposit	(80)	-	-	-	-
Restructuring costs	115	-	-	77	-
Restatement of net deferred tax balances to reflect the increase in the Australian corporate tax rate	-	-	19	-	-
Total abnormal tax benefit	35	-	19	77	-
Total abnormal (loss) profit after tax	(147)	-	19	(137)	-

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
6: Income Tax Expense					
Reconciliation of the prima facie income tax payable on operating profit and abnormal items with the income tax expense charged in the profit and loss account					
Operating profit before income tax and before abnormal items	1,758	1,615	1,548	1,009	1,247
Prima facie income tax at 36% (1996: 36%, 1995: 33%)	632	581	511	363	449
Tax effect of permanent differences					
Overseas tax rate differential	14	1	18	7	6
Other non-assessable income	(25)	(27)	(34)	(6)	(24)
Rebateable and non-assessable dividends	(117)	(41)	(4)	(205)	(184)
Non-allowable depreciation and amortisation	3	4	3	3	3
General provision for doubtful debts	72	13	37	64	8
Other	10	(19)	(10)	10	(15)
	589	512	521	236	243
Income tax over provided in prior years	(10)	(22)	(16)	(11)	(19)
Total income tax expense on operating profit before abnormal items	579	490	505	225	224
Abnormal loss before tax	(182)	-	-	(214)	-
Prima facie income tax at 36% (1996: 36%, 1995: 33%)	(65)	-	-	(77)	-
Tax effect of permanent differences					
Overseas tax rate differential	30	-	-	-	-
Restatement of net deferred tax balances (refer note 5)	-	-	(19)	-	-
Total income tax benefit on abnormal items	(35)	-	(19)	(77)	-
Total income tax expense	544	490	486	148	224

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
7: Dividends					
Ordinary dividends					
Interim dividend	329	264	208	329	254
Proposed final dividend	392	355	260	392	355
Bonus option plan adjustment (see over)	(26)	(35)	(44)	(26)	(35)
Dividends on ordinary shares	695	584	424	695	574
Preference dividends (13.25% per annum, unfranked)					
Dividend paid in January	-	-	40	-	-
Dividend paid in July	-	-	40	-	-
Dividends on preference shares	-	-	80	-	-
Total dividends	695	584	504	695	574

A final dividend of 26 cents fully franked is proposed to be paid on each fully paid ordinary share (1996: final dividend of 24 cents per fully paid share, fully franked; 1995: final dividend of 18 cents per fully paid share, franked to 6 cents at 36%). Non-resident shareholders will be exempt from dividend withholding tax on the full dividend.

The 1997 interim dividend of 22 cents was fully franked (1996: interim dividend of 18 cents was franked to 9 cents; 1995: unfranked interim dividend of 15 cents per fully paid ordinary share).

7: Dividends (continued)**Dividend Franking Account**

The amount of franking credits available for the subsequent financial year is nil, after adjusting for franking credits that will arise from the payment of tax on Australian profits for the 1997 financial year, less franking credits which will be utilised in franking the proposed final dividend and franking credits that may be prevented from being distributed in the subsequent year.

Restrictions which Limit the Payment of Dividends

There are presently no significant restrictions on the payment of dividends from controlled entities to the Company. Various capital adequacy, liquidity, statutory reserve and other prudential requirements must be observed by certain controlled entities and the impact on these requirements caused by the payment of cash dividends is monitored. In practice however, there are significant tax considerations associated with the receipt of dividends from controlled entities by a company. Payment of dividends from domestic controlled entities constitutes assessable income to a recipient Australian company. The recipient company is generally entitled to a rebate of tax otherwise payable on the assessable dividend. Should the recipient company's total assessable income be less than the dividend income, or it be in a tax loss position, the rebate will reduce or be eliminated. The Group therefore acts to preserve the availability of rebates by avoiding the payment of dividends by domestic controlled entities in this situation.

Payments of dividends from overseas controlled entities may attract withholding taxes which have not been provided for in these financial statements.

There are presently no restrictions on payment of dividends by the Company other than

- (i) the share premium reserve is not available for distribution other than in the form of bonus issues (share dividends); and
- (ii) reductions of shareholders' equity through payment of cash dividends is monitored having regard to the regulatory requirements to maintain a specified capital adequacy ratio. In particular, the Reserve Bank of Australia has advised Australian banks that a bank under its supervision must consult with it before declaring a dividend if the bank has incurred a loss, or proposes to pay dividends which exceed the level of profits earned.

Bonus option plan

Dividends paid during the year have been reduced by way of certain shareholders participating in the bonus option plan and forgoing all or part of their right to dividends in return for the receipt of bonus shares.

	Declared dividend \$M	Bonus options exercised \$M	Amount paid \$M
Final dividend 1996	355	12	343
Interim dividend 1997	329	14	315
	684	26	658

	1997	Consolidated	
	\$M	1996	1995
		\$M	\$M
8: Earnings per Share			
Before abnormal items			
Basic			
Operating profit after income tax attributable to shareholders of the Company	1,024	1,116	1,052
Abnormal items after tax	147	-	(19)
Operating profit after income tax before abnormal items	1,171	1,116	1,033
Preference share dividend	-	-	(80)
Total adjusted earnings	1,171	1,116	953
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (millions)	1,492.9	1,462.3	1,390.3
Basic earnings per share (cents)	78.4	76.3	68.5
Diluted			
Operating profit after income tax before abnormal items	1,171	1,116	1,033
Preference share dividend	-	-	(80)
Add: notional interest earned on capital raised from exercise of options	2	2	1
Total adjusted earnings	1,173	1,118	954
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (millions)	1,492.9	1,462.3	1,390.3
Add: potential dilution of options to ordinary shares	7.2	7.6	5.0
Total adjusted number of shares	1,500.1	1,469.9	1,395.3
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	78.2	76.1	68.4
After abnormal items			
Basic			
Operating profit after income tax attributable to shareholders of the Company	1,024	1,116	1,052
Preference share dividend	-	-	(80)
Total adjusted earnings	1,024	1,116	972
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (millions)	1,492.9	1,462.3	1,390.3
Basic earnings per share (cents)	68.6	76.3	69.9
Diluted			
Operating profit after income tax attributable to shareholders of the Company	1,024	1,116	1,052
Preference share dividend	-	-	(80)
Add: notional interest earned on capital raised from exercise of options	2	2	1
Total adjusted earnings	1,026	1,118	973
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (millions)	1,492.9	1,462.3	1,390.3
Add: potential dilution of options to ordinary shares	7.2	7.6	5.0
Total adjusted number of shares	1,500.1	1,469.9	1,395.3
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	68.4	76.1	69.7

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
9: Liquid Assets				
Australia				
Coins, notes and cash at bankers	508	1,351	410	1,334
Money at call	189	25	133	-
Other banks' certificates of deposit	8	7	-	-
Securities purchased under agreement to resell less than 90 days	142	130	142	130
Bills receivable and remittances in transit	41	3	41	2
	888	1,516	726	1,466
Overseas				
Coins, notes and cash at bankers	342	216	50	23
Money at call	622	687	85	145
Other banks' certificates of deposit	2,785	3,321	1,992	2,695
Securities purchased under agreement to resell less than 90 days	823	900	749	445
Bills receivable and remittances in transit	838	261	338	10
	5,410	5,385	3,214	3,318
Total liquid assets	6,298	6,901	3,940	4,784
Maturity analysis based on original term to maturity at 30 September				
Less than 90 days	3,857	4,285	1,829	2,456
More than 90 days	2,441	2,616	2,111	2,328
Total liquid assets	6,298	6,901	3,940	4,784
10: Due from Other Financial Institutions				
Australia	1,480	1,607	1,480	1,507
Overseas	10,108	9,745	6,114	6,751
Total due from other financial institutions	11,588	11,352	7,594	8,258
Maturity analysis based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September				
Overdraft	2,154	{ 6,961 ¹	1,597	{ 4,348 ¹
Less than 3 months	7,495		4,377	
Between 3 months and 12 months	1,786		1,520	
Between 1 year and 5 years	82	{ 4,391 ¹	48	{ 3,910 ¹
After 5 years	71		52	
Total due from other financial institutions	11,588	11,352	7,594	8,258

¹ Maturity analysis at 30 September 1996 was based on original terms to maturity of less than 90 days and greater than 90 days

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
11: Trading Securities				
Trading securities are allocated between Australia and Overseas based on the domicile of the issuer				
Listed - Australia				
Commonwealth securities	75	1,496	75	1,496
Local and semi-government securities	20	10	20	10
Other securities and equity investments	622	91	350	-
	717	1,597	445	1,506
Listed - Overseas				
Indian government securities	397	272	-	-
Other securities and equity investments	912	265	331	236
	1,309	537	331	236
Total listed	2,026	2,134	776	1,742
Unlisted - Australia				
Treasury notes and bills	-	103	-	103
Other government securities	1,567	1,577	1,567	1,577
ANZ accepted bills	1,846	1,317	1,665	1,249
Other securities and equity investments	320	269	299	199
	3,733	3,266	3,531	3,128
Unlisted - Overseas				
Treasury notes and bills	770	1,564	465	1,177
Other government securities	335	64	223	64
Other securities and equity investments	402	306	153	46
	1,507	1,934	841	1,287
Total unlisted	5,240	5,200	4,372	4,415
Total trading securities	7,266	7,334	5,148	6,157

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
12: Investment Securities				
Investment securities are allocated between Australia and Overseas based on the domicile of the issuer				
Listed - Australia				
Commonwealth securities	-	4	-	4
Local and semi-government securities	58	46	58	46
Other securities and equity investments	462	297	451	286
	520	347	509	336
Listed - Overseas				
Indian government securities	404	304	-	10
Other government securities	99	147	84	83
Other securities and equity investments	431	316	259	187
	934	767	343	280
Total listed	1,454	1,114	852	616
Unlisted - Australia				
Other securities and equity investments	448	139	412	134
Unlisted - Overseas				
New Zealand government securities	476	540	-	9
Indian government securities	2	32	-	-
Other government securities	646	576	151	146
Other securities and equity investments	113	169	1	5
	1,237	1,317	152	160
Total unlisted	1,685	1,456	564	294
Total investment securities	3,139	2,570	1,416	910
Market value information				
Listed - Australia				
Commonwealth securities	-	4	-	4
Local and semi-government securities	58	46	58	46
Other securities and equity investments	462	297	451	286
	520	347	509	336
Listed - Overseas				
Indian government securities	424	300	-	10
Other government securities	100	149	84	83
Other securities and equity investments	431	316	259	187
	955	765	343	280
Total market value of listed investment securities	1,475	1,112	852	616
Unlisted - Australia				
Other securities and equity investments	448	140	412	134
Unlisted - Overseas				
New Zealand government securities	475	537	-	9
Indian government securities	2	32	-	-
Other government securities	635	575	151	145
Other securities and equity investments	114	171	1	6
	1,226	1,315	152	160
Total market value of unlisted investment securities	1,674	1,455	564	294
Total market value of investment securities	3,149	2,567	1,416	910

12: Investment Securities (continued)

Investment Securities by Maturities and Yields

Based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September 1997

At book value	Less than 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 1 year and 5 years	Between 5 years and 10 years	After 10 years	No maturity specified	Total	Market Value
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Australia								
Commonwealth securities	-	90	304	-	-	-	394	394
Local and semi-government securities	44	18	11	-	-	-	73	73
Other securities and equity investments	309	145	11	-	-	36	501	501
	353	253	326	-	-	36	968	968
Overseas								
New Zealand government securities	35	441	-	-	-	-	476	475
US treasury and government securities	17	14	-	-	7	-	38	37
Indian government securities	19	54	274	53	6	-	406	426
Other government securities	484	53	144	25	1	-	707	699
Other securities and equity investments	114	172	218	28	3	9	544	544
	669	734	636	106	17	9	2,171	2,181
Total book value	1,022	987	962	106	17	45	3,139	n/a
Total market value	1,012	988	977	108	17	47	n/a	3,149

	Less than 1 year	Between 1 year and 5 years	Between 5 years and 10 years	After 10 years
Weighted average yields ¹	%	%	%	%
Australia				
Commonwealth securities	5.88	5.25	-	-
Local and semi-government securities	7.04	5.93	-	-
Other securities and equity investments	5.62	5.76	-	-
Overseas				
New Zealand government securities	7.53	-	-	-
US treasury and government securities	5.19	-	-	6.99
Indian government securities	11.67	11.74	12.68	12.15
Other government securities	11.98	9.11	8.36	16.58
Other securities and equity investments	7.31	9.86	11.65	16.02

¹ Based on effective yields for fixed interest and discounted securities and dividend yield for equity investments at 30 September 1997

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
13: Net Loans and Advances				
Loans and advances are classified between Australia and Overseas based on the domicile of the lending point				
Australia				
Overdrafts	2,877	3,358	2,877	3,352
Credit card outstandings	1,430	1,156	1,430	1,156
Term loans - owner-occupied housing	15,862	15,001	15,862	15,001
Term loans - other	26,880	23,026	24,556	20,583
Lease finance (refer below)	3,272	3,282	700	657
Hire purchase	5,958	5,803	-	-
Commercial bills	16	21	-	-
Redeemable preference share finance	20	20	-	-
Other	377	422	370	412
	56,692	52,089	45,795	41,161
Overseas				
Overdrafts	3,070	2,699	702	587
Credit card outstandings	266	231	3	2
Term loans - housing	7,539	6,878	224	187
Term loans - non-housing	17,689	15,590	7,399	6,868
Lease finance (refer below)	74	68	32	22
Hire purchase	383	458	-	-
Commercial bills	786	568	184	189
Redeemable preference share finance	44	9	-	-
Other	376	329	54	-
	30,227	26,830	8,598	7,855
Total gross loans and advances	86,919	78,919	54,393	49,016
Provisions for doubtful debts (refer note 15)	(1,371)	(1,218)	(1,027)	(884)
Income yet to mature	(1,400)	(1,800)	(21)	(46)
	(2,771)	(3,018)	(1,048)	(930)
Total net loans and advances	84,148	75,901	53,345	48,086
Lease finance consists of gross lease receivables				
Current	627	885	252	187
Non-current	2,719	2,465	480	492
	3,346	3,350	732	679

13: Net Loans and Advances (continued)

Maturity Distribution and Concentrations of Credit Risk

Based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September 1997	Overdraft \$M	Less than 3 months \$M	Between 3 months and 12 months \$M	Between 1 year and 5 years \$M	After 5 years \$M	Total \$M
Australia						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	341	647	619	761	348	2,716
Business service	217	136	208	636	291	1,488
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	97	176	188	682	249	1,392
Financial, investment and insurance	102	434	123	3,283	55	3,997
Government and official institutions	1	-	-	29	38	68
Lease finance	-	331	320	2,588	33	3,272
Manufacturing	538	566	297	824	221	2,446
Personal ¹	361	1,729	491	2,995	653	6,229
Real estate - construction	192	127	208	600	89	1,216
Real estate - mortgage ²	117	1,551	1,468	1,689	21,270	26,095
Retail and wholesale trade	718	1,593	403	921	740	4,375
Other	211	1,094	404	1,208	481	3,398
Overseas						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	99	734	596	589	421	2,439
Business service	74	119	62	85	6	346
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	8	68	306	158	15	555
Financial, investment and insurance	118	1,701	818	328	224	3,189
Government and official institutions	54	198	192	125	87	656
Lease finance	-	19	12	29	13	73
Manufacturing	349	1,612	1,580	1,260	371	5,172
Personal ¹	935	480	409	656	372	2,852
Real estate - construction	29	359	119	325	68	900
Real estate - mortgage ²	10	304	1,528	4,509	3,061	9,412
Retail and wholesale trade	139	550	619	492	51	1,851
Other	384	836	498	771	293	2,782
Gross loans and advances	5,094	15,364	11,468	25,543	29,450	86,919
Specific provisions for doubtful debts	(453)	-	-	-	-	(453)
Income yet to mature	-	(72)	(139)	(1,168)	(21)	(1,400)
	(453)	(72)	(139)	(1,168)	(21)	(1,853)
Loans and advances net of specific provisions and income yet to mature	4,641	15,292	11,329	24,375	29,429	85,066
General provision					(918)	(918)
Net loans and advances	4,641	15,292	11,329	24,375	28,511	84,148
Interest rate sensitivity						
Fixed interest rates ³	196	8,150	7,636	17,969	10,122	44,073
Variable interest rates	4,898	7,214	3,832	7,574	19,328	42,846
	5,094	15,364	11,468	25,543	29,450	86,919

¹ Personal includes non-business loans to individuals through overdrafts, personal loans, credit cards and fully drawn advances

² Real estate mortgage includes residential and commercial property exposure. Loans within this category are for the purchase of such properties and must be secured by property

³ Housing loans and other loans that are capped for an initial period are treated as fixed interest rate loans and their maturities based on the principal repayments due over the term of the loan

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
14: Impaired Assets				
Summary of impaired assets				
Non-accrual loans	872	1,225	545	835
Restructured loans	13	33	4	25
Other real estate owned	-	-	-	-
Unproductive facilities	75	82	21	22
Gross impaired assets	960	1,340	570	882
Specific provisions				
Non-accrual loans	(444)	(501)	(295)	(338)
Unproductive facilities	(9)	(8)	(9)	(7)
Net impaired assets	507	831	266	537
Non-accrual loans				
Non-accrual loans	872	1,225	545	835
Specific provisions	(444)	(501)	(295)	(338)
Total net non-accrual loans	428	724	250	497
Restructured loans				
For these loans interest and fees are recognised as income on an accruals basis	13	33	4	25
Other real estate owned				
In the event of customer default, any loan security is held as mortgagee in possession and therefore the Group does not hold any other real estate owned assets	-	-	-	-
Unproductive facilities				
Unproductive facilities	75	82	21	22
Specific provisions	(9)	(8)	(9)	(7)
Net unproductive facilities	66	74	12	15
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more				
These amounts, comprising loans less than \$100,000 or fully secured, are not classified as impaired assets and therefore are not included within the above summary	243	212	180	174

14: Impaired Assets (continued)

Further analysis of non-accrual loans at 30 September 1997 and interest and/or other income received during the year under Reserve Bank of Australia guidelines is as follows

	Consolidated			The Company		
	Gross balance outstanding \$M	Specific provision \$M	Interest and/or other income received \$M	Gross balance outstanding \$M	Specific provision \$M	Interest and/or other income received \$M
Non-accrual loans						
Without provisions						
Australia	89	-	13	64	-	12
New Zealand	35	-	2	-	-	-
International markets	39	-	1	29	-	1
	163	-	16	93	-	13
With provisions and no, or partial performance ¹						
Australia	404	270	17	290	228	17
New Zealand	59	20	1	-	-	-
International markets	113	105	3	30	18	2
	576	395	21	320	246	19
With provisions and full performance ¹						
Australia	132	49	11	132	49	11
New Zealand	-	-	#	-	-	-
International markets	1	#	#	-	-	-
	133	49	11	132	49	11
Total non-accrual loans	872	444	48	545	295	43

Amounts less than \$500,000

¹ A loan's performance is assessed against its contractual repayment schedule

Interest and other income forgone on impaired assets

The following table shows the estimated amount of interest and other income that would have been recorded had interest and other income on non-accrual loans been accrued to income (or, in the case of restructured loans, had interest and other income been accrued at the original contract rate), and the amount of interest and other income received with respect to such loans.

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Gross interest and other income receivable on non-accrual loans and restructured loans				
Australia	96	149	74	128
New Zealand	10	13	-	-
International markets	15	19	2	4
Total gross interest and other income receivable on non-accrual loans and restructured loans	121	181	76	132
Interest and other income received				
Australia	42	69	41	69
New Zealand	3	4	-	-
International markets	5	8	2	3
Total interest and other income received	50	81	43	72
Net interest and other income forgone				
Australia	54	80	33	59
New Zealand	7	9	-	-
International markets	10	11	-	1
Total net interest and other income forgone	71	100	33	60

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
15: Provisions for Doubtful Debts				
Specific provision				
Balance at start of year	509	702	345	454
Adjustment for exchange rate fluctuations	8	(10)	#	(3)
Bad debts written off	(199)	(346)	(113)	(239)
Transfer from profit and loss account (refer note 3)	135	163	72	114
Acquired	-	-	-	19
Total specific provision	453	509	304	345
General provision				
Balance at start of year	709	678	539	504
Adjustment for exchange rate fluctuations	8	(6)	4	(1)
Charge to profit and loss account (refer note 3)	201	37	180	22
Acquired	-	-	-	14
Total general provision	918	709	723	539
Total provisions for doubtful debts	1,371	1,218	1,027	884
Ratios				
Provisions ¹ as a % of total advances ²	%	%	%	%
Specific	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
General	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.8
Provisions as a % of risk weighted assets				
Specific	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
General	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Bad debts written off as a % of total advances ²	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
Specific provision charge as a % of total advances ²	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Amounts less than \$500,000

¹ Excludes provisions for unproductive facilities

² See definition on page 116

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
16: Customers' Liabilities for Acceptances				
Australia				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	757	556	757	556
Business service	279	228	279	228
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	1,937	1,629	1,937	1,629
Financial, investment and insurance	791	1,054	791	1,054
Government and official institutions	3	8	3	8
Manufacturing	2,403	2,155	2,403	2,155
Personal ¹	204	343	204	343
Real estate - construction	104	111	104	111
Real estate - mortgage ²	4,093	4,079	4,093	4,079
Retail and wholesale trade	1,730	1,904	1,730	1,904
Other	984	890	984	890
	13,285	12,957	13,285	12,957
Overseas				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	11	24	-	5
Business service	45	94	12	51
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	14	1	-	-
Financial, investment and insurance	202	218	187	163
Government and official institutions	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	301	311	19	42
Personal ¹	7	28	-	-
Real estate - construction	55	45	38	13
Real estate - mortgage ²	-	6	-	-
Retail and wholesale trade	108	168	39	33
Other	12	161	5	43
	755	1,056	300	350
Total customers' liabilities for acceptances	14,040	14,013	13,585	13,307
¹ Personal includes non-business acceptances to individuals through overdrafts, personal loans, credit cards and fully drawn advances				
² Real estate mortgage includes residential and commercial property exposure. Acceptances within this category are for the purchase of such properties and must be secured by property				
17: Regulatory Deposits				
Reserve Bank of Australia	572	551	572	551
Overseas central banks	634	612	66	61
Total regulatory deposits	1,206	1,163	638	612

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
18: Shares in Controlled Entities and Associates				
Refer notes 34 and 35 for details of controlled entities and associates.				
Controlled entities				
At directors' valuation 1996			-	4,768
At directors' valuation 1997			5,116	-
Total shares in controlled entities			5,116	4,768
Associates				
Total shares in associates ¹	7	10	1	1
Total shares in controlled entities and associates	7	10	5,117	4,769

Acquisitions of controlled entities

	Date acquired	Interest acquired %	Consideration \$M	Net tangible assets on acquisition \$M	Goodwill \$M
Year ended 30 September 1997					
Fleetlink Leasing Pty Ltd ²	3 Dec 1996	50	5	1	4
Greyloch Investments Limited	23 Jun 1997	100	-	#	#
La Serigne Limited	12 Feb 1997	100	4	4	-
Repair Authorisation Centre (RAC) Pty Limited	1 Dec 1996	100	#	#	#
Truck Leasing Limited ³	31 Aug 1997	20	2	#	2
			11	5	6

Year ended 30 September 1996

Autofleet Pty Ltd ⁴	1 Jul 1996	50	#	#	-
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Disposals of controlled entities

The entire interest in these entities was disposed of during the year

	Profit on disposal \$M	Net tangible assets on disposal \$M
Year ended 30 September 1997		
Valiant Heart Limited	-	-
Year ended 30 September 1996		
Esanda Limited	-	-
Pukeko Holdings Limited	-	-
Pukeko Investments Limited	-	-
Pukeko Securities Limited ⁵	-	-

Amounts less than \$500,000

¹ The Group has adopted equity accounting for the year ended 30 September 1997 (refer note 1(ii))

² During 1997, the remaining 50% interest in Fleetlink Leasing Pty Ltd was acquired by Esanda Finance Corporation Limited, bringing the total interest to 100%

³ During 1997, the remaining 20% interest in Truck Leasing Limited was acquired by UDC Finance Limited, bringing the total interest to 100%

⁴ During 1996, the remaining 50% interest in Autofleet Pty Ltd was acquired by Esanda Finance Corporation Limited, bringing the total interest to 100%

⁵ Formerly ANZ Securities (New Zealand) Limited

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
19: Other Assets				
Property held for resale				
Cost of acquisition	67	70	1	5
Development expenses capitalised	65	68	-	14
Interest, rates and taxes capitalised	3	3	-	-
	135	141	1	19
Provision for diminution in value	(11)	(16)	-	(12)
	124	125	1	7
Accrued interest/prepaid discounts	1,004	836	736	575
Accrued commission	57	39	35	32
Prepaid expenses	89	48	15	23
Future income tax benefits (refer below)	516	491	360	344
Treasury instruments revaluations	5,232	3,070	4,659	2,692
Security settlements	304	525	300	386
National Housing Bank deposit (refer note 38)	-	179	-	-
Life insurance reserves (refer note 1[xv])	436	354	-	-
Other	728	673	331	137
Total other assets	8,490	6,340	6,437	4,196
Future income tax benefits comprises				
Provision for doubtful debts	136	148	99	107
Interest	-	3	-	-
Tax losses	11	26	1	3
Provision for employee entitlements	90	80	68	68
Provision for non-lending losses, frauds and forgeries	39	54	34	43
Provision for leased premises surplus to current requirements	16	12	16	12
Provision for diminution in development ventures	1	8	1	4
Development venture income	21	22	1	4
Treasury instruments	-	11	-	11
Leveraged leasing	3	19	6	24
Provision for restructuring costs	97	4	58	4
Other	102	104	76	64
	516	491	360	344

Certain potential future income tax benefits within the Group have not been recognised as assets because recovery cannot be regarded as virtually certain. These potential benefits arise from tax losses and timing differences (benefits could amount to \$19 million, 1996: \$5 million) and from realised capital losses (benefits could amount to \$141 million, 1996: \$133 million).

These benefits will only be obtained if

- (i) the relevant entities derive future assessable income of a nature and amount sufficient to enable the benefit of the taxation deductions to be realised;
- (ii) the relevant entities continue to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by law; and
- (iii) there are no changes in taxation legislation adversely affecting the benefit of the taxation deductions.

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
20: Premises and Equipment				
Freehold and leasehold land and buildings				
At directors' valuation 1996	942	944	91	83
At cost	26	26	1	1
Provision for depreciation	(28)	(20)	(2)	(1)
	940	950	90	83
Leasehold improvements				
At cost	146	121	82	61
Provision for amortisation	(83)	(71)	(47)	(35)
	63	50	35	26
Furniture and equipment				
At cost	845	811	394	374
Provision for depreciation	(467)	(429)	(219)	(210)
	378	382	175	164
Computer equipment				
At cost	734	668	459	416
Provision for depreciation	(491)	(423)	(308)	(260)
	243	245	151	156
Motor vehicle operating lease assets				
At cost	555	430	-	-
Provision for depreciation	(141)	(97)	-	-
	414	333	-	-
Capital works in progress				
At cost	21	60	8	51
Total premises and equipment	2,059	2,020	459	480

Valuations of premises are assessed annually by officers of the Group. All premises over a specific value are also subject to external valuation at least once every three years by independent valuers. Valuations are based on the estimated open market value and assume that the premises concerned continue to be used in their existing manner by the Group.

An officers' valuation undertaken during the financial year indicated that the estimated market value of premises exceeded the book value by \$81 million. The excess has not been booked in the financial statements.

21: Due to Other Financial Institutions

Australia	910	717	910	717
Overseas	9,964	11,965	8,420	10,646
Total due to other financial institutions	10,874	12,682	9,330	11,363
Maturity analysis based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September				
At call	1,041	893 ¹	878	745 ¹
Less than 3 months	8,031	7,917 ¹	6,714	6,998 ¹
Between 3 months and 12 months	1,786	3,872 ¹	1,722	3,620 ¹
Between 1 year and 5 years	16	-	16	-
Total due to other financial institutions	10,874	12,682	9,330	11,363

¹ Maturity analysis at 30 September 1996 was based on original term to maturity and comprised at call, less than 90 days and greater than 90 days

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
22: Deposits and Other Borrowings				
Deposits and other borrowings are classified between Australia and Overseas based on the location of the deposit taking point				
Australia				
Certificates of deposit	927	1,135	927	1,135
Term deposits	17,256	17,366	17,219	17,313
Other deposits bearing interest	21,175	17,612	21,175	17,612
Deposits not bearing interest	2,865	2,751	2,865	2,751
Commercial paper	3,023	2,341	1,942	1,394
Borrowing corporations' debt	5,350	5,286	-	-
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	-	394	-	394
Other unsecured borrowings	196	20	196	20
	50,792	46,905	44,324	40,619
Overseas				
Certificates of deposit	5,934	4,218	4,025	2,203
Term deposits	18,741	16,880	6,461	5,583
Other deposits bearing interest	6,994	5,837	869	547
Deposits not bearing interest	2,909	2,459	363	257
Commercial paper	1,808	946	-	-
Borrowing corporations' debt	1,158	1,199	-	-
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	722	1,171	716	1,142
Other secured borrowings	94	94	90	92
	38,360	32,804	12,524	9,824
Total deposits and other borrowings	89,152	79,709	56,848	50,443
Maturity analysis based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September ¹				
At call	33,262	n/a	25,025	n/a
Less than 3 months	38,911	n/a	25,122	n/a
Between 3 months and 12 months	12,049	n/a	5,743	n/a
Between 1 year and 5 years	4,335	n/a	958	n/a
After 5 years	595	n/a	-	n/a
Total deposits and other borrowings	89,152	n/a	56,848	n/a

¹ Disclosure of comparative information not required in first year of adoption of Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1032 "Specific Disclosures by Financial Institutions"

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
23: Income Tax Liability				
Australia				
Provision for income tax	93	116	3	95
Provision for deferred income tax (refer below)	415	384	176	154
	508	500	179	249
Overseas				
Provision for income tax	116	14	107	25
Provision for deferred income tax (refer below)	154	61	28	27
	270	75	135	52
Total income tax liability	778	575	314	301
Provision for deferred income tax comprises				
Lease finance	201	204	29	33
Depreciation	38	33	9	8
Investment income	6	8	2	1
Treasury instruments	23	-	23	-
Other	301	200	141	139
	569	445	204	181
24: Creditors and Other Liabilities				
Australia				
Creditors	228	306	224	228
Accrued interest and unearned discounts	700	748	501	497
Treasury instruments revaluations	1,828	1,648	1,828	1,648
Accrued charges	92	93	80	88
Security settlements	-	170	-	170
Other liabilities	700	436	207	183
	3,548	3,401	2,840	2,814
Overseas				
Creditors	456	164	90	13
Accrued interest and unearned discounts	752	647	452	312
Treasury instruments revaluations	4,285	2,249	3,640	1,890
Accrued charges	182	134	80	49
Security settlements	308	594	255	376
Other liabilities	276	282	175	97
	6,259	4,070	4,692	2,737
Total creditors and other liabilities	9,807	7,471	7,532	5,551
25: Provisions				
Employee entitlements	262	272	197	211
Dividends (refer note 7)	392	355	392	355
Non-lending losses, frauds and forgeries	130	171	96	120
Leased premises surplus to current requirements	44	32	31	21
Restructuring costs	275	-	160	-
Other	115	124	135	78
Total provisions	1,218	954	1,011	785

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
26: Bonds and Notes				
USD medium term notes	1,016	834	1,016	834
GBP medium term notes	22	89	22	89
AUD medium term notes	176	235	176	235
JPY medium term notes	184	257	184	257
GBP 78m floating rate notes due 1997	175	154	175	154
USD 250m floating rate notes due 1998	-	316	-	316
USD 300m floating rate note due 1998	417	379	417	379
Total bonds and notes	1,990	2,264	1,990	2,264
Bonds and notes by currency				
USD United States dollars	1,433	1,529	1,433	1,529
GBP Great British pounds	197	243	197	243
JPY Japanese yen	184	257	184	257
AUD Australian dollars	176	235	176	235
	1,990	2,264	1,990	2,264
Bonds and notes by maturity				
Maturity analysis based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September				
Less than 3 months	449	{ 831 ¹	449	{ 831 ¹
Between 3 months and 12 months	974		974	
Between 1 year and 5 years	539	1,371 ¹	539	1,371 ¹
After 5 years	28	62 ¹	28	62 ¹
	1,990	2,264	1,990	2,264

¹ Maturity analysis at 30 September 1996 was based on remaining term to maturity of less than 1 year, between 1 and 5 years and after 5 years

				Interest	Consolidated		The Company	
				Rate	1997	1996	1997	1996
				%	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
27: Loan Capital								
Perpetual subordinated notes								
USD	300m	floating rate notes	LIBOR ¹ + 0.15	417	379	417	379	
USD	258.7m	fixed rate notes	9.125	359	327	359	327	
USD	120m	floating rate notes	LIBOR + 0.80	-	152	-	-	
USD	30m	floating rate notes	LIBOR + 0.80	-	38	-	-	
				776	896	776	706	
Subordinated notes								
LUX	1,000m	fixed notes due 1998	9.375	38	40	38	40	
AUD	48.8m	fixed notes due 1999	7.720	48	49	48	49	
JPY	10,000m	fixed notes due 1999 ²	7.430, 5.800	115	114	115	114	
USD	30m	floating rate notes due 1999	LIBOR + 0.46	42	38	42	38	
USD	70m	floating rate notes due 1999	LIBOR + 0.46	-	88	-	88	
USD	200m	floating rate notes due 1999	LIBOR + 0.50	-	253	-	253	
GBP	22.7m	fixed notes due 2000	7.050	56	57	-	-	
AUD	65m	floating rate notes due 2000	BB ³ + 0.40	65	65	65	65	
AUD	55.3m	floating rate notes due 2000 ⁴	BB + 0.40	55	55	55	55	
USD	140m	floating rate notes due 2000	LIBOR + 0.50	-	177	-	177	
USD	70m	floating rate notes due 2000	LIBOR + 0.625	-	88	-	88	
AUD	58.2m	floating rate notes due 2001 ⁵	BB + 0.40	58	58	58	58	
GBP	60m	fixed notes due 2001	12.625	134	119	134	119	
USD	200m	floating rate notes due 2002	LIBOR + 0.70	278	253	278	253	
USD	250m	fixed rate notes due 2004	6.25	348	316	348	316	
USD	125m	floating rate notes due 2005	LIBOR + 0.45	174	157	-	-	
USD	500m	fixed notes due 2006	7.55	695	632	695	632	
USD	12.5m	floating rate notes due 2007	LIBOR + 0.50	17	16	17	16	
JPY	482m	floating rate notes due 2007	LIBOR + 0.50	6	5	6	5	
USD	250m	floating rate notes due 2007 ⁶	LIBOR + 0.25	347	-	347	-	
JPY	568.8m	floating rate notes due 2008	LIBOR + 0.55	7	6	7	6	
USD	14.3m	floating rate notes due 2008	LIBOR + 0.50	20	18	20	18	
USD	79m	floating rate notes due 2008 ⁷	LIBOR + 1.03	110	100	110	100	
				2,613	2,704	2,383	2,490	
Total loan capital				3,389	3,600	3,159	3,196	
Loan capital by currency								
USD	United States dollars			2,807	3,032	2,633	2,685	
AUD	Australian dollars			226	227	226	227	
GBP	Great British pounds			190	176	134	119	
JPY	Japanese yen			128	125	128	125	
LUX	Luxembourg francs			38	40	38	40	
				3,389	3,600	3,159	3,196	
Loan capital by maturity								
Maturity analysis based on remaining term to maturity at 30 September								
Between 3 months and 12 months				38	-	38	-	
Between 1 year and 5 years				573	1,025	517	968	
After 5 years				2,002	1,679	1,828	1,522	
Perpetual				776	896	776	706	
				3,389	3,600	3,159	3,196	

¹ LIBOR is an average of rates offered on loans to leading banks in the London inter-bank market

² Two equal tranches of notes were issued with different interest rates

³ BB is the stated average of Bank Bill rates

⁴ Prior to March 1995 the interest rate was 12.5% p.a.

⁵ Prior to July 1996 the interest rate was 12.5% p.a.

⁶ After February 2002 the interest rate is LIBOR+ 0.75%

⁷ After January 2002 the interest rate is LIBOR+ 0.53%

Loan capital is subordinated in right of payment to the claims of depositors and all other creditors of the Company and its controlled entities which have issued the notes, and constitutes tier 2 capital as defined by the Reserve Bank of Australia for capital adequacy purposes

	Consolidated	
	1997	1996
	\$M	\$M
28: Outside Equity Interests		
Issued and paid-up capital	22	22
Reserves	16	14
Retained profits	12	10
Total outside equity interests	50	46

29: Average Balance Sheet and Related Interest

Averages used in the following table are predominantly daily averages. Interest income figures are presented on a tax-equivalent basis. Non-accrual loans are included under the interest earning asset category "Loans, advances and bills discounted".

	1997			1996			1995		
	Average balance	Average Interest	Average rate	Average balance	Average Interest	Average rate	Average balance	Average Interest	Average rate
	\$M	\$M	%	\$M	\$M	%	\$M	\$M	%
Interest earning assets									
Due from other financial institutions									
Australia	480	32	6.7	630	41	6.5	390	25	6.4
New Zealand	359	21	5.8	346	27	7.8	339	28	8.3
International markets	10,380	700	6.7	10,209	699	6.8	8,940	607	6.8
Regulatory deposits with									
Reserve Bank of Australia	556	5	0.9	535	13	2.4	491	30	6.1
Investments in public securities									
Australia	4,770	301	6.3	4,897	380	7.8	4,464	332	7.4
New Zealand	1,603	107	6.7	1,090	88	8.1	1,116	81	7.3
International markets	5,094	427	8.4	2,973	289	9.7	3,195	290	9.1
Loans, advances and bills discounted									
Australia	52,827	4,657	8.8	48,399	4,939	10.2	44,783	4,471	10.0
New Zealand	14,089	1,384	9.8	12,619	1,315	10.4	11,134	1,143	10.3
International markets	14,578	1,258	8.6	11,770	1,084	9.2	10,313	922	8.9
Other assets									
Australia	1,655	105	6.3	618	53	8.6	861	61	7.1
New Zealand	831	80	9.6	760	77	10.1	800	70	8.8
International markets	5,920	361	6.1	4,825	293	6.1	4,086	278	6.8
	113,142	9,438	8.3	99,671	9,298	9.3	90,912	8,338	9.2
Non-interest earning assets									
Acceptances									
Australia	13,248			12,581			11,521		
New Zealand	244			597			672		
International markets	556			462			586		
Premises and equipment	1,975			2,027			1,982		
Other assets	9,740			6,842			7,714		
Provisions for doubtful debts									
Australia	(917)			(1,002)			(1,163)		
New Zealand	(118)			(118)			(96)		
International markets	(217)			(238)			(300)		
	24,511			21,151			20,916		
Total assets	137,653			120,822			111,828		
Total assets									
Australia	77,604			70,917			66,095		
New Zealand	18,395			16,212			14,924		
International markets	41,654			33,693			30,809		
	137,653			120,822			111,828		
% of total assets attributable to overseas activities	43.6%			41.3%			40.9%		

29: Average Balance Sheet and Related Interest (continued)

	1997			1996			1995		
	Average balance \$M	Interest \$M	Average rate %	Average balance \$M	Interest \$M	Average rate %	Average balance \$M	Interest \$M	Average rate %
Interest bearing liabilities									
Time deposits									
Australia	18,495	1,097	5.9	18,542	1,340	7.2	17,605	1,251	7.1
New Zealand	8,304	658	7.9	7,313	622	8.5	6,175	491	8.0
International markets	15,904	1,015	6.4	11,722	785	6.7	9,885	644	6.5
Savings deposits									
Australia	8,216	222	2.7	7,530	264	3.5	7,408	239	3.2
New Zealand	2,462	96	3.9	2,183	83	3.8	1,959	52	2.7
International markets	1,266	69	5.5	1,142	57	5.0	1,158	55	4.7
Other demand deposits									
Australia	11,237	518	4.6	8,683	520	6.0	7,207	408	5.7
New Zealand	1,789	122	6.8	1,534	121	7.9	1,395	103	7.4
International markets	1,009	41	4.1	810	35	4.3	628	30	4.8
Due to other financial institutions									
Australia	300	15	5.0	397	27	6.8	213	15	7.0
New Zealand	843	73	8.7	732	72	9.8	863	69	8.0
International markets	11,549	716	6.2	11,501	763	6.6	10,902	722	6.6
Commercial paper									
Australia	3,081	181	5.9	2,469	186	7.5	1,601	110	6.9
International markets	1,731	94	5.4	1,087	61	5.6	1,173	68	5.8
Borrowing corporations' debt									
Australia	5,326	409	7.7	5,081	420	8.3	4,915	402	8.2
New Zealand	1,237	103	8.3	1,167	99	8.5	1,137	87	7.7
International markets	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Loan capital, bonds and notes									
Australia	4,998	313	6.3	4,246	322	7.6	4,060	314	7.7
New Zealand	530	35	6.6	186	19	10.2	120	17	14.2
International markets	653	41	6.3	621	37	6.0	605	38	6.3
Other liabilities ¹									
Australia	425	49	n/a	676	76	n/a	727	78	n/a
New Zealand	199	33	n/a	-	7	n/a	-	9	n/a
International markets	2,010	118	n/a	698	53	n/a	406	27	n/a
	101,564	6,018	5.9	88,320	5,969	6.8	80,144	5,229	6.5
Non-interest bearing liabilities									
Deposits									
Australia	2,817			2,736			3,340		
New Zealand	1,288			1,139			1,075		
International markets	1,529			1,249			1,139		
Acceptances									
Australia	13,248			12,581			11,521		
New Zealand	244			597			672		
International markets	556			462			586		
Other liabilities	9,444			7,586			7,420		
	29,126			26,350			25,753		
Total liabilities	130,690			114,670			105,897		
Total liabilities									
Australia	72,063			66,679			62,193		
New Zealand	17,548			15,352			14,022		
International markets	41,079			32,639			29,682		
	130,690			114,670			105,897		
Shareholders' equity	6,963			6,152			5,931		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	137,653			120,822			111,828		
% of total liabilities attributable to overseas activities	44.9%			41.9%			41.3%		

¹ Includes foreign exchange swap costs

30: Interest Sensitivity Gap

The following table represents the interest rate sensitivity as at 30 September 1997 of the Group's assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments repricing (that is, when interest rates applicable to each asset or liability can be changed) in the periods shown.

Sensitivity to interest rates arises from mismatches in the period to repricing of assets and that of the corresponding liability funding. These mismatches are managed within policy guidelines for gap positions. Major changes in gap positions can be made to adjust the profile as market outlooks change.

	Less than 3 months \$M	Between 3 months and 6 months \$M	Between 6 months and 12 months \$M	Between 1 year and 5 years \$M	After 5 years \$M	Not bearing interest \$M	Total \$M
Liquid assets and due from other financial institutions	14,085	1,402	1,071	361	14	953	17,886
Trading and investment securities	6,533	1,073	587	1,172	539	501	10,405
Net loans and advances	53,015	7,602	8,285	14,726	1,019	(499)	84,148
Other assets	2,674	148	2	16	2	22,960	25,802
Total assets	76,307	10,225	9,945	16,275	1,574	23,915	138,241
Certificates of deposit and term deposits	34,611	3,409	3,368	1,454	15	-	42,857
Other deposits	26,207	523	212	1,223	5	5,774	33,944
Other borrowings and due to other financial institutions	13,151	4,023	2,962	2,196	-	893	23,225
Other liabilities	1,953	55	9	16	-	23,810	25,843
Bond, notes and loan capital	2,991	688	-	298	1,402	-	5,379
Total liabilities	78,913	8,698	6,551	5,187	1,422	30,477	131,248
Shareholders' equity and outside equity interests	-	-	-	-	-	6,993	6,993
Off-balance sheet items affecting interest rate sensitivity	3,382	(1,447)	275	(1,035)	(1,175)	-	-
Interest sensitivity gap							
- net	776	80	3,669	10,053	(1,023)	(13,555)	-
- cumulative	776	856	4,525	14,578	13,555	-	-

31: Net Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1033: Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments (AASB 1033) requires disclosure of the net fair value of on and off-balance sheet financial instruments. The disclosures exclude all non-financial instruments, such as income taxes and regulatory deposits, and specified financial instruments, such as interests in controlled entities. Accordingly, the aggregate net fair value amounts do not represent the underlying value of the Group.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's-length transaction. Net fair value is the fair value adjusted for transaction costs.

Quoted market prices, where available, are adjusted for material transaction costs and used as the measure of net fair value. In cases where quoted market values are not available, net fair values are based on present value estimates or other valuation techniques. For the majority of short term financial instruments, defined as those which reprice or mature in 90 days or less, with no significant change in credit risk, the net fair value was assumed to equate to the carrying amount in the Group's balance sheet.

The fair values are based on relevant information available as at 30 September 1997. While judgement is used in obtaining the net fair value of financial instruments, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Many of the estimates involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgement, and changes in underlying assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. Furthermore, market prices or rates of discount are not available for many of the financial instruments valued and surrogates have been used which may not reflect the price that would apply in an actual sale.

The net fair value amounts have not been updated for the purposes of these financial statements since 30 September 1997, and therefore the net fair value of the financial instruments subsequent to 30 September 1997 may be different from the amounts reported.

	Net fair value		Carrying value	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
Financial Assets	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Liquid assets	6,298	6,906	6,298	6,901
Due from other financial institutions	11,588	11,356	11,588	11,353
Trading securities	7,266	7,334	7,266	7,334
Investment securities and shares in associates	3,156	2,577	3,146	2,580
Loans and advances	85,537	76,958	84,148	75,901
Customers' liabilities for acceptances	14,040	14,006	14,040	14,013
Other financial assets	7,665	5,731	7,761	5,609

Liquid assets and Due from other financial institutions

The carrying values of these financial instruments are considered to approximate their net fair values as they are short term in nature or are receivable on demand.

Trading securities

Trading securities are carried at market value. Market value is generally based on quoted market prices, broker or dealer price quotations, or prices for securities with similar credit risk, maturity and yield characteristics.

Investment securities and shares in associates

Net fair value is based on quoted market prices or broker or dealer price quotations. If this information is not available, net fair value has been estimated using quoted market prices for securities with similar credit, maturity and yield characteristics, or by reference to the net tangible asset backing of the investee.

Loans, advances and customers' liabilities for acceptances

The carrying value of loans, advances and acceptances is net of specific and general provisions for doubtful debts and income yet to mature. The estimated net fair value of loans, advances and acceptances is based on the discounted amount of estimated future cash flows and accordingly has not been adjusted for either specific or general provisions for doubtful debts.

Estimated contractual cash flows for performing loans are discounted at estimated current market rates to determine fair value. For loans with doubt as to collection, expected cash flows (inclusive of the value of security) are discounted using a rate which includes a premium for the uncertainty of the flows.

The difference between estimated net fair values of loans, advances and acceptances and carrying value reflects changes in interest rates and the credit worthiness of borrowers since loan origination. The excess of net fair value of loans and advances over the carrying value is primarily a result of offsetting the general provision for doubtful debts against the carrying value and the effect of declining interest rates.

Finance lease receivables, with a carrying value of \$2,694 million (1996: \$2,880 million) and a net fair value of \$2,722 million (1996: \$2,864 million), are included in loans and advances.

31: Net Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)**Other financial assets**

Included in this category are accrued interest, fees receivable and derivative financial instruments. The carrying values of accrued interest and fees receivable are considered to approximate their net fair values as they are short term in nature or are receivable on demand.

The fair values of derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps and currency swaps were calculated using discounted cash flow models based on current market yields for similar types of instruments and the maturity of each instrument. Foreign exchange contracts and interest rate option contracts were valued using market prices and option valuation models as appropriate.

Properties held for resale, future income tax benefits and prepaid expenses are not considered financial assets.

	Net fair value		Carrying value	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
Financial Liabilities	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Due to other financial institutions	10,872	12,697	10,874	12,682
Deposits and other borrowings	89,277	79,724	89,152	79,709
Liability for acceptances	14,040	14,006	14,040	14,013
Bonds and notes	1,984	2,277	1,990	2,264
Loan capital	3,413	3,586	3,389	3,600
Other financial liabilities	9,457	7,160	9,471	7,115

Due to other financial institutions

The carrying value of amounts due from other financial institutions is considered to approximate the net fair value.

Deposits and other borrowings

The net fair value of a deposit liability without a specified maturity or at call is deemed by AASB 1033 to be the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value is not adjusted for any value expected to be derived from retaining the deposit for a future period of time.

For interest bearing fixed maturity deposits and other borrowings and acceptances without quoted market prices, market borrowing rates of interest for debt with a similar maturity are used to discount contractual cash flows.

The net fair value of interest bearing deposits and other liabilities reflects declining interest rates during the year ended 30 September 1997.

Bonds and notes and loan capital

The aggregate net fair value of bonds and notes and loan capital at 30 September 1997 was calculated based on quoted market prices. For those debt issues where quoted market prices were not available, a discounted cash flow model using a yield curve appropriate for the remaining term to maturity of the instrument was used.

Other financial liabilities

This category includes accrued interest and fees payable for which the carrying amount is considered to approximate the fair value. Also included are derivative financial instruments, where fair value is determined on the basis described under "other financial assets".

Income tax liabilities, other provisions and accrued charges are not considered financial instruments.

Commitments and contingencies

As outlined in note 38, the Group has various credit-related commitments. Based upon the level of fees currently charged for granting such commitments, taking into account maturity and interest rates, together with any changes in the creditworthiness of counterparties since origination of the commitments, their estimated replacement or net fair value is not material.

Transaction costs

The fair value of financial instruments required to be disclosed under US accounting standard, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107 "Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments" (SFAS 107) is calculated without regard to estimated transaction costs. Such transaction costs are not material, and accordingly the fair values shown above would not differ materially from fair values calculated in accordance with SFAS 107.

32: Segment Analysis

The following analysis shows income, operating profit, total assets and risk weighted assets based on geographical locations and income, operating profit and total assets by industry segments.

Geographical	1997		Consolidated 1996		1995	
	\$M	%	\$M	%	\$M	%
Income¹						
Australia	6,534	55	6,623	58	6,145	60
New Zealand	2,020	17	1,886	16	1,657	16
UK and Europe	1,191	10	1,000	9	861	8
Asia Pacific	865	7	826	7	680	7
South Asia	657	5	435	4	339	3
Americas	364	3	325	3	317	3
Middle East	360	3	287	3	286	3
	11,991	100	11,382	100	10,285	100
Operating profit before income tax						
Australia	892	51	886	55	903	58
New Zealand	233	13	203	13	204	13
UK and Europe	160	9	155	9	116	8
Asia Pacific	141	8	147	9	124	8
South Asia	166	9	81	5	57	4
Americas	63	4	64	4	60	4
Middle East	103	6	79	5	84	5
	1,758	100	1,615	100	1,548	100
Abnormal items						
Australia	(240)	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	(61)	-	-	-	-	-
UK and Europe	(13)	-	-	-	-	-
Asia Pacific	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
South Asia	136	-	-	-	-	-
America	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
Middle East	(2)	-	-	-	-	-
	(182)	-	-	-	-	-
	1,576	-	1,615	-	1,548	-
Operating profit after income tax						
Australia	627	54	657	59	612	59
New Zealand	165	14	138	12	146	14
UK and Europe	112	9	106	10	83	8
Asia Pacific	95	8	99	9	79	8
South Asia	82	7	36	3	27	3
Americas	36	3	38	3	39	4
Middle East	54	5	42	4	47	4
	1,171	100	1,116	100	1,033	100
Abnormal items						
Australia	(155)	-	-	-	19	-
New Zealand	(41)	-	-	-	-	-
UK and Europe	(9)	-	-	-	-	-
South Asia	59	-	-	-	-	-
Middle East	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
	(147)	-	-	-	19	-
	1,024	-	1,116	-	1,052	-

	Consolidated					
	1997		1996		1995	
	\$M	%	\$M	%	\$M	%
32: Segment Analysis (continued)						
Total assets						
Australia	80,321	58	75,110	59	67,594	60
New Zealand	18,831	14	17,463	13	15,310	13
UK and Europe	16,886	12	15,008	12	12,001	11
Asia Pacific	9,844	7	9,163	7	7,874	7
South Asia	3,959	3	3,333	3	3,306	3
Americas	4,611	3	4,723	4	3,666	3
Middle East	3,789	3	2,804	2	2,836	3
	138,241	100	127,604	100	112,587	100
Risk weighted assets						
Australia	66,687	63	59,681	64	53,531	65
New Zealand	14,332	14	13,492	14	11,748	14
UK and Europe	8,471	8	6,220	7	5,238	6
Asia Pacific	6,489	6	5,358	6	4,766	6
South Asia	2,897	3	2,244	2	2,213	3
Americas	4,505	4	4,527	5	3,535	4
Middle East	2,766	2	1,995	2	2,045	2
	106,147	100	93,517	100	83,076	100
Industry						
Income¹						
General banking	9,797	82	9,496	84	8,955	87
Investment banking capital markets	708	6	480	4	n/a	n/a
Finance	1,293	11	1,253	11	1,154	11
Insurance and funds management	193	1	153	1	176	2
	11,991	100	11,382	100	10,285	100
Operating profit before income tax						
General banking	1,272	72	1,257	78	1,217	79
Investment banking capital markets	208	12	100	6	n/a	n/a
Finance	203	12	201	12	234	15
Insurance and funds management	75	4	57	4	97	6
	1,758	100	1,615	100	1,548	100
Abnormal items	(182)	-	-	-	-	-
	1,576	-	1,615	-	1,548	-
Operating profit after income tax						
General banking	832	71	860	77	793	77
Investment banking capital markets	144	12	72	6	n/a	n/a
Finance	130	11	133	12	158	15
Insurance and funds management	65	6	51	5	82	8
	1,171	100	1,116	100	1,033	100
Abnormal items	(147)	-	-	-	19	-
	1,024	-	1,116	-	1,052	-
Total assets						
General banking	120,319	87	112,169	88	102,120	91
Investment banking capital markets	6,353	5	4,549	4	n/a	n/a
Finance	11,258	8	10,639	8	9,997	9
Insurance and funds management	311	-	247	-	470	-
	138,241	100	127,604	100	112,587	100

¹ Includes abnormal items

n/a Not applicable

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
33: Notes to the Statements of Cash Flows					
a) Reconciliation of operating profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities					
		Inflows (Outflows)		Inflows (Outflows)	
Operating profit after income tax	1,024	1,116	1,052	647	1,023
Adjustments to reconcile operating profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities					
Provisions for doubtful debts	287	154	174	221	110
Depreciation and amortisation	288	255	236	110	108
Provisions for employee entitlements and other	560	189	201	386	81
Payments from provisions	(362)	(194)	(190)	(207)	(49)
Loss on sale of premises and equipment	2	14	1	1	12
Provision for surplus lease space	29	(7)	2	10	(8)
(Profit) loss on sale of controlled entities and associates	(10)	2	-	-	-
Profit on sale of investment securities	(2)	-	-	(1)	-
Net decrease (increase)					
Trading securities	304	(1,595)	(1,222)	1,212	(1,339)
Interest receivable	(127)	230	(282)	(126)	101
Accrued income	(18)	8	6	(3)	8
Net debit tax balances	162	137	333	28	145
Amortisation of discounts/premiums included in interest income	(85)	(58)	(83)	3	(14)
Net increase (decrease)					
Interest payable	23	(167)	364	114	(64)
Accrued expenses	47	62	(2)	23	44
Amortisation of discounts/premiums included in interest expense	-	-	1	-	-
Other	(89)	(50)	(61)	1	(7)
Total adjustments	1,009	(1,020)	(522)	1,772	(872)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,033	96	530	2,419	151
b) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents					
Cash and cash equivalents include liquid assets and amounts due from other financial institutions with original term to maturity of less than 90 days.					
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statements of cash flows are reconciled to the related items in the balance sheets as follows					
Liquid assets - less than 90 days	3,857	4,285	2,824	1,829	2,456
Due from other financial institutions - less than 90 days	8,599	6,961	4,255	5,164	4,348
	12,456	11,246	7,079	6,993	6,804

	Consolidated			The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M

33: Notes to the Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

c) Acquisitions and disposals

Details of aggregate assets and liabilities of controlled entities and branches acquired, and disposed of, by the Group are as follows

Fair value of net assets acquired					
Liquid assets	2	13	-	-	10
Due from other financial institutions	-	-	-	-	1,672
Net loans and advances	-	2	-	-	42
Other assets	2	1	81	-	83
Premises and equipment	4	-	-	-	4
Due to other financial institutions	-	-	-	-	(39)
Creditors and other liabilities	(3)	(1)	-	-	(16)
Deposits and other borrowings	-	-	-	-	(1,596)
Due to controlled entities	-	-	-	-	(7)
Income tax liability	-	(5)	-	-	(9)
Provisions	-	(10)	-	-	-
Fair value of net assets acquired	5	-	81	-	144
Goodwill on acquisition	6	-	-	-	64
Consideration paid	11	-	81	-	208
Cash acquired	-	(13)	-	-	(10)
Cash consideration paid (received)	11	(13)	81	-	198
Fair value of net assets disposed					
Liquid assets	4	-	-	-	-
Due from other financial institutions	35	-	-	-	-
Net loans and advances	72	-	-	-	-
Other assets	20	-	-	-	-
Premises and equipment	1	-	-	-	-
Due to other financial institutions	(2)	-	-	-	-
Creditors and other liabilities	(13)	-	-	-	-
Deposits and other borrowings	(104)	-	-	-	-
Provisions	1	-	-	-	-
Fair value of net assets disposed	14	-	-	-	-
Net profit on disposal	10	-	-	-	-
Consideration received/receivable	24	-	-	-	-
Deferred settlements	17	14	14	-	-
Cash consideration received	41	14	14	-	-
d) Non-cash financing and investing activities					
Share capital issues					
Dividend reinvestment plan	180	135	192	180	135
Bonus option plan	3	6	11	3	6

	1997		1996	
	Available \$M	Unused \$M	Available \$M	Unused \$M
e) Financing arrangements				
Financing arrangements which are available under normal financial arrangements				
Credit standby arrangements				
Commercial bills acceptance discount lines	100	100	100	100
Standby lines	2,719	2,057	1,955	1,854
Other financing arrangements				
Overdrafts and other financing arrangements	1,065	452	457	449
Total finance available	3,884	2,609	2,512	2,403

	Incorporated in	Book value		Contribution to the consolidated result		Nature of Business
		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	
34: Controlled Entities						
All controlled entities are 100% owned unless otherwise noted.						
The material controlled entities of the Group are						
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited				371	557	Banking
A.F.T. Investors Services Limited	Australia	6	6	#	#	Holding Company
ANZ Adelaide Group Limited ³	Australia	52	63	(11)	3	Property Owner
ANZ Bank (Guernsey) Limited *	Guernsey	33	27	3	3	Banking
ANZ Capital Hedging Limited	Australia	7	52	(6)	8	Capital Hedging
ANZ (Delaware) Inc.*	USA	-	-	-	-	Finance
ANZ Executors & Trustee Company Limited	Australia	54	41	13	9	Trustee/Nominee
ANZ Finance (Far East) Limited	Australia	22	22	#	#	Property Owner
ANZ Funds Pty Ltd	Australia	3,765	3,327	2	21	Holding Company
ANZ Grindlays International Limited *	Hong Kong	#	#	(3)	#	Holding Company
ANZ Asia Pacific Holdings Ltd *	Hong Kong	78	71	1	1	Holding Company
ANZ Bank (Vanuatu) Limited *	Vanuatu	#	#	3	3	Banking
La Serigne Limited *	Vanuatu	4	-	-	-	Property Owner
ANZ International Private Limited *	Singapore	715	715	1	(2)	Holding Company
ANZCOVER Insurance Pte Ltd *	Singapore	75	75	9	15	Insurance
ANZ Holdings (New Zealand) Limited *	New Zealand	202	203	(11)	(12)	Holding Company
ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited *	New Zealand	356	355	59	60	Banking
Bage Investments Limited *	New Zealand	222	221	12	13	Investment
Endeavour Investments (NZ) Limited *	New Zealand	847	843	47	47	Holding Company
Greyloch Investments Limited *	New Zealand	106	-	1	-	Finance
UDC Group Holdings Limited *	New Zealand	66	66	-	-	Holding Company
UDC Finance Limited *	New Zealand	54	54	18	22	Finance
Mutual Leasing Limited *	New Zealand	16	16	(3)	5	Lease Finance
Truck Leasing Limited *	New Zealand	4	2	(1)	#	Leasing
UDC Leasing Limited *	New Zealand	16	16	2	2	Lease Finance
National Mutual Permanent Building Society*	New Zealand	12	12	#	#	Building Society
ANZ Singapore Limited *	Singapore	12	11	6	6	Merchant Banking
Bank of Western Samoa *	Samoa	18	18	3	3	Banking
LFD Limited	Australia	204	204	21	23	Finance
GNPL Limited	Australia	11	11	-	#	Non-operative
RFDL Limited	Australia	1	1	(6)	8	Finance
Minerva Holdings Limited *	England	82	82	5	#	Holding Company
ANZ Grindlays Export Finance Limited *	England	49	43	1	2	Export Finance
Town & Country Land Holdings Limited	Australia	115	115	2	(1)	Property Development
ANZ Lenders Mortgage Insurance Pty Limited	Australia	9	9	5	2	Mortgage Insurance
Town & Country Housing Trust	Australia	43	46	#	#	Property Investment
ANZ General Insurance Pty Limited	Australia	3	3	#	#	General Insurance
ANZ Grindlays Jersey Holdings Limited *	Jersey	164	130	-	-	Holding Company
ANZ Grindlays Bank (Jersey) Limited *	Jersey	58	51	15	17	Banking
ANZ Grindlays Holdings Limited	Australia	1,101	841	-	1	Holding Company
ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited	Australia	204	204	204	94	Banking
Grindlays Bahrain Bank B.S.C. ⁵	Bahrain	16	14	2	2	Banking
Grindlays Modaraba Management (Private) Limited	Pakistan	#	#	-	-	Fund Management
Nepal Grindlays Bank Limited *	Nepal	12	10	3	3	Banking
A.N.Z. Holdings Limited	Australia	128	128	#	#	Property owner
ANZ Investment Holdings Limited	Australia	54	44	1	#	Investment
530 Collins Street Property Trust	Australia	397	397	7	18	Investment Activities
A.N.Z. Investments Limited	Australia	17	16	1	#	Investment
ANZ Life Assurance Company Limited	Australia	436	354	82	55	Life Assurance
ANZ Managed Investments Limited	Australia	85	70	15	11	Investment Services
A.N.Z. Properties (Australia) Limited	Australia	21	21	#	(1)	Property Owner
ANZ Securities (Holdings) Limited	Australia	33	47	1	(1)	Holding Company
ANZ Securities (Corporate) Limited	Australia	1	1	(12)	#	Corporate Advisory
ANZ Securities Limited	Australia	6	6	3	6	Administration
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (PNG) Limited *	Papua New Guinea	33	27	17	13	Banking
Bellinz Pty Ltd	Australia	25	-	#	-	Investment

	Incorporated in	Book value		Contribution to the consolidated result		Nature of Business
		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	
34: Controlled Entities (continued)						
Esanda Finance Corporation Limited	Australia	865	937	86	95	General Finance
Finance Corporation of Australia Limited	Australia	75	75	(2)	3	Real Estate Finance
Mercantile Credits Limited	Australia	9	9	(1)	(2)	General Finance
Alliance Holdings Limited	Australia	119	119	-	1	Holding Company
Fleet Partners Pty Limited ⁶	Australia	#	#	2	-	Fleet Management
Repair Authorisation Centre (RAC) Pty Limited	Australia	#	-	-	-	Fleet Maintenance
Fleetlink Leasing Pty Limited	Australia	5	1	-	-	Lease Finance
NMRB Limited	Australia	445	420	#	2	Holding Company
ANZ Capel Court Limited	Australia	57	57	21	5	Investment Banking
NMRSB Limited	Australia	132	132	#	#	Holding Company
PT ANZ Panin Bank *	Indonesia	40	41	8	8	Banking
Contributions of above entities to the Group result after income tax and abnormal items				997	1,128	
Adjustment for controlled entities sold/liquidated				#	#	
Adjustments on consolidation				#	#	
Contribution of non-material controlled entities				25	(12)	
Equity accounting profit (notes 1(ii) and 35)				2	-	
Consolidated operating profit after income tax				1,024	1,116	

* Audited by overseas KPMG firms

Amounts less than \$500,000

¹ The above controlled entities are 100% owned with the exception of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (PNG) Limited (93%), Grindlays Bahrain Bank B.S.C. (40%), Nepal Grindlays Bank Limited (50%), PT ANZ Panin Bank (85%) and Town & Country Housing Trust (93%)

² Outside equity interests hold ordinary shares or units in the controlled entities listed above as follows:

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (PNG) Limited - 371,507 PGK1 shares (7%)

Grindlays Bahrain Bank B.S.C. - 3,600,000 BHD1 shares (60%)

Nepal Grindlays Bank Limited - 750,000 NPR 100 shares (50%)

PT ANZ Panin Bank - 7,500 IDR1m shares (15%)

Town & Country Housing Trust - 2,435,931 \$1 units (7%)

³ ANZ Adelaide Group Limited owns 100% of the issued ordinary shares of Penplaza Investments Pty Limited but does not control that company as it does not have substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership or control

⁴ Subsequent to 30 September 1997, Bank of Western Samoa was renamed ANZ Bank (Samoa) Limited

⁵ ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited controls Grindlays Bahrain Bank B.S.C. due to the existence of an agreement whereby ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited provides management and other technical services giving the capacity to dominate decision making

⁶ Formerly Autofleet Pty Limited

⁷ The following controlled entities were audited by firms other than KPMG

Clive Street Nominees Private Limited

Grindlays Modaraba Management (Private) Limited

Grindlays Bahrain Bank B.S.C.

Grindlays Services of Pakistan (Private) Limited

Grindlays International (Cayman Islands) Limited

	Incorporated in	Interest %	Book value		Balance date	Contribution to the consolidated result		Principal activity
			1997 \$M	1996 \$M		1997 \$M	1996 \$M	
35: Associates								
Significant associates of the Group are								
Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad ¹	Malaysia	26.5	6	4	31 Jan	2		Merchant Bank
Other associates			1	-		-		
Associates disposed of or reclassified as controlled entities during the current year ²			-	6		-		
Total shares in associates			7	10		2		

¹ Formerly Asian International Merchant Bankers Berhad. The investment is held by ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited

² The investment held by UDC Finance Limited in Amalgamated Finance Limited was disposed of during the year

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
36: Commitments				
Capital expenditure				
Contracts for outstanding capital expenditure				
Not later than 1 year	56	43	27	9
Total capital expenditure commitments	56	43	27	9
Lease rentals				
Future rentals in respect of leases				
Land and buildings				
Not later than 1 year	139	143	110	114
Later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	130	131	106	107
Later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	219	251	168	204
Later than 5 years	444	475	398	472
	932	1,000	782	897
Furniture and equipment				
Not later than 1 year	5	4	1	-
Later than 1 year but not later than 2 years	3	3	1	-
Later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	3	1	-	1
	11	8	2	1
Total lease rental commitments	943	1,008	784	898
Total commitments	999	1,051	811	907

37: Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivatives

Derivative instruments are contracts whose value is derived from one or more underlying financial instruments or indices. They include swaps, forward rate agreements, futures, options and combinations of these instruments. The use of derivatives and their sale to customers as risk management products is an integral part of the Group's trading activities. Derivatives are also used to manage the Group's own exposure to fluctuations in exchange and interest rates as part of its asset and liability management activities. Derivatives are subject to the same types of credit and market risk as other financial instruments, and the Group manages these risks in a consistent manner.

The principal exchange rate contracts used by the Group are forward foreign exchange contracts, currency swaps and currency options. Forward foreign exchange contracts are agreements to buy or sell a specified quantity of foreign currency on a specified future date at an agreed rate. A currency swap generally involves the exchange, or notional exchange, of equivalent amounts of two currencies and a commitment to exchange interest periodically until the principal amounts are re-exchanged on a future date. Currency options provide the buyer with the right, but not the obligation, either to purchase or sell a fixed amount of a currency at a specified rate on or before a future date. As compensation for assuming the option risk, the option writer generally receives a premium at the start of the option period.

The principal interest rate contracts used by the Group are forward rate agreements, interest rate futures, interest rate swaps and options. Forward rate agreements are contracts for the payment of the difference between a specified interest rate and a reference rate on a notional deposit at a future settlement date. There is no exchange of principal. An interest rate future is an exchange traded contract for the delivery of a standardised amount of a fixed income security or time deposit at a future date. Interest rate swap transactions generally involve the exchange of fixed and floating interest payment obligations without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts.

Derivative transactions generate income for the Group from buy-sell spreads and from trading positions taken by the Group. Income from these transactions is taken to net interest income, foreign exchange earnings or profit on trading instruments. Income or expense on derivatives entered into for balance sheet hedging purposes is accrued and recorded as an adjustment to the interest income or expense of the related hedged item.

37: Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)**Credit risk**

The credit risk of derivative financial instruments arises from the potential for a counterparty to default on its contractual obligation. Credit risk arises when market movements are such that the derivative has a positive value to the Group. It is the cost of replacing the contract in the event of counterparty default. The Group limits its credit risk within a conservative framework by dealing with creditworthy counterparties, setting credit limits on exposures to counterparties, and obtaining collateral where appropriate.

The following table provides an overview of the Group's exchange rate and interest rate derivatives. It includes all trading and non trading contracts. Notional principal amounts measure the amount of the underlying physical or financial commodity and represent the volume of outstanding transactions. They are not a measure of the risk associated with a derivative.

The gross replacement cost is the cost of replacing those financial instruments with a positive market value to the Group. It represents the potential credit loss had all counterparties defaulted on the reporting date and any collateral become worthless. There is no allowance for netting arrangements.

The credit equivalent amount is calculated in accordance with the Reserve Bank of Australia's Capital Adequacy guidelines. It combines the aggregate gross replacement cost with an allowance for the potential increase in value over the remaining term of the transaction should market conditions change.

	Notional principal amount 1997	Gross replacement cost 1997	Credit equivalent amount 1997	Notional principal amount 1996	Gross replacement cost 1996	Credit equivalent amount 1996
Consolidated	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Foreign exchange contracts						
Spot and forward contracts	202,885	3,547	5,404	159,243	1,487	2,916
Swap agreements	10,810	321	678	5,872	127	355
Options purchased	11,537	182	325	5,637	47	111
Options sold ¹	11,033	n/a	n/a	5,385	n/a	n/a
	236,265	4,050	6,407	176,137	1,661	3,382
Interest rate contracts						
Forward rate agreements	66,719	37	122	95,994	65	137
Swap agreements	193,092	2,030	2,465	148,495	1,256	1,567
Futures contracts ²	125,942	n/a	n/a	87,864	n/a	n/a
Options purchased	13,548	27	38	4,001	8	15
Options sold ¹	20,899	n/a	n/a	3,632	n/a	n/a
Other contracts	944	3	13	248	3	4
	421,144	2,097	2,638	340,234	1,332	1,723
	657,409	6,147	9,045	516,371	2,993	5,105

¹ Options sold have no credit exposure, as they represent obligations rather than assets

² Replacement costs have not been included as there is minimal credit risk associated with exchange traded futures where the clearing house is the counterparty

37: Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

The maturity structure of derivative activity is a primary component of potential credit exposure. The table below shows the remaining maturity profile by class of derivatives based on notional principal amounts.

Consolidated	Remaining life			Total
	Less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	Greater than 5 years	
At 30 September 1997	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Foreign exchange contracts				
Spot and forward contracts	200,173	2,680	32	202,885
Swap agreements	4,575	4,757	1,478	10,810
Options purchased	11,195	342	-	11,537
Options sold	10,492	541	-	11,033
	226,435	8,320	1,510	236,265
Interest rate contracts				
Forward rate agreements	49,731	16,988	-	66,719
Swap agreements	105,900	75,440	11,752	193,092
Futures contracts	97,043	27,479	1,420	125,942
Options purchased	9,613	2,034	1,901	13,548
Options sold	14,413	2,202	4,284	20,899
Other contracts	918	26	-	944
	277,618	124,169	19,357	421,144
Total	504,053	132,489	20,867	657,409
At 30 September 1996				
Foreign exchange contracts				
Spot and forward contracts	157,429	1,800	14	159,243
Swap agreements	1,645	3,921	306	5,872
Options purchased	5,454	183	-	5,637
Options sold	5,239	146	-	5,385
	169,767	6,050	320	176,137
Interest rate contracts				
Forward rate agreements	81,573	14,421	-	95,994
Swap agreements	86,096	58,518	3,881	148,495
Futures contracts	64,403	22,926	535	87,864
Options purchased	2,576	1,293	132	4,001
Options sold	2,269	1,230	133	3,632
Other contracts	228	19	1	248
	237,145	98,407	4,682	340,234
Total	406,912	104,457	5,002	516,371

37: Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

Concentrations of credit risk exist for groups of counterparties when they have similar economic characteristics. Major concentrations of credit risk arise by location and type of customer.

The following table shows the concentrations of credit risk, by class of counterparty and by geographic location, measured by credit equivalent amount. In excess of 78% of the Group's exposures are with counterparties which are either Australian banks or banks based in other OECD countries.

Consolidated Class of Counterparty	Credit equivalent	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Commonwealth and OECD governments	55	60
Australian and OECD banks	7,062	4,200
Corporations, non-OECD banks and others	1,928	845
	9,045	5,105

Geographic location	Credit equivalent	
	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Australia	4,007	1,959
New Zealand	601	486
International markets	4,437	2,660
	9,045	5,105

Market risk

The market risk of derivatives arises from the potential for changes in value due to movements in interest and foreign exchange rates.

The Group calculates value at risk based on historical models of movements in interest rates and exchange rates, and using a 97.5% confidence level that the adverse movements will not exceed the value at risk. If value at risk is estimated to be \$1 million, then based on historical analysis over 500 working days there is approximately one chance in 40 of seeing an adverse movement in excess of \$1 million within the current trading day, on the basis of the opening position. Reflecting the nature of its trading activities, the Group monitors its value at risk by reference to close-to-close (overnight) risk levels.

Below are the Group's aggregate value at risk figures covering both physical and derivatives trading positions for its principal treasury trading centres. The increase in value at risk is due to the inclusion of the Group's Capital Markets activities within the value at risk regime. Previously, the risks associated with these activities were managed as credit risks within the Group's credit systems and controls.

Consolidated	As at	Maximum	Average	As at	Maximum	Average
	30 Sep 97	1997	1997	30 Sep 96	1996	1996
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Value at risk at 97.5% confidence						
Foreign exchange	4	4	3	2	5	2
Interest rate	19	23	18	10	13	6

37: Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

The next table shows the fair values of the Group's derivatives by product type, disaggregated into gross unrealised gains and gross unrealised losses. The fair value of a derivative represents the aggregate net present value of the cash inflows and outflows required to extinguish the rights and obligations arising from the derivative in an orderly market as at the reporting date. Fair value does not indicate future gains or losses, but rather the unrealised gains and losses from marking to market all derivatives at a particular point in time.

Consolidated	Fair value as at 30 Sep 1997 \$M	Average fair value 1997 \$M	Fair value as at 30 Sep 1996 \$M	Average fair value 1996 \$M
Foreign exchange contracts				
Spot and forward contracts				
Gross unrealised gains	3,579	2,301	1,510	1,515
Gross unrealised losses	(3,503)	(2,450)	(1,778)	(1,736)
Swap agreements				
Gross unrealised gains	321	198	127	88
Gross unrealised losses	(274)	(273)	(343)	(325)
Options purchased	182	102	47	66
Options sold	(138)	(31)	(73)	(104)
	167	(153)	(510)	(496)
Interest rate contracts				
Forward rate agreements				
Gross unrealised gains	37	48	65	5
Gross unrealised losses	(46)	(48)	(71)	(23)
Swap agreements				
Gross unrealised gains	2,030	1,558	1,256	1,174
Gross unrealised losses	(2,741)	(2,111)	(1,579)	(1,385)
Futures contracts				
Gross unrealised gains	8	28	6	12
Gross unrealised losses	(9)	(46)	(26)	(30)
Options purchased	37	25	8	7
Options sold	(30)	(10)	-	(7)
Other contracts				
Gross unrealised gains	3	-	3	2
Gross unrealised losses	(11)	(1)	-	-
	(722)	(557)	(338)	(245)
Total	(555)	(710)	(848)	(741)

The fair values of derivatives vary over time depending on movements in interest and exchange rates and the trading or hedging strategies used. The negative fair value as at 30 September 1997 does not represent the profitability from such transactions. It arises from contracts that have generated net positive cash flows (on which interest is being earned) since their inception but which are expected to generate negative cash flows over their remaining term.

37: Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

In addition to customer and trading activities, the Group uses, inter alia, derivatives to manage the risk associated with its balance sheet. The principal objectives of asset and liability management are to hedge the market value of the Group's capital and to manage and control the sensitivity of the Group's income while maintaining acceptable levels of interest rate and liquidity risk. The Group also uses a variety of foreign exchange derivatives to hedge against adverse movements in the value of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

The table below shows the notional principal amount, gross replacement cost and fair value of derivatives held by the Group, split between those entered into for customer-related and trading purposes, and those entered into for balance sheet hedging purposes.

	Notional principal amount 1997	Gross replacement cost 1997	Fair value 1997	Notional principal amount 1996	Gross replacement cost 1996	Fair value 1996
Consolidated	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Foreign exchange contracts						
Customer-related and trading purposes	220,761	3,864	214	165,861	1,587	(323)
Balance sheet hedging purposes	15,504	186	(47)	10,276	74	(187)
	236,265	4,050	167	176,137	1,661	(510)
Interest rate contracts						
Customer-related and trading purposes	400,942	1,801	(790)	317,122	1,102	(396)
Balance sheet hedging purposes	20,202	296	68	23,112	230	58
	421,144	2,097	(722)	340,234	1,332	(338)
Total	657,409	6,147	(555)	516,371	2,993	(848)

Detailed below are the net deferred realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from hedging contracts used to manage interest rate exposure or used to hedge anticipated transactions. These gains and losses are deferred only to the extent that there is an offsetting unrecognised gain or loss on the exposure being hedged. Deferred gains or losses are generally amortised over the expected term of the hedged exposure.

	Balance sheet hedging contracts at 30 Sep 1997	Balance sheet hedging contracts at 30 Sep 1996
Consolidated	\$M	\$M
Expected recognition in income		
Within one year	39	19
One to two years	(24)	(16)
Two to five years	45	39
Greater than five years	22	(20)
	82	22

38: Contingent Liabilities and Credit Related Commitments**Credit related commitments**

The credit risk of the following facilities may be less than the contract amount, but as it cannot be accurately determined, the credit risk has been taken to be the contract amount.

	Consolidated		The Company		Controlled Entities	
	1997 Contract amount \$M	1996 Contract amount \$M	1997 Contract amount \$M	1996 Contract amount \$M	1997 Contract amount \$M	1996 Contract amount \$M
Undrawn facilities	38,614	30,014	27,555	21,592	11,059	8,422
Underwriting facilities	679	361	408	82	271	279
Securities lending	-	590	-	590	-	-
	39,293	30,965	27,963	22,264	11,330	8,701

Contingent liabilities

The Group guarantees the performance of customers by issuing standby letters of credit and guarantees to third parties. The risk involved is essentially the same as the credit risk involved in extending loan facilities to customers, therefore these transactions are subjected to the same credit origination, portfolio maintenance and collateral requirements for customers applying for loans. As the facilities may expire without being drawn upon, the notional amounts do not necessarily reflect future cash requirements.

The credit risk of these facilities may be less than the contract amount, but as it cannot be accurately determined, the credit risk has been taken to be the contract amount.

	Consolidated		The Company		Controlled Entities	
	1997 Contract amount \$M	1996 Contract amount \$M	1997 Contract amount \$M	1996 Contract amount \$M	1997 Contract amount \$M	1996 Contract amount \$M
Guarantees	2,776	2,149	2,250	1,431	526	718
Standby letters of credit	917	355	867	319	50	36
Bill endorsements	18	29	10	25	8	4
Documentary letters of credit	1,927	1,349	1,123	608	804	741
Performance related contingents	7,761	6,614	6,368	5,328	1,393	1,286
Other	1,069	828	797	631	272	197
Total contingent liabilities	14,468	11,324	11,415	8,342	3,053	2,982

The details and estimated maximum amount of contingent liabilities classified according to the party from whom the contingent liability could arise are set out below.

The Company

In accordance with the clearing arrangements set out in the Australian Payments Clearing Association Limited (APCA) Regulations for the Australian Paper Clearing System, the Bulk Electronic Clearing System and the High Value Clearing System, the Company has a commitment to provide liquidity support to these clearing streams in the event of a failure to settle by a member institution; for the latter clearing stream, the obligation arises only in limited circumstances.

Controlled entities

- (i) The Group will indemnify each customer of controlled entities engaged in nominee activities against loss suffered by reason of such entities failing to perform any obligation undertaken by them to a customer.
- (ii) Pursuant to class order 95/1530 dated 10 November 1995, relief was granted during the year to a number of wholly owned controlled entities from the Corporations Law requirements for preparation, audit, and publication of financial statements. The entities to which relief was granted are

A.F.T. Investors Services Limited	ANZ Investment Holdings Limited
A.N.Z. Holdings Limited	A.N.Z. Nominees Limited
A.N.Z. Properties (Australia) Limited	Australian Fixed Trusts Limited
ANZ Adelaide Group Limited	E.S.&A. Holdings Limited
ANZ Capital Hedging Limited	E.S.&A. Properties (Australia) Limited
ANZ Finance (Far East) Limited	NMRB Limited
ANZ Funds Pty Ltd	NMRSB Limited
ANZ Grindlays Holdings Limited	

It is the condition of the class order that the Company and each of the above controlled entities enter into a Deed of Cross Guarantee.

38: Contingent Liabilities and Credit Related Commitments (continued)

A Deed of Cross Guarantee under the class order was lodged and approved by the Australian Securities Commission. The effect of the Deed is that the Company guarantees to each creditor payment in full of any debt in the event of winding up any of the controlled entities under certain provisions of the Corporations Law. The Company will only be liable in the event that after six months any creditor has not been paid in full. The controlled entities have also given similar guarantees in the event that the Company is wound up. At 30 September 1997 the controlled entities which are parties to the Deed had external aggregate assets of \$2,393 million (1996: \$2,721 million); external aggregate liabilities of \$473 million (1996: \$747 million); and their operating (loss) profit after tax and abnormal items for the year was \$(9) million (1996: \$418 million). A Deed of Revocation was executed during the year for the following companies which were party to the Deed of Cross Guarantee. These companies are small proprietary companies which are not required by the Corporations Law to prepare accounts.

Ecomel Pty Limited	ANZ Leasing (ACT) Pty Limited
Elgeba Pty Limited	ANZ Leasing (NSW) Pty Limited
NMRB Insurance (Agents) Pty Limited	ANZ Leasing (NT) Pty Limited
Dinias Pty Limited	ANZ Leasing (VIC) Pty Limited
Weelya Pty Limited	ANZ Leasing Pty Limited
A.F.T. Property Management Pty Limited	ANZ Payment Services Pty Limited
A.F.T. Property Services Pty Limited	Eriel Pty Limited
Analed Pty Limited	FCA Finance Pty Limited
ANZ Business Licensing Pty Limited	

- (iii) Pursuant to class order 95/1530 dated 10 November 1995, relief was granted during the year to Capel Court Management Limited, a wholly owned controlled entity, from the Corporations Law requirements for preparation, audit and publication of accounts. It is the condition of the class order that ANZ Capel Court Limited and its controlled entity enter into a Deed of Cross Guarantee. A Deed of Cross Guarantee under the class orders was lodged and approved by the Australian Securities Commission. The effect of the Deed is that ANZ Capel Court Limited guarantees to each creditor payment in full of any debt in the event of winding up its controlled entity under certain provisions of the Corporations Law. ANZ Capel Court Limited will only be liable in the event that after six months any creditor has not been paid in full. The controlled entity has also given a similar guarantee in the event that ANZ Capel Court Limited is wound up. At 30 September 1997 ANZ Capel Court Limited and its controlled entity which is party to the Deed had external aggregate assets of \$348 million (1996: \$358 million); external aggregate liabilities of \$151 million (1996: \$163 million); and their operating profit after tax and abnormal items for the year was \$21 million (1996: \$6 million). A Deed of Revocation was executed during the year for Capel Court International Investments Pty Limited which was a party to the Deed of Cross Guarantee. This company is a small proprietary company which is not required by the Corporations Law to prepare accounts.
- (iv) The Company has guaranteed payment on maturity of the principal and accrued interest of commercial paper notes issued by ANZ (Delaware) Inc. of \$1,822 million (1996: \$956 million).
- (v) The Company is party to an underpinning agreement with ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited whereby the Company undertakes to assume risk in relation to credit facilities extended by ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited to certain individual customers which exceed 25% of ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited's capital base.
- (vi) The Company is party to an underpinning agreement with ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Ltd whereby the Company undertakes to assume risk in relation to credit facilities extended by ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Ltd to individual customers which exceed 35% of ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Ltd's capital base.
- (vii) The Company has guaranteed, on a subordinated basis, the issue of \$174 million Subordinated Floating Rate Notes issued by ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Ltd.

38: Contingent Liabilities and Credit Related Commitments (continued)**General**

There are outstanding court proceedings, claims and possible claims against the Group, the aggregate amount of which cannot readily be quantified. Where considered appropriate, legal advice has been obtained and, in the light of such advice, provisions as deemed necessary have been made.

India - National Housing Bank

In 1992 the branch of ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited in India (the Bank) received a claim, aggregating approximately Indian Rupees 5.06 billion (\$194 million) from the National Housing Bank (NHB) in that country. The claim arose out of certain cheques drawn by NHB in favour of the Bank, the proceeds of which were credited into the account of one of the customers of the Bank.

On 29 March 1997, pursuant to an Arbitration Agreement entered into on 4 November 1992, the Arbitrators made an award on this dispute in favour of the Bank. NHB has paid to the Bank the principal and interest due under the award. Subsequently, NHB filed documents with the relevant Court to challenge the award. ANZ is confident that the award will stand.

India - Foreign Exchange Regulation Act

In 1991 certain amounts were transferred from non-convertible Indian Rupee accounts to convertible Rupee accounts maintained with the Bank in India. In making these transactions it would appear that the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act 1973 were inadvertently not complied with. The Bank, on its own initiative, brought these transactions to the attention of the Reserve Bank of India.

The Indian authorities have served preliminary notices on the Bank and certain of its officers in India which could lead to proceedings and possible penalties. The Group's lawyers in India have prepared responses to these notices, and the Group considers that the outcome will have no material adverse effect on the financial statements.

39: Superannuation Commitments

A number of pension/superannuation schemes have been established by the Group worldwide. The Group is obliged to contribute to the schemes as a consequence of legislation and provisions of trust deeds. Legal enforceability is dependent on the terms of the legislation and trust deeds. The major schemes with assets in excess of \$25 million are

Country	Scheme	Scheme type	Contribution levels	
			Employee	Employer
Australia	ANZGROUP (Australia) Staff Pension Scheme ¹	Defined Benefit Scheme	nil	Balance of cost
Australia	ANZ Australian Staff Superannuation Scheme ²	Defined Contribution Scheme Contributory or Section A	2.5% min optional	Balance of cost ³ 7% of salary
New Zealand	ANZGROUP (New Zealand) Staff Superannuation Scheme ^{1,2}	Defined Benefit Scheme or Defined Contribution Scheme	5.5% 2.5% min	Balance of cost Balance of cost ⁴
England	ANZ UK Staff Pension Scheme ¹	Defined Benefit Scheme	nil	Balance of cost

Balance of cost: the Group's contribution is assessed by the actuary after taking account of members' contributions and the value of the schemes' assets

¹ These schemes provide for pension benefits

² These schemes provide for lump sum benefits

³ As recommended by the actuary, not to exceed 7.25% of members' superannuation salaries for the financial year ended 30 September 1998

⁴ 7.5% of superannuation salaries

39: Superannuation Commitments (continued)

The details of major defined benefit schemes with assets in excess of \$25 million are as follows

1997 Scheme	Employer's contribution \$M	Accrued benefits \$M	Net market value of assets held by scheme \$M	(Deficiency)excess of	Vested benefits \$M
				net market value of assets over accrued benefits \$M	
ANZGROUP (Australia)					
Staff Pension Scheme ¹	4	59	46	(13)	59
ANZ UK Staff Pension Scheme ¹	-	558	715	157	522

1996 Scheme	Employer's contribution \$M	Accrued benefits \$M	Net market value of assets held by scheme \$M	(Deficiency)excess of	Vested benefits \$M
				net market value of assets over accrued benefits \$M	
ANZGROUP (Australia)					
Staff Pension Scheme ²	5	64	44	(20)	64
ANZ UK Staff Pension Scheme ³	-	459	584	125	429

¹ Amounts were measured at 31 December 1996

² Amounts were measured at 30 September 1996

³ Amounts were measured at 31 December 1995

40: Fiduciary Activities

The Group conducts investment management and other fiduciary activities as trustee or manager for investment funds and trusts, including superannuation and approved deposit funds, equity trusts, property trusts and deceased estates. These funds have not been consolidated as the Company does not have direct or indirect control of the funds.

Where the Company or its controlled entities incur liabilities in respect of these operations as trustee, a right of indemnity exists against the assets of the applicable funds or trusts. As these assets are sufficient to cover the liabilities and it is therefore not probable that the Company or its controlled entities will be required to settle the liabilities, the liabilities are not included in the financial statements.

The aggregate amounts of funds concerned are as follows

	1997 \$M	1996 \$M
Funds managed	13,478	11,312
Trusteeships	4,411	2,142
	17,889	13,454

41: Exchange Rates

The exchange rates used in the translation of the results and the assets and liabilities of major overseas branches and controlled entities are

	1997		1996		1995	
	Closing	Average	Closing	Average	Closing	Average
Great British pound	0.4465	0.4694	0.5062	0.4963	0.4764	0.4659
United States dollar	0.7197	0.7679	0.7914	0.7685	0.7520	0.7406
New Zealand dollar	1.1272	1.1191	1.1314	1.1340	1.1498	1.1407

42: Employee Share Purchase and Share Option Schemes

The Company has four share purchase and share option schemes available for employees and directors of the Group: the ANZ Group Employee Share Purchase Scheme; the ANZ Group Senior Officers' Share Purchase Scheme; the ANZ Group Share Option Scheme; and the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme. Shareholders of the Company have approved the Rules of each of the schemes. Fully paid ordinary shares issued under these schemes rank equally with other existing fully paid ordinary shares, except for fully paid ordinary shares issued on conversion from partly paid shares which are not entitled to the first dividend paid. Partly paid ordinary shares, paid to 10 cents, issued under the ANZ Group Senior Officers' Share Purchase Scheme and the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme are not entitled to dividends payable by the Company, but are entitled to one vote for every ten partly paid shares. They are also entitled to participate in rights and bonus issues.

Each option granted under the ANZ Group Share Option Scheme and the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme entitles a holder to purchase one ordinary share subject to any attached terms and conditions.

An offer to employees and non-executive directors cannot be made under any of the schemes if an issue pursuant to that offer will result in the aggregate of shares issued, and those liable to be issued pursuant to exercisable options granted under any of the schemes, and bonus shares issued in respect of shares issued under these schemes, exceeding 7% of the issued capital of the Company.

During the financial year, loans at concessional interest rates were available for financing shares purchased under the ANZ Group Employee Share Purchase Scheme. Shares issued under these schemes are free of brokerage and stamp duty costs.

The market price of one ordinary share at 30 September 1997 was \$11.28.

Amounts received from employee share purchase and share option schemes are accounted for as follows

- the par value of fully paid shares and amounts received on partly paid shares are recognised as issued and paid-up capital;
- the difference between par value and issue price is credited to the share premium reserve; and
- amounts received for options are credited to the general reserve.

Amounts received from employee share purchase and share option schemes during the financial year, excluding calls on partly paid shares issued in prior financial years, were recognised as follows

	The Company	
	1997 \$	1996 \$
Issued and paid-up capital	6,175,275	3,200,483
Share premium reserve	31,382,725	12,679,869
General reserve	(7,469)	-

ANZ Group Employee Share Purchase Scheme

All employees, excluding part-time service employees, who have had continuous service for one year with the Company or any of its controlled entities are eligible to participate in this scheme. Each eligible employee's entitlement depends on the employment level of the employee, and the maximum entitlement is 5,000 ordinary shares.

During the financial year, 4,135,275 fully paid ordinary shares were issued at a 20% discount to the market price at 28 February 1997 to 2,777 eligible employees for a total consideration of \$26,589,818. 32,780 employees were eligible to participate in this offer. The total market value of the shares at issue date, which was 25 March 1997, was \$33,785,198. At 30 September 1997, 43,798,610 ordinary shares had been issued since the commencement of this scheme.

ANZ Group Senior Officers' Share Purchase Scheme

Senior officers eligible to participate in this scheme may be offered fully paid or partly paid ordinary shares.

During the financial year, no ordinary shares were issued under the scheme.

At 30 September 1997, 11,035,400 fully paid ordinary shares and 7,805,000 partly paid ordinary shares had been issued since the commencement of this scheme. The partly paid ordinary shares were paid to 10 cents on application and the balance payable either at the request of the employee or upon cessation of employment, except in the event of death, retirement or illness, in which case, the balance is payable three months after the event.

42: Employee Share Purchase and Share Option Schemes (continued)**ANZ Group Share Option Scheme**

Executive directors and executive officers may be invited to purchase options at one cent each under this scheme. These options do not entitle the holder to participate in a share issue of any other body corporate apart from the Company.

1,412,850 options were issued during the financial year. 60,148 options granted under the scheme lapsed during the financial year.

At 30 September 1997, 6,933,091 options were outstanding under this scheme. Options which may be exercised no later than 30 January 1999 may only be exercised if the basic earnings per share of the Group (before abnormal items) for one of the financial years ending 30 September 1996, 1997 or 1998 is at least 50% over the equivalent figure for the 1993 financial year.

Options issued during the financial year were issued pursuant to the Senior Executive Remuneration Scheme which requires that part of an executive's remuneration relative to performance against target must be taken in the form of options. These options cannot be exercised until the expiration of three years after the date of issue or after the expiration of five years after the date of issue.

No. of options outstanding at 30 September 1997	Exercise price	Exercisable period
300,000	\$5.34	¹ Not exercisable before 31 Jan 1997, or later than 30 Jan 1999
1,110,000	\$5.34	¹ Not exercisable before 22 Dec 1997, or later than 30 Jan 1999
4,120,000	\$5.34	¹ Not exercisable before 23 Mar 1998, or later than 30 Jan 1999
366,753	\$8.76	Not exercisable before 31 Jan 2000, or later than 30 Jan 2002
36,338	\$8.76	Not exercisable before 14 Feb 2000, or later than 13 Feb 2002
100,000	\$8.76	Not exercisable before 24 Mar 2000, or later than 23 Mar 2002
900,000	\$8.76	Not exercisable before 2 Jun 2000, or later than 1 Jun 2002

¹ subject to performance condition

These options will expire immediately on termination of employment, except in the event of retirement, death or where agreed by the directors of the Company, in which case, the directors may allow the options to be exercised. 2,049,611 options were exercised by former employees during the financial year with the consent of the directors where required. In the event of a takeover offer or takeover announcement, the directors of the Company may allow the options to be exercised within thirty days from the date of notification.

If there is a bonus issue prior to the expiry or exercise of the options, option holders are entitled to those shares as if the options have been exercised prior to that issue. Those shares will be allotted to the option holder when the options are exercised.

Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme

This Scheme was approved by shareholders in January 1988. During the financial year, no director was eligible to subscribe for shares under the scheme and no shares were issued and no options were offered. There will be no further issues of shares or options under this Scheme and following the expiration of the remaining options on issue on 1 March 1998 or earlier exercise, the Scheme will be discontinued.

Under the Scheme each non-executive director was entitled to subscribe for up to 50,000 partly paid ordinary shares at market price, paid to 10 cents, with the balance payable any time at the request of the director or upon ceasing to be a director, except in the event of retirement, death or illness, in which case the balance is payable 90 days after such date.

Each director was, subject to the Board's approval, eligible to subscribe for an equivalent number of options at one cent each under this scheme. Options granted under this scheme were exercisable within five years after issuance or within 90 days after ceasing to be a director, if earlier. The exercise price of an option is based on the market price of an ordinary share when the option is granted, less one cent, which is payable on issue of the option.

During the financial year 290,000 partly paid shares were paid up and 50,000 options were exercised.

42: Employee Share Purchase and Share Option Scheme (continued)

At 30 September 1997, 950,000 partly paid shares, paid to 10 cents and 1,100,000 options had been issued since the commencement of this scheme.

No. of options outstanding at 30 September 1997	Exercise Price	Expiry date
50,000	\$3.44	1 March 1998

43: Related Party Disclosures

The directors during the year were

C B Goode (Chairman)	A T L Maitland (retired 30 June 1997)
Dr R S Deane	D P Mercer (retired 30 September 1997)
J K Ellis	J F Ries
J C Dahlsen	Dr B W Scott
C J Harper	Sir R R Trotter (retired 9 October 1997)
M A Jackson	R B Vaughan

Australian banks, parent entities of Australian banks and controlled entities of Australian banks have been exempted, subject to certain conditions, by an Australian Securities Commission class order, 97/1016 dated 9 July 1997, from making disclosures of loans made, guaranteed or secured by a bank to related parties (other than specified categories of directors) and financial instrument transactions (other than shares and share options) of a bank where a director of the relevant entity is not a party to the transaction and where the loan or financial instrument transaction is lawfully made and occurs in the course of ordinary banking business either at arm's length or with the approval of a general meeting of the relevant entity and its ultimate chief entity (if any).

The class order does not apply to a loan or financial instrument transaction of which any director of the relevant entity should reasonably be aware that, if not disclosed, would have the potential to adversely affect the decisions made by users of the financial statements about the allocation of scarce resources.

A condition of the class order is that for each financial year to which it applies, the Company must provide evidence to the Commission that the Company has systems of internal controls and procedures which

- (i) in the case of any material financial instrument transaction, ensure that; and
- (ii) in any other case, are designed to provide a reasonable degree of assurance that, any financial instrument transaction of a bank which may be required to be disclosed in the Company's financial statements and which is not entered into regularly, is drawn to the attention of the directors.

(a) Transactions with directors and director-related entities

Shares and Share Options

Aggregate number of shares and share options issued to directors of the Company and their director-related entities by the Company were as follows

	The Company	
	1997	1996
	No.	No.
Fully paid ordinary shares in the Company	886,050	224,229
Partly paid ordinary shares in the Company	-	50,000
Options issued under the ANZ Group Share Option Scheme	40,944	-

Certain executive directors have acquired fully paid ordinary shares under the ANZ Group Senior Officers' Share Purchase Scheme on conditions no more favourable than those offered to other employees. All other fully paid ordinary shares were acquired on terms and conditions no more favourable than those offered to other shareholders.

Certain non-executive directors paid up partly paid ordinary shares issued to them in prior years under the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme, approved by shareholders in January 1988. No partly paid ordinary shares or options have been issued to directors under this scheme during the financial year.

The reduction in the number of partly paid shares held by directors of the Company and their director-related entities during the financial year was 290,000 (1996: 100,000).

43: Related Party Disclosures (continued)

Aggregate number of shares and share options held directly, indirectly or beneficially by directors of the Company and their director-related entities, as at balance date, were as follows

	1997 No.	1996 No.
Fully paid ordinary shares in the Company	1,039,536	872,544
Partly paid ordinary shares, paid to 10 cents per share, in the Company	-	290,000
Share options over ordinary shares in the Company	380,234	1,200,000

Directors of the Company and their director-related entities received normal dividends on these shares, with the exception of partly paid ordinary shares, paid to 10 cents per share, which qualify for dividends only when fully paid.

Loans made to Directors

Loans made to non-executive directors of the Company and controlled entities are made in the course of ordinary business on normal commercial terms and conditions. Loans to executive directors of the Company and controlled entities are made pursuant to the Executive Directors' Loan Scheme authorised by shareholders on 18 January 1982, on the same terms and conditions applicable to other employees within the Group in accordance with established policy.

Under the Australian Securities Commission class order referred to above, disclosure is limited to the aggregate amount of loans made, guaranteed or secured by

- (i) the Company to its directors;
- (ii) any controlled entity to the directors of the Company;
- (iii) banking corporation controlled entities to their directors; and
- (iv) non-banking corporation controlled entities to directors of controlled entities and to parties related to any one of them or the directors of the Company.

The directors involved are

S Armstrong ^{1,2}	C J Harper ^{1,2,3}	J L Roach ^{1,3}
I W A Brandon ^{1,2,3,4}	P F Horsfall ^{1,3,4}	J G Todd ^{1,3,4}
D J Brunskill ^{1,3,4}	B J Joliffe ^{1,3,4}	R R Trotter ^{1,4}
A H Buhindi ³	R G Jones ³	A E Ward ^{1,3}
G J Camm ³	W J C Laird ^{1,2}	D F Wicks ³
K Chan ^{1,2}	A T L Maitland ^{1,3}	
G M Collinson ²	D W Manoa ^{1,4}	
P J Conway ^{1,4}	D P Mercer ^{1,3,4}	
J C Dahlsen ³	I F Peterkin ^{1,3}	
R M Evans ^{1,2}	J F Ries ^{1,2,3,4}	

¹ Repayments made during the year

² Loans made during the year

³ Repayments made during the prior year

⁴ Loans made during the prior year

The aggregate amount of such loans outstanding at 30 September was

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000
Balance outstanding at 30 September	1,599	2,176	743	1,198
Total interest received	185	173	103	89
The aggregate amount of repayments received from directors and their director-related entities during the financial year was				
Normal terms and conditions	413	1,012	102	305
Employee terms and conditions	657	1,689	565	1,460
The aggregate amount of loans made during the financial year was				
Normal terms and conditions	73	273	73	13
Employee terms and conditions	413	238	139	187

43: Related Party Disclosures (continued)**Other transactions of Directors and Director-Related Entities****(i) Financial instrument transactions**

Under the Australian Securities Commission class order referred to above, disclosure of financial instrument transactions regularly made by a bank is limited to disclosure of such transactions with a director of the entity concerned. Financial instrument transactions which have occurred on arm's length terms and conditions, and are deemed trivial or domestic in nature are required to be disclosed by general description.

Financial instrument transactions between the directors and the banks during the financial year were in the nature of normal personal banking, investment and deposit transactions. These transactions occurred on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those given to other employees or customers.

(ii) Transactions other than financial instrument transactions of banks

All other transactions with directors and their director-related entities are conducted on arm's length terms and conditions, and are deemed trivial or domestic in nature. These transactions are in the nature of deposits, debentures, or investment transactions conducted with non-bank controlled entities.

(b) Transactions with associated entities

During the course of the financial year the Company and the Group conducted transactions with associated entities on normal commercial terms and conditions, other than a loan of nil (1996: \$2,390,000) to Valuta Group Pty Ltd at an interest rate of 5%. Transactions with associated entities on normal commercial terms and conditions are detailed below.

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000
Aggregate				
Amounts receivable from associated entities	336	2,290	300	300
Interest revenue	171	630	77	24
Dividend revenue	790	2,581	-	-
Interest expense	-	105	-	-
Other revenue	13	186	27	-

44: Remuneration of Directors

Remuneration includes income from salaries, bonuses, other benefits (including non-cash benefits), retirement benefits and superannuation contributions. The maximum total remuneration for non-executive directors of the Company was set at the Annual General Meeting of 20 January 1995 at \$0.85 million.

Total fees paid to non-executive directors by the Company for the year was \$0.8 million (1996: \$0.7 million).

The number of directors of the Company with total income in each of the following bands was

	The Company			The Company	
	1997	1996		1997	1996
\$60,001 to \$70,000	1	4	\$580,001 to \$590,000	-	2
\$70,001 to \$80,000	5	4	\$630,001 to \$640,000	1	-
\$80,001 to \$90,000	2	-	\$1,000,001 to \$1,010,000	-	1
\$160,001 to \$170,000	-	1	\$1,940,001 to \$1,950,000	1 ¹	-
\$170,001 to \$180,000	1	-	\$4,210,001 to \$4,220,000	1 ²	-
Total number of directors				12	12

¹ A T L Maitland - comprises fixed remuneration (\$355,274), 1995/96 bonus (\$114,481), 1996/97 bonus (\$330,178), annual leave and long service leave payout (\$353,839), retirement allowance under pre-existing arrangements (\$319,797) and payment under contract (\$475,000)

² D P Mercer - comprises fixed remuneration (\$770,000), 1995/96 bonus (\$187,782), 1996/97 bonus (\$659,033), annual leave and long service leave payout (\$352,140), additional superannuation contribution and retirement allowance under pre-existing arrangements (\$589,925) and payment relating to unexpired period of contract (\$1,656,027)

	Consolidated		The Company	
	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000	1997 \$'000	1996 \$'000
Total income paid or payable to directors of the Company and controlled entities from the Company or related entity ³	13,127	7,555	7,587	2,911

³ Including the total income of executive directors, excluding executive directors of wholly owned controlled entities who are executives of the Company

45: Remuneration of Executives

Remuneration includes salaries, bonuses, other benefits (including non-cash benefits), and superannuation contributions. The remuneration of executives who work wholly or mainly outside Australia are excluded from this disclosure.

The number of executives with total remuneration exceeding \$100,000 in each of the following bands was

	Consolidated		The Company			Consolidated		The Company	
	1997	1996	1997	1996		1997	1996	1997	1996
\$100,001 to \$110,000	1	-	-	-	\$350,001 to \$360,000	1	1	1	1
\$110,001 to \$120,000	-	2	-	1	\$360,001 to \$370,000	-	2 ¹	-	1
\$120,001 to \$130,000	2	-	-	-	\$370,001 to \$380,000	3 ¹	-	2	-
\$130,001 to \$140,000	-	1 ¹	-	-	\$380,001 to \$390,000	1	3 ¹	1	3 ¹
\$140,001 to \$150,000	1 ¹	-	1 ¹	-	\$390,001 to \$400,000	1 ¹	1	1 ¹	1
\$150,001 to \$160,000	1	2 ¹	-	-	\$400,001 to \$410,000	1	1	1	1
\$160,001 to \$170,000	-	3	-	-	\$410,001 to \$420,000	1	-	1	-
\$170,001 to \$180,000	3	2	1	-	\$420,001 to \$430,000	-	1	-	1
\$180,001 to \$190,000	1	4	-	1	\$430,001 to \$440,000	2	2	2	2
\$190,001 to \$200,000	1	2	-	1	\$440,001 to \$450,000	1	1	1	1
\$200,001 to \$210,000	6 ¹	5 ¹	1	1	\$460,001 to \$470,000	2 ¹	-	-	-
\$210,001 to \$220,000	5 ¹	1	1	-	\$470,001 to \$480,000	2	-	2	-
\$220,001 to \$230,000	1	4	-	2	\$520,001 to \$530,000	-	2	-	2
\$230,001 to \$240,000	1	2	1	1	\$530,001 to \$540,000	3 ¹	-	2	-
\$240,001 to \$250,000	1	1	-	1	\$580,001 to \$590,000	1	2	1	2
\$250,001 to \$260,000	4	1	1	1	\$590,001 to \$600,000	1	-	1	-
\$260,001 to \$270,000	2	1	1	1	\$630,001 to \$640,000	3 ¹	-	3 ¹	-
\$270,001 to \$280,000	2	3	-	1	\$650,001 to \$660,000	-	1 ¹	-	1 ¹
\$280,001 to \$290,000	3	4	2	3	\$720,001 to \$730,000	-	1	-	1
\$290,001 to \$300,000	-	1	-	1	\$760,001 to \$770,000	-	1	-	-
\$300,001 to \$310,000	5 ¹	-	2	-	\$1,000,001 to \$1,010,000	-	1	-	1
\$310,001 to \$320,000	3 ¹	-	1	-	\$1,280,001 to \$1,290,000	1	-	1	-
\$320,000 to \$330,000	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ¹	2 ¹	\$1,550,001 to \$1,560,000	1	-	1	-
\$330,001 to \$340,000	-	1 ¹	-	-	\$1,940,001 to \$1,950,000	1 ²	-	1	-
\$340,001 to \$350,000	-	1	-	1	\$4,210,001 to \$4,220,000	1 ³	-	1	-
Total number of executives						72	63	36	36
Total remuneration received or due and receivable directly or indirectly by executives of the Company and controlled entities (\$'000)						30,651	19,778	21,265	13,621

¹ The executives whose remuneration is recorded in these bands include fixed term employees with contracts which recognise their particular expertise and that they have been recruited by the Group for specialised activities. These bands also include employees in the sharebroking industry whose income includes bonuses in accordance with the practice of that industry

² A T L Maitland - comprises fixed remuneration (\$355,274), 1995/96 bonus (\$114,481), 1996/97 bonus (\$330,178), annual leave and long service leave payout (\$353,839), retirement allowance under pre-existing arrangements (\$319,797) and payment under contract (\$475,000)

³ D P Mercer - comprises fixed remuneration (\$770,000), 1995/96 bonus (\$187,782), 1996/97 bonus (\$659,033), annual leave and long service leave payout (\$352,140), additional superannuation contribution and retirement allowance under pre-existing arrangements (\$589,925) and payment relating to unexpired period of contract (\$1,656,027)

46: US GAAP Reconciliation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles applicable in Australia (“Australian GAAP”) which differ in some respects from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States (“US GAAP”).

The following are reconciliations of the financial statements, applying US GAAP instead of Australian GAAP.

	Note	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M
Operating profit after income tax using Australian GAAP¹		1,024	1,116	1,052
Items having the effect of increasing (decreasing) reported income:				
Depreciation charged on the difference between revaluation amount and historical cost of buildings	(i)	3	1	2
Difference in gain or loss on disposal of properties revalued under historical cost	(i)	17	4	2
Amortisation of goodwill	(ii)	(36)	(36)	(36)
Write-off of goodwill	(ii)	-	(7)	(5)
Amortisation of sale-leaseback gain over lease term	(iii)	-	4	5
Pension expense adjustment	(vi)	10	5	2
Net income according to US GAAP		1,018	1,087	1,022
Shareholders' equity according to Australian GAAP²		6,943	6,290	5,700
Elimination of gross asset revaluation reserves	(i)	(349)	(366)	(370)
Adjustment to provision for depreciation on buildings revalued	(i)	36	33	32
Restoration of previously deducted goodwill	(ii)	807	807	807
Accumulated amortisation and write-off of goodwill	(ii)	(472)	(436)	(393)
Provision for final dividend	(iv)	392	355	260
Pension expense adjustment	(vi)	44	34	30
Restoration of deferred gain on sale-leaseback transactions less amortisation	(iii)	-	-	(4)
Shareholders' equity according to US GAAP		7,401	6,717	6,062
Total assets according to Australian GAAP		138,241	127,604	112,587
Elimination of gross asset revaluation reserves	(i)	(349)	(366)	(370)
Adjustment to provision for depreciation on buildings revalued	(i)	36	33	32
Restoration of previously deducted goodwill	(ii)	807	807	807
Accumulated amortisation and write-off of goodwill	(ii)	(472)	(436)	(393)
Prepaid pension adjustment	(vi)	33	26	26
Reclassification of deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities	(v)	(392)	(388)	(350)
Total assets according to US GAAP		137,904	127,280	112,339

¹ After abnormal items

² Excluding outside equity interests

46: US GAAP Reconciliation (continued)**(i) Premises and equipment**

Properties have been revalued by the Group at various times, increasing the book value of these assets (refer note 1(xiii)). Under Australian GAAP, any increments on revaluation are credited directly to the Asset Revaluation Reserve (“ARR”), and decrements are debited to the ARR to the extent of any previous revaluation increments.

Decrements in excess of any previous revaluation increments are charged to the Profit and Loss Account. The ARR forms part of Shareholders’ equity.

Under US GAAP, revaluation of properties is not permitted except for decrements which are regarded as permanent.

Accordingly, under Australian GAAP, depreciation charges are generally higher and profits on disposal are lower than those required under US GAAP. The depreciation charges, together with the profits and losses on revalued assets sold have been adjusted to historical cost in the US GAAP reconciliation.

(ii) Goodwill

The Group changed its accounting policy in respect of goodwill in the financial year ended 30 September 1993. Previously, goodwill on acquisition was charged in full to the Group’s Profit and Loss Account in the year of acquisition. Under US GAAP, goodwill is capitalised and amortised over the period of time during which the benefits are expected to arise, such period not exceeding 40 years generally or 25 years in respect of bank acquisitions.

Adjustments have been made in the US GAAP reconciliation statement to writeback goodwill written-off in full and to amortise such goodwill over the period of the expected benefits.

Additionally, to the extent that periodic reviews of the carrying amount of goodwill lead to a write-down of goodwill previously capitalised for US purposes, this is adjusted in the US GAAP reconciliation.

(iii) Sale-leaseback transactions

Under Australian GAAP for operating leases, gains on disposal under sale-leaseback transactions can be recognised in the period of sale. Under US GAAP, the gain is amortised over the remaining lease term. This difference in treatment has been adjusted in the US GAAP reconciliation.

(iv) Dividends

Under Australian GAAP, dividends are shown in the Profit and Loss Account in the period to which they relate rather than in the period when they are declared as required by US GAAP. This difference in treatment has been adjusted in the US GAAP shareholders’ equity reconciliation.

(v) Income taxes

Under Australian GAAP, tax benefits relating to carry forward tax losses must be “virtually certain” of being realised before being booked.

Realisations of benefits relating to other timing differences must be “beyond reasonable doubt” before they may be booked. These tests are as stringent as those applied under US GAAP and hence no write-down of future tax benefits is required.

Australian GAAP allows offsetting of future income tax benefits and liabilities to the extent they will reverse in the same period. US GAAP requires an offset of these two items where reversal will occur within twelve months and in the period exceeding twelve months. This has been adjusted in the US GAAP reconciliation.

(vi) Pension commitments

Under Australian GAAP, contributions in respect of defined benefit schemes are made at levels necessary to ensure that these schemes are maintained with sufficient assets to meet their actuarially assessed liabilities. Any net deficiency arising from the aggregation of assets and liabilities of the Group’s defined benefit schemes is provided for in the Group’s financial statements (refer note 39 in the Financial Statements). Under US SFAS 87 “Employer’s Accounting for Pensions”, pension expense is a function of an employee’s service period, interest costs, actuarial return on the schemes’ assets, amortisation of unrecognised prior service costs and unrecognised net gains or losses.

(vii) Post retirement benefits

Post retirement benefits other than pension payments are not material and no adjustment is required in the US GAAP reconciliation.

(viii) Trading securities

US GAAP requires that in instances where trading securities are not bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term, they should be classified as available for sale and recorded at market value with unrealised profits and losses in respect of market value adjustments recognised in Shareholders’ equity.

No adjustment is required to be made in the US GAAP reconciliation as the effect of reclassifying certain trading securities as available for sale is not material.

(ix) Accounting for the impairment of loans

SFAS 114 “Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan”, as amended by SFAS 118 “Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan - Income Recognition and Disclosures”, requires the value of an impaired loan to be measured as the present value of future cash flows discounted at the loan’s effective interest rate, the loan’s observable market price or the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent.

46: US GAAP Reconciliation (continued)

There is no requirement under Australian GAAP to discount the expected future cash flows attributable to impaired loans in assessing the level of specific provision for doubtful debts.

No adjustment is required in the US GAAP reconciliation as the estimated fair value of impaired loans is not materially different from the carrying value as at 30 September 1997.

(x) Accounting for the impairment of long lived assets and for long-lived assets to be disposed of

SFAS 121 “Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of”, requires that where an event or a change in circumstance indicates that the carrying value of an asset that is expected to be held and used may not be recoverable, an impairment loss should be recognised. The standard also requires that where there is a committed plan to dispose of an asset, the asset should be reported at the lower of the carrying value or fair value less selling costs.

SFAS 121 was adopted by the Group effective for the year ending 30 September 1997. The Group has assessed the carrying values of all non-current assets and determined that they are not in excess of their recoverable amounts.

(xi) Accounting for stock-compensation plans

Under Australian GAAP, an expense is not recognised for share options issued to employees or for shares issued at a discount. SFAS 123 “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation”, requires share options and shares issued to employees to be recognised using either the fair value based method or the intrinsic value based method as prescribed by APB No 25. No adjustment is made for the impact of the intrinsic value based method in the US GAAP reconciliation as the impact is not material.

(xii) Accounting for transfers and servicing of financial assets and extinguishments of liabilities

The Group has adopted certain provisions of SFAS 125 “Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities”. SFAS 125 prescribes the accounting and reporting requirements for transfers of financial assets and extinguishments of liabilities occurring after 31 December 1996. Under certain circumstances, the statement also requires a transferor of financial assets that are pledged as collateral to reclassify those assets, and the transferee to recognise those assets and their obligation to return them.

The issue of SFAS 127 “Deferral of the Effective Date of Certain Provisions of FASB Statement No. 125” has deferred the application of certain provisions of SFAS 125 until 1 January 1998.

The adoption of the provisions of SFAS 125 by the Group during the year ending 30 September 1997 did not result in a material adjustment to the US GAAP reconciliation.

The adoption of certain provisions of SFAS 125 applicable from 1 January 1998 is not expected to have a material impact on the US GAAP reconciliation.

(xiii) Statements of comprehensive income and disclosures about segments

The Group has not adopted the disclosure provisions of SFAS 130 “Reporting Comprehensive Income” and SFAS 131 “Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information”, which are not effective until financial years commencing on or after 15 December 1997. The adoption of these standards would not have resulted in a material impact on the Group’s net income, total assets or shareholders’ equity.

46: US GAAP Reconciliation (continued)

(xiv) Details of Pension Schemes and Pension Expense

Reconciliations of the funded status of major defined benefit schemes as at 30 September 1997 are summarised below. Details of the funding of the schemes are set out in note 39.

	Australian Scheme accumulated benefits exceed assets \$M	UK Scheme assets exceed accumulated benefits \$M
Accumulated benefit obligation - vested	59	544
Projected benefit obligation	59	596
Fair value of plan assets	47	748
(Deficiency)excess of assets over projected benefit obligation	(12)	152
Unrecognised net transition loss(gain)	7	(46)
Unrecognised net loss(gain)	6	(103)
Unrecognised prior service cost	-	30
Adjustment required to recognise minimum unfunded projected benefit obligation	(13)	-
(Pension liability)prepaid pension cost	(12)	33

The assumptions used in the actuarial calculations are as follows

	Australian Scheme	UK Scheme
Discount rate used in determining present values		
- active members	9%	7.5%
- pensioners	8%	7.5%
Annual increase in future compensation levels		
- salary	5%	6%
- pensions	3%	6%
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	8%	8.5%

The elements of the net periodic pension cost of the above schemes are as follows

	1997 \$M
Service cost	13
Interest cost	49
Actual return on schemes' assets	(95)
Net amortisation and deferral	34
Net periodic pension cost	1

The Group also sponsors defined contribution schemes. The Group's contributions to major defined contribution schemes amounted to \$75 million for the year.

47: Events Since the End of the Financial Year

There have been no significant events since 30 September 1997 to the date of this Report.

In the opinion of the directors of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, the accompanying financial statements of the Company and the Economic entity are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law in the manner authorised for a prescribed corporation being a bank and on this basis

- (i) the financial statements set out on pages 40 to 102 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results and cash flows for the financial year ended 30 September 1997, and the state of affairs at 30 September 1997, of the Company and the Economic entity;
- (ii) the consolidated accounts have been made out in accordance with Divisions 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law; and
- (iii) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The directors have elected to adopt early AASB 1014: Set-off and Extinguishment of Debt, AASB 1016: Accounting for Investments in Associates, AASB 1032: Specific Disclosures by Financial Institutions, and AASB 1033: Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views.

The Company and some of its wholly owned controlled entities listed in note 38 executed a Deed of Cross Guarantee enabling them to take advantage of the accounting and audit relief offered by the class order 95/1530, dated 10 November 1995 issued by the Australian Securities Commission.

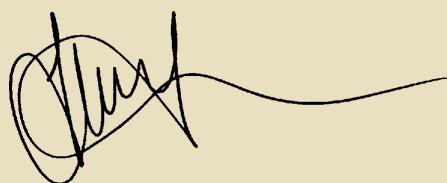
The nature of the Deed of Cross Guarantee is to guarantee each creditor payment in full of any debt in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Cross Guarantee.

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company and its controlled entities to which the class order applies, are able, as an Economic entity, to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are, or may become, subject by virtue of the Deed of Cross Guarantee.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors



Charles Goode
Chairman



John McFarlane
Chief Executive Officer

28 November 1997

To the Members of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited for the financial year ended 30 September 1997, consisting of the profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, statements of changes in shareholders' equity, statements of cash flows, accompanying notes and the directors' statement set out on pages 40 to 103. The financial statements comprise the accounts of the Company and the consolidated accounts of the Economic entity being the Company and its controlled entities. The Company's directors are responsible for the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards (which are substantially the same as auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America) to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and statutory requirements in the manner authorised for a prescribed corporation being a banking corporation so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Company's and the Economic entity's financial position, the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The names of the controlled entities of which we have not acted as auditors are set out in note 34. We have received sufficient information and explanations concerning these controlled entities to enable us to form an opinion on the consolidated accounts.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, and the financial statements of the Economic entity, are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Economic entity at 30 September 1997 and 1996 and the results and cash flows of the Economic entity for the financial years ended on 30 September 1997, 1996 and 1995;
 - (ii) the state of affairs of the Company at 30 September 1997 and 1996 and of the results and cash flows of the Company for the financial years ended 30 September 1997 and 1996; and
 - (iii) the other matters required by Divisions 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law in the manner authorised for a prescribed corporation being a banking corporation; and
- (c) in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in Australia vary in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. An explanation of the major differences between the two sets of principles is presented in note 46 to the financial statements. The application of the United States principles would have affected the determination of consolidated net profit for each of the three years in the period ended 30 September 1997 and the determination of the consolidated financial position as of 30 September 1997, 1996 and 1995 to the extent summarised in note 46 to the financial statements.

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Melbourne
28 November 1997

P M Burroughs
Partner

P S Nash
Partner

1: Capital Adequacy

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) adopts a risk-based capital assessment framework for Australian banks based on internationally accepted capital measurement standards. This risk-based approach requires eligible capital to be divided by total risk weighted assets, with the resultant ratio being used as a measure of a bank's capital adequacy in relation to its credit risk.

Capital is divided into tier 1, or 'core' capital, and tier 2, or 'supplementary' capital. For capital adequacy purposes, eligible tier 2 capital cannot exceed the level of tier 1 capital. Banks are required to deduct from total capital any strategic holdings of other banks' capital instruments and investments in entities engaged in life insurance, funds management and securitisation activities. Under RBA guidelines, banks must maintain a ratio of qualifying capital to risk weighted assets of at least 8 per cent.

Risk weightings are applied to balance sheet assets and to credit converted off-balance sheet exposures to determine total risk weighted assets. Categories of risk weights are assigned based upon the nature of the counterparty and the relative liquidity of the assets concerned.

	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996
Qualifying capital	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Tier 1						
Total shareholders' equity and outside equity interests					6,993	6,336
Unamortised goodwill					(21)	(17)
Net future income tax benefit					-	(46)
Tier 1 capital					6,972	6,273
Tier 2						
Perpetual notes - subordinated					776	896
General provision for doubtful debts					918	709
					1,694	1,605
Subordinated notes ¹					2,336	2,418
Tier 2 capital					4,030	4,023
Investment in ANZ Life					(436)	(354)
Investments in funds management and securitisation activities					(151)	(122)
Total qualifying capital					10,415	9,820
Balance sheet assets						
			Assets		Risk weighted assets	
Liquid assets		6,298	6,901		1,878	1,715
Due from other financial institutions		11,588	11,352		2,387	2,403
Trading securities		7,266	7,334		4,191	2,681
Investment securities		3,139	2,570		769	630
Net loans and advances		84,148	75,901		66,182	59,142
Customers' liabilities for acceptances		14,040	14,013		13,563	12,948
Regulatory deposits		1,206	1,163		189	178
Shares in associates		7	10		7	10
Other assets		8,490	6,340		1,464	1,538
Premises and equipment		2,059	2,020		2,059	2,020
		138,241	127,604		92,689	83,265
Off-balance sheet exposures						
		Contract/ notional amount		Credit equivalent		
Direct credit substitutes	4,779	3,360	4,779	3,360	3,506	2,369
Trade and performance related items	9,689	7,964	4,266	3,577	3,715	3,202
Commitments	39,293	30,965	4,574	4,085	3,911	3,431
Foreign exchange, interest rate and other market related transactions	657,409	516,371	9,045	5,105	2,326	1,250
					13,458	10,252
Total risk weighted assets and off-balance sheet exposures					106,147	93,517
Capital adequacy ratios						
Tier 1					6.6	6.7
Tier 2					3.8	4.3
Deductions					(0.6)	(0.5)
Total					9.8	10.5

¹ Subordinated note issues are reduced each year by 20% of the original amount during the last five years to maturity

2: Interest Spreads and Net Interest Average Margins

	1997	1996	1995
	\$M	\$M	\$M
Net interest income			
Australia	2,296	2,271	2,102
New Zealand	472	484	494
International markets	652	574	513
	3,420	3,329	3,109
Average interest earning assets			
Australia	60,288	55,079	50,989
New Zealand	16,882	14,815	13,389
International markets	35,972	29,777	26,534
	113,142	99,671	90,912
	%	%	%
Gross earnings rate¹			
Australia	8.46	9.85	9.65
New Zealand	9.43	10.17	9.87
International markets	7.63	7.94	7.90
Total Group	8.34	9.33	9.17
Interest spreads and net interest average margins may be analysed as follows			
Australia			
Gross interest spread	3.16	3.37	3.46
Interest forgone on impaired assets ²	(0.09)	(0.15)	(0.25)
Net interest spread	3.07	3.22	3.21
Interest attributable to net non-interest bearing items	0.74	0.90	0.91
Net interest average margin - Australia	3.81	4.12	4.12
New Zealand			
Gross interest spread	2.18	2.43	2.77
Interest forgone on impaired assets ²	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.01)
Net interest spread	2.14	2.37	2.76
Interest attributable to net non-interest bearing items	0.66	0.90	0.93
Net interest average margin - New Zealand	2.80	3.27	3.69
International markets			
Gross interest spread	1.53	1.49	1.48
Interest forgone on impaired assets ²	(0.03)	(0.04)	0.02
Net interest spread	1.50	1.45	1.50
Interest attributable to net non-interest bearing items	0.32	0.48	0.43
Net interest average margin - International markets	1.82	1.93	1.93
Group			
Gross interest spread	2.48	2.67	2.79
Interest forgone on impaired assets ²	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.14)
Net interest spread	2.42	2.57	2.65
Interest attributable to net non-interest bearing items	0.60	0.77	0.77
Net interest average margin - Group	3.02	3.34	3.42

¹ Average interest rate received on interest earning assets

² Refer note 14 to the financial statements

3: Cross Border Outstandings

Cross border outstandings of the Group to countries which individually represented in excess of 0.75% of the Group's total assets are shown below. There were no cross border outstandings to any other country exceeding 0.75% of total assets.

Cross border foreign outstandings are based on the country of domicile of the borrower or guarantor of the ultimate risk and comprise loans (including accrued interest), placements with banks, acceptances and other monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the borrower's local currency.

	Governments and other official institutions \$M	Banks and other financial institutions \$M	Other commercial and industrial \$M	Total \$M	% of Economic entity assets
At 30 September 1997					
New Zealand	10	1,462	4,498	5,970	4.3
USA	462	1,803	937	3,202	2.3
Japan	12	1,033	1,084	2,129	1.5
United Kingdom	94	772	894	1,760	1.3
Singapore	12	1,371	324	1,707	1.2
Hong Kong	1	1,288	356	1,645	1.2
South Korea	16	918	600	1,534	1.1
India	-	661	531	1,192	0.9
France	12	577	574	1,163	0.8
Indonesia	2	559	542	1,103	0.8
At 30 September 1996					
New Zealand	13	788	3,998	4,799	3.8
USA	922	683	881	2,486	2.0
Japan	84	1,675	623	2,382	1.9
United Kingdom	97	1,367	786	2,250	1.8
Singapore	26	1,180	336	1,542	1.2
Hong Kong	1	904	537	1,442	1.1
France	92	1,019	73	1,184	0.9

4: Certificates of Deposit and Term Deposit Maturities

The following table shows the maturity profile of the Group's certificates of deposit and term deposits in excess of \$100,000 issued at 30 September 1997

	Less than 3 months \$M	Between 3 months and 6 months \$M	Between 6 months and 12 months \$M	After 1 year \$M	Total \$M
Australia					
Certificates of deposit	883	-	-	44	927
Term deposits	7,391	892	730	632	9,645
	8,274	892	730	676	10,572
Overseas					
Certificates of deposit	2,919	1,436	1,297	271	5,923
Term deposits	10,711	1,323	1,275	363	13,672
	13,630	2,759	2,572	634	19,595
Total	21,904	3,651	3,302	1,310	30,167

5: Volume and Rate Analysis

The following table allocates changes in interest income and interest expense between changes in volume and changes in rate for the past two years. Volume and rate variances have been calculated on the movement in average balances and the change in the interest rates on average interest earning assets and average interest bearing liabilities. The variance caused by the change of both volume and rate has been allocated in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of each change to the total.

	1997 over 1996 Change due to			1996 over 1995 Change due to		
	Volume \$M	Rate \$M	Total \$M	Volume \$M	Rate \$M	Total \$M
Interest earning assets						
Due from other financial institutions						
Australia	(10)	1	(9)	16	-	16
New Zealand	1	(7)	(6)	1	(2)	(1)
International markets	12	(11)	1	87	5	92
Regulatory deposits with						
Reserve Bank of Australia	-	(8)	(8)	2	(19)	(17)
Investments in public securities						
Australia	(10)	(69)	(79)	33	15	48
New Zealand	36	(17)	19	(2)	9	7
International markets	182	(44)	138	(21)	20	(1)
Loans, advances and bills discounted						
Australia	427	(709)	(282)	367	101	468
New Zealand	147	(78)	69	155	17	172
International markets	246	(72)	174	133	29	162
Other assets						
Australia	69	(17)	52	(19)	11	(8)
New Zealand	7	(4)	3	(4)	11	7
International markets	67	1	68	47	(32)	15
Change in interest income	1,174	(1,034)	140	795	165	960

5: Volume and Rate Analysis (continued)

	1997 over 1996 Change due to			1996 over 1995 Change due to		
	Volume \$M	Rate \$M	Total \$M	Volume \$M	Rate \$M	Total \$M
Interest bearing liabilities						
Time deposits						
Australia	(3)	(240)	(243)	67	22	89
New Zealand	80	(44)	36	95	36	131
International markets	268	(38)	230	123	18	141
Savings deposits						
Australia	22	(64)	(42)	4	21	25
New Zealand	11	2	13	6	25	31
International markets	6	6	12	(1)	3	2
Other demand deposits						
Australia	133	(135)	(2)	87	25	112
New Zealand	19	(18)	1	11	7	18
International markets	8	(2)	6	8	(3)	5
Due to other financial institutions						
Australia	(6)	(6)	(12)	13	(1)	12
New Zealand	10	(9)	1	(11)	14	3
International markets	3	(50)	(47)	40	1	41
Commercial paper						
Australia	41	(46)	(5)	65	11	76
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-
International markets	35	(2)	33	(5)	(2)	(7)
Borrowing corporations' debt						
Australia	20	(31)	(11)	14	4	18
New Zealand	6	(2)	4	2	10	12
International markets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan capital, bonds and notes						
Australia	52	(61)	(9)	14	(6)	8
New Zealand	25	(9)	16	8	(6)	2
International markets	2	2	4	1	(2)	(1)
Other liabilities						
Australia	(29)	2	(27)	(6)	4	(2)
New Zealand	26	-	26	-	(2)	(2)
International markets	79	(14)	65	22	4	26
Change in interest expense	808	(759)	49	557	183	740
Change in net interest income	366	(275)	91	238	(18)	220

6: Concentrations of Credit Risk

Concentrations of credit risk exist if a number of counterparties are engaged in similar activities and have similar economic characteristics that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. Off-balance sheet transactions of the Group are substantially with other banks.

	1997		1996		1995	
	Loans and advances ¹ \$M	Specific provision \$M	Loans and advances ¹ \$M	Specific provision \$M	Loans and advances ¹ \$M	Specific provision \$M
Australia						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	2,716	12	2,038	21	1,721	25
Business service	1,488	5	950	27	1,053	36
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	1,392	28	1,302	18	1,079	23
Financial, investment and insurance	3,997	6	2,472	22	2,106	32
Government and official institutions	68	-	70	-	104	-
Lease finance	3,272	5	3,282	8	3,138	14
Manufacturing	2,446	29	2,998	17	2,639	62
Personal ²	6,229	90	7,384	35	7,109	40
Real estate - construction	1,216	8	857	12	817	15
Real estate - mortgage ³	26,095	54	23,518	82	22,734	126
Retail and wholesale trade	4,375	14	4,210	51	3,615	75
Other	3,398	64	3,008	53	2,157	57
	56,692	315	52,089	346	48,272	505
Overseas						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	2,439	4	1,471	4	1,309	11
Business service	346	6	439	6	501	9
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	555	-	393	3	319	7
Financial, investment and insurance	3,189	4	4,493	23	2,066	26
Government and official institutions	656	-	377	3	320	3
Lease finance	73	-	68	-	51	-
Manufacturing	5,172	53	3,722	55	3,973	54
Personal ²	2,852	12	3,115	15	3,221	11
Real estate - construction	900	8	753	16	602	16
Real estate - mortgage ³	9,412	2	8,034	8	7,488	10
Retail and wholesale trade	1,851	15	1,711	28	1,554	27
Other	2,782	34	2,254	2	1,618	23
	30,227	138	26,830	163	23,022	197
Total portfolio	86,919	453	78,919	509	71,294	702

¹ Loans and advances exclude acceptances

² Personal includes non-business loans to individuals through overdrafts, personal loans, credit cards and fully drawn advances

³ Real estate mortgage includes residential and commercial property exposure. Loans within this category are for the purchase of such properties and must be secured by property

6: Concentrations of Credit Risk (continued)

	1994		1993	
	Loans and advances ¹ \$M	Specific provision \$M	Loans and advances ¹ \$M	Specific provision \$M
Australia				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	1,884	42	1,802	98
Business service	851	48	759	91
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	827	88	894	34
Financial, investment and insurance	2,359	36	1,638	44
Government and official institutions	345	-	205	-
Lease finance	3,179	21	3,212	32
Manufacturing	1,752	65	1,948	93
Personal ²	6,379	69	6,252	78
Real estate - construction	704	14	774	45
Real estate - mortgage ³	21,674	221	19,676	712
Retail and wholesale trade	3,362	107	3,497	132
Other	1,451	96	2,042	22
	44,767	807	42,699	1,381
Overseas				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	750	20	901	24
Business service	481	5	449	12
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	237	10	227	32
Financial, investment and insurance	1,607	31	1,776	20
Government and official institutions	595	17	409	1
Lease finance	52	-	63	2
Manufacturing	2,598	52	2,821	58
Personal ²	2,388	17	2,366	49
Real estate - construction	373	38	865	61
Real estate - mortgage ³	6,245	23	4,958	29
Retail and wholesale trade	1,485	27	1,524	33
Other	1,486	38	1,991	423
	18,297	278	18,350	744
Total portfolio	63,064	1,085	61,049	2,125

7: Doubtful Debts - Industry Analysis

	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Balance at start of year	1,218	1,380	1,652	2,690	3,338
Adjustment for exchange rate fluctuations	16	(16)	(2)	(84)	56
Bad debts written off (refer (i) below)	(199)	(346)	(497)	(1,427)	(1,440)
Transfer from profit and loss account	336	200	226	469	718
Provisions acquired(disposed)	-	-	-	3	(22)
Tax (liability) realised on rescheduled debt	-	-	-	-	(2)
Recognition of provisions previously netted against tax benefits	-	-	-	-	35
Other	-	-	1	1	7
Total provisions for doubtful debts	1,371	1,218	1,380	1,652	2,690
(i) Total write-offs by industry					
Australia					
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	(5)	(11)	(19)	(75)	(55)
Business service	(3)	(17)	(11)	(52)	(75)
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	(11)	(19)	(29)	(95)	(22)
Financial, investment and insurance	(8)	(8)	(11)	(34)	(49)
Government and official institutions	-	-	-	(#)	-
Lease finance	(5)	(12)	(45)	(26)	(53)
Manufacturing	(10)	(49)	(41)	(79)	(46)
Personal ¹	(55)	(46)	(47)	(42)	(91)
Real estate - construction	(6)	(6)	(6)	(36)	(22)
Real estate - mortgage ²	(26)	(77)	(102)	(382)	(576)
Retail and wholesale trade	(11)	(33)	(50)	(127)	(93)
Other	(4)	(23)	(55)	(21)	(18)
Overseas					
Rescheduled country debt	n/a	n/a	n/a	(321)	(82)
Other	(55)	(45)	(81)	(137)	(258)
Total write-offs	(199)	(346)	(497)	(1,427)	(1,440)
(ii) Total recoveries by industry					
Australia					
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining	4	3	1	4	1
Business service	1	1	1	1	2
Entertainment, leisure and tourism	1	2	3	3	1
Financial, investment and insurance	2	3	2	4	5
Government and official institutions	-	-	-	-	-
Lease finance	2	3	3	4	5
Manufacturing	4	2	1	1	#
Personal ¹	9	9	10	11	8
Real estate - construction	-	1	-	1	#
Real estate - mortgage ²	7	9	3	5	7
Retail and wholesale trade	2	2	4	6	2
Other	7	2	3	3	1
Overseas					
Rescheduled country debt	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	30
Other	10	9	21	33	9
Total recoveries	49	46	52	88	71
Net write-offs	(150)	(300)	(445)	(1,339)	(1,369)
Ratio of net write-offs to average loans and acceptances	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%	1.9%	1.9%

Amounts less than \$500,000

n/a Not applicable

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8: Short Term Borrowings

The Group's short term borrowings comprise commercial paper, as well as unsecured notes issued by subsidiary borrowing corporations with an original term to maturity of less than one year. The Group has commercial paper programmes in the United States, where it issues paper through ANZ (Delaware) Inc., and in Europe and Asia, where the Group issues paper direct.

	1997 \$M	1996 \$M	1995 \$M
Balance at end of year			
Commercial paper - ANZ (Delaware) Inc.	1,808	946	1,164
Commercial paper - other	3,023	2,341	2,046
Unsecured notes	552	490	382
Weighted average interest rate at end of year			
Commercial paper - ANZ (Delaware) Inc.	5.55%	5.58%	5.76%
Commercial paper - other	5.39%	7.22%	5.71%
Unsecured notes	6.35%	6.93%	7.40%
Maximum amount outstanding at any month end during year			
Commercial paper - ANZ (Delaware) Inc.	2,094	1,841	1,860
Commercial paper - other	3,395	3,021	2,396
Unsecured notes	564	506	419
Average amount outstanding during year			
Commercial paper - ANZ (Delaware) Inc.	1,731	1,087	1,173
Commercial paper - other	3,081	2,469	1,601
Unsecured notes	427	478	379
Weighted average interest rate during year			
Commercial paper - ANZ (Delaware) Inc.	5.41%	5.58%	5.80%
Commercial paper - other	5.87%	7.53%	6.90%
Unsecured notes	6.64%	6.48%	7.40%

1: Major Shareholders

Ordinary shares

At 31 October 1997 the twenty largest holders of ordinary shares held 817,497,668 ordinary shares, equal to 54.1 per cent of the total issued ordinary capital.

	Number of shares	%
Westpac Custodian Nominees Limited	168,798,501	11.2
Chase Manhattan Nominees Ltd	148,354,109	9.8
National Nominees Limited	89,662,708	5.9
ANZ Nominees Ltd	58,440,942	3.9
Australian Mutual Provident Society	38,821,349	2.6
Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	31,654,043	2.1
Queensland Investment Corporation	30,377,728	2.0
MLC Limited	29,749,298	2.0
Pendal Nominees Pty Limited	29,057,731	1.9
SAS Trustee Corporation	27,304,960	1.8
Permanent Trustee Australia Limited	25,864,240	1.7
Perpetual Trustees Victoria Limited	17,934,743	1.2
Perpetual Trustees Company Limited	17,350,265	1.2
Mercantile Mutual Life Insurance Company Limited	16,764,357	1.1
HKBA Nominees Pty Limited	15,909,044	1.0
Commonwealth Custodial Services Limited	15,685,776	1.0
Permanent Trustee Company Limited	15,584,947	1.0
Perpetual Trustees Nominees Limited	15,450,963	1.0
The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited	13,166,460	0.9
Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees	11,565,504	0.8
	817,497,668	54.1

2: Substantial Ordinary Shareholders

At 31 October 1997, there were no entries in the Register of Substantial Shareholdings.

During the year to 31 October 1997 notices were received from The Capital Group Companies Inc regarding shares held by that company. On 29 October 1997 they advised that they held 75,317,646 shares (being 4.99% of the ordinary voting shares). This holding is held by several of the companies listed in Item 1 above.

3: Average Size of Shareholdings

At 31 October 1997 the average size of holding of ordinary shareholdings was 11,432 (1996: 12,119) shares.

4: Distribution of Shareholdings

Ordinary shares - fully paid

At 31 October 1997 Range	Number of holders	% of holders	Number of shares '000	% of shares
1 to 1,000 shares	52,207	39.6	25,397	1.7
1,001 to 5,000 shares	59,618	45.2	140,247	9.3
5,001 to 10,000 shares	11,903	9.0	84,200	5.6
10,001 to 100,000 shares	7,698	5.8	167,045	11.0
Over 100,001 shares	552	0.4	1,091,933	72.4
	131,978	100.0	1,508,822	100.0

5: Voting Rights of Shareholders

Ordinary shares - fully paid

The Articles provide for

- (i) on show of hands 1 vote;
- (ii) on a poll 1 vote for each ordinary share held; and
- (iii) 1 vote for every 10, 10 cent paid shares issued pursuant to the Company's Senior Officers' Share Purchase Scheme and the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme.

6: Holders of Non-Marketable Parcels

Ordinary shares

At 31 October 1997, shareholdings of less than a marketable parcel (1 to 99 shares) were 6,519 (1996: 5,370), which is 4.9% of the total holdings of ordinary shares.

7: Employee Shareholder Information

At the January 1994 Annual General Meeting, shareholders approved a limit of 7% of the issued share capital of the Company on the number of shares which may be issued under the Employee and Senior Officers' Share Purchase Schemes and the unissued shares to which options may be granted under any incentive schemes for employees and directors of the Group.

At 31 October 1997, participants in the Employee and Senior Officers' Share Purchase Schemes held 1.6% (1996: 1.8%) of the issued share capital. At 31 October 1997, 6,983,091 options to purchase ordinary shares which have been granted under the Directors' Share and Option Purchase and the ANZ Group Share Option Schemes, had not been exercised.

8: Directors' Shareholding Interests

	A	B	C	D
C B Goode	267,075	-	-	-
J C Dahlsen	83,400	-	-	12,000
Dr R S Deane	75,000	-	-	-
J K Ellis	52,471	-	-	-
C J Harper	55,500	-	-	-
M A Jackson	71,123	-	-	-
J McFarlane	2,000	-	-	-
J F Ries	102,000	50,000	310,710	-
Dr B W Scott	84,053	-	-	-
R B Vaughan	88,512	-	-	-
	881,134	50,000	310,710	12,000

A Beneficially held - fully paid ordinary shares of \$1.00 each

B Beneficially held - options issued pursuant to the Directors' Share and Option Purchase Scheme to take up shares in the Company during the period of 5 years after issue at market prices fixed as at the time of issue less one cent, which was paid on issue of the option

C Beneficially held - options issued pursuant to the ANZ Group Share Option Scheme to take up shares in the Company no earlier than 3 years or later than 5 years after issue at market prices fixed as at the time of issue less one cent, which was paid on issue of the option, provided certain performance criteria are met

D Non-beneficially held - fully paid ordinary shares of \$1.00 each

Core Operating Expenses

Core operating expenses represents total operating expenses excluding direct income-related expenditure and restructuring expenses.

Geographic segmentation

UK and Europe includes France, Germany, Guernsey, Jersey, Italy, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Asia Pacific includes Cook Islands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, The People's Republic of China, Tonga, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

South Asia includes Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

Americas includes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and United States of America.

Middle East includes Bahrain, Greece, Israel, Jordan, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar and United Arab Emirates.

Impaired assets

Impaired assets are loans or other credit facilities where there is reasonable doubt about the collectability of interest, fees (past and future) or principal outstanding, or where concessional terms have been provided because of the financial difficulties of the customer.

Net advances

Net advances include gross loans and advances, acceptances and ANZ accepted bills held as part of trading securities less income yet to mature and specific provisions (for both as at and average volumes).

Net interest average margin

Net interest average margin is net interest income as a percentage of average interest earning assets. Non-assessable interest income is grossed up to the equivalent before tax amount for the purpose of these calculations.

Net interest spread

Net interest spread is average interest rate received on interest earning assets less the average interest rate paid on interest bearing liabilities. Non-assessable interest income is grossed up to the equivalent before tax amount for the purpose of these calculations.

Net non-interest bearing items

Net non-interest bearing items, referred to in the analysis of interest spread and net interest average margin, includes shareholders' equity, provisions for doubtful debts, and deposits not bearing interest and other liabilities not bearing interest, offset by premises and equipment and other non-interest earning assets. Non-accrual loans are included within interest bearing loans, advances and bills discounted.

Operating expenses

Operating expenses exclude charges for doubtful debts and abnormal items.

Total advances

Total advances include gross loans and advances, acceptances and ANZ accepted bills held as part of trading securities less income yet to mature (for both as at and average volumes).

Unproductive facilities

Unproductive facilities comprise standby letters of credit, bill endorsements, documentary letters of credit and guarantees to third parties.



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Tel: (84-4) 825 8190
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Phone Directory

Customer Banking Enquiries

13 13 14

8.00am-8.00pm, Monday to Friday

- Account balances & enquiries
- Periodical payment information
- Statement information
- Cheque/Deposit book ordering
- Account maintenance
- Stop payments
- Fee information

Home Buyers Line

1800 035 500

8am-11pm, 7 days a week

Small Business Hotline

1800 035 500

8am-11pm, 7 days a week

- Arrange a callback from an ANZ Business Manager
- Arrange an appointment to see an ANZ Business Manager

Customer Compliments & Concerns

1800 805 154

International Services

1800 678 273

ANZ Securities

ANZ Stockbroking

13 13 70

ANZ Margin Lending

1800 639 330 (Australia wide)

1800 243 554 (NSW)

07 3228 3283 (QLD)

ANZ Futures

02 9322 6514 (Australia wide)

03 9205 1450 (VIC)

ANZ Phone Banking

13 13 14

24 Hours, 7 days a week

- Account balances
- Transaction history
- Order statements
- Funds transfer
- Product information
- Cheque/Deposit book ordering
- Bill payments

ANZ Direct

Home Loans & Investment Loans

13 14 09

Car Loans

13 22 07

Superannuation, Insurance & Investments

13 11 95

Esanda

Esanda Finance

13 23 73

Esanda Investments

13 12 15

ANZ Funds Management

Unit Trusts

1800 022 893

Life Insurance & Superannuation

1800 021 052

Rollovers/Approved Deposits/ Superannuation Savings

1800 036 190

D.I.Y. Super

1800 655 431

Charitable Trusts Information Line

1800 808 910

Estate Planning & Management (ANZ Trustees)

1800 011 047

V2 Plus General Enquiries

13 28 33

V2 Plus Rate Recorded Message

1800 033 043

Credit Card Enquiries

13 22 73

8.00am-6.00pm, Monday to Friday

ANZ Gold Card

13 17 24

Qantas/Telstra Gold Card

13 27 24

Qantas/Telstra Card

13 19 51

Business/Purchasing Card

1800 032 481

Lost or Stolen Cards

1800 033 844

24 Hours, 7 days a week

EFTPOS & Fast Track Help Centre

1800 035 315

24 Hours, 7 days a week

Merchant Enquiries

1800 039 025

8.00am-6.00pm, Monday to Friday

ANZ product and service information is also available on ANZ's internet site:

www.anz.com

Shareholder Information

Dividends

The final dividend of 26 cents per share will be paid on 21 January 1998 bringing the full year dividend to 48 cents per share. The interim dividend paid in July 1997 was fully franked and the final dividend is fully franked at 36% for Australian taxation purposes.

Dividends may be paid directly to a bank account in Australia, New Zealand or United Kingdom.

Shareholders who want their dividends paid this way should advise the relevant share registry in writing prior to books closing date. Dividend Reinvestment and Bonus Option plans are available to shareholders. The plans are detailed in a booklet called "Shareholder Alternatives", copies of which are available from the share registries at the addresses shown.

Stock Exchange Listings

The Group's ordinary shares are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, the London Stock Exchange and the New Zealand Stock Exchange. The Capital Securities offered in February 1993 are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

American Depositary Receipts

The Bank of New York sponsors an American Depositary Receipt (ADR) program in the United States of America. The ADRs were listed on the New York Stock Exchange on 6 December 1994. ADR holders should deal directly with the Depository, Bank of New York, New York, Telephone (212) 815-2729, Fax (212) 571-3050 on all matters relating to their ADRs.

Enquiries

Shareholders who wish to contact the Company on any matter related to their shareholding are invited to telephone or write to the most convenient share registry.

Change of Address

It is important that shareholders notify the share registry in writing if there is a change to their address. For added protection shareholders should quote their Shareholder Number.

Removal from Annual Report Mailing List

Shareholders who do not want the Annual Report or who are receiving more than one copy should advise the share registry in writing. These shareholders will continue to receive all other shareholder information.

To Consolidate Shareholdings

Shareholders who wish to consolidate their separate holdings should advise the share registry in writing.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Melbourne Concert Hall, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne on Wednesday, 21 January 1998.

Chairman's Address

A summary of the Chairman's address to the AGM will be published in the "Shareholder Contact" magazine issued in February 1998.

Credit Ratings (December 1996)

Short Term Debt

Moody's Investors Service	P-1
Standard & Poor's Ratings Group	A-1+

Long Term Debt

Moody's Investors Service	Aa3
Standard & Poor's Ratings Group	AA-

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