

# Report on Operations

Financial Year ended June 30, 2015



# Executive Director's Report For the Financial Year July 01, 2014 to June 30, 2015

## "Let's Journey Together"

Over the years, the NIBTT has provided a safety net for its beneficiaries in Trinidad and Tobago and beyond. The successful operation of the country's mandatory social security system is indeed a great achievement and one, collectively, we should feel very proud of as citizens continue to collect their benefits. The national community must take great comfort in knowing that the NIBTT will always be here for them.

On my appointment to the position of Executive Director, I committed myself to transforming the organisation into one that is truly service oriented and people focused. I recognised that fund sustainability, prudent decision making, good governance and transformative technological solutions were critical to the continued relevance and success of the NIBTT.

During the reporting period July 01, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (FY2015), the NIBTT paid out \$4.22 billion in benefits to approximately 177,607 beneficiaries of the National Insurance System (NIS) which included 144,804 long-term beneficiaries. NIBTT's retirement pensions consisted of 96,359 recipients resulting in a cash pay-out of \$3.36 billion, an increase of \$0.19 billion over the previous financial year.

The NIBTT's asset base of \$25.93 billion delivered a sterling performance since, despite soft interest rates nationally and internationally, the NIBTT reported a rate of return of 2.59% for FY2015. In order to ensure greater alignment with the long-term horizon of NIS, we reviewed our investment policy and strategy to improve investment returns in the future. This resulted in the purchase of a ten (10) per cent stake in Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd for US \$168 million as part of an investment consortium, comprising the NIBTT, National Enterprises Ltd and Unit Trust Corporation. In addition to the investment in Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd, another major investment strategy was



investment in real estate. Other investment initiatives included acquisition of 48.2% share in Home Mortgage Bank and 2.39% in First Citizens Bank. Another notable investment decision is that which was made on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014, when the NIBTT turned the sod to commence the construction of a Class A, LEED Silver certified signature building to accommodate its corporate headquarters at 14 to 19 Queen's Park East, Port of Spain.

With major focus on providing a quality service environment, the Arima Service Centre was reopened to the public and the Rio Claro Service centre was relocated to a more spacious and service oriented environment. Additionally, two Collection Centres were opened in Shops of Arima and in St James, and a Facilities Management Company was engaged to support the upgrade of existing service centres and facilities throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

Technology continues to be a major part of our service delivery improvement and during the reporting period, online services were launched, commencing with the Online Requests for Contribution Statements in February 2015. Furthermore, improving access to information and customer contact resulted in the revamping of the Corporate Contact Centre with increased staff and implementation of a Call Management Server to rationalise calls, improve response time and record calls to ensure a pleasant customer experience.

A new system for updating life certificates for Retirement Pension, Disablement Pension, Invalidity, Survivors and Death Benefits was implemented in the last financial year. The new updating system, consisting of a computerised data exchange, in collaboration with the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the Ministry of the People and Social Development, is designed to eliminate the need for nationals, residents and non-nationals living in Trinidad and Tobago to submit Life Certificates. Over 177,000 beneficiaries will no longer have to submit life certificates bi-annually, of which 96,359 are retirement benefit recipients.



In order to assess the overall impact of these improvements on customer service delivery, Market Facts and Opinion (2000) Ltd conducted a customer survey during the second half of the financial year. The results from the survey stated that the overall customer satisfaction rate was 91.3% indicating that we are realising considerable success in our target of service excellence. The NIBTT will however focus on sustained efforts that target continuous improvement in the products and services offered to our diverse and large number of customers.



# NIBTT's Insurance Operations Data and Fund Management Table 1 – Key Indicators FY2013 to FY2015

Performance Indicators	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY2015	% Increase/ Decrease 2013-2014	% Increase/ Decrease 2014-2015
Claims					
Beneficiaries	164,660	168,286	177,607	2.20%	5.54%
Long-Term Beneficiaries	132,253	137,481	144,804	3.95%	5.33%
New Claims Paid	44,666	38,261	43,565	-14.34%	13.86%
Compliance					
Customer Base	640,293	648,629	669,366	1.30%	3.20%
Contributors	506,248	519,636	516,926	2.64%	-0.52%
Employers	20,021	20,229	20,829	1.04%	2.97%
Employers Surveyed	5,216	4,601	4,126	-11.79%	-10.32%
Financial					
Contribution Income	\$3,304.38Mn	\$3,624.03Mn	\$4261.47Mn	9.67%	17.59%
Investment Income Realised	\$816.49Mn	\$699.28Mn	\$774.6Mn	-14.36%	10.77%
Miscellaneous Income	\$2.35Mn	\$2.88Mn	\$1.84Mn	22.55%	-36.11%
Benefit Expenditure	\$3,557.22Mn	\$3,915.78Mn	\$4,215.55Mn	10.08%	7.66%
Administrative Cost	\$184.82Mn	\$190.11Mn	\$204.99Mn	2.86%	7.83%
Administrative Costs as a % of	5.59%	5.25%	4.81%	-0.34	-0.44
Contribution Income					
Administrative Costs as a % of	3.21%	3.31%	4.66%	0.10	1.35
Total Income **					
Net Yield of Investment Portfolio	11.34%	12.19% ***	2.59%***		
(realised & unrealised) / Overall					
Investment Portfolio Return ***					
Total Funds	\$24.16Bn	\$25.80Bn	25.74 Bn	6.79%	-0.23%
Total Assets	\$24.35Bn	\$25.94Bn	25.93 Bn	6.53%	-0.04%

<sup>\*</sup>Percentage Points

<sup>\*\*</sup>Total income=contribution, investment, penalty & interest, and other income

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Return based on Investment Portfolio - Excludes Cash Balances from NIBTT Pension Plan a/c, MAT Securities (Mortgages), Funeral Grant Cash Account and other cash accounts related to Insurance Operations



#### Some of our key operational statistics include:

- 1. Customer base expanded by 20,737 persons or 3.20% to a total of 669,366 in FY2015.
- 2. Active employer population increased by 600 or 2.97% during the financial year 2015 to a total of 20,829.
- 3. Contribution income amounted to \$4,261.47Mn an increase of 17.59% or \$637.44Mn over the last year.
- 4.~43,565 or 13.86 % more claims were paid in 2015 compared with 2014.
- 5. Benefit payments amounted to \$4.22Bn, and represented an increase of 7.66% or \$0.3Bn over last year.
- 6. Total Funds reduced by -\$0.06Bn or -0.23% from \$25.80Bn as at June 30th 2014, to \$25.74Bn as at June 30th 2015.
- 7. Total assets reduced by -0.04% from \$25.94Bn in 2014 to \$25.93Bn in 2015.
- 8. Administrative expenses as a percentage of contribution income reflected a marginal reduction of 0.44% from 5.25% in FY2014 to 4.81% in FY2015.

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE DELIVERY**

#### **Customer Relations**

To serve with a level of sensitivity and deliver compassionate care to the most vulnerable in our society is of paramount importance to the NIBTT. In this regard, and during the reporting period, the Customer Contact Centre was rebranded the Customer Relations Department. This was not a change in nomenclature. The strategic focus of the department has been redirected with an emphasis on reducing the number of persons visiting the Service Centres by exploring additional avenues of engagement. The Customer Contact Centre on average provides a service to approximately 6,000 customers per month. Of the matters received, the telephone medium remains the most convenient and utilised by our customers, accounting for 95% of matters received; email accounts for 3% and written correspondence, 2%. The majority of matters received via email were from overseas customers and in total, the Customer Relations Department



successfully treated with over 40,600 customers for the period 1st July 2014 to June 30th 2015.

#### **Customer Education**

The NIBTT through its Corporate Communications Department continued to sensitise the Trinidad and Tobago public about its new brand direction through its educational activities. The rebranding process commenced with a mix of initiatives such as the identification of a colour scheme for advertisements, presentations and as well as the issuing of various correspondence. A total of 90 seminars were conducted, reaching over 650 people, in addition to which the organisation was represented at symposiums hosted by various associations, therefore interacting with a further 2,200 persons. In order to ensure adherence with NIBTT's regulations, six (6) employer workshops were hosted aimed at ensuring compliance as it relates to employee and employer registration, contribution payments and completion of forms. The average number of participants in each workshop was 50 persons.

#### **Communicating Using Web & Electronic Media**

During the reporting period there were 1.3 million hits per month on the NIBTT website showing a dramatic increase of 300,000 more than what was recorded in FY2014. Additionally, the NIBTT received 2,813 likes on its Facebook page with access to additional information as part of the Web content improvements. Customers can now use the NIBTT's website to access contribution statements, and register to pay their contributions online. This adds more flexibility to customer access while the NIBTT continues to enhance customer care by the provision of convenient physical locations designed to better service our customers.

#### EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER REGISTRATION

#### **Registration of Employees**

Active applications for registration of employees amounted to 30,723, of which all (100%) were determined. Of these 20,987 or 68.31% were new insured persons who were added to the NIS this year, an increase of 1,257 or 6.37% when compared with 19,730 new



persons added to the database in FY2014. Additionally, during the reporting period out of 521 employees of Limited Liability Companies, 512 or 98.27% were registered within one (1) day of receiving their application forms. The above added to our customer base which stands at 669,366.

#### **Registering Employers**

During the financial year 2,450 employers submitted applications for registration, an increase of 66 or 2.77% when compared with the previous year's receipt of 2,384. It must be noted that a brought forward figure of 42, has been added to the number of applications resulting in a total of 2,492. A total of 2,471 or 99.16% were determined, of which 2,449 or 99.11% were registered as new employers. This is an increase of 88 or 3.73% when compared with 2,361 new employers registered in the financial year 2014 Currently the total employer population stands at 20,829 an increase of 2.97% when compared to the previous reporting period of 20,229.

#### **BENEFIT PERFORMANCE**

Beneficiaries received a total of \$4.22Bn in benefit payments. This represented an increase in expenditure of 7.66% over the previous reporting period.

#### **Long-Term Benefits**

The long-term benefits branch showed an increase in the number of recipients and in the value of benefits paid. This group comprises Retirement Pension, Invalidity and Survivor's Benefit recipients which showed an increase of 7,323 or 5.33% from 137,481 in the previous year to 144,804 in FY2015. Payment to this group totalled \$3,904.97Mn or 92.63% of total benefit expenditure.

The 144,804 long term benefit recipients were distributed as follows:



**Long-Term Benefits Table** 

Benefit Type	Number of	Benefit	% of Total	% of Total
	Beneficiaries	Expenditure	Long Term	Long Term
			Beneficiaries	Expenditure
Retirement	96,395	\$3,362.09Mn	66.57%	86.10%
Pension				
Retirement	4,568	\$139.15Mn	3.15%	3.56%
Grant				
*Survivors	39,644	\$329.01Mn	27.38%	8.43%
Benefit				
Invalidity	4,197	\$74.62Mn	2.90%	1.91%
Total	144,804	\$3,904.87Mn	100%	100%
% of Total	81.53			
Beneficiaries				
% of Total	92.63			
Benefit				
Expenditure				

<sup>\*</sup>Survivors Benefit plus Survivors Grant

#### **Short Term Benefits**

The short-term benefits branch showed an increase in the number of recipients and in the value of benefits paid. This group comprises Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Special Maternity Grant and Funeral Grant which collectively showed an increase of 2,028 recipients or 7.97% from 25,430 in the previous year to 27,458 in FY2015. Payment to this group totalled \$232.34Mn or 5.51% of total benefit expenditure.



#### **Short Term Benefits Table**

Benefit Type	Number of	Benefit	% of Total	% of Total
	Beneficiaries	Expenditure	Short Term	Short Term
			Beneficiaries	Expenditure
Sickness	10,981	\$46.45Mn	39.99%	19.99%
Benefit				
Maternity	8,208	\$126.71Mn	29.90%	54.54%
Benefit				
Special	1,149	\$5.88Mn	4.18%	2.53%
Maternity				
Grant				
Funeral Grant	7,120	\$53.30Mn	25.93%	22.94%
Total	27,458	\$232.34Mn	100%	100%
% of Total	15.46		L	L
Beneficiaries				
% of Total	5.51			
Benefit				
Expenditure				

## **Employment Injury Benefits**

The Employment Injury benefits branch showed a decrease in the number of recipients and an increase in the value of benefits paid. This group comprises Disablement, Death, Medical Expenses and Employment Injury which showed a decrease of 30 or -0.56% from 5,375 in the previous year to 5,345 in FY 2014. Payment to this group totalled \$78.34Mn or 1.86% of total benefit expenditure.



## **Employment Injury Benefits Table**

Benefit Type	Number of	Benefit	% of Total	% of Total
	Beneficiaries	Expenditure	EMP. Injury	EMP. Injury
			Beneficiaries	Term
				Expenditure
Disablement	3,120	\$49.26Mn	58.37%	62.88
Pension				
Disablement Grant	96	\$2.27Mn	1.80%	2.90
Death	484	\$10.25Mn	9.06%	13.08
Medical Expenses	61	\$0.07Mn	1.14%	0.10
Injury Allowance	1,584	\$16.49Mn	29.63%	21.04
Total	5,345	\$78.34Mn	100%	100%
% of Total	3.01		l	
Beneficiaries				
% of Total	1.86			
Benefit				
Expenditure				

#### **CONTRIBUTION INCOME**

Notwithstanding a marginal decrease in contributors to the NIS from 519,636 to 516,926, contribution income for FY2015 increased to \$4,261.47Mn or 17.59% over the \$3,624.03Mn collected in FY2014. In this regard, contributions were paid by 20,729 employers, an increase of 600 employers over FY2014.

A number of mechanisms were adopted to ensure efficient collection of contribution income. These included the conduct of 4,126 employer surveys and the initiation of recoveries and legal action against 32 defaulting employers.



#### **APPEALS**

In accordance with Section 62 of the National Insurance Act (NI Act), customers maintain the right to refer decisions on claims to the Appeals Tribunal. During the reporting period, 196 new appeals were received, an increase of 122 or 165% in comparison to the previous financial year's figure of 74. This also reflected an increase of 91 or 86.67% when compared to the 105 appeals received in FY2013.

The Appeals Tribunal during the financial year appointed a new Registrar, who is in the process of re-engineering the tribunal to achieve greater efficiency for settling matters. It must be noted that no matters were scheduled by the Tribunal for hearing during the reporting period.

#### RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

Throughout FY2015, a total of 24 applications were received by persons in Canada accessing NI benefits through Service Canada. A total of 97 applications were made through the NIBTT Service Centres by persons wishing to access benefits in Trinidad and Tobago under the Agreement. For the financial year, no applications were received from persons in Trinidad and Tobago wishing to access benefits in Canada, however 60 enquiries were received for persons in Canada who wish to access benefits in that country. As at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, there were 150 applications awaiting responses from Service Canada for persons applying for Trinidad and Tobago benefits.

During this reporting period, two (2) applications were made through CARICOM offices by persons accessing Trinidad and Tobago benefits and 24 enquiries were received from CARICOM in respect of Trinidad and Tobago benefits. No applications were received in Trinidad and Tobago from persons wishing to access benefits in other CARICOM jurisdictions.

#### **INVESTMENTS**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Investment Portfolio marginally declined to TT\$24.8Bn from TT\$24.9Bn in June 2014. A key factor for the fund size decline over the period was as a result of \$300Mn in withdrawals made from the investment accounts to meet benefit expenditure requirements. Despite the overall portfolio decline of 0.35%, the



Fund achieved a total year-to-date time-weighted return of 2.59%. Notwithstanding the positive return, the overall return was constrained by the volatility in the international market and the dearth of suitable high yielding investments.

As at June 30, 2015, the total equity portfolio was valued at TT\$11.55Bn and a total of TT\$609.8Mn was invested in the local stock market with significant investments in First Citizens Bank Ltd ordinary shares of TT\$144.5Mn and TT\$74.6Mn in the CLICO Investment Fund. The NIBTT also participated in a historic deal partnering with National Enterprises Limited (NEL), and the Unit Trust Corporation (UTC). The consortium acquired a 10% stake in Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd. (PPGPL) for US\$168Mn which was done through the 100% acquisition of Pan West Engineers & Constructors Inc. This was the largest investment in the local equity sector for the NIBTT which amounted to TT\$357.5Mn. The NIBTT also increased its equity holdings to 99.40% in Home Mortgage Bank (HMB) which resulted from the acquisition of additional shares at a total cost of TT\$242.9Mn.

Over the financial period ended June 30, 2015, the equity portfolio achieved a total return of 1.85% (capital appreciation and dividends). This was mainly attributable to the performance of First Citizens Bank Limited (FCB), West Indian Tobacco Company Limited (WCO), Angostura Holdings Limited (AHL), Unilever Caribbean Limited (UCL) and the portfolio's newly constructed Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) portfolio. Additionally, subsidiary companies HMB and TTMF increased in value over the financial year.

The Fixed Income portfolio was valued at approximately TT\$7.4Bn as at the end of FY2015 and had a purchased yield to maturity of 5.17%. A dearth of suitable investments both by government and corporate entities resulted in investors' willingness to accept low yields for fixed income instruments thus perpetuating the low interest rate environment. The NIBTT's fixed income portfolio is primarily invested in government and government guaranteed instruments and accounts for almost 62.62% of the fixed income portfolio. For the financial period ended June 30, 2015, the NIBTT invested a total of TT\$1.1Bn in



governmental entities/agencies and state enterprises and TT\$979.6Mn in the private sector.

The top two countries in which the portfolio is invested are Trinidad and Tobago (89%) and North America (10%). The largest areas of NIBTT's investments are Financials (39%) and Sovereign (27%).

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

A fully functional and progressive technology infrastructure system is critical for proper management and flow of data. In keeping with key objectives identified in our Vision 2016 Strategic Plan, major corporate projects consisted of the acquisition of the latest in cyber security protection, improvements in communication to remote areas of the country and provision of ease of access to data and information to customers. As a measure of the effectiveness of the organisation's IT infrastructure systems, the NIBTT was able to achieve an online systems availability or up-time of 99.65%.

In relation to web services it must be noted that the Online Request for Contribution Statements was launched during the reporting period. This enabled the public to request their contribution statements online. Other improvements also included increased hardware and software packages to provide better service to customers.

#### **LEGAL**

The number of matters referred to our Claims Investigation Unit increased by 45.7% from 81 in FY2014 to 118 in FY2015. In addition, the value of projected and actual savings in financial year 2014/2015 significantly increased from \$1,354,400.00 to \$8,854,063.52, and \$1,827,700.33 to \$7,661,018.68, respectively.

Through the adoption of refined processes and sustained efforts, the number of claims investigations completed also increased by 283% from 61 in the previous year to 173 at the close of FY2015.



#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The NIBTT team of employees continued to support the operations of the organisation by providing diligent service in the face of a challenging economic environment. The strength of the team was made evident in the achievement of more than 80% of the performance targets for FY2015.

The NIBTT staff has worked assiduously to ensure that we achieve our short and long term objectives. Interventions in this regard focused on training in areas which included, Customer Service, Policy, Process Mapping, Employee Performance Management and Industrial Relations Practices for Managers and Product training for Insurance Operations staff. Thorough orientation programmes were also conducted for all new recruits.

It must be noted that the total staff complement for the reporting period now stands at 694. This represents an increase of 86 positions identified in the new HR Plan as part of the organisation's transformation.

#### **Staff Negotiations**

During the financial year, negotiations for Bargaining Unit Staff at the NIBTT continued for the contracted period January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 with the recognised majority union. The NIBTT's counter proposals were approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the Minister of Finance and the Economy for approval. The NIBTT is committed to the successful conclusion of negotiations and as such intends to vigorously pursue an amicable settlement of these important matters in the coming financial year.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

During the reporting period the NIBTT continued to streamline its Enterprise Risk Management processes in order for the organisation to be proactive in its approach to risk, associated risk appetite and tolerances to ensure alignment with strategic objectives.

In FY2015, significant progress was made in completing its mandate for designing the Enterprise Risk Management Framework which incorporated ISO 300001: 2009 "Risk



Management – Principles and Guidelines." The use of this best practice process format has already resulted in significant improvements in the approach adopted by the NIBTT in risk matters. For the reporting period, the percentage of accepted high risk audit recommendations implemented as at June 2015 was 95%, surpassing the target of 85%. This achievement indicates NIBTT's strong emphasis on risk management in order to be more effective in achieving the NIBTT's strategic objectives and transformation.

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> ACTUARIAL REVIEW

The NIBTT is committed to ensuring the financial sustainability of the NIS, as well as maintaining the value of the benefits offered. The main tool used to analyze these important aspects of the NIS is the process of the Actuarial Review. The 9<sup>th</sup> Actuarial Review as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 was completed in compliance with section 70(1) and section 22(1) of the NI Act.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Actuarial Review was conducted by the Canadian firm, National School of Public Administration. The completed report provided numerous recommendations designed to enable the NIS to remain solid and financially strong. These recommendations included improving current benefits and increasing the level of the maximum insurable earnings. In order to facilitate these changes, and in light of the current demographic scenario which suggests an ageing population, an increase in contribution rates as well as other parametric reform measures were also recommended. All these recommendations are currently engaging the attention of the Board of Directors and Management.

A specific request was made for the actuaries to analyze the impact of extending coverage to self-employed persons, and to advise on appropriate methods of converting from the current earnings class system, to an administratively simpler percentage of earnings system. In addition to administrative ease, another potential benefit of a possible conversion to a percentage of earnings system is a more relevant reward for persons with long contribution histories.

These reform measures as outlined speaks to the intention of the NIBTT to manage the NIS in a way that will be beneficial to all its stakeholders, and to ensure that the value and



design of its suite of benefits will be enjoyed by all persons in Trinidad and Tobago for generations to come.

#### EXTENSION OF COVERAGE TO SELF EMPLOYED PERSONS (SEP)

Cabinet minute dated January 21, 2010 established a Committee to consider the proposal for the Incorporation of Self-Employed Persons (SEP) into the NIS. A High Level Working Committee (HLWC) was established to elaborate on the principles and practices surrounding the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's (GORTT) investment to promote the participation of SEP in the NIS. Continuing with the work started by the HLWC, discussions were held during the year with senior officials of the Ministry of Finance and the Economy as well as the Ministry of the People and Social Development. Discussions focused on the costs and savings to Government related to:

- co-payment of NI contributions for low income SEP
- co-funding of age credits for SEP

NIBTT's representatives had several meetings on the SEP initiative with the Legislative Review Committee (LRC). The start-up date for SEP coverage is yet to be determined.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The employees of the NIBTT are committed to serving the people of Trinidad and Tobago. It is no easy feat, to accomplish excellence in service delivery in a demanding work environment where each customer's claim is as important and as urgent as the other. It takes a love for people, a deep understanding of the many intricate challenges and unexpected events faced by our clients, and very interactive and powerful communication skills to deliver the quality service that we do in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment.

I therefore take the opportunity to publicly acknowledge our loyal employees, stakeholders, customers, suppliers, employers and the astute leadership of the Chairman and the Board of Directors.

The NIBTT has laid the foundation for transformation in that many of the initiatives stated in the Vision 2016 strategic plan have been implemented. Evidence of this is in the



achievement of 83% of our corporate performance indicators on the eve of the final year of the Strategic Plan period. As we rise to the challenge, let us keep our eyes on the prize of a transformed, transparent and socially responsible organisation.

We have been entrusted with a great responsibility, way beyond service delivery and is through strong leadership, sound investments and extensive stakeholder engagement and public consultation that we will continue to implement prudent measures to preserve the National Insurance System.

Niala Persad-Poliah

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

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March 18, 2016

Special Purpose Financial Statements

30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

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#### Statement of Management's Responsibility

It is management's responsibility to apply the appropriate accounting policies and make accounting estimates that are reasonable. Management is responsible for ensuring that the statements presented are a fair and true presentation of the state of affairs of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) which includes ensuring that the controls over the information from which the statements are derived are designed and properly monitored in a manner which would allow accurate information to be provided. In addition, management is responsible for ensuring that the information presented is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Management accepts responsibility for the annual special purpose financial statements as well as the responsibility for the maintenance of the accounting records and internal controls which form the basis of the special purpose financial statements. The special purpose financial statements of the NIBTT are prepared in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the National Insurance Act of Trinidad and Tobago and the appropriate accounting policies have been established and applied in a manner which gives a true and fair view of the Board's financial affairs and operating results.

In addition, it is noteworthy to mention that nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the NIBTT will not remain a going concern for the next twelve (12) months from the date of this statement.

**Executive Director** 

21 January 2016

Executive Manager Finance and Accounting

21 January 2016



## Independent Auditor's Report on Special Purpose Financial Statements

To The Directors of The National Insurance Board Of Trinidad and Tobago

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of The National Insurance Board Of Trinidad and Tobago ("NIBTT'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in funds for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the National Insurance Act (Act No. 35 of 1971) and the accounting framework as described in Note 4 of these special purpose financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

NIBTT's statutory responsibility is to prepare financial statements to be laid ultimately before the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as required by the National Insurance Act.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these special purpose financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the special purpose financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the special purpose financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate for the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the special purpose financial statements.

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

# Independent Auditor's Report on Special Purpose Financial Statements (Continued)

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NIBTT as at 30 June 2015 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the National Insurance Act and the accounting policies as set out in Note 4 of these special purpose financial statements.

#### Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 4 to these special purpose financial statements which describe the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements are prepared to assist NIBTT to meet the requirements of the National Insurance Act. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

25 January 2016 Port of Spain

Trinidad and Tobago

# Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

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	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	96,178	90,760
Investment properties	6	419,784	317,320
Investment in subsidiary companies	7	1,739,821	1,266,947
Financial assets at fair value	•	10 100 001	10 500 000
through profit or loss	8	19,426,984	19,598,908
Mortgage advances	9	9,617	18,268
Property being developed for sale	10 11	46,931	38,327 81,242
Claims receivable Other assets	12	753,110	573,251
Cash and cash equivalents	13	3,436,199	3,952,667
Cash and cash equivalents	10		0,002,007
Total assets		<u>25,928,624</u>	25,937,690
Funds, reserves and liabilities			
Long-term benefits fund	14	24,495,067	24,714,302
Short-term benefits fund	14	463,841	398,681
Employment injury benefit fund	14	782,546	682,857
Total funds		25,741,454	25,795,840
Revaluation reserve	15	42,317	42,317
Total funds and reserves		25,783,771	25,838,157
Other liabilities	16	108,903	99,384
Post-employment benefit	21	35,950	149
Total liabilities		144,853	99,533
Total funds, reserves and liabilities		25,928,624	25,937,690

The attached notes set out on pages 8 to 37 are an integral part of these special purpose financial statements.

These special purpose financial statements have been authorised for issue on 21 January 2016.

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# Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

		Year e 30 J	
Income	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Contributions Employers in compliance Employers in arrears Voluntary		3,935,016 326,486 148	3,335,817 288,288 87
Refunds		4,261,650 (181)	3,624,192 (162)
Total net contributions		4,261,469	3,624,030
Net realised investment income Net unrealised investment (loss)/income Revaluation of subsidiaries Penalties and interest Miscellaneous income	17 18	774,598 (895,104) 228,700 30,449 	699,283 1,191,498 210,280 21,442 2,887
Total income		4,401,956	5,749,420
Expenditure Benefits expenditure Long-term Short-term Employment injury  Total benefits expenditure		3,904,869 232,343 78,340 4,215,552	3,648,156 199,340 68,286 3,915,782
Administrative expenditure Staff salaries, allowances and benefits Board of Directors expenses Depreciation Other expenses	19 20	125,082 799 6,406 72,703	126,902 760 6,668 55,789
Total administrative expense		204,990	190,119
Other Pension expense	21	14,843	9,171
Total other		14,843	9,171
Total expenditure		4,435,385	4,115,072
(Shortfall)/excess of income (under)/over	expenditure	(33,429)	1,634,348
Other comprehensive (loss)/gain	21	(20,957)	5,615
Total comprehensive (loss)/income		(54,386)	1,639,963

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## Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

		ended June
Income	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities (Shortfall)/excess of income (under)/over expenditure Adjustments:	(33,429)	1,634,348
Unrealised investment (loss)/income Depreciation	895,104 6,406	(1,191,498) 6,668
Pension expense Revaluation of subsidiaries	14,843 (228,700)	9,171 (210,280)
Surplus before working capital changes	654,224	248,409
Decrease in mortgage advances (Increase)/decrease in property being developed for sale Decrease in claims receivable (Increase)/decrease in other assets Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	8,651 (378) 81,242 (179,859) 9,519	4,373 104,234  124,774 (57,121)
Net cash generated by operating activities	573,399	424,669
Cash flows from investing activities Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets Purchase of property, plant and equipment Purchase of investments Sale/maturity of investments	217 (12,041) (6,577,524) 5,499,481	(3,181) (5,453,727) 4,322,731
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,089,867)	_(1,134,177)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(516,468)	(709,508)
Cash and cash equivalent at beginning of the period	3,952,667	4,662,175
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the period	3,436,199	3,952,667

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## Statement of Change in Funds For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

		Long-term benefits		hort-term benefits Ju		Employme njury benef		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Fund at beginning of year	24,714,302	23,243,342	398,681	342,193	682,857	570,342	25,795,840	24,155,877
Income								
Contribution Penalty income Revaluation of	3,792,707 29,799	3,225,386 21,019	255,688 204	217,442 135	213,074 446	181,202 288	4,261,469 30,449	3,624,030 21,442
subsidiaries Realised	228,700	210,280	144				228,700	210,280
investment income Unrealised	758,068	685,484	5,177	4,404	11,352	9,395	774,597	699,283
investment income Miscellaneous	(882,007)	1,163,420	(4,101)	8,960	(8,995)	19,118	(895,103)	1,191,498
Income	1,844	2,887					1,844	2,887
Total income	3,929,111	5,308,476	256,968	230,941	215,877	210,003	4,401,956	5,749,420
Expenditure								
Benefits Expenditure Retirement benefit	3,362,088	3,169,162					3,362,088	3,169,162
Survivors benefit	329,008	297,471					329,008 74,619	297,471 62,356
Invalidity benefit Retirement grant	74,619 139,154	62,356 119,167					139,154	119,167
Funeral grant Sickness benefit			53,303	48,025			53,303	48,025 37,244
Maternity benefit			46,455 126,708	37,244 110,294			46,455 126,708	110,294
Special maternity		i.me	5,877	3,777			5,877	3,777
Employment injury					<u>78,340</u>	68,286	78,340	68,286
Administrative	3,904,869	3,648,156	232,343	199,340	78,340	68,286	4,215,552	3,915,782
expense Pension	182,441	169,206	12,299	11,407	10,250	9,506	204,990	190,119
expense	14,527	8,993	99	57	217	121	14,843	9,171
Total expenditure	4,101,837	3,826,355	244,741	210,804	88,807	77,913	4,435,385	4,115,072
Excess O/C (loss)/income Transfers	(172,726) (20,510) (25,999)			20,137 35 36,316	127,070 (307) (27,074)		(33,429) (20,957) ————————————————————————————————————	1,634,348 5,615
Fund at end of year	24,495,067	24,714,302	463,841	398,681	782,546	682,857	25,741,454	25,795,840

The attached notes set out on pages 8 to 37 are an integral part of these special purpose financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 1 Incorporation and principal activity

The National Insurance Board of Trinidad & Tobago (NIBTT) was incorporated under Act No. 35 of 1971 (The National Insurance Act), as subsequently amended, and commenced operations in 1972. The principal activity of NIBTT is to carry out the requirements of the National Insurance Act in providing social security benefits to the insurable population of Trinidad and Tobago. The registered office is located at 2a Cipriani Boulevard, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

#### 2 Actuarial review

Section 70 (1) of the Trinidad and Tobago National Insurance Act 35 of 1971 requires an Actuarial Review of the National Insurance System (NIS) at intervals not exceeding five years. The 9<sup>th</sup> Actuarial Review was conducted as at 30 June 2015 and was completed by École Nationale D' Administration Publique International (ENAP). The main objectives of this review were to assess the long term financial condition of the National Insurance Fund and recommend possible ways to improve contribution and benefit provisions.

In general, contribution payments and benefit calculations are based on a system of wage classes. The contribution amount is paid by the employer and the employee in a proportion of two-thirds/one-third. Benefits are grouped into three funds: long-term benefits, short-term benefits and employment injury benefits. Each fund is credited with contribution income and investment income from which benefit expenditures and administrative expenses are met.

The report is currently receiving the attention of management and the Board of Directors and is to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance and the Economy for his consideration. Presently, the fund is meeting all of its obligations.

#### 3 Legislative amendments

There were no legislative amendments during the period but the expectation is that with the NIBTT's acceptance of the 9<sup>th</sup> Actuarial Report, the relevant recommendations will be sent to the Minister of Finance and the Economy for consideration by the Parliament.

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### a. Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the National Insurance Act. In cases where the financial reporting provision is not clear or does not address particular situations, reference is made to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for guidance in determining NIBTT's accounting policy. The Board and management of NIBTT are currently reviewing its financial reporting framework to determine whether it can in the future prepare its financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### a. Basis of preparation (continued)

These financial statements are the parent company unconsolidated financial statements of the NIBTT. NIBTT does not prepare consolidated financial statements. Further, these financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the following items in the statement of financial position:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss are measured at fair value;
- Investment properties are measured at fair value;
- Investments in subsidiary companies are measured at fair value;
- Artwork and freehold properties classified as property, plant and equipment are measured at fair value;
- The defined benefit asset/liability is recognised as plan assets, plus unrecognised past service cost, less the present value of the defined benefit obligation and based on actuarial valuations.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Information about critical estimates in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the audited financial statements is included in Note 4 n.

#### b. Investments in subsidiary companies

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the NIBTT has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. These are as follows:

Companies	Percentage 2015	ownership 2014
National Insurance Property	4000/	4000/
Development Company Limited (NIPDEC)	100%	100%
Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited (TTMF)	51%	51%
Home Mortgage Bank (HMB)	99.38%	66.25%

Investments in subsidiaries are initially recorded at cost and adjusted to fair market value based on valuations conducted by an independent professional valuator. Gains and/or losses arising from the change in fair value are included in the statement of comprehensive income. Investments in subsidiaries are valued by an independent valuator and are based on the assumption that they will continue to operate as going concerns and that the principal activities and legal structure of the companies will remain unchanged.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### c. Foreign currency

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in these financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, which is NIBTT's functional and presentation currency, unless otherwise stated.

#### (ii) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars at the rate of exchange ruling on the reporting date as obtained from the Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago. All differences arising are taken to the statement of comprehensive income. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions.

Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

#### d. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, for the purpose of the statement of cash flows, represent cash and bank balances and highly liquid investments with a maturity period of three months or less.

#### e. Financial assets

NIBTT's financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when it becomes party to the contractual obligation of the instrument. A financial asset is derecognised when the right to receive the cash flows from the asset has expired or where NIBTT has transferred all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset. A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires. All "regular way" purchases and sales are recognised at settlement date.

#### (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value based on quoted prices for investments traded in active markets; or valuation techniques, including recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flows analysis and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants, for investments not traded in active markets. Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate is a market related rate at the reporting date for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

Held for trading securities are initially recognised at cost and subsequently remeasured at fair value based on quoted bid prices at the reporting date. Where the instrument is not actively traded or quoted on an active market, fair value is determined using discounted cash flow analysis.

Gains and losses arising from sales and changes in fair values of these financial assets are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- e. Financial assets (continued)
  - (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

All related unrealised gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. Interest earned is reported as interest income.

(ii) Loans and advances

Loans and advances are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and are not quoted in an active market created by NIBTT providing money to a debtor other than those created with the intention of short-term profit sharing. Such assets are stated at amortised cost, net of any advances for credit losses using the effective interest method.

Loans and advances include mortgage advances. Mortgage advances are measured net of provisions for impairment. A mortgage advance is classified as impaired (non-performing) when there is objective evidence that NIBTT will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original contractual terms of the loan. Objective evidence of impairment includes observable data that comes to the attention of NIBTT such as:

- Significant financial difficulties of the borrower.
- Actual delinquencies.
- Adverse change in the payment status of a borrower.
- Bankruptcy or reorganisation by the borrower.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on mortgage advance has been incurred, the amount of the allowance for impairment is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected future cash flows, including amounts recoverable from guarantees and collateral, discounted at the original effective interest rate of loans.

The allowance which is made during the year, less amounts released and recoveries of bad debts previously written off, is charged against the revenue and expenditure accounts. When a loan is deemed uncollectible, it is written off against the related allowance for losses.

#### f. Impairment of financial assets

The carrying amounts of NIBTT's assets that are not carried at fair value, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated and an impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(i) Losses on loans and advances

NIBTT reviews its problem loans and advances at each reporting date to assess whether an allowance for impairment should be recorded in the audited statement of comprehensive income. In particular, judgement by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the level of allowance required. Such estimates are based on assumptions about a number of factors and actual results may differ, resulting in future changes to the allowance.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- f. Impairment of financial assets (continued)
  - (i) Losses on loans and advances (continued)

In addition to specific allowances against individually significant loans and advances, NIBTT also makes a collective impairment allowance where applicable, against exposures which, although not specifically identified as requiring a specific allowance, have a greater risk of default than when originally granted. This takes into consideration factors such as any deterioration in country risk, industry, and technological obsolescence, as well as identified structural weaknesses or deterioration in cash flows.

#### g. Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held by NIBTT to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or both. Investment properties are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value based on valuations conducted by an independent professional valuator. Gains and losses arising from the change in fair value are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

The valuators have adopted standard valuation methods and assumed good title, vacant possession and no unduly restrictive covenants or onerous or unusual outgoings running with the land.

h. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses except for artwork and freehold properties which are stated at valuations conducted by independent professional valuators every 3 years. Freehold properties were professionally valued in June 2013 using the investment method. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to NIBTT and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

If an asset's carrying value is increased as a result of a revaluation, the increase is credited directly to reserve under the heading revaluation reserve. If an asset's carrying value is decreased as a result of a revaluation, the decrease is debited directly to equity to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation reserve in respect of that asset. Any decrease in excess of this amount is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at varying rates sufficient to write-off the cost/market value respectively of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates used are as follows:

Freehold and leasehold properties Improvements to premises:

Owned

Leased

Machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures Artwork and motor vehicles

2% on buildings

Equal annual instalments over a period of ten years.

Equal annual instalments over the period of the lease.

- 7.5% - 25%

- 25%

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### h. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing proceeds with their carrying amount and are recognised in the revenue and expenditure accounts.

#### i. Properties being developed for sale (Inventory)

Properties available for sale are carried at cost less provisions for impairment. The provision is estimated as the difference between the cost and the selling price of the units available for sale less the estimated cost to complete the units.

#### j. Provisions

Provisions for environmental restoration, restructuring costs and legal claims are recognised when: the NIBTT has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Restructuring provisions comprise lease termination penalties and employee termination payments. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using pretax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

#### k. Basis of allocation

Contribution income and other income have been allocated to the various fund accounts on the basis set out in the Actuarial Review.

#### (i) Contribution income

Contribution income is allocated as follows:		r ended June
	<b>2015</b> %	<b>2014</b> %
Long-term benefits fund Short-term benefits fund Employment injury benefit fund	89 6 5	89 6 5
	100	100

#### (ii) Other income

Other income comprising investment income less expenses, penalty income and pension asset income is allocated to the benefit funds in the ratio of their opening fund balances. Investment expenses comprise direct staff costs and overhead expenses of the investments department and other direct expenses including mortgage management fees and provisions for diminution in value of investments.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### k. Basis of allocation (continued)

#### (iii) Fund ratios

Based on the recommendations of the Seventh Actuarial Review and maintained in the Eighth Actuarial Review, NIBTT implemented the following: short term benefit fund and employment injury benefit fund balances will be maintained at 2.0 times and 10 times the respective benefits incurred during the current year, the remaining excess of Income over Expenditure is to be allocated to the Long-Term Benefit Fund.

These fund allocations are based solely on the ratios recommended by the Independent Actuary and do not represent NIBTT's liability to beneficiaries at 30 June 2015.

#### i. Revenue recognition

#### (i) Contribution and benefits

Contribution income is generally accounted for on the cash basis. An accrual is made at the balance sheet date to take account of all collections up to 15 July of the following year that relate to the current year. Contribution arrears and related penalty and interest are recognised when received as a result of uncertainty in collection and the challenge in estimating and determining contributors in default.

Benefit expenditure is generally accounted for on a cash basis. Benefits paid in the final month of the year which relate to the following year are reflected as a prepayment at the statement of financial position date.

#### (ii) Investment income

Income from investments is accounted for on the accrual basis. Interest from commercial loans and debentures is not accrued where instalments are in arrears for more than twelve months.

#### m. Employee benefits

#### (i) Short-term

Employee benefits are all forms of consideration given by NIBTT in exchange for service rendered by its employees. These include current or short-term benefits such as salaries, bonuses, NIS contributions, annual leave, and non-monetary benefits such as medical care and loans; post-employment benefits such as pensions; and other long-term employee benefits such as termination benefits.

Employee benefits that are earned as a result of past or current service are recognised in the following manner: short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability, net of payments made, and charged as expense. Post-employment benefits are accounted for as described below.

#### (ii) Post-employment

NIBTT contributes to a defined benefit staff pension plan which covers all qualifying employees. Members contribute 5% (2014: 5%) of their pensionable salaries to the Plan whilst NIBTT currently contributes 14% (2014: 14%). All permanent employees are eligible for membership and temporary employees under certain conditions.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- m. Employee benefits (continued)
  - (ii) Post-employment (continued)

The liability recognised in the statement of financial position in respect of defined benefit pension plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension obligation. In countries where there is no deep market in such bonds, the market rates on the government bonds are used. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which the arise. Past-service costs are recognised immediately in income.

#### n. Determination of fair values

A number of NIBTT's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods.

When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

As stated in Note 4 e., financial assets at fair value through profit and loss are measured at their fair values based on quoted market prices. Where the instrument is not actively traded or quoted on recognised exchanges, fair value is determined using discounted cash flow analysis recent arm's length transaction and other valuation techniques. Professional valuations are also used to value these securities. Where fair value cannot be reliably measured, the investment is stated at cost less impairment losses.

The NIBTT uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation techniques.

#### Level 1

Included in the Level 1 category are financial assets and liabilities that are measured in whole or in part by reference to published quotes in an active market. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- n. Determination of fair values (continued)
  - (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss (continued)

#### Level 2

Included in the Level 2 category are financial assets and liabilities that are measured using a valuation technique based on assumptions that are supported by prices from observable current market transactions and for which pricing is obtained via pricing services, but where fair values based on broker quotes, investments in private equity funds with fair values obtained via fund managers and assets that are valued based using its own models whereby the majority of assumptions are market observable.

Level 3
Included in the Le

Included in the Level 3 category are financial assets and liabilities that are not quoted as there are no active markets to determine a price. These financial instruments are held at cost, being the fair value of the consideration paid for the acquisition of the investment, and are regularly assessed for impairment.

30 June 2015	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Investment securities				
Bonds	287,710	7,095,771	1,289,638	8,673,119
Equities	9,380,414	355,281	56,718	9,792,413
Mutual funds	910,911		50,541	961,452
	10,579,035	7,451,052	1,396,897	19,426,984
30 June 2014	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
30 June 2014 Investment securities			\$'000	
Investment securities Bonds	<b>\$'000</b> 490,413		<b>\$'000</b> 2,869,680	<b>\$'000</b> 9,035,514
Investment securities Bonds Equities	\$ <b>'000</b> 490,413 9,670,585	\$'000	\$'000 2,869,680 41,108	\$'000 9,035,514 9,711,693
Investment securities Bonds	<b>\$'000</b> 490,413	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b> 2,869,680	<b>\$'000</b> 9,035,514

Movements in Level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value

	Level 3 Year ended 30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Balance beginning of period Foreign asset cash (MV) Bond adjustment correction Purchases Transfer in Repayments Transfer out Net unrealised gain/(loss)	2,960,651 (109) 609 2,040,102  (3,170,206) (450,000) 15,850	1,384,004   3,646,657  (2,070,750)  740
Balance at end of period	1,396,897	2,960,651

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

## 4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- n. Determination of fair values (continued)
  - (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss (continued)

Transfers between Level 2 and 3

For the year ended 30 June 2015, there was a transfer of an asset (Unicomer and HDC bond transfer out between Level 2 and 3).

(ii) Investment in subsidiaries

An external, independent valuation company, having appropriate recognised professional qualifications and experience was contracted to value NIBTT's investment in subsidiaries. In determining the value of subsidiaries, three (3) valuation methods were considered. Under the market approach, the trading multiples method was applied; under the cost approach, the based valuation method and under the income approach, the excess return model was used. The values derived from these approaches were considered baseline. The baseline values were then applied using an average of the lows and highs of each method. A price range was created and from these scenarios a point estimate was derived using probability estimates for each scenario.

(iii) Investment properties and property, plant and equipment at fair value

An external, independent valuation company, having appropriate recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of property being valued, was used by NIBTT to value its investment property portfolio. The fair values are based on market values, being the estimated amount for which a property could be exchanged on the date of the valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably and willingly.

#### (iv) Other

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities, included under other assets, cash and cash equivalents and other liabilities, approximate their fair values because of the short-term maturities on these instruments. The carrying values of fixed deposits are assumed to approximate fair value due to their term to maturity not exceeding one year.

30 June 2015	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<i>Investment properties</i> Land and buildings		358,373	61,411	419,784
		358,373	61,411	419,784
30 June 2014	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Investment properties Land and buildings		317,093	227	317,320
		317,093	227	317,320

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

5	Property, plant and equipment  Year ended 30 June 2015	Land freehold/ leasehold buildings \$'000	Machinery equipment furniture and fittings \$'000	Art and motor vehicles \$'000	Total \$'000
	Cost/valuation at beginning of year Purchases Adjustments/transfers	86,334 2,063 	56,526 7,798 269	3,433 2,180 (1,310)	146,293 12,041 (1,041)
	At the end of year	88,397	64,593	4,303	157,293
	Accumulated depreciation at beginning of year Current year charge Disposal/adjustments	5,921 3,687	47,649 2,573	1,963 146 (824)	55,533 6,406 (824)
	At the end of year	9,608	50,222	1,285	61,115
	Net book value	78,789	14,371	3,018	96,178
	Year ended 30 June 2014				
	Cost/valuation at beginning of year Purchases Adjustments/transfers	85,720 614 	54,556 1,928 42	2,794 639 	143,070 3,181 42
	At the end of year	86,334	56,526	3,433	146,293
	Accumulated depreciation at beginning of year Current year charge	2,139 3,782	45,345 2,304	1,381 582	48,865 6,668
	At the end of year	5,921	47,649	1,963	55,533
	Net book value	80,413	8,877	1,470	90,760

#### Note.

Valuation of land and freehold and leasehold buildings has been expressed by way of open market values as determined by valuations conducted by independent professional valuators every 3 years.

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Investment properties			Appreciation		
	1 July 2014 \$'000	Additions \$'000	depreciation in fair value \$'000	Adjustments \$'000	2015 \$'000
Buildings	128,721	74,265	(9,926)	-	193,060
Land	188,599	125	38,000		226,724
	317,320	74,390	28,074		419,784
	1 July 2013 \$'000	Additions \$'000	Appreciation /depreciation in fair value \$'000	Adjustments \$'000	2014 \$'000
Buildings	48,500	39,778	34,222		122,500
Land	124,843		69,950	27	194,820
	173,343	39,778	104,172	27	317,320

Rental income from investment properties during the year amounted to \$6.5 million (year ended 30 June 2014: \$5.2million). Direct operating expenses incurred on investment properties during the year amounted to \$3.2 million (year ended 30 June 2014: \$4.7 million).

The valuation of the investment properties was conducted as at June 2015 by an independent professional valuator in accordance with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors valuation – professional standards 2015.

The income approach which considers a property's potential cash flow and analyses the present worth of the anticipated future benefits to the owner over an assumed holding period was the methodology used to value the buildings.

The market approach was utilised for the valuation of land. This approach measures the value of a property by comparing recent sales or offerings of similar or substitute property and related market data. For all properties, the market value adopted in the audited financial statements is based on its highest and best use.

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## 7 Investment in subsidiary companies

The investments in subsidiary companies comprise the following companies reported at fair value:

	\$'000	\$'000
NIPDEC TTMF HMB	202,467 420,224 	204,775 383,772 678,400
	<u>1,739,821</u>	1,266,947

Movement in the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries is as follows:

2015	NIPDEC	TTMF	HMB	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 30 June 2014	204,775	383,772	678,400	1,266,947
Purchases			244,173	244,173
Market value adjustments	(2,308)	36,452	194,557	228,701
Balance as at 30 June 2015	202,467	420,224	1,117,130	1,739,821
2014	NIPDEC	TTMF	HMB	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 30 June 2013	450 400	044.000	445.044	0.10.1.7
Purchases Market value adjustments	159,100  45,675	341,203  42,569	445,814 110,550 122,036	946,117 110,550 210,280

The cost of investment in subsidiaries is as follows:

2014	NIPDEC	TTMF	HMB	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 30 June 2013	25,000	7,200	244,430	276,630
Purchases			244,174	244,174
Balance as at 30 June 2014	25,000	7,200	488,604	520,804

Shares were purchased in 2014/15 in HMB to the value of \$244.2 million.

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8	Fina	ncial assets at fair value through profit or loss	30	June
	1		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Bo Eq	stments comprise: ends (8 a.) luities (8 b.) utual funds (8 c.)	8,673,119 9,792,413 961,452	9,035,515 9,711,693 851,700
			19,426,984	19,598,908
	The	analysis below shows the composition of the various investment ca	ategories.	
	a.	Bonds		
		Foreign Local state and corporate	101,102 8,572,017	229,834 8,805,681
			8,673,119	9,035,515
		al and corporate bonds earn interest at rates varying between to 0.9 une 2014: 0.90% and 12.25%).	90% and 11.75	% (year ended
		,		ended June
			2015	2014
	b.	Equities	\$'000	\$'000
		Quoted Foreign Local Unquoted	2,492,666 6,895,322 404,425	2,737,624 6,932,353 41,716
	C.	Mutual funds	9,792,413	9,711,693
	U.	Quoted		
		Foreign Local Unquoted	31,749 879,162 50,541	801,836 49,864
			961,452	<u>851,700</u>
9	Mor	tgage advances		
	Mor	tgage balances are stated net of the provisions for impairment as t	follows:	
		ss mortgage advances vision for non-performing advances	61,614 <u>(51,997</u> )	68,895 (50,627)
			9,617	18,268

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## 9 Mortgage advances (continued)

The movement in the provision for non-performing advances was as follows:

	Year ended 30 June		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	
Provisions as at 1 July Movement for the year	50,627 1,370	53,865 (3,238)	
Provisions at end of period	51,997	50,627	

Mortgage advances earn interest at an average effective rate of 8.00% (year ended 30 June 2014: 8.00%).

## 10 Property being developed for sale

In 2004, the NIBTT commenced development of a residential gated community in D'abadie, Omeara known as Riverwoods comprising of single family homes and townhouses. The construction of the single family homes were divided into four (4) phases, two (2) of which have been completed. The two remaining phases are expected to be completed in 2017.

The carrying value of properties being developed for sale was arrived at as follows:

	Year ended 30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Cost as at 1 July Less provision for diminution in value (Note 20)	59,625 (12,694)	59,625 (21,298)
	46,931	38,327

The movement in the provision for diminution in value of property being developed for sale:

	Year ended 30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Provisions as at 1 July Cost incurred in period Movement for the year Amount due to NIPDEC (reclassified)	21,298 (9,166) 9,365 (8,803)	21,298 
Provisions at end of period	12,694	21,298

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#### 11 Claims receivable

a. Clico Investment Bank Limited (CIB)

(C-2)	Year ended 30 June		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	
Gross amount Provision for impairment	696,820 (696,820)	691,736 (691,736)	
Carrying amount			

Over the period September 2008 to January 2009, the NIBTT deposited sums of money with Clico Investment Bank Limited (CIB) as Investment Note Certificates (INC). In November 2009, legal action was initiated by the NIBTT due to breach on the part of CIB claiming the sums of US\$102,506,129 and TT\$46,493,563. On 27 September 2011 judgement was awarded in favour of the NIBTT in the sums of both claims with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the dates of maturity of each deposit to the date of judgement.

On or about October 2011, CIB was placed in compulsory liquidation and Deposit Insurance Corporation (DIC) appointed Liquidator.

By letters dated 23 July 2015, the DIC acknowledged and admitted the NIBTT's claims as follows:

- (i) TT\$45,200,876 and TT\$6,577,051 principal and interest respectively up to the date of appointment of the Liquidator (17 October 2011); and
- (ii) US\$99,652,121 and US\$14,943,218 principal and interest respectively.

DIC also advised that these amounts have been admitted by the Liquidator and are listed among the other unsecured creditors of Clico Investment Bank Limited – In Compulsory Liquidation for which settlement can take place only after the secured creditors have been settled. In light of this, the NIBTT has adopted a prudent approach and maintained the full provision on this debt established in 2013. The NIBTT remains committed to exhausting all efforts to recover this debt.

## b. Old Police Headquarters

On or about January 2000, Cabinet agreed that the NIBTT be awarded the mandate to finance the reconstruction of the Old Police Headquarters in the amount of \$42,603,457 plus interest on specific terms and conditions.

In this regard, certain sums were released to NIPDEC and the reconstruction of the Old Police Headquarters was completed in November 2003.

As at 30 June 2013, the NIBTT ceased capitalising interest on the debt, with the outstanding principal debt at that date amounting to \$81,242,000.

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## 11 Claims receivable (continued)

#### b. Old Police Headquarters (continued)

The Ministry of Finance and the Economy repaid the debt during this financial period including all outstanding interest.

	including all outstanding interest.	30 Ju	ne
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Gross amount		81,242
	Carrying amount		81,242
12	Other assets	30 Ju	ine
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Investment income receivable	53,366	40,610
	Sundry debtors	35,765	39,095
	Prepayments	275,970	261,115
	Contributions receivable	388,009	232,431
		<u> 753,110</u>	573,251

In 2015 due to a number of challenges on July 14 and 15 the accrual was extended to 20 July 2015. This was suggested by management to provide a better estimate of the accrual in 2015.

13	Cash and cash equivalents	30	June
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Cash at bank Cash at bank (US\$)	1,865,849 1,391,829	2,119,088 1,787,444
	Money market fund (TT\$) Money market fund (US\$)	101,117 77,404	911 45,224
		<u>3,436,199</u>	3,952,667

#### 14 Benefits fund

The benefits fund comprise the following funds:

- Long-term benefits fund which is held to cover retirement pensions, retirement grants, invalidity and survivors' benefits in respect of qualifying persons.
- Short-term benefits fund which is held to cover sickness and maternity benefits and funeral grants in respect of qualifying persons.
- Employment injury benefits fund which is held to cover employment injury benefits to eligible insured persons.

As described in Notes 2 and 4, the benefits fund balances do not represent NIBTT's liability to beneficiaries but instead reflects the allocation of the accumulated fund based on the application of certain ratios as advised by NIBTT's Actuary.

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## 15 Revaluation reserve

The revaluation reserve reflects gains or losses on revaluation of freehold properties.

			ended June
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Opening balance for the period Revaluation of property	42,317 	42,317
	Closing balance for the period	42,317	42,317
16	Other liabilities		
	Sundry creditors and accruals Provision for other payables	97,053 11,850 108,903	87,914 
17	Net realised investment income	100,903	<u>99,304</u>
	Interest income Dividend income Rental income Miscellaneous income Income – mutual funds Income – foreign equity Income – foreign bonds Gain on sale of foreign equities Loss from foreign exchange Gain/loss on sale of bonds Total realised investment income Investment expense Net realised investment income	327,192 347,410 6,550 12,253 13,665 14,373 5,815 113,769 (28,669) 12,060 824,418 (49,820) 774,598	315,284 349,262 5,206 13,313 6,715 11,922 6,305 28,772 (29,699) 
18	Net unrealised investment (loss)/income		
	Local equity Foreign equity Mutual funds Investment property valuation Foreign bonds Loss on property being developed for sale Local bonds	(241,900) (434,437) (10,330) 28,074 511  (237,022) (895,104)	742,684 447,762 66,513 104,172 (2,352) (21,298) (145,983) 1,191,498

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19	Staff salaries, allowances and benefits	Year e 30 J	une
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Pension contributions Salaries and other related expenses Group health plan National insurance contributions Training Travelling and subsistence Other	9,198 104,114 1,916 5,560 1,048 2,409 837	7,868 108,970 1,785 5,123 827 1,624 705
		125,082	126,902
20	Other expenses		
	Janitorial Data processing services Advertising and publicity Bank charges Electricity General Insurance Legal and professional Printing stationery and office supplies Rent Repairs and maintenance – equipment Repairs and maintenance – premises Security Pension administration Telephone Other	2,755 1,163 3,974 1,332 2,788 3,138 1,338 9,136 2,527 7,867 1,741 11,690 7,974 3,642 5,159 6,479 72,703	2,522 1,131 4,118 1,253 2,303 1,789 1,302 5,046 2,103 4,996 1,362 10,311 7,081 1,998 4,577 3,897

As at 30 June 2015, administrative expenses amounted to 4.80% (year ended 30 June 2014: 5.25%) of contribution income and this did not exceed the limit established by NIBTT of 7.5%.

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## 21 Post-employment benefit

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are as follows:

	Year ended 30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Net liability in balance sheet		
Present value of defined benefit obligation Fair value of assets	993,455 (957,505)	958,041 (957,892)
Deficit Effect of asset ceiling	35,950 	149 
Net defined benefit liability/(asset)	35,950	149
Movement in present value of defined benefit obligation		
Defined benefit obligation at start of year Current service cost	958,041 19,706	913,439 18,597
Interest cost	47,277	45,047
Members' contributions Past service cost/(credit) Re-measurements	3,490 4,904	3,281 
- Experience adjustments	(4,682)	2,998
Benefits paid	(35,281)	(25,321)
Defined benefit obligation at end of year	993,455	958,041
The defined benefit obligation is allocated between the Plan's member - Active - Deferred members - Pensioners	s as follows:	58% 1% 41%

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation.

16.5 years 96% of the value of the benefits for active members is vested.

25% of the defined benefit obligation for active members is conditional on future salary increases.

Movement in fair value of plan assets	Year ended 30 June		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	
Fair value of Plan assets at start of year Interest income Return on Plan assets, excluding interest income Board contributions Members' contributions Benefits paid	957,892 47,349 (25,639) 9,694 3,490 (35,281)	916,847 45,519 8,613 8,953 3,281 (25,321)	
Fair value of Plan assets at end of year	957,505	957,892	
Actual return on Plan assets	21,710	54,132	

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	Year ended 30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Asset allocation		
Regionally listed equities (prices quoted on regional exchanges)	255,050	266,710
Overseas equities (developed markets outside of CARICOM)	106,403	94,459
TT\$ Gov't and Gov't Guaranteed bonds (no quoted market prices)	427,112	464,945
TT\$ corporate bonds (no quoted market prices)	61,295	72,284
US\$ bonds (no quoted market prices)	10,344	10,703
Mortgages (no quoted market prices)	76	76
Local equity/income	3,588	3,590
Cash and cash equivalents	93,637	45,125
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	957,505	957,892

All asset values as at 30 June 2015 were provided by the Plan's investment manager (First Citizens Asset Management Limited).

The majority of the Plan's government bonds were issued by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, which also guarantees many of the corporate bonds held by the Plan.

Expense recognised in profit or loss Current service cost Net Interest on net defined benefit liability Past service cost/(credit)	19,706 (72) 4,904	18,597 (472)
Net pension cost	24,538	18,125
Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income Experience losses/(gains) Effect of asset ceiling	20,957	(5,615) 
Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income	20,957	(5,615)
Reconciliation of opening and closing balance sheet entries Opening defined benefit liability/(asset) Net pension cost Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income Board contributions paid	149 24,538 20,957 (9,694)	(3,408) 18,125 (5,615) (8,953)
Closing defined benefit liability	35,950	149
Summary of principal assumptions as at 31 December Discount rate General salary increases Salary increases due to age, merit and promotion Total individual salary increases Future pension increases	5.0% 4.0% 1.0% 5.0% 3.0%	5.0% 4.0% 1.0% 5.0% 3.0%

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## 21 Post-employment benefit (continued)

,	Year ended 30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Life expectancy at age 60 for current pensioner in years		
- Male	21.0	21.0
- Female	25.1	25.1
Life expectancy at age 60 for current members age 40 in years		
- Male	21.4	21.4
- Female	25.4	25.4
Sensitivity analysis		
	1%pa lower \$000	1%pa higher \$000
<ul><li>Discount rate</li><li>Future salary increases</li><li>Future pension increases</li></ul>	173,757 (32,691) (107,423)	(135,164) 36,995 130,766

An increase of 1 year in the assumed life expectancies shown above would increase the defined benefit obligation at 30 June 2015 by \$24.3 million.

These sensitivities were calculated by re-calculating the defined benefit obligations using the revised assumptions.

#### **Funding**

The Board meets the balance of the cost of funding the defined benefit Pension Plan and the Board must pay contributions at least equal to those paid by members, which are fixed. The funding requirements are based on regular (at least every 3 years) actuarial valuations of the Plan and the assumptions used to determine the funding required may differ from those set out above. The Board expects to pay contributions of \$9.8 million to the Pension Plan during 2015/16. However this amount could increase if outstanding pay negotiations are completed during the year and are less favourable than anticipated.

## 22 Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

a. Pending litigation and outstanding appeals

As at 30 June 2015 there were certain legal proceedings outstanding against NIBTT. No provision has been made as professional advice indicates that it is unlikely that any significant loss will arise.

#### b. Industrial relations

A provision of \$27M has been made in the accounts for wage negotiations for the period 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2015 for bargaining units A & B as well as Senior and Executive Management (2014: \$33.7M).

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## 22 Contingent liabilities and capital commitments (continued)

## c. Capital commitments

Capital commitments consist principally of amounts relating to construction of the head office building of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago at a total cost of \$345 million. Further, the Board executed contracts in the sum of \$10.9 million for the completion of phases 3 and 4 of the Riverwoods Housing Development Project, with the project expected to be completed in 2016.

		ended June
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Capital commitments	355,002	5,077

## 23 Related party transactions and balances

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operating decisions. These transactions were carried out on normal terms and conditions at market rates.

The following table provides the total amount of balances and transactions, which have been entered into with related parties for the relevant financial year.

## a. Transactions with related parties

Post-employment benefits

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During the years ended 30 June 2015 and 2014, NIBTT carried out the following significant transactions with related parties during the course of normal operations:

		Year ended 30 June	
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
	Net investments/(redemptions) in debt of subsidiary companies Interest received	(157,446) <u>49,421</u>	(456,988) 29,068
	Balances due from related parties		
	The amounts due from related companies comprise of the following	<b>g</b> :	
	Balance due	479,248	507,158
•	Transactions with key management personnel		
	In addition to their salaries, NIBTT also provides non-cash benefits contributions to a post-employment defined benefit plan on their be management personnel compensations are as follows:		officers and
	Short-term employee benefits	2,170	2,977

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#### 24 Taxation

The fund is established under the laws of Trinidad and Tobago and is not subject to income, capital gains or other corporate taxes. The fund's operations do not subject it to taxation in any other jurisdictions, except for withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains by certain countries on investment income and capital gains for investments domiciled in those countries.

## 25 Financial risk management

The NIBTT's activities exposes it to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Its principal financial instruments comprise investment securities, mortgage advances, fixed deposits, cash and cash equivalents and borrowings. Income earned from investments, together with the excess of contributions after benefits are paid, are used to earn above average interest rate margins through the investing in high quality, high yielding assets with acceptable levels of risk.

#### 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. NIBTT is mainly exposed to credit risk with respect to its mortgage portfolio, bonds and deposits.

NIBTT limits its exposure with respect to its bond portfolio by investing in only bonds issued by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago or institutions with high credit worthiness.

In respect to the Mortgage portfolio, constant monitoring is also employed. The necessary contact with mortgagors is maintained to ensure that payments are received in a timely manner, where necessary mortgage re-scheduling is done, which considers the borrowers new financial position. In the event where recovery may seem doubtful, provisions are set aside to cover any potential losses.

The carrying amount of loans and advances, investment securities, matured deposits and cash balances at banks represent the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

#### Loans and advances

	30 June	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Mortgage advances		
Gross amount	61,614	68,895
Impaired		
Gross amount	51,997	50,627
Allowance for impairment	(51,997)	(50,627)
Carrying amount		

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Past due but not impaired 30 June		
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Gross amount	7,284	9,142
Past due comprises 30-60 days 61-90 days 91-180 days Over 180 days	5,586 926 611 161	7,018 1,004 937 183
Carrying amount	7,284	9,142
Neither past due nor impaired Gross amount	5,796	9,125

NIBTT granted mortgages based on evaluations of the mortgagees' financial situation, and reports monthly on the exposure of potential losses from mortgages.

## Investment securities

The amounts in relation to investment securities are neither past due nor impaired. As such no provisions have been made against the amounts.

NIBTT holds collateral to cover its credit risks associated with specific investment securities considered most at risk.

The maximum exposure to credit risk for investment securities at the reporting date by sector was:

		ended June
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Concentration by location	,	,
Trinidad and Tobago North America Emerging Markets	11,942,684 149,562 26,689	12,699,348 275,058 32,044
Total geographic concentration	12,118,935	13,006,450
The maximum exposure to credit risk for investment securities at the re-	porting date by	y location was:
Concentration by industry type		
Cash and cash equivalent Bonds Mortgage advances	3,436,198 8,673,119 9,617	3,952,668 9,035,514 18,268
Total credit risk exposure	12,118,935	13,006,450

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## 25 Financial risk management (continued)

The Board has established a credit quality review process involving regular analysis of the ability of borrowers and other counterparties to meet interest and capital repayment obligations.

#### a. Bonds

The Board limits its exposure to credit risk by investing in liquid securities and with counterparties that have high credit quality. As a consequence, management's expectation of default is low.

The Board has documented investment policies which facilitate the management of credit risk on investment securities and resale agreements. The Board's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continually monitored.

#### b. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are held in financial institutions which management regards as strong and there is no significant concentration. The strength of these financial institutions is continually reviewed by the Mark to Market Committee.

#### c. Receivables

Exposure to credit risk on receivables is managed through regular analysis of the ability of continuing customers and new customers to meet repayment obligations.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that NIBTT will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial instruments when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances. To mitigate this risk the daily liquidity position for both operational and the payment of benefits is monitored to ensure that the bank accounts are adequately serviced. Transfers are done between bank accounts and the excess of contribution income over benefit payments are taken up and invested to earn above average interest rate margins through investing in high quality, high yielding assets with acceptable risk.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

	Up to one year \$'000	One to five years \$'000	Over five years \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 30 June 2015 Other liabilities	108,903			108,903
As at 30 June 2014 Other liabilities	99,384			99,384

Parliament mandated that benefit payments be made from current monthly contributions as per the National Insurance Act.

#### Market risk

#### 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 changes in market interest rates. NIBTT is primarily exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its fixed rate debentures, government securities and bonds.

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## 25 Financial risk management (continued)

At the reporting date, the interest rate profile of NIBTT's interest bearing financial instruments was:

Asset allocation - 2015	<1 mth \$'000	1-3 mths \$'000	3 mths – 1 yrs \$'000	1 yr - 5 yrs \$'000	Over 5 yrs \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Grand total \$'000
Bonds (local)	150,583	85,428	498,166	2,353,923	4,194,280		7,282,380
Bonds (foreign)					101,102		101,102
OMO's	310,629		179,009	800,000			1,289,638
Equities (local)						7,299,747	7,299,747
Equities (foreign)			( <del></del>			2,492,666	2,492,666
Mutual funds (local)						929,703	929,703
Mutual funds (foreign)						31,749	31,749
Investment income receivables				a		53,365	53,365
Cash and cash equivalents	3,191,157					245,042	3,436,199
Total	3,652,369	85,428	677,175	3,153,923	4,295,382	11,052,272	22,916,549
						Non-	
			3 mths -	1 vr -	Over	Non- interest	Grand
Asset allocation -	<1 mth	1-3 mths	3 mths – 1 vrs	1 yr - 5 yrs	Over 5 vrs	interest	Grand total
Asset allocation - 2015	<1 mth \$'000	1-3 mths \$'000	3 mths – 1 yrs \$'000	1 yr - 5 yrs \$'000	Over 5 yrs \$'000		
			1 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000	interest bearing	total \$'000
2015 Bonds (local)			1 yrs \$'000 822,570	5 yrs	5 yrs	interest bearing	total \$'000 6,376,224
2015  Bonds (local) Bonds (foreign)	<b>\$'000</b> 4,220	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000	interest bearing	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834
2015  Bonds (local)  Bonds (foreign)  OMO's	\$'000	\$'000 52,491 	1 yrs \$'000 822,570	5 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000	interest bearing \$'000  	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572
2015  Bonds (local)  Bonds (foreign)  OMO's  Equities (local)	<b>\$'000</b> 4,220	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000 3,581,599  	interest bearing \$'000	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572 6,932,353
Bonds (local) Bonds (foreign) OMO's Equities (local) Equities (foreign)	<b>\$'000</b> 4,220	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000 3,581,599 	interest bearing \$'000   6,932,353 2,737,624	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572 6,932,353 2,737,624
Bonds (local) Bonds (foreign) OMO's Equities (local) Equities (foreign) Mutual funds (local)	<b>\$'000</b> 4,220	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000 1,915,344    	5 yrs \$'000 3,581,599    	interest bearing \$'000   6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572 6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864
Bonds (local) Bonds (foreign) OMO's Equities (local) Equities (foreign) Mutual funds (local) Mutual funds (foreign)	\$'000 4,220  530,630   	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000	5 yrs \$'000 3,581,599  	interest bearing \$'000   6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864 801,836	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572 6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864 801,836
Bonds (local) Bonds (foreign) OMO's Equities (local) Equities (foreign) Mutual funds (local) Mutual funds (foreign) Investment income receivables	\$'000 4,220  530,630    	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000 1,915,344    	5 yrs \$'000 3,581,599    	interest bearing \$'000  6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864 801,836 41,610	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572 6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864 801,836 41,610
Bonds (local) Bonds (foreign) OMO's Equities (local) Equities (foreign) Mutual funds (local) Mutual funds (foreign)	\$'000 4,220  530,630   	\$'000 52,491	1 yrs \$'000 822,570 229,834	5 yrs \$'000 1,915,344    	5 yrs \$'000 3,581,599    	interest bearing \$'000   6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864 801,836	total \$'000 6,376,224 229,834 2,419,572 6,932,353 2,737,624 49,864 801,836

Fair value sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

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## 25 Financial risk management (continued)

A change of 100 basis points in interest rates at the year-end would have increased (decreased) the total funds by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2014.

	100bp increase \$'000	100bp decrease \$'000
June 2015	(407,622)	407,622
June 2014	(346,200)	346,200

#### Currency risk

The NIBTT is exposed to currency risk with respect to its investments in cash and cash equivalents denominated in United States dollars. Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The portfolio is monitored on a monthly basis.

NIBTT's exposure to foreign currency risk based on notional amounts was as follows:

	TT \$'000	US \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 30 June 2015			
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Local bonds Foreign bonds Foreign equities Local equities Mutual funds Mortgage advances Other assets	1,966,964 7,856,728  35,000 6,943,971 903,014 9,617 764,158	1,469,235 715,289 101,102 2,457,666 355,776 58,438	3,436,199 8,572,017 101,102 2,492,666 7,299,747 961,452 9,617 764,158
Total financial assets	18,479,452	5,157,506	23,636,958
Liabilities Other liabilities Total financial liabilities	(108,903)	<u></u>	(108,903) (108,903)
Net currency risk exposure	18,370,549	5,157,506	23,528,055

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Currency risk (continued)	***	ше	Tatal
	TT \$'000	US \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 30 June 2014	•	,	,
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Local bonds Foreign bonds Income funds Local equities Foreign equities Mutual funds Mortgage advances Claims receivable	2,119,088 8,241,801  49,863 6,973,570 35,000 819,656 18,268 81,242	1,833,579 553,996 229,834  498 2,702,624 32,045	3,952,667 8,795,797 229,834 49,863 6,974,068 2,737,624 851,701 18,268 81,242
Other assets	573,251		573,251
Total financial assets	18,911,739	5,352,576	24,264,315
Liabilities Other liabilities	(99,384)		(99,384)
Total financial liabilities	(99,384)		(99,384)
Net currency risk exposure	18,812,355	5,352,576	24,164,931

The following significant exchange rates were applied during the year:

	W. C.	ge mid ite	Reporting date spot rate	
	30 June 2015	30 June 2014	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
USD	6.3443	6.3833	6.3443	6.3833

Sensitivity analysis

A 1% strengthening of TTD against USD at year end would have increased/(decreased) the total funds by the amount shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2014.

	y€	Total funds year ended 30 June		
Effect in TT\$'000	2015	2014		
TTD	<u>(51,575</u> )	53,526		

# Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

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## 25 Financial risk management (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis (continued)

A 1% weakening of the TTD against USD at year end would have had the equal but opposite effect to the above currencies on the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
TTD	51,575	(53,526)

## 26 Staff complement

The staff complement as at 30 June 2015 was 702 (June 2014: 650).

## 27 Subsequent events

There were no subsequent events noted by management up to the date of authorisation of the special purpose financial statements that require adjustment to or disclosure in these special purpose financial statements.