

# FinPro - VBI update May 2017



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### **Defined Benefits promise**

- To pay a guaranteed benefit
  - based on salary and years of service
- LASF plan closed to new members on 31 December 1993
- Pre 26 May 1988 members can opt to take a lifetime pension
  - The majority are likely to do this going forward
- All DB members can elect to take a deferred benefit

#### APRA's prudential standard - SPS 160

- Need to be able to pay out all leaving service benefits at all times
  - Measured against the vested benefits not total service benefits
- SPS 160 is a funding straitjacket
  - APRA driven not actuarial

## APRA's prudential standard - SPS 160

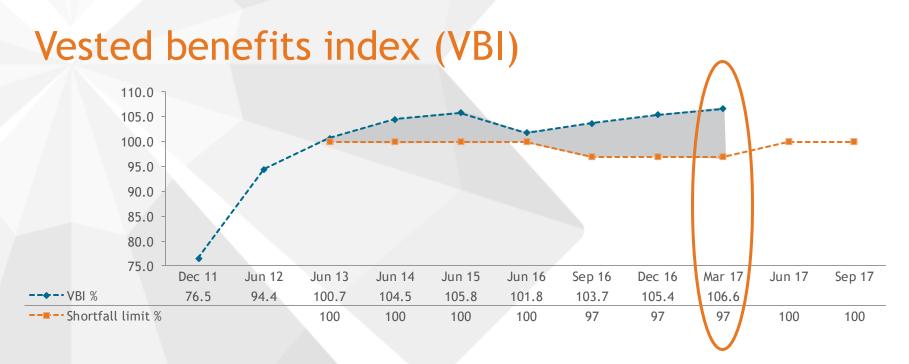
Minimum thresholds must be meet at all times

Quarter ending	VBI threshold		
September	97%/100%*		
December	<b>97</b> %		
March	<b>97</b> %		
June	100%		

\* Based on whether any relevant actuarial review is underway

#### If the VBI falls below the relevant threshold

- Restoration plan required
- VBI must be returned to at least 100% within 3 years



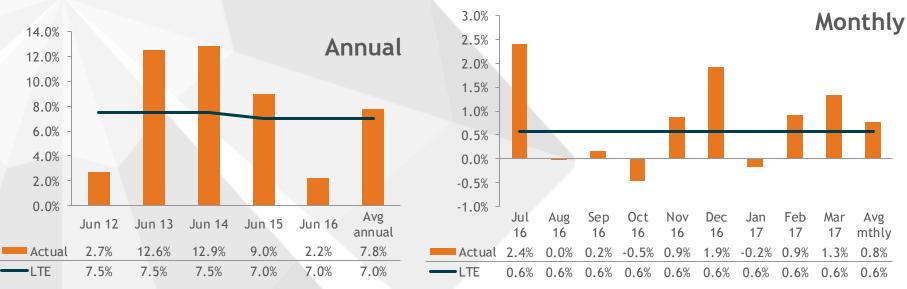
- NB. Shortfall limit varies based on date of test
  - 100% while there is an actuarial review underway (usually every 30 June until the review is completed)
  - 97% all other times

### Financial experience - last 6 months

	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
Investment return	-0.47%	0.88%	<b>1.92</b> %	-0.17%	0.92%	1.33%
Average salary growth	1.1% for the quarter			0.67% for the quarter		
Pension indexation (1/2 yearly - May and Nov)	0.18% for the quarter			n/a		

- As LASF DB matures:
  - Main driver Actual investment returns v long-term investment expectations
  - Active member salary growth reducing impact
  - Lifetime pensioner liability increasing impact

#### Investment returns



- Volatility in the investment experience in any period
- > Past performance is not an indicator of future experience

# 2017 Triennial Actuarial Investigation

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## Triennial actuarial investigation 30 June 2017

- Full investigation carried out every 3 years
- Review of all assumptions
- Main assumptions impacting VBIs are:

	Currently	Current expectations
Long term earning rate	7% pa	Under review
Pensioner mortality (rate of deaths)	All age groups	
Lifetime pension take-up rate	Actives - 50% Deferred - 40%	
Deferred benefit option take-up rate	80%	

# LASF DB VBI - where to from here?

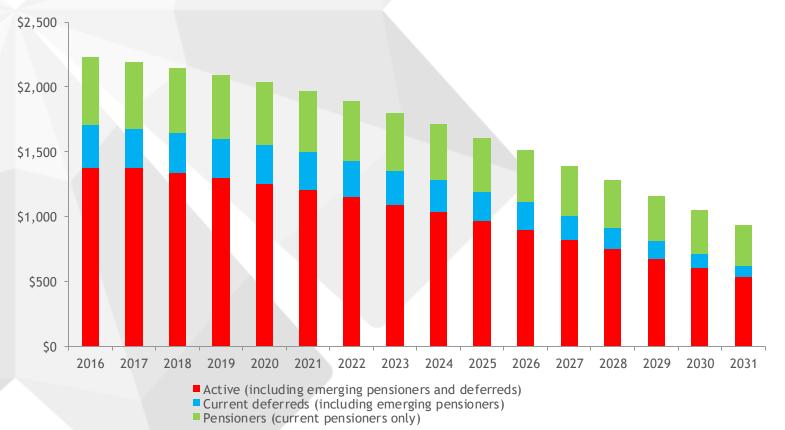
- > Actual investment return is main driver of VBI
- Change to long term investment assumption has immediate one-off impact
  - Current rule of thumb 1% reduction in return  $\rightarrow$  3% reduction in VBI
- Current long term investment assumption is 7%pa (net of tax)
- Feedback loop:
  - 1. Build a VBI margin with good returns
  - 2. Remove some investment risk (if possible)
  - 3. Reduction in likely investment volatility but also long term expected return
  - 4. Immediate one-off VBI reduction
  - 5. Repeat

#### LASF DB - Expected future cashflows (\$m) (based on current funding arrangements)



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### LASF DB - Vested benefit projection (\$m)



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### Expected outcomes of the triennial review

- Change in some assumptions
  - eg. Pensioner mortality
- Contribution rate requirements
  - Unlikely to change (9.5%pa linked to SG rate)
- VBI position
  - Estimated 30 June 2017 VBI mid-late August 2017
  - Final report December 2017

# **Useful resources**



#### www.visionsuper.com.au/db

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