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Australian Life Sale Update

On 4 September 2018, Suncorp (ASX: SUN | ADR: SNMCY) announced that it had signed a share sale deed with TAL Dai-ichi Life Australia Pty Ltd (TAL) to sell its Australian life insurance business. In preparation for its 2019 Half Year Results announcement on Thursday 14 February 2019, Suncorp is releasing further information on the impact of the sale on the ongoing business. Suncorp continues to target a completion date of 28 February 2018 subject to receipt of regulatory approvals.

2019 Half Year Result

The Australian Life Insurance result for the 1H19 period, combined with the Participating Wealth business previously reported through the Banking & Wealth function, will be disclosed as a separate line item in the Investor Pack tables. This will incorporate the performance of Suncorp Life and Superannuation Limited (SLSL), the entity being sold, as well as other discontinuing distribution activities. Refer to tables 1 - 4 in the Appendix which reflect the impact of the sale on proforma FY18 accounts. In the 1H19 statutory accounts, only the earnings of SLSL will be disclosed as 'profit/(loss) after tax from discontinued operations'.

Under the share sale agreement, Suncorp will sell its Australian life business for approximately \$725 million, which includes the purchase consideration and adjusted net worth. As previously disclosed the sale is expected to result in an after tax non-cash loss on sale of approximately \$880 million, to be reflected in the 2019 Full Year Result. The after-tax loss includes a \$145 million write down of goodwill which will be reflected in the 1H19 result.

At 31 December 2018, assets to be transitioned to TAL upon sale will be reflected as 'held for sale' in the balance sheet. Refer to table 5 in the Appendix for a FY18 proforma Life Insurance and Wealth statement of assets and liabilities.

Stranded costs

Following the sale of the Australian life business, Suncorp estimates that after factoring in a number of transition service agreements (TSAs), that will be finalised during the pre-completion process with TAL, there will be approximately \$30 million pre-tax of annualised stranded costs retained by the business. Suncorp will work to remove these stranded costs from the business by the end of FY20. The impact of stranded costs on the FY19 result, assuming completion of the sale on 28 February 2018, is forecast to be approximately \$10 million pre-tax and will be disclosed as a separate line item in 'Other profit (loss) after tax' in the Group contribution to profit by function table in the Investor Pack.

The costs covered by TSAs will be removed following the completion of each transition arrangement. Initiatives to remove stranded costs will be managed by Suncorp's Program Excellence function, responsible for the execution of the Business Improvement Program.

Update on Group Capital Position

As announced on 4 October 2018, Suncorp intends to seek shareholder approval to return approximately \$600 million, as a pro-rata return of capital and share consolidation.

Distribution agreement

Following the completion of the sale, Suncorp will commence a 20-year strategic alliance with TAL to offer market-leading life insurance solutions through Suncorp's Australian distribution channels. Under the terms of the proposed strategic alliance, Suncorp will continue to earn income on the distribution of life insurance and will recognise this as 'Other Income' within the Insurance (Australia) function in the Investor Pack.

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Suncorp's products, services and experiences are designed to make it easier for customers to meet their financial needs. It brings together the Group's strong portfolio of banking & wealth and insurance solutions from across its many brands including Suncorp, AAMI, GIO, Apia, Shannons and Vero as well as those from our partners.



Appendix

Table 1: Proforma contribution to profit by function

	Half Year En	Half Year Ended	
	Jun-18	Dec-17	
	\$M	\$M	
Insurance (Australia)			
Gross written premium	4,133	4,004	
Net earned premium	3,548	3,643	
Net incurred claims	(2,333)	(2,724)	
Operating expenses	(733)	(773)	
Investment income - insurance funds	138	120	
Insurance trading result	620	266	
Other income	20	62	
Profit before tax	640	328	
Income tax	(193)	(94)	
Insurance (Australia) profit after tax	447	234	
Banking & Wealth			
Net interest income	583	598	
Net non-interest income	26	34	
Operating expenses	(332)	(347)	
Profit before impairment losses on loans and advances	277	285	
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(14)	(13)	
Banking profit before tax	263	272	
Income tax	(79)	(81)	
Banking profit after tax	184	191	
Wealth profit after tax	-	(6)	
Banking & Wealth profit after tax	184	185	
New Zealand			
Gross written premium	719	703	
Net earned premium	604	564	
Note that	(363)	(0.10)	
Net incurred claims		(319)	
Operating expenses	(190)	(182)	
Investment income - insurance funds	5	` 7	
Insurance trading result	56	70	
Other income	13	(3)	
Profit before tax	69	67	
Income tax	(16)	(21)	
General Insurance profit after tax	53	46	
Life Insurance profit after tax	21	15	
New Zealand profit after tax	74	61	
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Profit after tax from ongoing functions	705	480	
Australian Life Business held for sale profit after tax	36	42	
Profit after tax from functions	741	522	
	(440)	(00)	
Marketplace acceleration investment	(110)	(36)	
Other profit (loss) before tax (1)	(32)	(31)	
Income tax	27	17	
Other profit (loss) after tax	(115)	(50)	
Cash earnings	626	472	
Acquisition amortisation (after tax)	(19)	(20)	
·	607	452	
Net profit after tax	007	402	

^{(1) &#}x27;Other' includes investment income on capital held at the Group level (Jun-18: \$7m, Dec-17: \$9m), consolidation adjustments (Jun-18: loss \$8m, Dec-17: loss \$1m), non-controlling interests (Jun-18: loss \$4m, Dec-17: loss \$9m), external interest expense and transaction costs (Jun-18: \$27m, Dec-17: \$30m).



Table 2: Proforma Australian Life Business held for sale profit contribution

	Half Year Ended	
	Jun-18	Dec-17
	\$M	\$M
Planned profit margin release	13	12
Experience	1	2
Life other and investments	23	25
Wealth products	9	11
Market and other adjustments	(10)	(8)
Australian Life Business held for sale profit after tax	36	42

Table 3: Proforma Wealth profit contribution (continuing business)

	Half	Half Year Ended	
	Jun-	-18 Dec-17	
	3	\$M \$M	
Underlying profit after tax		- (7)	
Other adjustments		- 1	
Profit attributed to shareholders		- (6)	

Table 4: Proforma Wealth funds under administration (continuing business)

	Half	Half Year Ended	
	Jun-	18 Dec-17	
	\$	SM \$M	
Funds under administration			
Opening balance at the start of the period	6,4	16 6,319	
Inflows	29	97 316	
Outflows	(39	9) (450)	
Investment income and other	•	97 231	
Balance at the end of the period	6,4	11 6,416	

Table 5: Proforma Life Insurance and Wealth statement of assets and liabilities

As at Jun-18 \$M

	\$M
Assets	
Invested assets	513
Assets backing annuity policies	9
Assets backing participating policies	160
Deferred tax assets	10
Reinsurance ceded	14
Assets classified as held for sale (1)	4,808
Other assets	111
Goodwill and intangible assets	69
Total assets	5,694
Liabilities	
Payables	89
Outstanding claims liabilities	134
Deferred tax liabilities	112
Liabilities classified as held for sale	3,259
Policy liabilities	(35)
Unvested policyholder benefits (2)	24
Total liabilities	3,583
Net assets	2,111
Policyholder assets	
Assets	
Invested assets	175
Assets backing annuity policies	9
Assets backing participating policies	160
Assets classified as held for sale	2,693
Total Policyholder assets	3,037
Liabilities	
Policy liabilities	320
Liabilities classified as held for sale	2,693
Unvested policyholder benefits (2)	24
Total Policyholder liabilities	3,037
Policyholder net assets	
Shareholder assets	
Assets	
Invested assets	338
Deferred tax assets	10
Reinsurance ceded	14
Assets classified as held for sale (1)	2,115
Other assets	111
Goodwill and intangible assets	69
Total Shareholder assets	2,657
Liabilities	
Payables	89
Outstanding claims liabilities	134
Deferred tax liabilities	112
Liabilities classified as held for sale	566
Policy liabilities	(355)
Total Shareholder liabilities	546
Shareholder net assets	2,111
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⁽¹⁾ Includes goodwill of \$145 million, which will be written off in the 1H19 result.



⁽²⁾ Includes participating business policyholder retained profits.