

Public Trustee for the Northern Territory

Annual Report

2016-2017



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Dear Attorney-General

ANNUAL REPORT - PUBLIC TRUSTEE FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

In accordance with section 18 of the *Public Trustee Act*, I submit this Report on the operations of the Public Trustee for the year ended 30 June 2017.

This Report should be read in conjunction with the 2016-2017 Department of the Attorney-General and Justice Annual Report. That report includes information on those aspects of the operations of the Public Trustee's Office that must be reported on pursuant to the *Financial Management Act* and the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*.

Section 18(3) of the *Public Trustee Act* requires that you table a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after it is received.

Yours sincerely

DEMETRIOS LAOURIS

Public Trustee for the Northern Territory

19 December 2017

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PUBLIC TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

This is the Public Trustee annual report and audited financial statements for the 2016 -17 financial year. The preparation of an annual report is required by section 18 of the *Public Trustee Act*.

Section 18(2) requires the following to be included in the annual report:

- (a) the audited statement of accounts in respect of each common fund for that financial year;
- (b) the Auditor-General's report on those accounts; and
- (c) the following investor information in respect of each common fund:
 - (i) the nature and amount or rate of any fee that the Public Trustee charges in respect of investment in the fund;
 - (ii) the class of investments in which the fund may be invested;
 - (iii) the extent (if any) to which a capital sum invested may be reduced to defray losses from investment of the fund;
 - (iv) the rights of an investor in the fund to withdraw all or part of the investor's investment in the fund and the period of notice (if any) that the investor is required to give the Public Trustee in respect of a withdrawal;
 - (v) the terms governing distribution of income and profit or loss of a capital nature attributable to each investment in the fund.

The matters listed in section 18(2) are addressed under separate headings in this report following an overview.

OVERVIEW

It is appropriate that the service of David Lisson as Public Trustee, who retired in February 2017, should be recognised and commended. After a long and distinguished career with the Solicitor for the Northern Territory, Mr Lisson acted as the Public Trustee (amongst other statutory appointments) from early 2013.

Demetrios (Jim) Laouris was appointed as Public Trustee on 26 October 2017.

In 2016-17, the Office of the Public Trustee continued to provide high level professional estate administration and trustee services to the Northern Territory community. The office has been able to maintain a consistently high customer satisfaction rating over the last three years. The rating for the 2016-17 financial year was 98%.

Work volumes for deceased estates, trusts and wills were generally at similar levels to the previous year, and the office maintained a reasonable finalisation rate for deceased estates. While the overall number of trusts has decreased, mainly in the victims of crime and motor accident compensation trust categories, the number of adult financial management trusts continues to increase. These trusts are demanding and require significant expertise and attention.

In terms of financial performance, the total funds under management of the Public Trustee decreased from \$54.3 million in 2015-16 to \$52.5 million in 2016-17. Funds under Public Trustee management are diversified across assets to reduce risk. Common Funds 2, 3 and 4 all recorded performance above benchmark levels.

In 2016-17 almost \$1.3 million in commission, fees and levy was paid into consolidated revenue as a result of the Public Trustee's administration of estates and trusts.

It is expected that 2017-18 will bring similar challenges to previous years however there will be an increased focus in reviewing internal controls, implementing procedures and testing the appropriateness of the Public Trustee's investment and funds management strategy.

THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AND THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE INVESTMENT BOARD

Public Trustee services

The Office of the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory:

- manages trusts for children and people who do not have decision making capacity;
- acts as attorney or agent for people when appointed by the person;
- provides a will-making service and maintains a register of wills;
- administers the estates of deceased persons when appointed by them in their will and in situations where there is nobody else willing or able to do so;
- maintains a general register of Advance Personal Plans;
- manages restrained and forfeited property under the *Criminal Property Forfeiture Act*;
- manages funds paid to it by local government councils under the Local Government Act when land is sold under statutory charge; and
- manages the Public Trustee Common Funds for client moneys.

The aim of the office is to provide an independent, efficient, cost effective and comprehensive executor and trustee service at minimal cost to government. The office charges a range of competitive fees and commissions for its services.

The Public Trustee

The Public Trustee for the Northern Territory is a corporation sole established by section 9 of the *Public Trustee Act*. The Office is funded as an output within the Northern Territory Department of the Attorney-General and Justice budget.

The Public Trustee has functions and responsibilities under many Acts, including the *Public Trustee Act*, the *Trustee Act*, the *Administration and Probate Act*, the *Wills Act*, the *Aged and Infirm Persons' Property Act*, the *Advance Personal Planning Act* and the *Criminal Property Forfeiture Act*, in addition to duties as a trustee and executor that arise under the general law.

In addition:

- the Financial Management Act regulates the expenditure and receipt of public moneys under the control of the Public Trustee as part of the Department of Attorney-General and Justice; and
- the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act* regulates employment of the staff of the office.

While Public Trustee staff carry out most day to day services, the office relies on outsourced professional services for specialised legal, financial planning and accounting advice where required.

Public Trustee Investment Board

The Public Trustee Investment Board is established by section 12 of the *Public Trustee Act*. The function of the Board is to control the investment of money held on behalf of clients in the common funds. The Board comprises the Public Trustee or, in the absence of the Public Trustee, the Deputy Public Trustee, and two persons appointed by the Minister.

The Board is committed to acting prudently in accordance with the *Public Trustee Act* and *Trustee Act* to obtain the maximum return on the investments of Common Fund monies commensurate with sound investment practices and to ensure that estates and trusts receive commercial rates of return on their funds. An Investment Policy has been developed to guide the Board and the Public Trustee's Office in the management of its investments.

As at 30 June 2017, Investment Board members were Ms Leonie Smith, Deputy Public Trustee, Ms Lynette Walsh, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice and Mr Alex Pollon, Northern Territory Treasury. The Board is chaired by the Public Trustee.

Location of the Office of the Public Trustee

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CORPORATE PLANNING

The Public Trustee contributes to the corporate planning processes of the Northern Territory Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, including development and implementation of strategic and risk management plans. The office develops a comprehensive business plan each financial year to guide its operations. It should be noted that information relevant to planning and performance of the office is also included in the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice Annual Report.

ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-2017

- Client satisfaction has been maintained at a high 98%.
- \$1.3M in commissions, fees and levies paid into Consolidated Revenue.
- Common funds have performed at above benchmark levels.

DIRECTIONS 2017-2018

- Review and implementation of fraud and corruption prevention plan.
- Arrange independent assessment of Public Trustee's investment and funds management strategy compliance with 'prudent person' trust management requirements set out in the *Trustee Act*.
- Review processes and procedures for the management of Estates and Trusts.

- Finalise induction manual for new staff members.
- Arrange real estate and conveyancing tender/quotes for period contracts.

PERFORMANCE

The following indicators for the various areas of activity represent an overview of the outputs of the office in carrying out its functions.

Wills prepared

The Public Trustee provides a low cost will making service for concession holders who may nominate their own executor and for members of the public who wish to nominate the Public Trustee as executor.

Number of wills	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Wills prepared	326	299	233	206

Wills Register

The *Wills Act* provides that wills may be lodged with a person prescribed by the regulations, or if no such person has been prescribed, the Public Trustee. As at 30 June 2017, no person had been prescribed, and the Public Trustee continues to provide a free, secure wills storage and retrieval service.

Registration of Wills	2016-2017
Number of wills registered at beginning of year	15,249
Amendments	139
New wills registered (as distinct from prepared)	378
Wills revoked, taken or administered	375
Number of wills registered at end of year	15252

Administration of the estates of deceased persons

The Public Trustee administers the estates of people who have appointed the Public Trustee as executor of their will and the estates of people who have died intestate if there is no one willing or able to administer the estate.

Deceased Estates	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Estates on hand at beginning of year	139	127	122	146
Estates commenced during year	134	136	127	120
Estates finalised during year	146	141	103	97
Estates on hand at end of year	127	122	146	169

Finalisation of large estates

(over \$85,000 in net value)

Of the current large estates, how long have they been on hand	30 June 2015	30 June 2016	30 June 2017
< 6 months	11	7	8
6 to 12 months	9	7	8
12 to 24 months	1	12	5
Over 2 years	8	8	19

Finalisation of small estates

(below \$85,000 in net value)

Of the current small estates, how long have they been on hand	30 June 2015	30 June 2016	30 June 2017
< 6 months	45	46	46
6 to 12 months	15	21	18
12 to 24 months	15	19	36
Over 2 years	18	26	29

Delays in finalising files over 2 years are mainly attributable to missing relatives, taxation issues and delays in Superannuation Fund decisions.

Client satisfaction

This indicator measures client satisfaction with the services provided by the Public Trustee.

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Client satisfaction	95%	96%	98%

Management of trusts

The Public Trustee acts as attorney, agent or manager for persons who are minors or incapacitated. The Public Trustee also manages the estates of aged, infirm or mentally ill persons on appointment by the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal under the *Guardianship of Adults Act*.

Additionally, the Public Trustee manages property and monies held under the *Criminal Property Forfeiture Act* as separate trusts.

Trusts (including the Aged, Infirm and Agencies)	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Trusts on hand at beginning	665	663	624	600
Trusts received during the year	91	72	58	79
Trusts paid out during the year	93	111	82	120
Trusts on hand at end of the year	663	624	600	559

Criminal Property Forfeiture

Under the *Criminal Property Forfeiture Act*, property that is crime used or crime derived can be seized and restrained under a court order and may eventually be forfeited to the Territory. The Public Trustee's role is to manage restrained property and dispose of property forfeited under the Act.

The table below lists the main activity in the office for the period from July 2016 to June 2017.

Matters under the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Number of new criminal property forfeiture matters dealt with by the Public Trustee	22	14	11
Number of vehicles restrained under the Act on hand as at 30 June	9	4	5
Real estate properties restrained under the Act on hand as at 30 June	14	9	2
Number of vehicles disposed of during the year	3	4	9
Amount of forfeited money paid to Consolidated Revenue in the year *	\$428,000	\$0	\$378,000

^{*} The Public Trustee retains a minimum amount of \$100,000 in the control account to meet the costs and expenses associated with functions under the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act.

MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS

The *Trustee Act* requires all trustee organisations to consider a range of matters in regard to the investment of capital held in trust. Effectively, this means that capital must be managed in accordance with the short, medium and long-term investment objectives pertaining to the circumstances of the ultimate beneficiary.

This necessitates a variety of investments aimed at meeting the needs and interests of individual beneficiaries. These can include real property, motor vehicles and investments such as personal superannuation accounts which are held outside the Public Trustee Common Funds. However, the bulk of client assets are managed through the Public Trustee Common Funds.

Common Funds Management

The *Public Trustee Act* allows for the Public Trustee to undertake this process by enabling the establishment of multiple Common Funds, each with a discrete investment profile. The Public Trustee oversees the management of four Common Funds, on advice from the Public Trustee Investment Board.

The Common Funds allow for the effective management of assets held within each fund in accordance with the specific investment mandate. Based upon the development of personal investment plans, the Public Trustee makes the allocation of the capital of an estate or trust into one or more of the Common Funds.

This process of investing capital enables the Office of the Public Trustee to maximise investments, according to need and circumstances, on behalf of clients.

The *Public Trustee Act* also provides for deduction of levies and management fees to account for the cost of maintaining the funds.

Common Fund	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Common Fund 1 balance (\$m)	31.7	33.6	33.5
Common Fund 2 balance (\$m)	4.0	4.0	4.8
Common Fund 3 balance (\$m)	7.8	7.8	5.6
Common Fund 4 balance (\$m)	8.8	8.9	8.6
Total of Funds(\$m)	52.3	54.3	52.5
Commission and Fees paid to Consolidated Revenue (\$,000)	533.4	831.8	584.3
Management Fees paid to Consolidated Revenue (\$,000)	388.8	380.6	252.0
Levy paid to Consolidated Revenue (\$,000)	376.3	384.0	470.5

Standard Investment Strategies

The primary investment objective of the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory is to consider, on each trust and estate, the return on investment before fees and charges on a basis considered consistent with its needs and objectives.

This is equal to the prevailing relevant indices against which the sub-sectors of each individual fund are benchmarked, so as to achieve the stated purpose of each investment profile whilst at the same time:

- maximising the investment rate of return within the nominal risk constraints;
- minimising the volatility of returns within each asset sector;
- investing within legislative constraints;
- managing the funds in an economic and efficient manner, ensuring the preservation of the Public Trustee's reputation as a professional administrator; and
- managing the funds in accordance with section 8 of the Trustee Act.

The Common Funds are managed on a fund to fund basis under a formal Investment and Financial Service Association standard mandate. A financial service custodian and financial accountant manage the accounts on an outsourced basis.

The Public Trustee Investment Board guides the Public Trustee in matters pertaining to the investment mandate, strategic and tactical allocation of assets, appointment of fund managers and general management of funds.

The Public Trustee acts as a manager and investor on behalf of represented clients. There is a clear delineation between these functions within the Office of the Public Trustee. The Public Trustee approves investment allocations into each fund on a client basis with the guidance of a financial planner appointed by the Public Trustee.

Funds in Common Fund 1 are invested predominantly in cash specific investments. The capital in Common Fund 1 is guaranteed and investments generate guaranteed returns, being 1% below the Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate for trusts and 3% below that rate for estates.

The following is a description of the asset allocations pertaining to the other Common Funds.

CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO

Investment Profile: Conservative, stable return, medium term. The Conservative investment portfolio targets a 70 percent allocation to income oriented assets and 30 percent allocation to growth oriented assets.

PERFORMANCE

Performance before fees, taxes, but after transaction and operational costs

Year ended 30 June 2017	Portfolio (%)	Benchmark (%)	Deviation (%)
3 Months	1.06	0.98	0.08
12 Months	4.29	3.95	0.34

BALANCED PORTFOLIO

Investment Profile: Some scope for risk, Medium outlook. The portfolio targets a 50 percent allocation to growth oriented assets.

PERFORMANCE

Performance before fees, taxes but after transaction and operational costs

Year ended 30 June 2017	Portfolio (%)	Benchmark (%)	Deviation (%)
3 Months	1.10	1.01	0.09
12 Months	6.56	6.20	0.36

GROWTH PORTFOLIO

Investment Profile: Growth expected, higher risk, long-term investment. The portfolio targets a 30 percent allocation to income oriented assets and 70 percent allocation to growth oriented assets.

PERFORMANCE

Performance before fees, taxes, but after transaction and operational costs

Year ended 30 June 2017	Portfolio (%)	Benchmark (%)	Deviation (%)
3 Months	1.11	1.02	0.09
12 Months	9.19	8.80	0.39

COMMON FUND FEES TABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Fees and Expenses Table

Fund	Fee Type	Fee pa	Management Expense Ratio
Public Trustee Common Fund No 1: Cash Common Fund	Management Fee	Not More than 2.2% (GST Inclusive)	2.03% (GST Inclusive)
	Levy	1.21%(GST Inclusive)	
Public Trustee Common Fund No 2: Conservative portfolio	Management Fee	Not More than 2.2% (GST Inclusive)	2.01% (GST Inclusive)
	Levy	.11%(GST Inclusive)	
Public Trustee Common Fund No 3: Balanced Portfolio	Management Fee	Not More than 2.2% (GST Inclusive)	2.01% (GST Inclusive)
	Levy	.11%(GST Inclusive)	
Public Trustee Common Fund No 4: Growth Portfolio	Management Fee	Not More than 2.2% (GST Inclusive)	2.02% (GST Inclusive)
	Levy	.11%(GST Inclusive)	

Calculated in accordance with the Investment and Financial Services Association Policy No 4 (2000) as at 30 June 2017 (GST inclusive). Levy and Management Fees are combined.

Management expense ratio

The Management expense ratio measures the total fees and expenses charged annually to the Trust excluding transaction costs. It is calculated on the total of the management fee, underlying asset management fee, custodial fees and other expenses divided by average fund size.

Unit price valuation

The net asset value representing the foundation for the unit price for each fund is valued on a weekly basis. The majority asset under each asset sector within each fund is valued daily. The Public Trustee reserves the right to calculate the net asset value for each fund as required.

Fee Calculation basis

All fees are charged daily against the net asset value of each fund, accumulated and distributed to the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory on a monthly basis.

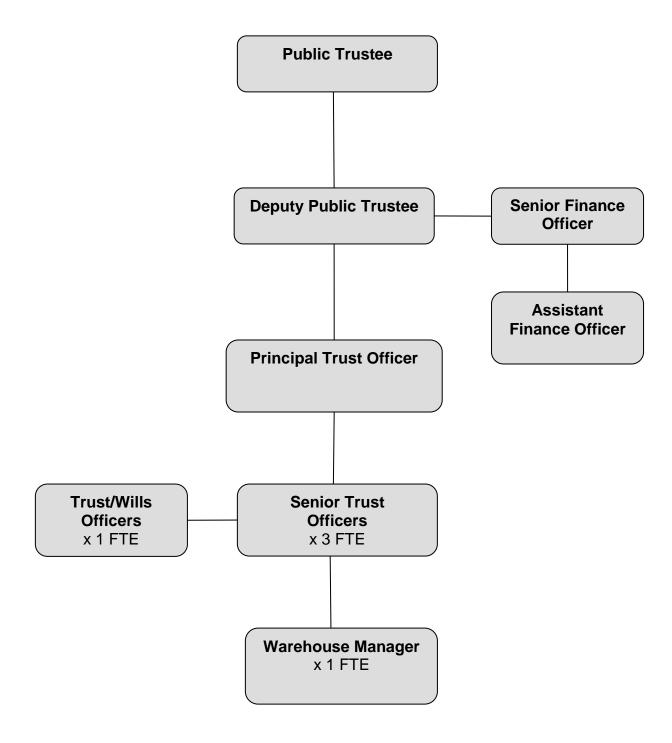
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND CHARGES

The fees charged by the Public Trustee are set by Determination notified in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 74(2) of the *Public Trustee Act*. The main elements of the fee schedule (*) which became operative on 26 June 2013 (being the date of their *Gazettal*) were as follows:

- \$118 for wills if naming Public Trustee as Executor
- \$24 for wills for Concession card holders.
- \$59.40 for amendments to wills prepared by Public Trustee
- \$295.90 for 'complex' wills
- \$592 for administration work where grant of representation is not obtained
- In respect of the administration of estates
 - 4.4% for the first \$200,000 worth of assets administered
 - 3.3% for the next \$200,000 worth of assets administered
 - 2.2% for the next \$200,000 worth of assets administered
 - 1.1% for assets in excess of \$600.000
 - Commission of 6.6% on income received.
- In respect of the administration of trusts
 - 1.1% of the capital for trusts with a defined termination date;
 - 2.2% of the capital for trusts with no defined termination date other than death;
 - Commission of 6.6% on income received.

^(*) Note – GST is applied to Public Trustee fees and commissions. Clients are charged the fee plus GST. The above fees quoted are GST inclusive.

STAFFING STRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE



PUBLIC TRUSTEE FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017



Auditor-General

Independent Auditor's Report to the Attorney-General on the Common Funds of the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory Page 1 of 2

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Common Funds of the Public Trustee of Northern Territory (the Common Funds), which comprises the statement of financial position for each of the Common Funds numbered 1 to 4 as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for each of the Common Funds numbered 1 to 4, the statement of changes in equity for each of the Common Funds numbered 1 to 4 and the statement of cash flows for each of the Common Funds numbered 1 to 4 for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory.

In my opinion the financial report gives a true and fair view, in all material aspects, of the financial position of the Common Funds of the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory as at 30 June 2017, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Public Trustee Act*.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report.

I am independent of the Public Trustee in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Public Trustee for the Financial Report

The Public Trustee is responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and for such internal control as the Public Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Public Trustee is responsible for assessing the Common Funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Common Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Common Funds' financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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Auditor-General

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud
 or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence
 that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a
 material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
 involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
 control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Public Trustee's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Public Trustee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Public Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Common Funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Public Trustee to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Julie Crisp

Auditor-General for the Northern Territory

Darwin, Northern Territory

4 December 2017

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STATEMENT BY PUBLIC TRUSTEE FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

In my opinion the accompanying Financial Report of the Common Funds comprising Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for Common Funds 1 to 4, Statements of Financial Position for Common Funds 1 to 4, Statements of Changes in Equity for Common Funds 1 to 4, Statements of Cash Flows for Common Funds 1 to 4 and Notes to the Financial Statements are based on proper accounts and records and have been properly drawn up so as to present fairly the transactions of the Public Trustee Common Funds for the year ended 30 June 2017 and their financial position at that date.

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Date:- //12/17

COMMON FUND 1 : THE CASH COMMON FUND STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Interest – Bank		25,457	53,685
Income – Managed Funds and Term Deposit		613,565	643,545
Other Income	4	395,822	386,890
		1,034,844	1,084,120
EXPENDITURE			
Government Management Fees and Levy		675,548	796,878
Legal and Advisory Expenses		075,546	8,184
Other Expenses	5	106,333	103,317
Change in Net Market Value of Investments	14	23,080	304
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		804,961	908,683
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		229,883	175,437
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		229,883	175,437

COMMON FUND 1 : THE CASH COMMON FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,196,190	868,060
Investments	6	31,644,231	32,247,848
Receivables		36,938	34,828
		32,877,359	33,150,736
Non Current			
Investment Property	9	650,000	650,000
TOTAL ASSETS		33,527,359	33,800,736
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Accrued Expenses		65,259	113,496
TOTAL LIABILITIES		65,259	113,496
NET ASSETS		33,462,100	33,687,240
EQUITY			
Funds under Administration	8	33,038,260	33,250,643
Undistributed Surplus	10	423,840	436,597
TOTAL EQUITY		33,462,100	33,687,240

COMMON FUND 1 : THE CASH COMMON FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Balance of Equity at 1 July		33,687,240	31,700,266
Funds Under Administration			
Balance at 1 July		33,250,643	31,228,816
Proceeds from client activity		35,642,590	34,620,553
Payments made on behalf of clients		(35,854,973)	(32,598,726)
Balance at 30 June		33,038,260	33,250,643
Undistributed Surplus			
Balance at 1 July		436,597	471,450
Surplus for the Year		229,883	175,437
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		229,883	175,437
Less Distribution Paid		(242,640)	(210,290)
Balance at 30 June	10	423,840	436,597
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 30 JUNE		33,462,100	33,687,240

COMMON FUND 1 : THE CASH COMMON FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Income		1,052,530	1,123,289
Expenses		(849,914)	(913,137)
Net cash provided by operating activities	11(a)	202,616	210,152
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for investments		(2,019,464)	(4,618,330)
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,600,000	2,400,000
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Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		580,536	(2,218,330)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds received from clients activity		19,104,112	23,205,962
Payments made on behalf of clients		(19,559,134)	(21,394,424)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(455,022)	1,811,538
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		328,130	(196,640)
		,	(135,513)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		868,060	1,064,700
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year		1,196,190	868,060

COMMON FUND 2 : THE CONSERVATIVE FUND STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Interest - Bank		815	939
Trust distributions		482,256	117,035
Changes in net market value of investments	14	-	142,027
		483,071	260,001
EXPENDITURE			
Management fees		86,417	77,687
Other expenses		201	207
Changes in net market value of investments	14	286,190	-
		372,808	77,894
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		110,263	182,107
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		110,263	182,107

COMMON FUND 2 : THE CONSERVATIVE FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			·
Current			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		23,367	23,154
Investments	6	4,850,134	4,662,772
TOTAL ASSETS		4,873,501	4,685,926
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Payables		8,076	7,692
TOTAL LIABILITIES		8,076	7,692
NET ASSETS		4,865,425	4,678,234
EQUITY			
Funds under Administration	8	4,865,425	4,678,234
TOTAL EQUITY		4,865,425	4,678,234

COMMON FUND 2 : THE CONSERVATIVE FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
As at 1 July	4,678,234	4,034,281
Surplus for the year	110,263	182,107
Distributions to unit holders	(327,965)	(348,127)
Application for units	2,263,534	2,072,969
Redemption of units	(1,858,641)	(1,262,996)
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 30 JUNE	4,865,425	4,678,234

COMMON FUND 2 : THE CONSERVATIVE FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		815	939
Management fees		(93,429)	(82,503)
Other expenses		(201)	(207)
Net cash used in operating activities	11(a)	(92,815)	(81,771)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investments		(1,045,100)	(1,497,800)
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,061,200	1,125,700
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		16,100	(372,100)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from unit applications		2,263,534	2,072,969
Payments on redemptions		(1,858,641)	(1,262,996)
Income distributed		(327,965)	(348,127)
Net cash provided by financing activities		76,928	461,846
Net increase in cash held		213	7,975
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		23,154	15,179
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year		23,367	23,154

COMMON FUND 3 : THE BALANCED FUND STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Interest - Bank		1,431	856
Trust distributions		649,597	242,896
Changes in net market value of investments	14	-	124,566
		651,028	368,318
EXPENDITURE			
Management fees		106,811	127,358
Other expenses		202	208
Changes in net market value of investments	14	292,294	-
		399,307	127,566
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		251,721	240,752
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		251,721	240,752

COMMON FUND 3 : THE BALANCED FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS		•	•
Current			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		24,704	26,842
Investments	6	5,567,412	7,126,885
TOTAL ASSETS		5,592,116	7,153,727
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Payables		9,286	11,819
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,286	11,819
NET ASSETS		5,582,830	7,141,908
EQUITY			
Funds under Administration	8	5,582,830	7,141,908
TOTAL EQUITY		5,582,830	7,141,908

COMMON FUND 3: THE BALANCED FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
As at 1 July	7,141,908	7,871,510
Surplus for the year	251,721	240,752
Distributions to unit holders	(452,594)	(1,244,155)
Application for units	1,799,361	1,793,178
Redemption of units	(3,157,566)	(1,519,377)
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 30 JUNE	5,582,830	7,141,908

COMMON FUND 3 : THE BALANCED FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		•	·
Interest received		1,431	856
Management fees		(119,668)	(139,316)
Other expenses		(202)	(208)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	11(a)	(118,439)	(138,668)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investments		(180,000)	(843,900)
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,107,100	1,965,000
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,927,100	1,121,100
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from unit applications		1,799,361	1,793,178
Payments on redemptions		(3,157,566)	(1,519,377)
Income distributed		(452,594)	(1,244,156)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(1,810,799)	(970,355)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(2,138)	12,077
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		26,842	14,765
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year		24,704	26,842

COMMON FUND 4 : THE GROWTH FUND STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Interest - Bank		1,183	1,241
Trust distributions		668,587	311,392
		669,770	312,633
EXPENDITURE			
Management fees		141,599	122,901
Other expenses		200	222
Changes in net market value of investments	14	4,396	40,521
		146,195	163,644
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		523,575	148,989
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		523,575	148,989

COMMON FUND 4 : THE GROWTH FUND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		29,800	26,545
Investments	6	8,615,900	6,486,547
TOTAL ASSETS		8,645,700	6,513,092
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Payables		14,590	10,717
TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,590	10,717
NET ASSETS		8,631,110	6,502,375
EQUITY			
Funds under Administration	8	8,631,110	6,502,375
TOTAL EQUITY		8,631,110	6,502,375

COMMON FUND 4: THE GROWTH FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
As at 1 July Surplus for the year Distributions to unit holders Application for units Redemption of units	6,502,5 523,5 (417,3 3,438,5 (1,416,4	148,989 53) (2,343,516) 059 1,396,504
BALANCE OF EQUITY AT 30 JUNE	8,631,1	10 6,502,375

COMMON FUND 4: THE GROWTH FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		1,183	1,241
Management fees		(150,087)	(138,531)
Other expenses		(200)	(223)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	11(a)	(149,104)	(137,513)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investments		(2,315,000)	(661,100)
Proceeds from sale of investments		862,200	3,275,600
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(1,452,800)	2,614,500
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from unit applications		3,438,959	1,396,504
Payments on redemptions		(1,416,447)	(1,518,723)
Income distributed		(417,353)	(2,343,517)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		1,605,159	(2,465,736)
Net increase in cash held		3,255	11,251
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the			4= 4
year		26,545	15,294
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year		29,800	26,545

To be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE

The functions of the Public Trustee (the Entity) are defined in the *Public Trustee Act* as in force at 12 April 2017 and include the administration of deceased estates and trusts and the preparation of wills. The Public Trustee also acts as financial manager under order from Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal. This financial report shows the value of trusts and estates and management funds under administration at the year-end.

2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).

The financial report is prepared on an accrual basis and is based on the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of managed fund investments and the investment property, which are recorded at fair value.

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Public Trustee's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumption and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 3.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is Public Trustee's functional and presentation currency. All amounts have been rounded off to the nearest dollar.

(b) Operation of the Common Funds

The common funds have been established pursuant to the *Public Trustee Act* as in force at 12 April 2017. The Common Fund was separated into four Common Funds on 1 October 2002. Three of the Common Funds are managed by an external financial manager and all Common Funds are reported separately.

External advisers have been appointed to assist with the management of Common Funds 2, 3 and 4, while Common Fund 1 is managed internally. The external advisers appointed are Sandhurst Trustees Limited.

(c) Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. Specific revenues are recognised as follows:

Trust distributions

Trust distributions from managed investment funds are recognised on an accrual basis up to reporting date.

Interest income

Income from cash on deposit is recognised on an accrual basis.

Change in the net market value of investments

Gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between the net market value at sale, or at the year end, and the net market value at the previous valuation point. This includes both realised and unrealised gains and losses.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents includes notes and coins held, advances made and any deposits with a bank or financial institution held at call or with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of change in value. For the statement of cash flows presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents also includes bank overdrafts, which are shown as current liabilities on the statement of financial position (where applicable).

(e) Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are categorised as either financial assets at fair value through profit and loss or loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial asset was acquired.

Financial assets are recognised upon trade date. When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value. In the case of assets not at fair value through profit and loss, directly attributable transaction costs are taken into account.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flow from the financial assets expire or the asset is transferred to another entity. In the case of transfer to another entity, it is necessary that the risks and rewards of ownership are also transferred.

Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the Statement of Financial Position when the Entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Public Trustee's financial statements include cash, investments, receivables and payables.

Exposure to interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, credit risk, price risk and liquidity risk arise in the normal course of activities.

Classification of Financial Instruments

Financial assets are classified into the following categories:

- · financial assets at fair value through profit and loss; and
- loans and receivables.

Financial liabilities are classified into the following categories:

- financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL); and
- financial liabilities at amortised cost.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

Investments designated at fair value through profit and loss are shares in managed investment funds (unlisted unit trusts).

The investment portfolio for each of the Common Funds is managed in accordance with a documented investment strategy on a fair value basis. The portfolio's performance was managed and evaluated on a fair value basis, and information about the portfolio was provided internally on a fair value basis to the Public Trustee and Public Trustee Investment Board.

(e) Investments and other financial assets (continued)

Investments designated as fair value through profit and loss are measured at their fair value. The fair value is determined in accordance with unit prices at the reporting date as advised by the managers of the funds. The unrealised and unrealised increment (decrement) in the fair value (market value) of the portfolio is recognised in the profit or loss.

Loans and receivables

Financial instruments designated as loans and receivables are short term deposits with major banks, trade and other receivables and mortgage loans receivable. Subsequent to initial recognition such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for impairment at each reporting date.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred for financial assets held at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount is reduced by way of an allowance account. The loss is recognised in the profit or loss.

Additional disclosures in relation to financial instruments are provided at Note 12.

(f) Receivables

Receivables represent the amounts due but not yet received from the underlying investments of Common Funds 1 to 4.

(g) Investment property

Coonawarra Road Store is accounted for as an investment property which is comprised of freehold land and building held for long term rental and capital appreciation that are not occupied by the Common Fund.

The investment in Coonawarra Road Store is measured on fair value. At each reporting date, the fair value of the asset is reviewed to ensure that it does not differ materially from the asset's fair value at that date. The asset is derecognised when disposed of or when there is no future economic benefit expected.

(h) Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-inuse. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

(i) Payables

Payables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Due to their short term nature they are not discounted. Liabilities are recognised to the extent that the goods and services have been received (and irrespective of having been invoiced). The amounts are unsecured and usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(j) Income Tax

Under current income tax legislation, no income tax is payable by any of the Common Funds.

(k) Distributions

Common fund distributions are made to contributors on a half yearly basis. Such distributions are determined by reference to the surplus of the Common Funds. Payment for the second half of the year is not made until after the reporting date as advice of distribution entitlements from underlying investments is not received by the Public Trustee until after the reporting date.

Unrealised gains and losses on investments are not distributable until realised.

(I) Management fees

A management fee is charged against the Cash Common Fund at a rate of no more than 2.2% of the value of the Common Fund as at the first business day of each month.

(m) Transfer to/from unit holders' funds

Unrealised gains and losses in the net market value of investments, accrued income not yet assessable, expenses provided for or accrued but not yet deductible and net capital losses are transferred to unit holders' funds and are not included in the determination of distributions to unit holders.

(n) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Common Funds are not registered entities under the Goods and Services Tax ("GST") legislation. Expenses incurred and incomes earned by the Common Funds are recognised as inclusive of the amount of GST.

(o) Terms and conditions on units

With the exception of the Cash Common Fund each unit issued confers upon the unit holder an equal interest in the Common Funds, and is of equal value. A unit does not confer a right to any particular asset or investment of the Common Funds. Unit holders have various rights, including the right to have their units redeemed and receive income distributions.

The rights, obligations and restrictions attached to each unit holder are identical in all respects.

The Cash Common Fund does not issue units.

(p) Unit Prices

Unit Prices are calculated on the net assets of the Common Funds adjusted for any transaction costs, divided by the number of units on issue.

(q) Commission, Levy and Management Fees

Commission, Levies and Management fees are charged to the Trusts and Estates in accordance with sections 24 and 28 of the *Public Trustee Act* and associated regulations.

(r) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

In the current period the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory has adopted all the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issues by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to its operation and effective for the current annual reporting period. The adoption of these new and revised Standards and Interpretations has resulted in no significant change to the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory accounting policies.

A number of Australian Accounting standards and Interpretations are in issue but not effective for the current period end. The reported results and position of the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory will not change on adoption of these pronouncements as they do not result in any changes to the Public Trustee for the Northern Territory's existing accounting policies. Adoption would, however, result in changes to information currently disclosed in the financial statements. The Public Trustee for the Northern Territory does not intend to adopt any of these pronouncements before their effective dates.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Public Trustee continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Public Trustee bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) Valuation of Investments

The market value of managed investment schemes (unlisted unit trusts) is determined by reference to the last available sales price of the scheme, as quoted on the day of valuation, which inherently includes transaction costs. Changes in the net market value of investments are recognised in the profit or loss and not transferred to unit holders' funds reserve until realisation.

The details on the market value of the investments are disclosed in Note 6.

(b) Valuation of the Coonawarra Road Store

Investment in Coonawarra Road Store is measured at fair value at each reporting date. Fair Value represents the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the reporting date.

For the year ended 30 June 2016, the fair value of the Coonawarra Road store was based on the independent valuation performed by Herron Todd White. The valuation approach used has been assessed having regards to market evidence, prevailing economic conditions and to anticipate yields in the investment market. The carrying value of the investment property is assessed at reporting date to ensure there has been no material changes in the fair value since the valuation date. The fair value of the Coonawarra Road Store amounted to \$650,000 in 2016 (\$655,000 in 2015). The next independent valuation will be in 2019.

4. OTHER INCOME – COMMON FUND 1

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Management Fees received from the other		
3 Common Funds	364,908	356,034
Rent Received	30,914	30,856
Total	395,822	386,890

5. OTHER EXPENSES – COMMON FUND 1

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Bank Charges	2,480	1,604
Property Expenses	13,428	12,786
Fund Management Fees	90,425	88,927
	106,333	103,317

6. <u>INVESTMENTS</u>

The funds in which the Common Funds invest hold various direct investments but the individual Common Funds have no direct control over these underlying investments. A breakdown of the investments as at 30 June 2017 is as follows:

Unlisted Managed
investment Schemes

Commor	Fund 1	Common Fund 2	
2017	2016	2017	2016
\$	\$	\$	\$
31,644,231	32,247,848	4,850,134	4,662,772
31,644,231	32,247,848	4,850,134	4,662,772

Unlisted Managed investment Schemes

	Commo	n Fund 3	Common Fund 4	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	5,567,412	7,126,885	8,615,900	6,486,547
_	5,567,412	7,126,885	8,615,900	6,486,547

7 <u>UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS</u>

(a) Units on Issue

Movements during the period in the number of units on issue were:

	Common Fund 2		Common Fund 3	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	Units	Units	Units	Units
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,694,482	3,849,439	6,904,433	6,639,615
Applications	2,440,142	2,144,513	1,869,489	1,777,398
Redemptions	(1,999,455)	(1,299,470)	(3,267,092)	(1,512,581)
Balance at the end of the year	5,135,169	4,694,482	5,506,830	6,904,432

	Common	Fund 4
	2017 Units	2016 Units
Balance at the beginning of the year	6,443,424	6,579,616
Applications	3,583,585	1,402,700
Redemptions	(1,473,460)	(1,538,892)
Balance at the end of the Year	8,553,549	6,443,424

The Cash Common Fund 1 does not issue units.

(b) Components of unit holders' funds

Included within closing unit holders' funds are unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Common Fund 2	(251,636)	137,675
Common Fund 3	(205,695)	140,686
Common Fund 4	22,914	9,946

The Cash Common Fund 1 does not issue units.

8. FUNDS UNDER ADMINISTRATION

	Common Fund 1	Common Fund 1	Common Fund 2	Common Fund 2
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deceased Estates	8,477,772	5,674,676	-	-
Beneficial Trusts	525,014	891,126	395,516	434,968
Legal Trusts	6,641,086	8,528,895	2,703,844	2,240,457
Aged, Infirmed and Mental Health Trusts	8,204,307	7,154,804	1,766,065	2,002,809
Crimes Property Forfeiture	699,981	1,318,584	-	-
Miscellaneous Trusts	8,490,100	9,682,558	-	-
Total Funds	33,038,260	33,250,643	4,865,425	4,678,234

	Common Fund 3	Common Fund 3	Common Fund 4	Common Fund 4
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Beneficial Trusts	184,755	1,495,577	173,006	377,336
Legal Trusts	1,891,860	2,600,260	1,738,938	1,947,151
Aged, Infirmed and Mental Health Trusts	3,506,215	3,046,071	6,719,166	4,177,888
Total Funds	5,582,830	7,141,908	8,631,110	6,502,375

	Total	Total
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Deceased Estates	8,477,772	5,674,676
Beneficial Trusts	1,278,291	3,199,007
Legal Trusts	12,975,728	15,316,763
Aged, Infirmed and Mental Health Trusts	20,195,753	16,381,572
Crimes Property Forfeiture	699,981	1,318,584
Miscellaneous Trusts	8,490,100	9,682,558
Total Funds	52,117,625	51,573,160

9. INVESTMENT IN COONAWARRA ROAD

	2017 \$	2017 \$
Beginning of Year	650,000	655,000
Change in Fair Value		(5,000)
End of Year	650,000	650,000

9. INVESTMENT IN COONAWARRA ROAD (Continued)

The Property is leased out for office accommodation and storage for 3 years, from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2018. The rent amounted to \$30,914 per annum exclusive of GST payable by equal monthly instalments in advance. Rent received for the year ended 30 June 2017 amounted to \$30,914 (2016: \$30,856).

The future minimum lease payments:

	2017	2016 \$
Not later than 1 year	30,914	30,772
Later than one year but not less than five years	12,983	12,822

Refer to Note 3 for basis of valuation.

10. UNDISTRIBUTED SURPLUS

Undistributed surplus is income received but not yet distributed to the Trusts and Estates.

11. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of surplus to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities

Common Fund 1

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Surplus for the year	229,883	175,437
 Changes in net market value of investments – unrealised (note 14) 	25,545	25,176
- Movements in receivables	(2,110)	3,530
- Movements in payables	(48,237)	30,881
- Realised gain on sale of investments (note 14)	(2,465)	(24,872)
Net cash provided by operating activities	202,616	210,152

Common Fund 2

Net cash (used in) operating activities	(92,815)	(81,771)
- Non cash dividends received from investments	(489,652)	(122,854)
- Realised (gain)/loss on sale of investments (note 14)	34,554	(4,352)
- Movements in payables	384	1,003
- Changes in net market value of investments – unrealised (note 14)	251,636	(137,675)
Surplus for the year	110,263	182,107

11. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

Common Fund 3

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Surplus for the year	251,721	240,752
 Changes in net market value of investments – unrealised (note 14) 	205,695	(140,686)
- Movements in payables	(2,533)	(1,288)
- Realised loss on sale of investments (note 14)	86,599	16,120
- Non cash dividends received from investments	(659,921)	(253,567)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(118,439)	(138,668)

Common Fund 4

Surplus for the year	523,575	148,989
- Changes in net market value of investments – unrealised (note 14)	(22,914)	(9,946)
- Movements in payables	3,873	(4,031)
- Realised loss on sale of investments (note 14)	27,310	50,467
- Non cash dividends received from investments	(680,948)	(322,992)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(149,104)	(137,513)

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Risk Management Objectives and Policies

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial instruments held by the Public Trustee include cash, investments, receivables and payables.

The Common Funds have exposure to the following financial risks through the use of financial instruments:

- Market risk (interest rate risk and price risk)
- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk

Exposure to these financial risks is managed in accordance with the Investment Policy of the Public Trustee. The Public Trustee Investment Board, established under section 12 of the *Public Trustee Act*, is responsible for controlling the investment of money held on behalf of clients in the Common Funds.

The principal investment objective is to consider on each trust and estate, the return on investment having regard to the level of risk appropriate to the needs and objectives of the client. This includes maximising the investment rate of return within the nominal risk constraints and minimising the volatility of returns within each asset sector.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to movements in market interest rates.

The Common Funds are primarily exposed to interest rate risk from cash and cash equivalents. As these are held in floating interest arrangements, the Common Funds are exposed to movements in the amount of interest it may earn on these assets.

Other than Common Fund 1, the common funds cash flows are not significantly dependent on interest earned from cash and cash equivalents, consequently a sensitivity analysis of the interest rate risk has not been performed.

The table below details the interest rate sensitivity analysis of Common Fund 1 at the reporting date holding all other variables constant. A 100 basis point change is deemed to be possible change and is used when reporting interest rate risk.

Common Fund 1	Change in Interest Rate	Effect	On	Effect On		
		Profit or loss	Equity	Profit or loss	Equity	
		2017 \$	2017 \$	2016 \$	2016 \$	
Interest Rate Risk	+ 100 basis points	11,961	11,961	8,680	8,680	
	- 100 basis points	(11,961)	(11,961)	(8,680)	(8,680)	

The following tables disclose the interest rate repricing dates and effective weighted average interest rate on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

Common Fund 1

Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate		terest Rate thin 1 Year	Non Interest Bearing		То	tal
Rate	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Cash 1.90/1.90%	1,196,190	868,060	-	-	1,196,190	868,060
Receivables	-	-	36,938	34,828	36,938	34,828
Investment	-	-	31,644,231	32,247,848	31,644,231	32,247,848
	1,196,190	868,060	31,681,169	32,282,676	32,877,359	33,150,736
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	65,259	113,496	65,259	113,496
	-	-	65,259	113,496	65,259	113,496

Common Fund 2

Weighted Average Effective Interest	Variable In	terest Rate	Non Intere	st Bearing	То	tal
Rate	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Cash 1.40/2.25%	23,367	23,154	-	-	23,367	23,154
Investments	-	-	4,850,134	4,662,772	4,850,134	4,662,772
	23,367	23,154	4,850,134	4,662,772	4,873,501	4,685,926
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	8,076	7,692	8,076	7,692
	•	-	8,076	7,692	8,076	7,692

Common Fund 3

Weighted Average Effective Interest	Variable In	terest Rate	Non Intere	est Bearing	То	tal
Rate	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets Cash 1.40/2.25%	24,704	26,842	-	-	24,704	26,842
Investments	-	-	5,567,412	7,126,885	5,567,412	7,126,885
	24,704	26,842	5,567,412	7,126,885	5,592,116	7,153,727
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	,	,	9,286	11,819	9,286	11,819
	-	-	9,286	11,819	9,286	11,819

Common Fund 4

Weighted Average Varia Effective Interest	Variable Interest Rate		nterest Rate Non Interest Bearing			tal
Rate	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets						
Cash 1.40/2.25%	29,800	26,545	-	-	29,800	26,545
Investments	-	-	8,615,900	6,486,547	8,615,900	6,486,547
	29,800	26,545	8,615,900	6,486,547	8,645,700	6,513,092
Financial Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	14,590	10,717	14,590	10,717
	-	-	14,590	10,717	14,590	10,717

Sensitivity Analysis

As the Board's investments with Vanguard Investments are in the form of units in a unit trust, it is not possible to perform an effective sensitivity analysis as it is not possible to identify the proportion of the shares held by the trust. The movement in the price of the units is a combination of the underlying shares invested and the overheads accruing to the trust.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Common Funds' maximum credit risk exposure at reporting date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and notes to the financial statements. All are current and not impaired.

The Common Funds do not have any material credit risk exposure to a single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the Common Funds.

In order to manage credit risk the Common Funds bank accounts are held with an Australian "Big 4" bank, a diversified portfolio of managed funds is held and the Public Trustee Investment Board has a policy of "no new lending".

		Carrying Amount			
	Note	2017	2016		
		\$	\$		
Common Fund 1					
Cash and cash equivalents		1,196,190	868,060		
Financial Assets at Fair Value through profit and loss - Designated as FVTPL	6	31,644,231	32,247,848		
Loans and Receivables		36,938	34,828		
Common Fund 2					
Cash and cash equivalents		23,367	23,154		
Financial Assets at Fair Value through profit and loss - Designated as FVTPL	6	4,850,134	4,662,772		
Common Fund 3					
Cash and cash equivalents		24,704	26,842		
Financial Assets at Fair Value through profit and loss - Designated as FVTPL	6	5,567,412	7,126,885		
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Common Fund 4 Cash and cash equivalents Financial Assets at Fair Value		29,800	26,545		
through profit and loss - Designated as FVTPL	6	8,615,900	6,486,547		

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Common Funds will encounter difficulty in realising assets or otherwise raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments.

To control liquidity and cash flow risk, the Common Funds invest in financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible into cash. The Public Trustee ensures that funds are available to meet client needs and also ensures that at any particular point in time there are sufficient current financial assets to meet current financial liabilities.

All financial liabilities have maturities of less than 3 months.

13. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The following levels detail the Common Fund's assets measured at fair value by the following levels:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, whether directly (as Prices) or indirectly (derived from prices)

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

The fair values of the investment in securities are categorised under Level 1. There were no transfers between levels during the reporting year. The fair value of the investment property is categorised under Level 2. The method used for the valuation of the property is known as the "Summation Approach" in which the subject property is compared with other industrial buildings that have recently been sold. Given the age and utility of the improvements, it only adds holding income until such time the property is redeveloped.

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of the financial instruments reflect their fair values. The carrying amounts of trade receivables and trade payables are assumed to approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature. The fair value of financial liabilities is estimated by discounting the remaining contractual maturities at the current market interest rate that is available for similar financial instructions.

14. CHANGES IN NET MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Common Fund 1		
Realised capital gain during the period	2,465	24,872
Revaluation of investments to market value – Unrealised	(25,545)	(25,176)
	(23,080)	(304)
Common Fund 2		
Realised capital (loss)/gains during the period	(34,554)	4,352
Revaluation of investments to market value – Unrealised	(251,636)	137,675
	(286,190)	142,027

14. CHANGES IN NET MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Common Fund 3		
Realised capital (loss) during the period	(86,599)	(16,120)
Revaluation of investments to market value – Unrealised	(205,695)	140,686
	(292,294)	124,566
Common Fund 4		
Realised capital (loss) during the period	(27,310)	(50,467)
Revaluation of investments to market value – Unrealised	22,914	9,946
	(4,396)	(40,521)

15. CLIENT COMMON FUND ASSETS

Public Trustee for the Northern Territory manages the assets of clients under the Public Trustee Act. These assets are not included in the financial statements as Public Trustee for the Northern Territory cannot use them for the achievement of its objectives. The 2016 comparative information is unavailable due to the change in recording this information.

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	2017
	\$
Property	16,241,000
Shares	212,714
Superannuation/ Other Financial Institutions	12,652,143
Other Assets	368,046
Total Assets not included in Financial Statements	29,473,903

16. **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

No contingent liabilities existed as at 30 June 2017 or have arisen since reporting date (2016: Nil).

17. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No significant events have occurred since reporting date which would impact on the financial position of the Common Funds as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017, and the results of the operation and Statement of Cash Flows of the Common Funds for the period ended on that date.

18. **COMMITMENT**

There were no material contractual commitments for capital or other expenditure as at 30 June 2017 (30 June 2016: Nil).

UNCLAIMED MONEYS AND MONEYS DEEMED BONA VACANTIA

UNCLAIMED MONEYS AND MONEYS DEEMED BONA VACANTIA (IN EXCESS OF \$1,000) HELD BY THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AS AT JUNE 2017

AS AT JUNE 2017			
DECEASED ESTATE NAME	BENEFICIARY NAME	AMOUNT \$	
EST: GINO NESIC		\$ 204,398.23	
EST: JOHN MAY		\$ 193,351.70	
EST: MICHAEL P J FLAHERTY		\$ 177,357.67	
TRUST:- KATRINA KEMPSON	KATRINA KEMPSON	\$ 152,491.23	
EST: MATTHEW HALL		\$ 107,696.08	
EST: WILLIAM TUCKETT	MELONIE ANDERSON	\$ 105,940.30	
EST: THOMAS PRITCHARD		\$ 35,873.59	
EST: RAJKO MILOVAC		\$ 34,239.76	
EST: GEORGE PRITCHARD		\$ 27,097.21	
EST: WILLIAM PRITCHARD		\$ 27,096.89	
EST: PETER BEGIC	FRANK BEGIC	\$ 19,932.81	
EST: THOMAS MATTHEWS		\$ 19,564.46	
EST: RAYLOND MAYO	ABRAHAM MAYO	\$ 19,225.27	
EST: MAUDIE BOOTH		\$ 18,611.68	
EST: ABE MORRISON		\$ 17,105.98	
EST: LEO RIDDER		\$ 15,508.57	
EST: JOE GORDON	JILL GORDON	\$ 14,447.43	
EST: CAROL LANE		\$ 13,951.23	
TRUST: TENNAYA STANTON- STEVENS	TENNAYA STANTON-STEVENS	\$ 13,577.08	
EST: WILLIAM HOLLEY		\$ 11,928.52	
TRUST: DAZARIA CHUNGALOO	DAZARIA CHUNGALOO	\$ 11,502.79	
EST: RUBY MEIWALA	DON GUNDINGA	\$ 11,499.45	
EST: KEVIN PEPPERILL	DICK JLARMA	\$ 11,409.64	
EST: ALICE FULLER	ROBERT FULLER	\$ 11,409.22	
EST: BILLY MUKA		\$ 10,938.99	
TRUST: DIANDRA LEWIS	DIANDRA LEWIS	\$ 10,754.42	
TRUST: JAFET MAXWELL	JAFET MAXWELL	\$ 10,201.32	
TRUST: LEXINE GRANT	LEXINE GRANT	\$ 9,411.82	
TRUST: HERON NAMUNJDJA	HERON NAMUNJDJA	\$ 8,529.87	
TRUST: ANITA BALIEDJA	ANITA BALIEDJA	\$ 8,382.83	
TRUST: MANAHN NAMUNJDJA	MANAHN NAMUNJDJA	\$ 8,351.43	
EST: BEDRICH MOHANUPT		\$ 7,704.03	
EST: PETER BOZOKI		\$ 7,647.29	
EST: THELMA CROSBIE	MONA WALTON	\$ 7,583.66	
EST: THELMA CROSBIE	VIOLET CRAWFORD	\$ 7,583.66	
EST: MARY ASHLEY	NELL DUBULWANGA	\$ 7,197.42	
EST: LESLIE JAMES MARTIN		\$ 6,451.64	
EST: GERALD MARTIN		\$ 6,406.79	

UNCLAIMED MONEYS AND MONEYS DEEMED BONA VACANTIA (IN EXCESS OF \$1,000) **HELD BY THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

DECEASED ESTATE NAME	BENEFICIARY NAME	AMOUN \$
EST: LIONEL JEFFREY		\$ 6,081.08
TRUST: KYLE COLLINS	KYLE COLLINS	\$ 5,567.80
EST: TIBOR VESZ		\$ 5,367.36
TRUST: EMMA JINDERAH	EMMA JINDERAH	\$ 5,323.38
EST: LEO JOHN	SANDY AUGUST BOOKEDEA BADIN	\$ 5,320.65
EST: LEO JOHN	TIBBY WARATBUNGGUAN BULAINJAN	\$ 5,320.65
EST: RICHARD BAILEY		\$ 4,976.13
EST:JEANIE BROWN	HELEN/ELLEN BROWN	\$ 4,941.97
EST: KARL STOCKER	GUY MAURICE BIHINA NDOH	\$ 4,719.03
EST: ANTHONY DJIGADJIGA		\$ 4,363.59
TRUST: EVETTE MANAGKU	EVETTE MANAGKU	\$ 4,332.48
EST: SAMUEL BRADSHAW	ROBERT BRADSHAW	\$ 4,252.64
EST: MARY NUNGALA/ROSS		\$ 3,909.05
EST: JOHN PATTERSON		\$ 3,876.85
EST: JOHN FRANCIS MOORE	DENNIS MOORE	\$ 3,857.00
EST: BIDDY TEX	DENIE TUNGERRAII	\$ 3,853.28
EST: BIDDY TEX	NORMAN TEX	\$ 3,853.28
EST: YVONNE FISHCER	WILHELM MARIA KOEPPL	\$ 3,788.29
TRUST: CAROL DAIRIYI	CAROL DAIRIYI	\$ 3,662.85
EST: TOMMY PANANGALKU	MOLLY KUMNANARA	\$ 3,493.47
EST: MONICA CONWAY	JOHN CONWAY	\$ 3,418.81
EST: ERMINIO NEPI	LEO NEPI	\$ 3,372.56
TRUST: JORDAN NARJIC	JORDAN NARJIC	\$ 3,289.37
TRUST: KRYSTAL BYRNE	KRYSTAL BRYNE	\$ 3,179.69
EST: LEO JOHN	JOHNNY GODIJIA JALYERI (BEETALOO) TOMMY BEETALOO(LEFTHAND	\$ 2,660.33
EST: LEO JOHN	TOMMY)	\$ 2,660.32
EST: KRESTEN MADSEN		\$ 2,579.57
TRUST: REX CORBY JNR	RES CORBY JNR	\$ 2,515.34
TRUST: ALGELINA MYER OWEN	ALGENLINA MYER OWEN	\$ 2,499.51
TRUST: ERNEST OWEN	ERNEST OWEN	\$ 2,488.92
EST: JOHN KIRK	MICHELLE BROWN	\$ 2,470.98
EST: JEANIE BORWN	CHRIS COOPER	\$ 2,470.98
EST: WILLIAM TREMBLAY	WILLIAM TREMBLAY THE THIRD	\$ 2,327.41
EST: DARNEY DIXON	SUZANNE DIXON	\$ 2,316.35
EST: JON HONI THOMPSON	KARA-MEA JO	\$ 2,165.21
EST: JON HONI THOMPSON	NGARAMA LEE	\$ 2,165.21
EST: JON HONI THOMPSON	HAYLEY JANE	\$ 2,165.21

UNCLAIMED MONEYS AND MONEYS DEEMED BONA VACANTIA (IN EXCESS OF \$1,000) HELD BY THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

DECEASED ESTATE NAME	BENEFICIARY NAME		AMOUNT \$
EST: HACENE BOUFERGUENE		\$	2,139.84
EST: JAN KOHN		\$	2,126.32
EST: ALBIE DIXON		\$	2,072.39
EST: JOHN KIRK	DOROTHY KIRK	\$	2,024.37
EST: JOHN KIRK	CLARENCE KIRK	\$	2,024.37
EST: JOHN KIRK	ADRIENE JOHNSON	\$	2,024.37
EST: JOHN KIRK	ROSEMARIE KIRK	\$	2,024.36
EST: MINNIE NANGALA	RAINYERRI JABALJARI	\$	1,948.71
EST: JOANNIE ROSS		\$	1,870.13
EST: LASZLO MAGYARY		\$	1,838.98
EST: GRAHAM PEDDER		\$	1,829.91
EST: FRED WANAMBI	LORANISA WANAMBI	\$	1,802.82
EST: LEO JOHN	MARY MAGDELENE KINGSLEY	\$	1,773.55
EST: LEO JOHN	PEARL WILFRED NGAMAIYANG	\$	1,773.55
EST: LEO JOHN	DALLAS KINGSLEY	\$	1,773.54
EST: LORNA MALBUNKA	SYBIL MALBUNKA	\$	1,725.45
EST: LORNA MALBUNKA	PATSY MALBUNKA	\$	1,725.44
EST: LORNA MALBUNKA	RUDOLPH MALBUNKA	\$	1,725.44
EST: FRANCIS BAIRD		\$	1,696.58
EST: EMILY WILLIAMS	ANDREW WILLIAMS	\$	1,547.49
EST: MURIEL PAREROULTJA	BENJAMIN PAREROULTJA	\$	1.532.66
EST: STEVEN ROSS		\$	1,400.00
EST: MAY HILLMAN		\$	1,288.98
EST: BIDDY TEX	MARILYN GILL	\$	1,284.42
EST: REGINALD MATTHEWS		\$	1,207.92
EST: LINDY RANKINE	CHARLES RANKINE	\$	1,148.76
EST: ELENOR BROOKS		\$	1,128.65
EST GERARD MARTEL	LORRAINE MARTEL	\$	1,071.12
EST: BRUCE SNELLING	PATRICIA SNELLING	\$	1,063.54
EST: NANCY LAMB	AMANDA SHEPHERD	\$	1,000.00
		\$ 1,	577,562.22