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For the Month of February 2006

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

ACN 005 357 522

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Level 6, 100 Queen Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Media Release

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ANZ National Bank records strong

December Quarter result

ANZ National Bank today announced a profit of NZ\$274m for the December 2005 quarter(1), up 19% on the previous corresponding quarter, with good momentum emerging in operating performance.

The result reflects solid asset and deposit growth, lower credit provisioning charges and stronger earnings from Institutional Markets. In addition \$15 million post tax was received as income in the December 2005 quarter from Lloyds TSB Group plc relating to an adjustment to the purchase price for The National Bank of New Zealand Limited Group (Lloyds receipt).

These favourable impacts were offset by reduced net interest margins in Retail, Rural and Corporate businesses from price competition, the run-off of discontinued structured finance transactions and higher integration costs.

December Quarter 2005 Performance Summary

Profit after tax of NZ\$274 million, a 19% increase over the December 2004 quarter (\$230 million).

Underlying profit after tax of \$247 million, an 8% increase over the December 2004 quarter (\$228 million). Refer Appendix for an outline of the Underlying calculations.

Underlying cost-to-income ratio decreased to 44.1% from 45.1% in the December 2004 quarter.

Net loans and advances were up NZ\$1,801 million (10% annualised) on the September 2005 position and up 13% from December 2004. Total customer deposits were up NZ\$2,058 million (18% annualised) on the September 2005 position and up 10% from December 2004.

(1) The December 2005 quarter was the first financial reporting period for ANZ National Bank under IFRS.

Comparative figures have not been restated for NZ IAS 32: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and

Presentation, NZ IAS 39: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and NZ IFRS 4: Insurance

Contracts.

ANZ National Bank maintained good balance sheet growth with net loans and advances increasing 13.1% in the 12 months to December and by NZ\$1,801 million (10% annualised) to NZ\$70.9 billion in the December quarter.

Total mortgage growth was NZ\$1,256 million for the December quarter - up from growth of NZ\$1,141 million in the December 2004 quarter, and an increase of 13.6% in the 12 months to December 2005 to NZ\$39.6 billion. Customer deposits increased 9.5% in the 12 months to December, after growth of NZ\$2,058 million (18% annualised) to NZ\$47.5 billion in the December quarter.

Underlying costs of NZ\$316 million were up 4% on the same period last year (refer Appendix), with an increased focus on efficiency helping offset continuing investment in branches and staff.

An improved Institutional Markets performance (capital markets and foreign exchange earnings) was the main driver of the stronger Institutional segment result for the quarter. Good lending growth drove an improved result in the Relationship Banking segment.

The ongoing impact from last year's intense price competition in mortgages, and the cost of the ongoing enhancement to the customer service proposition, constrained growth in the retail banking businesses. Restructuring, and competitive pressures on lending volumes and margins impacted the UDC performance for the quarter.

The credit environment remains benign, and this was reflected in a lower provisioning charge. The application of IFRS doubtful debts provisioning methodology also favourably impacted the provisioning charge.

Adjusting the headline profit for the impacts of adopting IFRS which are not reflected in the December 2004 results, relating to changed accounting treatment of derivative valuations, yield related fee income, credit provisioning and hedging relationships, and excluding integration costs, the Lloyds receipt and the run-off of discontinued structured finance transactions, profit after tax increased by 8% over the December 2004 quarter.

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APPENDIX KEY CALCULATIONS OF UNDERLYING RESULT

		QUARTER TO DEC-05 \$m	QUARTER TO DEC-04 \$m
Headline profit after tax		274	230
Add back:	Integration costs (post tax)	17	8
	IFRS adjustments		
	Mark to market of hedges	(12)	
	Credit provisioning	(21)	
	Fee income amortisation	6	
	Lloyds receipt	(15)	
	Discontinued business (structured finance)	(2)	(10)
Underlying profit after tax		247	228
Headline operating expenses		342	316
Add back:	Integration costs	(26)	(12)
	Discontinued business (structured finance)		(1)
Underlying operating expenses		316	303
Headline net operating income		742	679
Add back:	IFRS adjustments		
	Mark to market of hedges	(17)	
	Fee income amortisation	8	
	Lloyds receipt	(15)	
	Discontinued business (structured finance)	(1)	(7)
Underlying net operating income		717	672

ANZ NATIONAL BANK LIMITED GROUP

General Short Form

Disclosure Statement

for the three months ended 31 December 2005

Number 40 Issued February 2006

ANZ National Bank Limited

ANZ NATIONAL BANK LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

GENERAL SHORT FORM DISCLOSURE STATEMENT for the three months ended 31 December 2005

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GENERAL DISCLOSURES

This Short Form Disclosure Statement has been issued in accordance with the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off-Quarter - New Zealand Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2005 (the Order).

In this Short Form Disclosure Statement unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) **Banking Group** means ANZ National Bank Limited and all its subsidiaries; and

- b) any term or expression which is defined in, or in the manner prescribed by, the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off-Quarter - New Zealand Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2005 shall have the meaning given in or prescribed by that Order.

General Matters

The full name of the registered bank is ANZ National Bank Limited (the Bank) and its address for service is Level 14, ANZ Tower, 215-229 Lambton Quay, Wellington, New Zealand.

The Bank was incorporated under the Companies Act 1955 by virtue of the ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Act 1979 on 23 October 1979, and was reregistered under the Companies Act 1993 on 13 June 1997.

The immediate parent company of the Bank is ANZ Holdings (New Zealand) Limited (incorporated in New Zealand). The immediate parent company is owned by ANZ Funds Pty Limited (incorporated in Australia).

The Ultimate Parent Bank is Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, which is incorporated in Australia, and its address for service is 100 Queen Street, Melbourne, Australia.

The Bank is wholly owned by its immediate parent company and ultimately the Ultimate Parent Bank. The immediate parent company has the power under the Bank's Constitution to appoint any person as a Director of the Bank either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director or

to remove any person from the office of Director, from time to time by giving written notice to the Bank. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand must approve all appointments of Directors.

Material Financial Support

In accordance with the requirements issued by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority pursuant to the Prudential Statements, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, as the Ultimate Parent Bank, may not provide material financial support to the Bank contrary to the following:

the Ultimate Parent Bank should not undertake any third party dealings with the prime purpose of supporting the business of the Bank;

the Ultimate Parent Bank should not hold unlimited exposures (should be limited as to specified time and amount) in the Bank (e.g. not provide a general guarantee covering any of the Bank's obligations);

the Ultimate Parent Bank should not enter into cross default clauses whereby a default by the Bank on an obligation (whether financial or otherwise) is deemed to trigger a default of the Ultimate Parent Bank in its obligations;

the Board of the Ultimate Parent Bank in determining limits on acceptable levels of exposure to the Bank should have regard to:

the level of exposure that would be approved to third parties of broadly equivalent credit status. In this regard, prior consultation (and in cases approval) is required before entering exceptionally large exposures; and

the impact on the Ultimate Parent Bank's capital and liquidity position and its ability to continue operating in the event of a failure by the Bank.

the level of exposure to the Bank not exceeding:

50% on an individual exposure basis; and

150% in aggregate (being exposures to all similar regulated entities related to the Ultimate Parent Bank)

of the Ultimate Parent Bank's capital base.

Additionally, the Ultimate Parent Bank may not provide material financial support in breach of the Australian Banking Act (1959). This requires the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority to exercise its powers and functions for the protection of a bank's depositors and in the event of a bank becoming unable to meet its obligations or suspending payment the assets of the bank in Australia shall be available to meet that bank's deposit liabilities in Australia in priority to all other liabilities of the bank.

The Ultimate Parent Bank has not provided material financial support to the Bank contrary to any of the above requirements.

Guarantors

The material obligations of the Bank are not guaranteed.

Directorate

Since the publication of the previous Disclosure Statement on 21 November 2005, Sir John Anderson resigned as Chief Executive of the Bank on 31 December 2005. Graham Kennedy Hodges was appointed Chief Executive of the Bank on 1 January 2006, having been appointed Chief Executive Designate of the Bank on 14 October 2005.

ANZ NATIONAL BANK LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

Conditions of Registration, applicable as at 16 February 2006. These

Conditions of Registration have applied from 2 December 2005.

The registration of ANZ National Bank Limited (the Bank) as a registered bank is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Banking Group complies with the following requirements at all times:

Capital of the Banking Group is not less than 8 percent of risk weighted exposures.

Tier 1 capital of the Banking Group is not less than 4 percent of risk weighted exposures.

Capital of the Banking Group is not less than NZ \$15 million.

That the Bank complies with the following requirements at all times:

Capital of the Bank is not less than 8 percent of risk weighted exposures.

Tier 1 capital of the Bank is not less than 4 percent of risk weighted exposures.

Capital of the Bank is not less than NZ \$15 million.

For the purposes of this condition of registration, capital, Tier 1 capital and risk weighted exposures shall be calculated in accordance with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand document entitled "Capital Adequacy Framework" (BS2) dated March 2005.

In its disclosure statements under the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off-Quarter New Zealand Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2005, the Bank must include all of the information relating to the capital position of both the Bank and the Banking Group which would be required if the second schedule of that Order was replaced by the second schedule of the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Full and Half-Year New Zealand Incorporated Registered Banks) Order 2005 in respect of the relevant quarter.

2. That the Banking Group does not conduct any non-financial activities that in aggregate are material relative to its total activities, where the term material is based on generally accepted accounting practice, as defined in the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

3. That the Banking Group's insurance business is not greater than 1% of its total consolidated assets. For the purposes of this condition:

(i) Insurance business means any business of the nature referred to in section 4 of the Insurance Companies (Ratings and Inspections) Act 1994 (including those to which the Act is disappplied by sections 4(1)(a) and (b) and 9 of that Act), or any business of the nature referred to in section 3(1) of the Life Insurance Act 1908;

(ii) In measuring the size of the Banking Group's insurance business:

(a) Where insurance business is conducted by any entity whose business predominantly consists of insurance business, the size of that insurance business shall be:

The total consolidated assets of the group headed by that entity;

Or if the entity is a subsidiary of another entity whose business predominantly consists of insurance business, the total consolidated assets of the group headed by the latter entity;

(b) Otherwise, the size of each insurance business conducted by any entity within the Banking Group shall equal the total liabilities relating to that insurance business, plus the equity retained by the entity to meet the solvency or financial soundness needs of the insurance business;

(c) The amounts measured in relation to parts a) and b) shall be summed and compared to the total consolidated assets of the Banking Group. All amounts in parts a) and b) shall relate to on balance sheet items only, and shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice, as defined in the Financial Reporting Act 1993;

(d) Where products or assets of which an insurance business is comprised also contain a non-insurance component, the whole of such products or assets shall be considered part of the insurance business.

4. That aggregate credit exposures (of a non-capital nature and net of specific provisions) of the Banking Group to all connected persons do not exceed the rating-contingent limit outlined in the following matrix:

Credit Rating	Connected exposure limit (% of the Banking Group's Tier 1 capital)
AA/Aa2 and above	75
AA-/Aa3	70

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A+/A1	60
A/A2	40
A-/A3	30
BBB+/Baa1 and below	15

Within the rating-contingent limit, credit exposures (of a non-capital nature and net of specific provisions) to non-bank connected persons shall not exceed 15 percent of the Banking Group's Tier 1 capital.

For the purposes of this condition of registration, compliance with the rating-contingent connected exposure limit is determined in accordance with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand document entitled "Connected Exposure Policy" (BS8) dated March 2005.

5. That exposures to connected persons are not on more favourable terms (e.g. as relates to such matters as credit assessment, tenor, interest rates, amortisation schedules and requirement for collateral) than corresponding exposures to non-connected persons.

6. That the board of the Bank contains at least two independent directors and that alternates for those directors, if any, are also independent. In this context an independent director (or alternate) is a director (or alternate) who is not an employee of the Bank, and who is not a director, trustee, or employee of any holding company (as that term is defined in section 5 of the Companies Act 1993) of the Bank, or any other entity capable of controlling or significantly influencing the Bank.

7. That the chairperson of the Bank's board is not an employee of the Bank.

8. That the Bank's constitution does not include any provision permitting a director, when exercising powers or performing duties as a director, to act other than in what he or she believes is the best interests of the company (i.e. the Bank).

9. That a substantial proportion of the Bank's business is conducted in and from New Zealand.

10. That none of the following actions may be taken except with the consent of the Reserve Bank:
 - (i) Any transfer to another person or entity (other than the Bank or any member of the Banking Group which is incorporated in, and operating in, New Zealand) of all or a material part of any business (which term shall include the customers of the business) carried on by the Bank (or any member of the Banking Group); and

(ii) Any transfer or change by which all or a material part of the management, operational capacity or systems of the Bank (or any member of the Banking Group) is transferred to, or is to be performed by, another person or entity other than the Bank (or any member of the Banking Group which is incorporated in, and operating in, New Zealand); and

(iii) Any action affecting, or other change in, the arrangements by which any function relating to any business carried on by the Bank (or any member of the Banking Group) is performed, which has or may have the effect that all or a material part of any such function will be performed by another person or entity other than the Bank (or any member of the Banking Group which is incorporated in, and operating in, New Zealand); and

(iv) Any action that prohibits, prevents or restricts the authority or ability of the board of the Bank or any statutory manager of the Bank (or the board of any member of the Banking Group or any statutory manager of any member of the Banking Group) to have unambiguous legal authority and practical ability to control and operate any business or activity of the Bank (or any member of the Banking Group).

11. That no appointment of any director, chief executive officer, or executive who reports or is accountable directly to the chief executive officer, shall be made in respect of the Bank unless:

(i) The Reserve Bank has been supplied with a copy of the curriculum vitae of the proposed appointee, and

(ii) The Reserve Bank has advised that it has no objection to that appointment.

12. (i) That the management of the Bank by its chief executive officer shall be carried out solely under the direction and supervision of the board of directors of the Bank.

(ii) That the employment contract of the chief executive officer of the Bank shall be with the Bank. The chief executive officer's responsibilities shall be owed solely to the Bank and the terms and conditions of the chief executive officer's employment agreement shall be determined by, and any decision relating to the employment or termination of employment of the chief executive officer shall be made by, the board of directors of the Bank.

(iii) That all staff employed by the Bank shall have their remuneration determined by (or under the delegated authority of) the chief executive officer of the Bank and be accountable (directly or indirectly) solely to the chief executive officer of the Bank.

13. (i) That no later than 31 December 2005 the Bank shall locate and continue to operate in New Zealand the Bank's domestic system and the board of directors of the Bank will have legal and practical ability to control the management and operation of the domestic system.

(ii) That in respect of the international system the board of directors of the Bank will, no later than 31 December 2006, have legal and practical ability to control the management and operation of the international system.

For the purposes of these conditions of registration, the term "Banking Group" means ANZ National Bank Limited's financial reporting group (as defined in section 2(1) of the Financial Reporting Act 1993).

For the purposes of these conditions of registration, the term "domestic system" means all property, assets, systems and resources (including in particular (but without limitation) the management, administrative and information technology systems) owned, operated, or used, by the Bank supporting, relating to, or connected with:

(a) the New Zealand dollar accounts and channels servicing the consumer banking market (but potentially also other customer segments); and

(b) the general ledger covering subsidiary ledgers for (a) above, together with a daily updated summary of the subsidiary ledgers running on the international system; and

(c) any other functions, operations or business of, or carried on by, the Bank (now or at any time in the future) that are not included in, or form part of, the international system;

other than property, assets, systems and resources that are not material to the domestic system, both individually and in aggregate.

For the purposes of these conditions of registration the term "international system" means those systems of the Bank generally having one or more of the following characteristics:

(a) supports foreign currency accounts/transactions;

(b) supports cross-border trade, payments and other transactions;

(c) supports businesses that operate in global markets;

(d) supports accounts and transactions undertaken by institutions, corporates and banks;

(e) used to manage large, volatile risk businesses which operate on a global basis;

- (f) used to service customers who conduct accounts and transactions with the Bank in multiple countries;
- (g) used by the non-Bank subsidiary companies.

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CREDIT RATING INFORMATION

The Bank has two current credit ratings, which are applicable to its long-term senior unsecured obligations which are payable in New Zealand in New Zealand dollars. The credit ratings are:

Standard & Poor's **AA-**

Moody's Investors Service **Aa3**

The Standard & Poor's revised rating was first issued on 11 September 1996. There have been no changes in the credit rating issued in the past two years ended 31 December 2005. The rating is not subject to any qualifications.

The Moody's Investors Service rating was first issued on 31 July 2000. There have been no changes in the credit rating issued in the past two years ended 31 December 2005. The rating is not subject to any qualifications.

The following is a description of the major ratings categories by Ratings Agency:

Standard & Poor's Credit rating scale for long-term ratings:

Ratings scale	Description
AAA	Extremely strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal in a timely manner. Highest rating assigned.
AA	Very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal in a timely manner. This differs from the highest rating only in a small degree.
A	Strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal in a timely manner, but may be more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than higher rated entities.
BBB	Adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal in a timely manner, however adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to meet debt servicing commitments than higher rated entities.
BB	A degree of speculation exists with respect to the ability of an entity with this credit rating to pay interest and repay principal in a timely manner. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions could impair the borrower's capacity to meet debt service commitments in a timely manner.

B Entities rated B are more vulnerable to adverse business, financial or economic conditions than entities in higher rating categories. Adverse business, financial or economic conditions will likely impair the borrower's capacity or willingness to meet debt service commitments in a timely manner.

CCC Entities rated CCC are currently vulnerable to default and are dependent on favourable business, financial and economic conditions to meet debt service commitments in a timely manner. In the event of adverse business, financial or economic conditions the entity is likely to default.

CC Entities rated CC are currently highly vulnerable to non-payment of interest and principal.

C Entities rated C have filed a bankruptcy petition or taken similar action, but payment of obligations are being continued.

D D rated entities are in default. This is assigned when interest or principal payments are not made on the date due or when an insolvency petition or a request to appoint a receiver is filed.

Plus (+) or Minus (-): The ratings from **AA** to **CCC** may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Moody's Investors Service - Credit rating scale for long-term ratings:

Ratings scale	Description
Aaa	Judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as 'gilt edged'. Interest payments are protected by a large margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualised are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.
Aa	Judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risk appear somewhat larger than the Aaa securities.
A	Possess many favourable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment some time in the future.
Baa	Considered as medium-grade obligations (i.e. they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured). Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.
Ba	Judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well-assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate, and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterises bonds in this class.
B	Generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.
Caa	These bonds are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.
Ca	Represent obligations which are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.
C	These are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

Moody's Investors Service bond ratings, where specified, are applied to financial contracts, senior bank obligations and insurance company senior policyholder and claims obligations with an original maturity in excess of one year.

Moody's Investors Service applies numerical modifiers **1**, **2** and **3** in each generic rating classification from **Aa** through **Caa**. The modifier **1** indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier **2** indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier **3** indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

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INCOME STATEMENT for the three months ended 31 December 2005

	Note	Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2005 \$m	Consolidated Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2004 \$m	Audited Year to 30/09/2005 \$m
Interest income		1,726	1,413	5,985
Interest expense		1,213	931	4,069
Net interest income		513	482	1,916
Net trading gains		54	24	127
Other operating income		170	173	723
Share of profit of equity accounted associates and jointly controlled entities		5		1
Net operating income		742	679	2,767
Operating expenses		342	316	1,324
Profit before impairment losses and income tax		400	363	1,443
Impairment losses on loans and advances	10	1	32	122
Profit before income tax		399	331	1,321
Income tax expense	3	125	101	404
Profit for the period		274	230	917

The notes on pages 11 to 47 form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE for the three months ended 31 December 2005

	Note	Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2005 \$m	Consolidated Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2004 \$m	Audited Year to 30/09/2005 \$m
Available-for-sale revaluation reserve:				
Valuation gain recognised after tax		1		
Cash flow hedges:				
Loss recognised after tax		(11)		
Actuarial gain on defined benefit plans after tax			1	4
Net (expense) income recognised directly in equity	14	(10)	1	4
Profit for the period		274	230	917
Total recognised income and expense for the period		264	231	921

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2005

	Note	Unaudited 31/12/2005 \$m	Consolidated Unaudited 31/12/2004 \$m	Audited 30/09/2005 \$m
Assets				
Liquid assets	4	1,852	2,365	1,857
Due from other financial institutions	5	5,624	3,189	5,472
Trading securities	6	751	1,060	912
Derivative financial instruments		1,490	1,937	1,270
Investment securities	7	1,250	1,294	1,270
Net loans and advances	8, 9, 10	70,940	62,712	69,139
Shares in associates and jointly controlled entities		167	23	158
Current tax assets		4		66
Other assets		623	866	945
Deferred tax assets		350	390	415
Premises and equipment		733	652	718
Goodwill and other intangible assets		3,281	3,410	3,279
Total assets		87,065	77,898	85,501
Liabilities				
Due to other financial institutions		2,747	1,533	4,204
Deposits and other borrowings	11	58,638	57,458	59,546
Derivative financial instruments		1,583	2,298	1,660
Payables and other liabilities		1,513	1,714	1,589
Current income tax liabilities			143	
Deferred tax liabilities		169	115	150
Provisions		147	141	142
Bonds and notes		9,857	2,901	6,139
Related party funding		2,643	2,616	2,650
Loan capital	12	1,457	1,363	1,475
Total liabilities		78,754	70,282	77,555
Net assets		8,311	7,616	7,946
Equity				
Paid in share capital	13	5,943	5,943	5,943
Reserves	14	30		
Retained profits	14	2,338	1,673	2,003
Total equity		8,311	7,616	7,946

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the three months ended 31 December 2005

Note	Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2005 \$m	Consolidated Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2004 \$m	Audited Year to 30/09/2005 \$m
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received	1,458	1,362	5,861
Dividends received			1
Fees and other income received	254	207	953
Interest paid	(1,100)	(799)	(3,589)
Operating expenses paid	(330)	(297)	(1,288)
Income taxes paid	(23)	(57)	(521)
Cash flows from operating profits before changes in operating assets and liabilities	259	416	1,417
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Net (increase) decrease in due from other financial institutions - term	(195)	686	(840)
Net decrease (increase) in trading securities	161	(380)	(232)
Net increase in derivative financial instruments	(227)	(485)	(456)
Net increase in loans and advances	(1,388)	(2,359)	(8,870)
Net decrease in other assets	503	271	222
Net (decrease) increase in due to other financial institutions - term	(467)	(42)	1,814
Net (decrease) increase in deposits and other borrowings	(1,395)	3,463	5,301
Net decrease in payables and other liabilities	(72)	(152)	(344)
Net cash flows (used in) provided by operating activities	21	(2,821)	(1,988)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of shares in associates and jointly controlled entities			9
Proceeds from sale of shares in subsidiaries			158
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment	15	14	66
Net decrease in investment securities	102	79	296
Purchase of shares in associates and jointly controlled entities	(4)	(2)	(166)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(63)	(59)	(263)
Net cash flows provided by investing activities	50	32	100
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from bonds and notes	3,718	184	3,425
Redemptions of bonds and notes			(82)
Proceeds from loan capital			200
Redemptions of loan capital			(100)
Net decrease in related party funding	(7)		(127)
Dividends paid			(360)
Net cash flows provided by financing activities	3,711	184	2,956

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Net cash flows (used in) provided by operating activities	(2,821)	1,418	(1,988)
Net cash flows from investing activities	50	32	100
Net cash flows from financing activities	3,711	184	2,956
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	940	1,634	1,068
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	3,242	2,174	2,174
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	4,182	3,808	3,242
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to the balance sheet			
Liquid assets	1,852	2,365	1,857
Due from other financial institutions - less than 90 days	3,282	2,648	3,405
Due to other financial institutions - less than 90 days	(952)	(1,205)	(2,020)
Total cash and cash equivalents	4,182	3,808	3,242

The notes on pages 11 to 47 form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

ANZ NATIONAL BANK LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Basis of preparation

The interim consolidated financial statements of ANZ National Bank Limited have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting (NZ IAS 34) and the Registered Bank Disclosure Statement (Off Quarter New Zealand Incorporated Banks) Order 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for profit-oriented entities. Compliance with NZ IFRS ensures that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2005. The financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2005 were prepared based on previous New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (previous GAAP). These financial statements include a comprehensive summary of the Banking Group s revised accounting policies adopted under NZ IFRS and include reconciliations to previous GAAP (refer Note 26).

(ii) Changes in accounting policies

The Ultimate Parent Company, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, adopted the Australian equivalents to IFRS for the reporting period commencing 1 October 2005. Hence, from this date, the Banking Group has elected to prepare financial statements using NZ IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and approved by the Accounting Standards Review Board.

This is the Banking Group s first financial report prepared in accordance with NZ IFRS and NZ IFRS 1: First-time Adoption of New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards has been applied. An explanation of how the transition from previous GAAP to NZ IFRS has impacted the Banking Group s reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows is set out in Note 26.

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied by the Banking Group to all periods presented in the consolidated financial report and in preparing an opening NZ IFRS balance sheet as at 1 October 2004, except for those policies relating to NZ IFRS for which comparatives are not restated as permitted under the first time adoption transitional provisions. NZ IFRS for which comparatives are not restated are NZ IAS 32: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation, NZ IAS 39: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, and NZ IFRS 4: Insurance Contracts. The accounting policies for financial instruments and insurance contracts applicable to the comparative information are consistent with those applied in the 30 September 2005 General Disclosure Statement.

(iii) Measurement base

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with historical cost concepts except that the following assets and liabilities are stated at their fair value: derivative financial instruments, securities treated as available for sale, financial instruments held for trading, certain financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss and certain assets and liabilities designated as part of fair value hedging arrangements.

(iv) Accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of management judgement, estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and the application of policies. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

(v) Consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of ANZ National Bank Limited (the Bank) and its subsidiaries (the Banking Group).

Subsidiaries

Control means the power to govern, directly or indirectly, decision making in relation to the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Where subsidiaries have been sold or acquired during the year, their operating results have been included to the date control ceases or from the date control is transferred to the Banking Group.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at acquisition date. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Banking Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the Banking Group's share of the net assets of the

subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the income statement.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. The accounting policies of the subsidiary have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Banking Group.

Associates and joint ventures

Associates are all entities over which the Banking Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Joint ventures are entities over which the Banking Group has joint control. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control and exists only when the strategic financial and operating decisions relating to the business activities of the joint venture require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The Banking Group adopts the equity method of accounting for associates and jointly controlled entities. The Banking Group's investment in equity accounted associates and jointly controlled entities is initially recognised at cost and includes any attributable goodwill (net of accumulated impairment losses) identified on acquisition.

The Banking Group's share of the post acquisition results of associates and jointly controlled entities is included in the consolidated income statement and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves recognised in reserves. Shares in

associates and jointly controlled entities are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at cost plus the Banking Group's share of post acquisition net assets. Unrealised gains on transactions between the Banking Group and its associates and jointly controlled entities are eliminated to the extent of the Banking Group's interest in the entity. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. The accounting policies of an associate or jointly controlled entity have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Banking Group.

Interests in associates and jointly controlled entities are reviewed at each reporting date for impairment. Any impairment is recognised in the income statement.

All significant activities of the Banking Group, with the exception of the ING New Zealand Joint Venture, are operated through wholly owned and controlled entities.

The Banking Group may invest in or establish special purpose entities to enable it to undertake specific types of transactions. Where the Banking Group controls such vehicles, they are consolidated into the Banking Group financial results.

(vi) **Foreign currency**

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Banking Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency). The Banking Group's financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from (i) the settlement of such transactions, and (ii) the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges.

From 1 October 2005, translation differences on non-monetary items held at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss in the income statement. Translation differences on non-monetary items classified as available-for-sale financial assets are included in the available-for-sale revaluation reserve in equity.

Foreign operations

The results and financial position of all Banking Group entities that have a functional currency different from the Banking Group's presentation currency, are translated into the Banking Group's presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities of each foreign operation are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at balance date;
- (ii) revenue and expenses of each foreign operation are translated at the average exchange rate for the period; and
- (iii) all resulting exchange differences are recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve.

When a foreign operation is sold, such exchange differences are recognised in the income statement as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated into the presentation currency at the closing rate at balance date.

(vii) Interest income and interest expense

Interest income and interest expense are recognised in the income statement as they accrue, using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method calculates the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and allocates the interest income or interest expense, including any fees and directly related transaction costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, over the expected life of the financial asset or liability. The application of the method has the effect of recognising income and expense on the financial asset or liability evenly in proportion to the amount outstanding over the period to maturity or repayment.

Loan commitment fees (together with related direct costs), are deferred and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest on the loan once drawn.

Fees and commissions payable to brokers in respect of originating lending business, where these are direct and incremental costs related to the issue of a financial instrument, are included in interest income as part of the effective interest rate.

(viii) Fee and commission income

Fees and commission income integral to the effective yield of a financial asset or liability are recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest calculation and included in net interest income.

Fees and commissions that relate to the execution of a significant act (for example, advisory services, placement fees and underwriting fees) are recognised when the significant act has been completed.

Fees charged for providing ongoing services that represent the recoupment of the costs of providing service (for example, maintaining and administering existing facilities) are recognised as revenue over the period the service is provided.

(ix) **Offsetting of income and expenses**

Income and expenses are not offset unless required or permitted by an accounting standard. This generally arises in the following circumstances:

where transaction costs which are an integral part of the effective interest rate of a financial instrument measured at amortised cost are permitted to be offset against the interest income generated by the financial instrument;

where gains and losses relating to fair value hedges are assessed as being effective;

where gains and losses from a group of similar transactions are reported on a net basis such as foreign exchange gains and losses;

where amounts are collected on behalf of third parties, where the Banking Group is, in substance, acting as an agent only; or

where costs are incurred on behalf of customers from whom the Banking Group is reimbursed.

(x) **Trading securities**

Trading securities are those financial assets classified as held for trading and comprise debt and equity securities and treasury notes purchased with the intent of being actively traded. Trading securities are initially recognised at fair value on trade date with transaction costs taken to the income statement. Gains and losses on subsequent revaluation are taken to the income statement. The assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired, or the Banking Group has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership.

Fair value for listed and unlisted securities is determined by the price displayed by a willing buyer in a liquid market at the reporting date. Where a market price in a liquid market is not readily available, the fair value is determined by reference to the market price available for a security with similar credit, maturity and yield characteristics or by using industry standard pricing models.

(xi) **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative financial instruments are contracts whose value is derived from one or more underlying financial instruments or indices. They include swaps, forward rate agreements, futures, options and combinations of these instruments. Derivative financial instruments are entered into for trading purposes (including customer-related reasons) or for hedging purposes (where the derivative instruments are used to hedge the Banking Group's exposures to interest rate risk, currency risk, price risk, credit risk and other exposures relating to non-trading positions).

Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently remeasured at fair value. Fair values are obtained from quoted prices in active markets (including recent transactions) and valuation techniques including discounted cash flow models and option pricing models, as appropriate. Movements in the fair value of derivative financial instruments are recognised in the income statement, unless the derivative financial instrument meets the requirement for hedge accounting.

Where the derivative financial instrument is designated as, and effective as, a hedging instrument the timing of the recognition of any resultant gain or loss in the income statement is dependent on the hedging designation. These hedging designations and associated accounting are as follows:

(a) Fair value hedge

Where the Banking Group hedges the change in fair value of a recognised asset or liability or firm commitment, any change in the fair value of derivatives designated as fair value hedges are recognised in the income statement. Changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability are also recognised in the income statement to the extent that they are effectively hedged to offset the effect of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying value of the hedged item.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the hedge instrument expires or is sold, terminated, exercised or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. The resulting adjustment to the carrying amount of the hedged item arising from the hedged risk is amortised to the income statement over the period to maturity. If the hedged item is sold or repaid, the balance of the adjustment to the carrying value of the hedged item is recognised in the income statement.

(b) Cash flow hedge

The Banking Group designates derivatives as cash flow hedges where the instrument hedges the variability in cash flows of a recognised asset or liability, or a highly probable forecast transaction. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives qualifying and designated as cash flow hedges are deferred in equity, to the cash flow hedging reserve. Any ineffective portion is recognised in the income statement. Amounts deferred in equity are recognised in the income statement in the period during which the hedged forecast transactions take place. Where the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the gain or loss previously deferred in equity is transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset or liability.

When the hedge expires, is sold, terminated, exercised, or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting, the cumulative amount deferred in equity remains in the cash flow hedging reserve, and is subsequently transferred to the income statement when the hedged item is derecognised.

When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the amount deferred in equity is recognised in the income statement.

Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised in the income statement.

Embedded derivatives

Derivatives embedded in financial instruments or other host contracts are treated as separate derivatives when their economic characteristics and risks are not clearly and closely related to those of the host contracts, and the host contracts are not measured at fair value. The embedded derivative is reported at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the income statement.

(xii) **Investment securities**

Investment securities are classified as available-for-sale securities. They comprise those securities which the Banking Group intends to hold for an indefinite period such as certain share investments, or, in the case of fixed term securities, normally until maturity, but which may be sold in response to liquidity needs. They are initially recorded at fair value

plus transaction costs. Subsequent gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included as a separate component of equity called available-for-sale revaluation reserve until the asset is sold or impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is transferred to the income statement.

Premiums and discounts are included within the calculation of the fair value of the security. Interest is accrued and recognised in accordance with the effective yield method.

(xiii) Net loans and advances

Net loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and not classified as available-for-sale. The loans and advances are initially recognised at fair value including transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issue of the loan or advance. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment loss. They are derecognised when the rights to receive cash

flows have expired or the Banking Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Net loans and advances include direct finance provided to customers such as bank overdrafts, credit cards, term loans, finance lease receivables and commercial bills. Overdrafts, credit cards and term loans are carried at principal balances outstanding.

Customer financing through redeemable preference shares is included within net loans and advances. Dividends received on redeemable preference shares are taken to the income statement as part of interest income, when there is a right to receive income.

Finance lease receivables

Finance lease receivables include amounts due from lessees in relation to finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

The gross amount of contractual payments regarding lease finance to business customers that have a fixed rate and a fixed term are recorded as gross lease receivables and the unearned interest component is recognised as income yet to mature.

The finance lease receivables are initially recognised at amounts equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, plus the present value of any unguaranteed residual value expected to accrue at the end of the lease term. Finance lease payments are allocated between interest revenue and reduction in the lease receivable over the term of the finance lease, reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment outstanding in respect of the lease.

Credit assessment

All loans are subject to regular scrutiny and graded according to the level of credit risk. Loans are classified as either productive or non-accrual.

Impaired assets include non-accrual loans, restructured loans and assets acquired through the enforcement of security.

Non-accrual loans include loans where the accrual of interest and fees has ceased due to doubt as to full recovery, and loans that have been restructured with an effective yield below the Banking Group's average cost of funds at the date of restructuring. An individual provision is raised to cover the expected loss, where full recovery of principal is doubtful.

Restructured loans are those loans where the counterparty had difficulty complying with the original terms of the contract and the original terms have been modified to grant the counterparty concessional terms where the yield of the loan is equal to or greater than the Banking Group's average cost of funds and below the yield applicable to a customer of equal credit

standing.

Assets acquired through enforcement of security are those assets which are legally owned by the Banking Group as a result of enforcing security, other than any buildings occupied by the Banking Group.

Cash receipts on non-accrual loans are initially applied as a reduction in principal.

Past due assets are any loans that have not been operated by the counterparty within its key terms for at least 90 days.

Other assets under administration are any loans, not being impaired or past due, where the customer is in any form of voluntary or involuntary administration.

Impairment of loans and advances

Loans and advances are regularly reviewed for impairment loss. Credit loss provisions are raised for exposures that are known to be impaired. Loans are impaired and impairment losses are incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more loss events that occurred after the initial recognition of the loan and prior to the reporting date, and that loss event (or events) has had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the individual loan or the collective portfolio of loans.

Impairment is measured individually for assets that are individually significant (or on a portfolio basis for small value loans), and then on a collective basis for those exposures not individually known to be impaired.

For those exposures that are assessed collectively, these are placed in pools of similar assets with similar risk characteristics. The required provision is estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the collective pool. The historical loss experience is adjusted based on current observable data.

The estimated individual impairment loss is measured as the difference between the assets carrying amount and the estimated future cash flows discounted to their present value at the original effective interest rate. As this discount unwinds during the period between recognition of impairment and recovery of the written down amount, it is recognised in the income statement. The process of estimating the amount and timing of cash flows involves considerable management judgement. These judgements are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

The provision for impairment loss (individual and collective) is deducted from loans and advances in the balance sheet and the movement for the reporting period is reflected in the income statement as impairment losses on loans and advances.

When a loan is uncollectible, it is written-off against the related provision for loan impairment. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written-off are taken to the income statement.

Where impairment losses recognised in previous periods are subsequently decreased or no longer exist, such impairments are reversed in the income statement.

(xiv) **Operating leases**

Leases as lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a systematic basis over the lease term.

Leases as lessor

Operating lease rentals are included in the income statement on a systematic basis over the lease term. Gross operating lease income comprises amounts received under the lease contracts.

Operating lease assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and are included as part of premises and equipment. Depreciation is calculated using a systematic basis over the estimated useful lives of those assets after deducting

any residual values. Residual values are reviewed at each reporting date to ensure they represent realistic estimates of net realisable value at lease expiry. The estimated lives of lease assets vary up to 10 years.

(xv) **Repurchase agreements**

Securities sold under repurchase agreements are retained in the financial statements where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the Banking Group, and a counterparty liability is disclosed under the classifications of due to other financial institutions or deposits and other borrowings. The difference between the sale price and the repurchase price is amortised over the life of the repurchase agreement and charged to interest expense in the income statement.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell, where the Banking Group does not acquire the risks and rewards of ownership, are recorded as liquid assets, net loans and advances, or due from other financial institutions, depending on the term of the agreement and the counterparty. The security is not included in the balance sheet.

(xvi) **Goodwill and other intangible assets**

Goodwill

Purchased goodwill, representing the excess of the purchase consideration over the fair value of the identifiable net assets of a controlled entity at the date of gaining control, is recognised as an asset. The carrying value of goodwill is reviewed for impairment at each reporting period and tested for impairment annually, or more frequently where there is an indication that the goodwill may be impaired. This involves, where required, using discounted cash flow or capitalisation of earnings methodology to determine the expected future benefits of the cash generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated. Where the assessment results in the current carrying value of goodwill exceeding the value of expected future benefits, the difference is charged to the income statement. Any impairment write-down of goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets comprise costs incurred in acquiring and building software and computer systems (referred to as software).

Software is amortised using the straight-line method over its expected useful life to the Banking Group. The period of amortisation is between 3 and 5 years except for the branch front-end applications where 7 years is used.

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At each reporting date, the software assets are reviewed for impairment against impairment indicators. If any indication of impairment exists, the recoverable amount of the assets are estimated and compared against the existing carrying value. Where the existing carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the difference is charged to the income statement.

Costs incurred in planning or evaluating software proposals, or in maintaining systems after implementation, are not capitalised.

(xvii) **Premises and equipment**

Premises and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment.

The gain or loss on the disposal of premises and equipment is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the assets at the time of disposal and the proceeds of disposal, and is included in the income statement in the period of disposal.

Assets other than freehold land are depreciated at rates based upon their expected useful lives to the Banking Group, using the straight-line method. The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are:

Buildings	1%
Building integrals	10%
Furniture & equipment	10%
Computer & office equipment	12.5% - 33%
Motor vehicles	20%

Leasehold improvements are amortised on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their useful lives or remaining terms of the lease.

At each reporting date, the carrying amounts of premises and equipment are reviewed for indications of impairment. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the assets are estimated and compared against the existing carrying value. Where the asset's existing carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount the difference is charged to the income statement. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Banking Group estimates the recoverable amount of the group of assets to which the asset belongs.

(xviii) **Deposits and other borrowings**

Deposits and other borrowings include certificates of deposit, interest bearing deposits, debentures and other related interest bearing financial instruments. Deposits and other borrowings are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost. The interest expense is recognised using the effective interest method as explained in Accounting Policy (vii).

From 1 October 2005, commercial paper has been designated at fair value through profit or loss, with fair value movements recorded directly in the income statement.

(xix) Bonds, notes and loan capital

Bonds, notes and loan capital are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently stated at amortised cost. Interest expense is recognised in the income statement using the effective interest method.

(xx) **Income tax**

Income tax expense

Income tax on profits for the period comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognised in the income statement as tax expense, except when it relates to items credited directly to equity, in which case it is recorded in equity, or where it arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, in which case it is included in the determination of goodwill.

Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable on taxable income for the period, based on tax rates (and tax laws) which are enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and including any adjustment for tax payable in previous periods. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability (or asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or refundable).

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is accounted for using the tax balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax arises by providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax purposes.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period(s) when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised or settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. The measurement reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Banking Group, at the reporting date, recovers or settles the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, other than those in relation to taxable temporary differences arising from goodwill. In addition deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in controlled entities, branches, associates and joint ventures, except where the Banking Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets associated with these interests are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future and there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary difference.

Deferred tax assets, including those related to the tax effects of income tax losses and credits available to be carried forward, are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences or unused tax losses and credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax related to fair value re-measurement of available-for-sale financial assets and cash flow hedges, which are charged or credited directly to equity, is also charged or credited directly to equity and subsequently recognised in the income statement together with the deferred gain or loss on the related asset or liability.

Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only to the extent that they relate to income taxes imposed by the same taxation authority and there is a legal right and intention to settle on a net basis and it is allowed under the tax law.

(xxi) Employee benefits

The Banking Group has elected to apply the amendments to NZ IAS 19 Employee Benefits (as published to May 2006) early with effect from 1 October 2004. As a result, defined benefit superannuation scheme actuarial gains and losses are taken directly to retained profits.

Leave benefits

The amounts expected to be paid in respect of employees' entitlements to annual leave are accrued at expected salary rates including on-costs. Liability for long service leave is calculated and accrued for in respect of all applicable employees (including on-costs) using an actuarial valuation.

Superannuation schemes

The Banking Group's contributions to its defined contribution cash accumulation scheme are recognised as a personnel expense in the income statement when due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available. The Banking Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid.

The Banking Group operates two defined benefit superannuation schemes. The liability and expense related to providing benefits to employees under each of the defined benefit schemes are calculated by independent actuaries. A defined benefit liability is recognised to the extent that the present value of the defined benefit obligation of each scheme, calculated using the Projected Unit Credit Method, is greater than the fair value of the scheme assets. Where this calculation results in a benefit to the Banking Group, a defined benefit asset is recognised. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future outflows by reference to New Zealand 10- year government bond rates.

In each subsequent reporting period, ongoing movements in the carrying value of the defined benefit liability or asset are treated as follows:

net movement relating to the current period's service cost, interest cost, expected return on scheme assets, past service costs and other costs (such as the effects of any curtailments and settlements), is recognised as an employee expense in the income statement;

movements relating to actuarial gains and losses are recognised directly in retained profits; and cash contributions incurred are recognised directly against the defined benefit liability or asset.

The assets of the defined benefit and cash accumulation superannuation schemes are held in trust and are not included in these financial statements as the Banking Group does not have direct or indirect control of these schemes. The benefits under the schemes are provided from contributions by employee members and by the Banking Group, and from income earned by the assets of the schemes. Members' contributions are at varying rates. Actuarial valuations are carried out at minimum of every three years in accordance with the schemes' Trust Deed and superannuation legislation.

Share-based compensation

The Banking Group's employees participate in various equity settled share-based compensation plans operated by the Ultimate Parent Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) and largely comprise the Employee Share Acquisition Plan and the ANZ Share Option Plan. The Banking Group purchases ANZ share and share options for the benefit of its employees from the ultimate parent bank, ANZ.

ANZordinary shares

The fair value of ANZ ordinary shares granted under the Employee Share Acquisition Plan is measured at grant date, using the one-day volume weighted average market price. The fair value is expensed immediately when shares vest immediately. Where shares are subject to a vesting period, the Banking Group initially recognises a net share compensation asset reflecting the fair value of unvested shares issued to employees of the Banking Group. The fair value of unvested shares is amortised to profit and loss on a straight-line basis over the vesting period (normally three years) as employee services are received.

Share options

The fair value of ANZ share options is measured at grant date, using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The fair value is expensed on a straight-line basis over the relevant vesting period. This is recognised as an employee compensation expense with a corresponding increase in the share options liability account.

The option pricing model takes into account the exercise price of the option, the risk free interest rate, the expected volatility of the ANZ ordinary share price and other factors. Market vesting conditions are taken into account in estimating the fair value.

Other adjustments

The amount of expense recognised during the vesting period is adjusted for the number of shares or options expected to vest. Non-market vesting conditions (e.g. service conditions) are taken into account, so that ultimately the expense recognised in the income statement reflects the number of shares or share options that actually vest.

(xxii) Capitalised expenses

Direct external expenses, comprising direct and incremental costs related to the acquisition of interest earning assets, including structured institutional lending, mortgages and finance leases, are initially recognised as part of the cost of acquiring the asset and written-off as an adjustment to its expected yield over its expected life using the effective interest method. The write-off is to interest income as part of the effective interest rate. For assets subject to prepayment, expected life is determined on the basis of the historical behaviour of the particular asset portfolio, taking into account contractual obligations and prepayment experience assessed on a regular basis. Impairment of capitalised expenses is assessed through comparing the actual behaviour of the portfolio against initial expected life assumptions.

(xxiii) Provisions

The Banking Group recognises provisions when there is a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably. The amount recognised is the best estimate of the

consideration required to settle the present obligation, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows. Any expected third party recoveries are recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that recovery will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

(xxiv) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Inland Revenue Department (IRD). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the IRD is included as other assets or other liabilities in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a net basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the IRD are classified as operating cash flows.

(xxv) Offsetting of assets and liabilities

Assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet only where:

There is a current enforceable legal right to offset the asset and liability; and

There is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(xxvi) Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are recognised as liabilities on the balance sheet when the following requirements are met:

the transaction is probable in that the contingency is likely to occur; and

the contingency can be reasonably estimated.

Further disclosure is made within Note 18, where the above requirements are not met but there is a possible obligation that is higher than remote. Specific details are provided together with an estimate of the range or a statement that such an estimate is not possible.

(xxvii) **Segment reporting**

Business segments are distinguished components of the Banking Group that provide products or services that are subject to risks and rewards that are different to those of other business segments. Geographical segments provide products or services within a particular economic environment that is subject to risks and rewards that are different to those components operating in other economic environments.

Business segments are the Banking Group's primary reporting segments. For reporting purposes the four major business segments are Retail Banking, Relationship Banking, Institutional and UDC. The Banking Group operates primarily in one geographic segment, New Zealand.

(xxviii) **Statement of cash flows**

Basis of preparation

The statement of cash flows has been prepared using the direct approach modified by the netting of the certain items as disclosed below.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include liquid assets and amounts due from other financial institutions with an original term to maturity of less than three months and bank overdrafts repayable on demand.

Netting of cash flows

Certain cash flows have been netted in order to provide more meaningful disclosure, as many of the cash flows are received and disbursed on behalf of customers and reflect the activities of the customers rather than those of the Banking Group. These include customer loans and advances, customer deposits,

certificates of deposit, related party balances and trading securities.

(xxix) **Securitisation, funds under management, and other fiduciary activities**

Certain subsidiaries of the Bank act as trustees and/or managers for a number of investment funds, including retirement funds. The Bank provides private banking services to customers including portfolio management. The assets of the managed funds and private banking clients are not included in these financial statements, as direct or indirect control of the assets is not held by the Banking Group. Commissions and fees earned in respect of the Banking Group's funds under management are included in net operating income.

Financial services provided by any member of the Banking Group to discretionary private banking activities or entities conducting funds management, and assets purchased from discretionary private banking activities or entities conducting funds management are on arm's length terms and conditions, and at fair value.

Securitized assets are derecognised when the right to receive cashflows have expired or the Banking Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(xxx) **Life insurance**

The Banking Group's life insurance business was conducted through NBNZ Life Insurance Limited until 30 September 2005 and its results consolidated until that date. On 30 September 2005, NBNZ Life Insurance Limited was sold to ING (NZ) Holdings Limited, a jointly controlled entity of the Bank, which is accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

The operating results have been determined in accordance with the Margin on Services methodology. Insurance premiums on policies are included in the income statement. Surrenders/cancellations are recognised when paid. Claims are recognised when the liability to the policyholder under the policy contract has been established.

Policy liabilities and other liabilities are measured at the net present value of estimated future cash flows, in accordance with the Margin on Services methodology. Changes in the net present values are recognised in the income statement as revenue or expenses in the period in which they occur.

Independent actuaries Melville Jessup Weaver are employed to determine the valuation of the policy liabilities, in accordance with the standards of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries. Actuarial valuations are carried out annually.

(xxxii) **Comparatives**

To ensure consistency with the current year, all comparative figures have been restated where appropriate for the changes resulting from the adoption of NZ IFRS except for those policies for which comparatives are not restated as permitted under the first time adoption transitional provisions (refer Accounting Policy (ii)).

2. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

There has been no material change in the Banking Group's policies for managing risk, or material exposures to any new types of risk since the publication date of the previous Disclosure Statement on 21 November 2005.

3. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2005 \$m	Consolidated Unaudited 3 months to 31/12/2004 \$m	Audited Year to 30/09/2005 \$m
Income tax expense on operating profit	125	101	404
Effective tax rate	31.3%	30.5%	30.6%

4. LIQUID ASSETS

Cash and balances with central banks	429	431	266
Money at call	1,382	1,749	1,438
Bills receivable and remittances in transit	41	185	153
Total liquid assets	1,852	2,365	1,857

5. DUE FROM OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (Ultimate Parent Company)	93	56	92
Due from other financial institutions	5,531	3,133	5,380
Total due from other financial institutions	5,624	3,189	5,472

Included within due from other financial institutions are the following balances:

Able to be withdrawn without prior notice	855	1,307	666
Securities purchased under agreement to resell	1,140	634	930

As at 31 December 2005, assets of \$984 million were encumbered through repurchase agreements (31/12/2004 \$161 million; 30/09/2005 \$643 million).

6. TRADING SECURITIES

Government, Local Body stock and bonds	104	548	332
Certificates of deposit	250	157	316
Promissory notes	383	304	246
Other	14	51	18

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Total trading securities	751	1,060	912
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As at 31 December 2005, assets of \$104 million were encumbered through repurchase agreements (31/12/2004 \$548 million; 30/09/2005 \$332 million).

7. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

	Unaudited 31/12/2005 \$m	Consolidated Unaudited 31/12/2004 \$m	Audited 30/09/2005 \$m
Amortised cost			
Government, Local Body stock and bonds		956	1,250
Floating rate notes		305	20
Other		33	
Total investment securities - recognised at amortised cost		1,294	1,270
Adoption of NZ IAS 39 on 1 October 2005			
With effect from 1 October 2005, investment securities have been classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value, with gains or losses arising from changes in fair value recognised directly in equity in the Available-for-sale revaluation reserve .			
Available-for-sale			
Government, Local Body stock and bonds	1,230		
Floating rate notes	20		
Other			
Total investment securities - recognised at fair value	1,250		
Total investment securities	1,250	1,294	1,270
Included within investment securities is the following balance:			
Investments used to secure deposit obligations	225	217	222

8. NET LOANS AND ADVANCES

Overdrafts	1,712	1,714	1,811
Credit card outstandings	1,217	1,151	1,128
Term loans - housing	39,594	34,865	38,338
Term loans - non-housing	28,767	25,216	28,175
Finance leases	250	268	522
Hire purchase contracts	306	558	381
Gross loans and advances	71,846	63,772	70,355
Allowance for impairment losses on loans and advances (Note 10)	(496)	(644)	