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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme (the 'Scheme'), which comprise the statement of net assets as at 31 March 2021, and the statement of changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements, on pages 4 to 17, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Scheme as at 31 March 2021, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('NZ IFRS') and International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ('ISAs') and International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) ('ISAs (NZ)'). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor and the provision of taxation advice, we have no relationship with or interests in the Scheme. These services have not impaired our independence as auditor of the Scheme.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

Other information

The Directors of the Trustee are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Annual Report that accompanies the financial statements and the audit report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether it is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If so, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Directors of the Trustee's responsibilities for the financial statements

The Directors of the Trustee are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with NZ IFRS and IFRS, and for such internal control as the Directors of the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors of the Trustee are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the External Reporting Board's website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-2>

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Restriction on use

This report is made solely to the Scheme's members, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Scheme's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Scheme's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Deloitte Limited

**James Shepherd, Partner
for Deloitte Limited**
Wellington, New Zealand
28 June 2021

**New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Statement of Net Assets
As at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,515,710	2,016,452
Prepayments		20,071	16,151
Contributions Receivable		30	-
FENZ Reimbursement Receivable		84,109	-
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	5	514,966,975	414,539,854
Outstanding Settlements		-	14,000,000
Total Assets		<u>516,586,895</u>	<u>430,572,457</u>
Less LIABILITIES			
Benefits Payable		1,128,273	742,084
Sundry Creditors		219,015	191,979
Deferred Tax Liability	8	35,202	195,000
Total Liabilities		<u>1,382,490</u>	<u>1,129,063</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		<u><u>515,204,405</u></u>	<u><u>429,443,394</u></u>
LIABILITY FOR PROMISED RETIREMENT BENEFITS			
<i>Represented By:</i>	3		
Member Accounts		224,726,841	186,614,657
FENZ Accounts		290,477,564	242,828,737
		<u>515,204,405</u>	<u>429,443,394</u>

For and on behalf of the Trustee, FireSuper Trustee Limited, who authorised the issue of these financial statements

Director Denis Fitzmaurice

Date 28 June 2021

Director 

Date 28 June 2021

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes on pages 7 to 17.

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
Investment Income			
Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss	6	93,011,159	(17,355,001)
Distributions		4,077,699	4,911,692
Bank Interest		4,065	16,576
		<u>97,092,923</u>	<u>(12,426,733)</u>
Investment Expenses			
Investment Management Fees		<u>(2,373,446)</u>	<u>(2,413,641)</u>
Net Investment Income		94,719,477	(14,840,374)
OTHER INCOME			
Top-Up Benefit Reimbursement		<u>244,364</u>	<u>291,371</u>
		244,364	291,371
OTHER EXPENSES			
Auditor's Remuneration - fees for audit of financial statements		23,000	25,544
Auditor's Remuneration - taxation services fees		23,460	16,043
Administration Fees		461,876	383,171
Legal Fees		75,986	76,944
Trustee Fees and Expenses		60,576	106,211
Trustee and Director Liability Insurance		34,246	27,737
Annual Fees and Levies		37,551	41,316
General Expenses		30	77
Total Other Expenses		<u>716,725</u>	<u>677,043</u>
Change in Net Assets before Taxation and Membership Activities		<u>94,247,116</u>	<u>(15,226,046)</u>
Income Tax Expense/(Credit)	8	<u>8,976,014</u>	<u>(791,355)</u>
Change in Net Assets after Taxation and before Membership Activities		85,271,102	(14,434,691)
MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES			
Contributions			
Member Contributions		8,433,645	8,253,251
Voluntary Contributions		199,999	188,348
Government Contributions		33,169	31,421
FENZ Contributions		12,815,796	12,538,228
Transfers From Other Funds		-	542,374
Total Contributions		<u>21,482,609</u>	<u>21,553,622</u>
Benefits Paid	7	20,992,700	27,089,925
Net Membership Activities		<u>489,909</u>	<u>(5,536,303)</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets During the Year		85,761,011	(19,970,994)
Net Assets Available for Benefits at Beginning of the Year		<u>429,443,394</u>	<u>449,414,388</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits at End of the Year		<u><u>515,204,405</u></u>	<u><u>429,443,394</u></u>

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New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Cash provided from</i>			
Member Contributions		8,633,614	8,441,499
FENZ Contributions		12,815,796	12,538,074
Government Contributions		33,169	31,421
Transfers From Other Funds		-	542,374
Distributions		166,801	368,230
Bank Interest		4,065	16,576
Death Payment Component Top-Up		160,255	291,371
		<u>21,813,700</u>	<u>22,229,545</u>
<i>Cash applied to</i>			
Benefits Paid		20,606,511	27,067,727
Other Expenses		699,106	742,457
Investment Management Fees		508,825	499,191
		<u>21,814,442</u>	<u>28,309,375</u>
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	9	<u>(742)</u>	<u>(6,079,830)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Cash provided from</i>			
Sale of Investments		55,805,940	24,900,000
<i>Cash applied to</i>			
Purchase of Investments		56,305,940	18,000,000
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>6,900,000</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(500,742)	820,170
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year		2,016,452	1,196,282
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of the Year		<u><u>1,515,710</u></u>	<u><u>2,016,452</u></u>

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**New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. Scheme Description

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme (the "Scheme") is a restricted workplace savings scheme registered in New Zealand under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 ("FMCA") to provide employees of Fire and Emergency New Zealand ("FENZ") with benefits on their retirement or otherwise ceasing service.

The registered office of the Scheme is: c/- Mercer (N.Z.) Limited, P O Box 2897, Wellington 6140, New Zealand.

There are two classes of members. The members and FENZ both contribute to the Scheme to fund benefits.

Details of membership as at 31 March 2021 were:

	Active	Deferred	Total
1 April 2020	1,926	165	2,091
New Members	71	-	71
Death	(4)	-	(4)
Resignations	(10)	(4)	(14)
Loss of Physical/Medical Fitness	(4)	-	(4)
Transferred to Deferred	(26)	26	-
Retirements	(11)	-	(11)
Transferred to Other Schemes	(1)	-	(1)
31 March 2021	1,941	187	2,128

Funding Arrangements

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme is a defined contribution scheme. Under the Trust Deed contributions are made by Scheme members and by FENZ.

During the year the rates of contribution were as follows:

- Member - regular contributions at rates between 6-11% of superable salary/wages dependent on the member's age and date upon joining as specified in the Trust Deed. Members may reduce or suspend regular contributions or make additional voluntary contributions subject to the Trustee's consent.
- FENZ - \$1.52 net of Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax for each dollar of regular contribution made by the member.

Retirement Benefits

The retirement benefits are determined by contributions to the Scheme together with investment earnings on those contributions over the period of membership.

Termination Terms

The Trust Deed sets out the basis on which the Scheme can be terminated.

Changes in the Scheme

The SIPO was updated on 31 July 2020 to reflect changes to the strategic asset allocation weights and ranges for Australasian equities and international equities in the Balanced and Growth investment options.

The Trust Deed was amended on 10 December 2020 to reflect the requirements of the Trusts Act 2019.

**New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("NZ GAAP") and the requirements of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 ("FMCA") and other relevant legislative requirements as appropriate for For-profit entities.

Statement of Compliance

The Scheme is a Tier 1 entity and, as such, the financial statements comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ IFRS"), other New Zealand Accounting Standards and authoritative notices as appropriate for For-profit entities. These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

New and amended standards adopted by the Scheme

There are no new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective, for annual periods beginning on 1 April 2020, that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Scheme.

Measurement Base

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost modified by the revaluation of assets which are measured at fair values at balance date.

Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Scheme operated.

Classification of Assets and Liabilities

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme operates as a restricted workplace savings scheme. As such, the assets and liabilities are disclosed in the Statement of Net Assets in an order that reflected their relative liquidity.

Accounting Policies

The following are the significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements:

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

The Scheme classifies its investments as designated at Fair Value through Profit or Loss. The financial assets are recognised and derecognised on the trade date where a purchase or sale was under contract whose terms require delivery within the time frame established by the market concerned, initially measured at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition all Financial Assets through Profit or Loss are measured at fair value.

Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of the Financial Assets through Profit or Loss category are presented in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets when they arise. Interest and dividends related to Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss are recognised as part of the gains and losses presented in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

The fair value of financial assets is determined with reference to the unit prices calculated by the investment managers in which the Scheme holds financial assets.

The fair value of financial assets is determined using the last sale price ("exit" price) as calculated by the investment manager at balance date.

Income Recognition

(i) Interest income is recognised as interest accrued using the effective interest rate method. Interest income is earned on cash and cash equivalents.

(ii) Gains or losses of Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets as disclosed above.

(iii) Dividends and distributions from unitised investments are recognised on a due and receivable basis.

(iv) Other income is recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets when the Scheme's right to receive payment is established.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions in currencies other than NZ dollars are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each balance date, assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance date. Gains and losses arising on retranslation are included in changes in net assets for the period.

**New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from profit before tax as reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Scheme's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits are available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits are available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Scheme's Statement of Net Assets when the Scheme becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Scheme shall offset financial assets and financial liabilities if the Scheme has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and interests and intends to settle on a net basis.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Scheme's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency rates and interest rates. The Scheme does not directly hold foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts. The Scheme does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. Hedge accounting has not been applied.

The use of financial derivatives is governed by the Scheme's policies approved by the Trustee, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives.

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets as they arise.

Sundry Creditors

Sundry creditors are not interest-bearing and are stated at their amortised cost.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Scheme is not registered for GST and consequently all components of the financial statements are stated inclusive of GST where appropriate.

Statement of Cash Flows

The cash flows of the Scheme do not include those of the investment managers. The following are definitions of the terms used in the Statement of Cash Flows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents - comprises cash balances held with banks in New Zealand and overseas.

Operating activities - include all transactions and other events that are not investing activities.

Investing activities - comprise acquisition and disposal of investments. Investments include securities not falling within the definition of cash.

Promised Retirement Benefits

The liability for accrued retirement benefits is the Scheme's present obligation to pay benefits to members and beneficiaries. It has been calculated as the difference between the carrying amounts of the assets and the carrying amounts of the liabilities as at balance date. Accrued retirement benefits include amounts allocated to members' accounts and reserves.

Contributions and Benefits

Contributions and benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis.

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

3. Liability for Promised Retirement Benefits

Changes in promised retirement benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021:

	Member Accounts \$	FENZ Accounts \$	Reserve B* \$	Total 2021 \$
Balance 1 April 2020	186,614,657	242,828,737	-	429,443,394
Member Contributions	8,633,644	12,815,796	-	21,449,440
Government Contributions	33,169	-	-	33,169
Transfers In From Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Expenses Allocated	(14,070)	-	14,070	-
Benefits Paid to Members	(13,333,877)	(7,414,459)	(244,364)	(20,992,700)
Net Profit Allocated	34,071,357	50,969,451	230,294	85,271,102
	<u>216,004,880</u>	<u>299,199,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>515,204,405</u>
Deferred Benefit Transfers**	8,721,961	(8,721,961)	-	-
Balance 31 March 2021	<u>224,726,841</u>	<u>290,477,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>515,204,405</u>

Changes in promised retirement benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020:

	Member Accounts \$	FENZ Accounts \$	Reserve B* \$	Total 2020 \$
Balance 1 April 2019	190,985,736	258,428,652	-	449,414,388
Member Contributions	8,441,599	12,538,228	-	20,979,827
Government Contributions	31,421	-	-	31,421
Transfers In From Other Funds	542,374	-	-	542,374
Expenses Allocated	(9,392)	-	9,392	-
Benefits Paid to Members	(18,104,914)	(8,693,640)	(291,371)	(27,089,925)
Net Profit Allocated	(5,678,187)	(9,038,484)	281,979	(14,434,691)
	<u>176,208,638</u>	<u>253,234,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>429,443,394</u>
Deferred Benefit Transfers**	10,406,019	(10,406,019)	-	-
Balance 31 March 2020	<u>186,614,657</u>	<u>242,828,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>429,443,394</u>

* Includes the top-up reimbursement from FENZ.

** Deferred Benefit Transfers are where members leave employment of Fire and Emergency New Zealand but retain their funds in the Scheme as Deferred Members.

Guaranteed Benefits

No guarantees have been made in respect of any part of the liability for promised retirement benefits (31 March 2020: Nil).

4. Vested Benefits

Vested benefits are benefits payable to members or beneficiaries under the conditions of the Trust Deed, on the basis of all members ceasing to be members of the Scheme at balance date.

2021	2020
\$	\$
<u>515,204,405</u>	<u>429,443,394</u>

**New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
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5. Financial Assets

The Scheme invests in the following:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Short Term Securities		
ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund	60,112,092	35,175,441
Fixed Interest Securities - New Zealand		
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	12,779,889	13,695,145
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	20,437,807	21,029,768
Fixed Interest Securities - Offshore		
Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund	114,760,318	106,045,635
Equities - New Zealand		
AMP Capital New Zealand Shares Fund	-	23,177,765
Direct Capital New Zealand Equities	343,103	374,997
Salt Core NZ Shares Fund	20,224,394	-
Equities - Offshore		
AMP Capital Emerging Markets Share Fund	21,493,836	13,121,368
AMP Capital Core Global Shares Fund	81,779,363	50,760,982
AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	106,747,104	81,875,041
First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure Fund*	32,233,828	26,905,401
Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund	20,735,952	22,509,725
Property - Offshore		
ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund	23,319,289	19,868,585
Total Financial Assets	<u>514,966,975</u>	<u>414,539,854</u>

*Rebranded from First State Investments in September 2020.

There were no unsettled trades as at 31 March 2021 (2020: on 31 March 2020 the scheme sold financial assets from Russell Investments Group LLC, amounting to \$14,000,000. As at 31 March 2020, this was an unsettled trade with the amount received subsequent to the reporting period of the Scheme, on 6 April 2020, and invested into the ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund.)

During the current reporting period the Scheme transitioned from AMP Australasian Equities to the Salt Core NZ Shares Fund.

6. Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Short Term Securities	606,114	800,112
Fixed Interest - New Zealand	684,706	1,807,756
Fixed Interest - Offshore	2,798,055	1,043,903
Equities - New Zealand	6,738,441	36,994
Equities - Offshore	77,759,396	(17,744,699)
Property - Offshore	4,424,447	(3,299,067)
	<u>93,011,159</u>	<u>(17,355,001)</u>

The net gains on items at fair value through profit or loss do not include interest or dividend income. These are disclosed separately on the face of the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
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7. Benefits Paid

Benefits paid to members are broken down as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Death	1,463,728	754,849
Loss of Physical/Medical Fitness	798,867	774,013
Relationship Property Settlements	1,123,130	1,111,604
Resignations	3,466,155	6,356,221
Retirements	5,655,586	3,706,216
Withdrawals	8,485,234	14,387,022
	<u>20,992,700</u>	<u>27,089,925</u>

8. Income Tax

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Current Tax	(229,105)	(204,998)
Deferred Tax	(159,798)	(160,137)
PIE Tax expense	9,364,917	(426,220)
	<u>8,976,014</u>	<u>(791,355)</u>

The total charge for the year can be reconciled to the Change in Net Assets as follows:

Change in Net Assets before Tax and Membership Activities	<u>94,247,116</u>	<u>(15,226,046)</u>
Income Tax @ 28%	26,389,192	(4,263,293)
Tax effect of:		
Tax paid income / Non-deductible losses/(gains)	(26,767,313)	3,890,916
Prior period adjustment	(10,782)	7,242
PIE Tax (charge)/expenses	9,364,917	(426,220)
Income Tax Expense/(Credit)	<u>8,976,014</u>	<u>(791,355)</u>

	Opening	Charged to	Closing
	Balance	Income	Balance
Deferred Tax			
2021			
Investments	(211,091)	133,329	(77,762)
Expenses to transfer to investment manager	16,091	26,469	42,560
Closing Balance	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>159,798</u>	<u>(35,202)</u>
2020			
Investments	(363,922)	152,831	(211,091)
Expenses to transfer to investment manager	8,785	7,306	16,091
Closing Balance	<u>(355,137)</u>	<u>160,137</u>	<u>(195,000)</u>

The Scheme invests in funds managed by AMP Capital Investors (New Zealand) Limited, ANZ New Zealand Investments Limited, First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Limited, Harbour Asset Management Limited, Russell Investments Group LLC and Salt Investment Funds Limited which are all Portfolio Investment Entities ("PIEs"). A prescribed Investor Rate ('PIR') of 28% has been applied to these PIEs. The Scheme also invests in a fund managed by Direct Capital IV Management Limited which is not a PIE.

Gains and losses on PIE investments held with a 28% PIR are taxable within the PIE fund, with any tax deducted/credited reflected in the valuation of investments at year end. However, to improve transparency in the financial statements, all PIE tax expense/credits are shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets as 'Income Tax Expense/(Credit)', with 'Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss' presented gross of any tax deducted.

As at 31 March 2021 the Scheme has \$152,001 expenses to carry forward to its PIE investments (31 March 2020: \$49,085).

New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

9. Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	85,761,011	(19,970,994)
Non-Cash Items		
(Losses)/Gains on Fair Value Through Profit or Loss	(93,011,159)	17,355,001
PIE Tax deducted by Investment Manager	9,135,812	(631,219)
Investment Fees deducted from Investments	3,324,514	3,322,364
Distributions Reinvested	(3,910,898)	(4,543,461)
Investment Management Fee Rebates	(1,465,390)	(1,419,958)
Movements in Other Working Capital Items		
Decrease in Contributions Receivable	(30)	(255)
Decrease in FENZ Reimbursement Receivable	(84,109)	-
Increase in Prepayments	(3,920)	(4,565)
Increase in Benefits Payable	386,189	22,198
Increase/(Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	27,036	(48,804)
Decrease in Deferred Tax Liability	(159,798)	(160,137)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>(742)</u>	<u>(6,079,830)</u>

10. Reserve Fund

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Trustee shall establish Reserve Accounts. The Trustee may, at its discretion, apply part or the whole of the Reserve Accounts.

Reserve Fund A consists of monies which have been derived from interest and other income from the investments of the Scheme. The Trustee may apply Reserve Fund A in any of the following ways:

- towards increasing or decreasing the retirement benefits for all members on an equitable basis;
- providing benefits other than retirement benefits for all members of the Scheme on an equitable basis; and
- payment of the expenses of administering the Scheme.

Reserve Fund B consists of monies which have been derived from the following sources and are not specifically required or allocated for any other purpose:

- benefits forgone when members cease to be eligible to contribute to the Scheme;
- unclaimed benefits;
- other money not required for the payment of benefits under the Scheme; and
- any contributions made by FENZ pursuant to 2.1.2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Trust Deed.

The Trustee may apply Reserve Fund B in any of the following ways:

- providing any benefit that may be required in respect of any member of the Scheme pursuant to Clause 2.2.2, 3.2.2 or 4 of the Third Schedule of the Trust Deed or any other benefits for all members of the Scheme on an equitable basis;
- providing personal benefits for members or their dependants in the case of hardship; and
- payment of the expenses of administering the Scheme.

11. Financial Instruments

The Scheme is involved with a number of financial instruments in the course of its normal investing activities. Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset and financial liability are disclosed in the accounting policies.

Fair Value

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements represents their respective fair values, determined in accordance with the Scheme's accounting policy in relation to Financial Assets Held at Fair Value through Profit or Loss.

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Categories of Financial Instruments - 31 March 2021

	Financial Assets at Fair value through Profit or Loss \$	Financial Assets at Amortised Cost \$	Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost \$	Total \$
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	1,515,710	-	1,515,710
AMP Capital New Zealand Shares Fund	-	-	-	-
AMP Capital Emerging Markets Global Share Fund	21,493,836	-	-	21,493,836
AMP Capital Core Global Shares Fund	81,779,363	-	-	81,779,363
AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	106,747,104	-	-	106,747,104
ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund	60,112,092	-	-	60,112,092
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	12,779,889	-	-	12,779,889
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	20,437,807	-	-	20,437,807
ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund	23,319,289	-	-	23,319,289
Direct Capital New Zealand Equities	343,103	-	-	343,103
First Sentier Investors Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	32,233,828	-	-	32,233,828
Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund	20,735,952	-	-	20,735,952
Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund	114,760,318	-	-	114,760,318
Salt Core NZ Shares Fund	20,224,394	-	-	20,224,394
Total Assets	514,966,975	1,515,710	-	516,482,685
Liabilities				
Benefits Payable	-	-	1,128,273	1,128,273
Sundry Creditors	-	-	219,015	219,015
Total Liabilities	-	-	1,347,288	1,347,288

Categories of Financial Instruments - 31 March 2020

	Financial Assets at Fair value through Profit or Loss	Financial Assets at Amortised Cost	Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost	Total
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	2,016,452	-	2,016,452
AMP Capital New Zealand Shares Fund	23,177,765	-	-	23,177,765
AMP Capital Emerging Markets Global Share Fund	13,121,368	-	-	13,121,368
AMP Capital Core Global Shares Fund	50,760,982	-	-	50,760,982
AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	81,875,041	-	-	81,875,041
ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund	35,175,441	-	-	35,175,441
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	13,695,145	-	-	13,695,145
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	21,029,768	-	-	21,029,768
ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund	19,868,585	-	-	19,868,585
Direct Capital New Zealand Equities	374,997	-	-	374,997
First State Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	26,905,401	-	-	26,905,401
Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund	22,509,725	-	-	22,509,725
Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund	106,045,635	-	-	106,045,635
Total Assets	414,539,854	2,016,452	-	416,556,306
Liabilities				
Benefits Payable	-	-	742,084	742,084
Sundry Creditors	-	-	191,979	191,979
Total Liabilities	-	-	934,063	934,063

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Hierarchy of Fair Value Measurements

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial value at fair value, grouped into levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

Level 1 - fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
 Level 2 - fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
 Level 3 - fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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Description	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss				
AMP Capital New Zealand Shares Fund	-	-	-	-
AMP Capital Emerging Markets Global Shares Fund	-	21,493,836	-	21,493,836
AMP Capital Core Global Shares Fund	-	81,779,363	-	81,779,363
AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	-	106,747,104	-	106,747,104
ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund	-	60,112,092	-	60,112,092
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	-	12,779,889	-	12,779,889
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	-	20,437,807	-	20,437,807
ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund	-	23,319,289	-	23,319,289
Direct Capital New Zealand Equities	-	-	343,103	343,103
First Sentier Investors Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	-	32,233,828	-	32,233,828
Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund	-	20,735,952	-	20,735,952
Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund	-	114,760,318	-	114,760,318
Salt Core NZ Shares Fund	-	20,224,394	-	20,224,394
Total	-	514,623,872	343,103	514,966,975

The majority of the financial assets above are classified as Level 2 as they are based on unit prices with Fair Value derived from inputs other than quoted prices in active markets. The Level 3 investment fair value measurement is derived from valuation techniques that include inputs not based on observable market data.

All financial instruments (except Direct Capital IV Management Limited) disclosed in these Financial Statements are categorised as Level 2 for both the 2020 and 2021 financial periods.

The Scheme invests in managed funds. The fair value is based upon unit prices calculated by the Manager of the fund.

The fair value of units is based upon a Net Asset Valuation using observable inputs of quoted security prices in active share markets and/or interest rates or yield curves which are observable at specific time intervals. The Net Asset Valuation of the fund may also include securities or derivatives which have inputs such as foreign exchange spot and forward rates and interest rate curves derived from quoted bond prices. The Net Asset Valuation may also have adjustments to reflect fees associated with the fund.

For unit prices, significant inputs into the calculation are market observable and are included within level 2.

There were no transfers between levels in the period.

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Hierarchy of Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

31 March 2020

Description	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss				
AMP Capital New Zealand Shares Fund	-	23,177,765	-	23,177,765
AMP Capital Emerging Markets Global Shares Fund	-	13,121,368	-	13,121,368
AMP Capital Core Global Shares Fund	-	50,760,982	-	50,760,982
AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	-	81,875,041	-	81,875,041
ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund	-	35,175,441	-	35,175,441
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	-	13,695,145	-	13,695,145
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	-	21,029,768	-	21,029,768
ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund	-	19,868,585	-	19,868,585
Direct Capital New Zealand Equities	-	-	374,997	374,997
First State Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	-	26,905,401	-	26,905,401
Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund	-	22,509,725	-	22,509,725
Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund	-	106,045,635	-	106,045,635
Total	-	414,164,857	374,997	414,539,854

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Scheme to credit risk consist of cash and receivables and, indirectly, investments in unlisted products which invest in cash and fixed interest investments. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of these financial instruments. The significant counterparties of the Scheme are its investment managers: AMP Capital Investors (New Zealand) Limited, ANZ New Zealand Investments Limited, Direct Capital IV Management Limited, First Sentier Investors (Australia) IM Limited, Harbour Asset Management Limited, Russell Investments Group LLC, and Salt Investment Funds Limited, which the Trustee considers to be financial institutions of high quality. The investments are held in trust by the investment managers for the benefit of the Scheme. The managers maintain diversified investment portfolios in accordance with the portfolio mix adopted by the Trustee.

Currency Risk

As at 31 March 2021 the Scheme had \$401,069,690 (2020: \$344,639,500) invested in offshore fixed interest securities, offshore equities, offshore property, and offshore infrastructure assets which expose the Scheme to currency risks. The Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund is hedged at the managers' discretion. The First Sentier Investors Global Listed Infrastructure Fund and the Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund are 100% hedged on an after tax basis. The ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund is 100% hedged on a gross of tax basis. The AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund is 139% hedged on a gross of tax basis. The remaining Funds are not hedged.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Hedged Funds		
AMP Capital New Zealand Shares Fund	-	23,177,765
AMP Capital Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	106,747,104	81,875,041
ANZ Wholesale International Property Securities Fund	23,319,289	19,868,585
First Sentier Investors Global Listed Infrastructure Fund	32,233,828	26,905,401
Harbour Asset Management Australasian Equity Fund	20,735,952	22,509,725
Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund	114,760,318	106,045,635
Total Hedged Funds	297,796,491	280,382,152
Unhedged Funds		
AMP Capital Emerging Markets Share Fund	21,493,836	13,121,368
AMP Capital Core Global Shares Fund	81,779,363	50,760,982
ANZ Wholesale Cash Fund	60,112,092	35,175,441
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	12,779,889	13,695,145
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	20,437,807	21,029,768
Direct Capital New Zealand Equities	343,103	374,997
Salt Core NZ Shares Fund	20,224,394	-
Total Unhedged Funds	217,170,484	134,157,701

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Interest Rate Risk

The Scheme is exposed to interest rate risk in that future rate movements will affect the cash flows and the net market value of fixed interest securities. Risk management activities are undertaken by the Scheme's investment managers as part of their investing operations.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Fixed Interest - New Zealand	93,329,788	69,900,354
Fixed Interest - Offshore	114,760,318	106,045,635
Total	<u>208,090,106</u>	<u>175,945,989</u>

Liquidity Risk

All financial assets at fair value through profit or loss can be realised within 12 months, except Direct Capital IV Management Limited, which is not available for withdrawal until the Partnership is divested in approximately 2 years. The Trustee has capital commitments of up to \$1.02 million to Direct Capital IV Management Limited. There are no significant financial liabilities.

12. Sensitivity Analysis

A 5% increase/decrease in the value of the Scheme's investments would have a positive/adverse impact on the value of the Scheme's assets by \$25,748,349 (2020: \$20,726,993), and the Trustee has determined it is appropriate to use 5% as it shows the sensitivity to investment fluctuations.

13. Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustee to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amount reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. The Trustee has used judgment in the categorisation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with the fair value hierarchy under NZ IFRS 13.

14. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities outstanding as at 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020: Nil). The Trustee has future capital commitments of \$1.02 million to Direct Capital IV Management Limited.

15. Related Parties

The Scheme held no direct investments in any of the FENZ companies or any of its related parties and during the year had no related party transactions except for FENZ contributions. Trustee fees and expenses for the year were \$60,576 (2020: \$103,952). The fee paid to the Licensed Independent Trustee for the financial year was \$33,948 (2020: \$43,216).

Directors of the Trustee that are members of the Scheme contribute on the same basis and have the same rights as other members of the Scheme.

16. Events After Balance Date

Subsequent to 31 March 2021, the Trustee entered into an agreement with Mercer Investment Trusts New Zealand (MITNZ) in relation to the transition of international equities from AMP Capital Investors (New Zealand) Limited to Mercer Overseas Shares Index Portfolio, Mercer Hedged Overseas Shares Index Portfolio and the Mercer Emerging Markets Portfolio.

There were no other significant events that have occurred since the balance date that require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.