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TREASURY INDEXED BONDS

DESCRIPTION

Treasury Indexed Bonds are capital-indexed bonds with the capital value of the investment adjusted by reference to movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Interest Payments will be made quarterly, at a fixed rate, on the adjusted capital value. At maturity, investors will receive the adjusted capital value of the Treasury Indexed Bond - the value as adjusted for movement in the CPI over the life of the bond.

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1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms used in this Information Memorandum have the meaning given to them in section 12 (*Glossary of Terms*) below.

1.1. Description

Treasury Indexed Bonds are capital-indexed bonds with the capital value of the investment adjusted by reference to movement in the CPI. Coupon Interest Payments will be made quarterly, at a fixed rate, on the Nominal Value - the capital value as adjusted for movement in the CPI over the life of the bond. At maturity, investors will receive the Nominal Value of the Treasury Indexed Bond.

1.2. Issuer

The issuer is the Commonwealth.

1.3. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE

Section 4 of the Inscribed Stock Act provides for the creation of Treasury Indexed Bonds for the raising of money by way of loan. Treasury Indexed Bonds are issued in accordance with section 3A of the Inscribed Stock Act and other Acts containing specific borrowing authority.

Treasury Indexed Bonds are issued in such amounts and in such a manner as the Treasurer directs. The Treasurer has authorised certain officers of the AOFM to exercise this power on the Treasurer's behalf.

The AOFM is the Australian Government agency responsible for the management and administration of Treasury Indexed Bonds.

In accordance with section 13AA of the Inscribed Stock Act principal money secured by any stock and interest on that principal (if any) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth, which is appropriated to the extent necessary for such payments.

1.4. FORM OF TREASURY INDEXED BONDS

Treasury Indexed Bonds will be issued on the terms and conditions set out in this Information Memorandum. Subject to these terms and conditions, Treasury Indexed Bonds may be issued from time to time by tender, by syndicated offering or by any other method deemed appropriate. Other methods of issue are referred to in section 5 (*Other Methods of Issue*) below.

Treasury Indexed Bonds shall be issued with a Face Value of \$1,000 provided that the minimum aggregate amount issued to any Person

shall be \$1,000,000 and in multiples of \$1,000,000 thereafter. The Commonwealth expects that the Treasury Indexed Bonds will be lodged into and traded in the Austraclear System in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations.

A Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds may be transacted outside of the Austraclear System where this has been agreed between the purchaser and the Commonwealth. Such Treasury Indexed Bonds are referred to in this Information Memorandum as Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds. Section 10 (Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds) contains information relating specifically to any Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds. The Commonwealth does not expect that any Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds will be issued after the date of this Information Memorandum.

Treasury Indexed Bonds will be governed by the laws of the Australian Capital Territory.

1.5. Registrar

The Registrar is Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited (ABN 48 078 279 277) ('CIS').

The Commonwealth reserves the right to appoint another Person as its Registrar and/or paying agent, or for the AOFM to perform those functions. In such circumstances, Bondholders will be given notice of any such change promptly after it takes effect.

1.6. Currency of Information

The information in this Information Memorandum is correct and complete as at the Effective Date. The distribution of this Information Memorandum or any offer or issue of Treasury Indexed Bonds after the Effective Date does not imply that there has been no change since that date in the affairs or financial condition of the Commonwealth or any other relevant Person or entity, or that the information in this Information Memorandum is correct at any time after the Effective Date.

This Information Memorandum may be withdrawn, supplemented, modified or replaced (including by an Issue Supplement) by the Commonwealth at any time. Any Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds will be taken to be issued on the basis of the Information Memorandum that is in effect as at the date of issue of such Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds and those terms will continue to apply in relation to that Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds except to the extent that the Information Memorandum is subsequently amended in relation to that Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds as described in Section 11.8 ("Modification of the Information Memorandum").

1.7. AUTHORISED MATERIAL

Only information contained in this Information Memorandum or as otherwise authorised in writing by the Commonwealth may be relied on as having been authorised by or on behalf of the Commonwealth.

1.8. INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT DECISIONS AND ADVICE

Neither the information contained in this Information Memorandum nor any other information supplied in connection with any Treasury Indexed Bonds should be considered or relied on as a recommendation or a statement of opinion (or a report of either of those things) by the Issuer or any syndicate member (in connection with a syndicated issue of Treasury Indexed Bonds) that any recipient of this Information Memorandum or any other information supplied in connection with any Treasury Indexed Bonds should acquire, subscribe for, purchase or otherwise deal in any Treasury Indexed Bonds.

Each investor contemplating acquiring, subscribing for, purchasing or otherwise dealing in any Treasury Indexed Bonds should rely upon their own independent investigation of the Issuer and an investment in Treasury Indexed Bonds (including any associated risks) and must base their investment decision solely upon their independent assessment and such investigations as they consider necessary.

No accounting, regulatory, investment, legal, tax or other professional advice is given in respect of the legal or taxation treatment of investors or purchasers in connection with an investment in any Treasury Indexed Bonds or rights in respect of them and each investor is advised to consult its own professional adviser.

1.9. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The distribution and use of this Information Memorandum, any supplement or other offering material, and the offer or sale of Treasury Indexed Bonds may be restricted by law or directive in certain jurisdictions and intending purchasers and other investors should inform themselves about them and observe any such restrictions.

A person may not (directly or indirectly) offer for subscription or purchase or issue an invitation to subscribe for or buy Treasury Indexed Bonds, nor distribute or publish this Information Memorandum or any other offering material or advertisement relating to any Treasury Indexed Bonds except if the offer or invitation, or distribution or publication, complies with all applicable laws and directives.

1.10. LIMITED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION

No syndicate member appointed in connection with a syndicated issue of Treasury Indexed Bonds has separately verified the information in this Information Memorandum. No syndicate member is liable for any loss or damage of any kind whatsoever arising as a result of any information in this document, notwithstanding any negligence, default or lack of care by it or that such loss or damage was foreseeable, except to the extent that liability under the *Competition and Consumer Act* 2010, the *Corporations Act* 2001 or any other applicable statute or other law cannot be excluded.

The Issuer has prepared and has authorised the issue of this Information Memorandum and accepts responsibility for the information contained and incorporated by reference in it.

1.11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any syndicate member appointed in connection with a syndicated issue of Treasury Indexed Bonds or any of its affiliates may from time to time, be a Bondholder or have other interests with respect to Treasury Indexed Bonds and may also have interests relating to other arrangements with respect to Treasury Indexed Bonds (including, without limitation, the right to receive or the obligation to pay fees, brokerage, commissions or other benefits with respect to any Treasury Indexed Bonds).

2. COUPON INTEREST

2.1. COUPON INTEREST PAYABLE ON NOMINAL VALUE

A Bondholder will receive Coupon Interest Payments on the Nominal Value at a fixed Coupon Interest Rate.

2.2. PAYMENT FREQUENCY, AMOUNT AND FIRST COUPON INTEREST PAYMENT

Coupon Interest Payments are made quarterly in arrear on each Coupon Interest Payment Date up to and including the Maturity Date. Coupon Interest Payments will be for a full quarter in an amount determined as described below even if the relevant coupon interest period is less than one calendar quarter. Interest will cease to accrue on Treasury Indexed Bonds on the Maturity Date.

The date of the first Coupon Interest Payment on a Treasury Indexed Bond will be specified in the Invitation to Tender and/or the Issue Supplement.

Coupon Interest Payments for Treasury Indexed Bonds will be calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$g \times \frac{K_t}{100}$$

where g and K_t are as defined under section 6.1 ("Settlement Price").

e.g. with the level of the *CPI* at the beginning and end of the relevant two CPI Quarters 110 and 112 respectively (that is, p as defined in section 6.1 is 0.91), a fixed annual Coupon Interest Rate of 4.00% and K_{t-1} defined in this example as 100, the next Coupon Interest Payment would be calculated as follows:

$$1.00 \times \frac{100.91}{100} = \$1.01$$
 where: $100.91 = K_t = 100 \left[1 + \frac{0.91}{100} \right]$

Coupon Interest Payments shall be rounded to the nearest cent (0.5 cent being rounded up).

If the change in the *CPI* for any relevant two CPI Quarters negative, the Nominal Value will be adjusted downwards and the Coupon Interest Payment will be paid on this reduced amount. However, no quarterly Coupon Interest Payment will be based on a Nominal Value of less than \$100. If the Nominal Value falls below \$100, the Coupon Interest Payment will be made on \$100, i.e. an amount of $g \times \frac{100}{100} = g$

If the Nominal Value does fall below \$100 and Coupon Interest Payment(s) are calculated as above, succeeding Coupon Interest Payments and or principal payments will be reduced by the difference between the Coupon Interest Payment made (i.e. g) and the payment which would otherwise have been made except for this provision (i.e. $g \times \frac{K_t}{100}$).

2.3. COUPON INTEREST ENTITLEMENT AND EX-INTEREST PERIOD

Bondholders Registered at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to the next Interest Payment. Bondholders who acquire Treasury Indexed Bonds during the Ex-Interest Period are not entitled to the next Coupon Interest Payment.

Examples of how the Record Date and Ex-Interest Period will operate in practice are available on the AOFM's website at www.aofm.gov.au.

2.4. MODE OF COUPON INTEREST PAYMENT

Where Treasury Indexed Bonds are lodged in and held through the Austraclear System, Coupon Interest Payments will be made in the manner described in the Austraclear System Regulations.

See section 10 ("Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds") for information about payment of coupon interest on any Treasury Indexed Bonds that are not held through the Austraclear System.

If the Coupon Interest Payment Date is not a Business Day, payment will be made on the next Business Day without payment of any additional interest.

Coupon Interest Payments will be rounded to the nearest cent (with 0.5 of a cent being rounded up).

3. FEES AND TAXATION

3.1. FEES

Coupon Interest Payments and repayment of Nominal Value on the Maturity Date will be made free of any fees, charges, deductions or levies of the Australian Government except to the extent required by law.

3.2. Australian Taxation

The following is a summary of the Australian withholding tax treatment under the *Income Tax Assessment Acts of 1936 and 1997* and the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*, at the Effective Date, of Coupon Interest Payments by the Commonwealth on the Treasury Indexed Bonds and certain other Australian tax matters.

Neither the issuer nor the Registrar is able to provide taxation advice to current or potential Bondholders. The information contained in this section is of a general nature only and is not to be treated as binding on the Australian Taxation Office. The summary is not exhaustive and, in particular, does not deal with the position of certain classes of Bondholders (including, without limitation, dealers in securities, custodians or other third parties who hold Treasury Indexed Bonds on behalf of any person).

Each Bondholder should seek professional tax advice in relation to their particular circumstances.

3.2.1. Interest withholding tax

Interest withholding tax applies to Coupon Interest Payments made to a Bondholder who is:

- an Australian Resident for income taxation purposes who derives the Coupon Interest Payments in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia; or
- a non-resident for income taxation purposes who does not derive the Coupon Interest Payments in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia,

unless an exemption applies.

Coupon Interest Payments on Treasury Indexed Bonds are eligible for exemption from interest withholding tax provided the Treasury Indexed Bonds satisfy the 'public offer test' under section 128F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936. Unless otherwise announced at

the time of issue, the Commonwealth will seek to issue Treasury Indexed Bonds in a manner that satisfies the 'public offer test'.

Treasury Indexed Bonds issued by the Commonwealth must not be purchased by an Offshore Associate of the Commonwealth other than one acting in the capacity of a dealer, manager or underwriter in relation to the placement of the Treasury Indexed Bonds or in the capacity of a clearing house, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of an Australian registered scheme.

In addition, Australia has signed a number of double tax treaties with foreign jurisdictions which effectively prevent interest withholding tax from applying to certain recipients.

3.2.2. ABN/TFN WITHHOLDING TAX

Bondholders are not required to advise the Commonwealth of their Tax File Number (TFN) or Australian Business Number (ABN). However, if the Bondholder does not provide a TFN or ABN and does not claim an exemption from providing a TFN or ABN, then the Commonwealth is required by law to withhold an amount from a Coupon Interest Payment equal to the top marginal rate of income tax plus the Medicare Levy, currently at the rate of 47%. Assuming the requirements of section 128F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* are satisfied with respect to the Treasury Indexed Bonds, then this requirement should not apply to payments to a Bondholder who is not an Australian Resident and who does not derive the payment in carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia.

3.2.3. GARNISHEE DIRECTIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION

The Commissioner of Taxation may give a direction requiring a third party to deduct from any payment to a Bondholder any amount in respect of Australian tax payable by the Bondholder. If the Commonwealth is served with a valid direction, then the Commonwealth will comply with that direction and make any deduction required by that direction.

3.2.4. NO ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE

For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that any payment made by the Commonwealth in respect of Treasury Indexed Bonds is made subject to deduction or withholding for or on account of any Taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of any nature, no additional amounts shall be payable by the Commonwealth in respect of such deduction or withholding.

3.3. U.S. FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT

Under sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ('FATCA'), a 30% withholding ('FATCA withholding') may be required if (i)(A) an investor does not provide information sufficient for any non-U.S. financial institution ('FFI') through which payments on the Treasury Indexed Bonds are made to determine the Bondholder's status under FATCA, or (B) an FFI to or through which payments on the Treasury Indexed Bonds are made is a "non-participating FFI"; and (ii) the Treasury Indexed Bonds are treated as debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the payment is made in respect of Treasury Indexed Bonds issued or modified after the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment" are filed with the U.S. Federal Register, or the Treasury Indexed Bonds are treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes or do not have a fixed term, whenever issued.

FATCA withholding is not expected to apply on payments made before the date that is two years after the date on which final regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment" are filed with the U.S. Federal Register.

Reporting Australian Financial Institutions ('RAFI') under the Australia–U.S. FATCA Intergovernmental Agreement dated 28 April 2014 ('Australian IGA') must comply with specific due diligence procedures. In general, these procedures seek to identify account holders and provide the Australian Taxation Office ('ATO') with information on financial accounts held by U.S. persons and recalcitrant account holders. The ATO is required to provide such information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Consequently, Bondholders may be requested to provide certain information and certifications to any financial institutions through which payments on the Treasury Indexed Bonds are made. A RAFI that complies with its obligations under the Australian IGA will not be subject to FATCA withholding on amounts it receives, and will not be required to deduct FATCA withholding from payments it makes, other than in certain prescribed circumstances.

In the event that any amount is required to be withheld or deducted from a payment on the Treasury Indexed Bonds as a result of FATCA, no additional amounts will be paid by the Commonwealth to Bondholders as a result of the deduction or withholding.

3.4. OECD COMMON REPORTING STANDARD

The OECD Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (CRS) requires certain financial institutions to report information regarding certain accounts (which may include the Treasury Indexed Bonds) to their local tax authority and

follow related due diligence procedures. Bondholders may be requested to provide certain information and certifications to ensure compliance with the CRS. A jurisdiction that has signed a CRS Competent Authority Agreement may provide this information to other jurisdictions that have signed the CRS Competent Authority Agreement. The Australian Government has enacted legislation amending, among other things, the *Taxation Administration Act* 1953 to give effect to the CRS.

4. TENDER PROCEDURES

The following is a summary of the key details of the procedures for Treasury Indexed Bonds issued or repurchased via a tender. Further information on these procedures is available in the AOFM Tender System Conditions of Operation, available at www.aofm.gov.au. The procedures described below do not limit the Commonwealth's right to issue or repurchase Treasury Indexed Bonds by any other method.

4.1. Announcement of Periodic Tenders

Invitations to Tender will be made from time to time. Each invitation will include details of:

- each Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds for which bids or offers will be invited;
- the amount to be offered or repurchased of each Series;
- the closing time and date for bids or offers; and
- the settlement date.

All Invitations to Tender and all tenders of Treasury Indexed Bonds shall be made on the terms of and pursuant to this Information Memorandum.

4.2. ELIGIBILITY TO TENDER

Bids or offers for Treasury Indexed Bonds at competitive tenders conducted via the AOFM Tender System may only be submitted by parties that are registered with the AOFM. Details of the registration process are contained in the AOFM Tender System Conditions of Operation.

4.3. TENDER BASIS AND BID OR OFFER FORMAT

Bids or offers for Treasury Indexed Bonds must be submitted in accordance with the AOFM Tender System Conditions of Operation.

Bids or offers for Treasury Indexed Bonds will be received on a competitive tender basis.

The Yield bid or offered may be expressed to a maximum of four decimal places (e.g. 3%, 3.0%, 3.00%, 3.000% or 3.0000%). Yield bids or offers must be a whole multiple of 0.0025% (e.g. 3.0000%, 3.0025% or 3.0050%). Yields submitted that are not a whole multiple of 0.0025% will not be accepted.

4.4. Size of Bids or Offers

Each bid or offer for Treasury Indexed Bonds must be for a minimum parcel of \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value and in multiples of \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value thereafter.

4.5. COMMISSION

No commission will be paid on Treasury Indexed Bonds issued or repurchased by tender.

4.6. BID OR OFFER SUBMISSION AND MODIFICATION

Bids or offers for Treasury Indexed Bonds may be submitted by either:

- transmitting and committing a bid or offer via the AOFM Tender System; or
- any other method specified in the AOFM Tender System Conditions of Operation.

Bids or offers submitted via the AOFM Tender System are subject to the conditions outlined in the AOFM Tender System Conditions of Operation.

A bid or offer that has been committed within the AOFM Tender System may be altered or revoked by the bidder or submitter prior to the time announced for closure of the tender according to the clock in the AOFM Tender System.

A bid or offer that has been committed within the AOFM Tender System cannot be altered or revoked by the bidder or submitter after the time announced for closure of the tender according to the clock in the AOFM Tender System.

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The AOFM may alter or revoke a bid or offer it considers having been submitted in error, at any time.

4.7. TENDER CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT

The Commonwealth reserves the right to cancel or postpone a tender by reason of any circumstance including a circumstance beyond the control of the AOFM and, without limitation, partial or total failure, malfunction or overload of the AOFM Tender System, industrial action or other emergency.

4.8. Under-issuance/Under-acceptance

The Commonwealth reserves the right to accept bids or offers for the full amount of an Invitation to Tender or any part thereof and to reject any bid or offer or part thereof on any grounds whatsoever, notwithstanding that the full amount of Treasury Indexed Bonds in an Invitation to Tender has not been taken up.

4.9. ALLOTMENT OF TENDER STOCK AT TENDERS FOR THE ISSUE OF TREASURY INDEXED BONDS

Acceptance of bids will be made in ascending order of Yield bid, that is, from the lowest Yield bid to the highest Yield accepted. Allotments will be made at the Yields bid.

At the highest Yield accepted, the amount of Treasury Indexed Bonds allotted to each bid will, in the first instance, be calculated proportionately to the amount of bids at that Yield and rounded down to the nearest \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value. If following this the total amount allotted is lower than the total amount offered, bids at the highest accepted Yield will be rounded up to the nearest \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value, firstly in order of the amount by which they were initially rounded down (largest amount first) and then in the time order in which they were committed in the AOFM Tender System (earliest first), until the total amount offered is reached. No bidder will be allotted an amount greater than the amount bid.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to accept any bid for the full amount of a tender or any part thereof and to reject any bid or part thereof.

Notice of acceptance or rejection of a bid or any part thereof will be made available to each bidder as soon as possible after allotment.

4.10. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS AT TENDERS FOR THE REPURCHASE OF TREASURY INDEXED BONDS

Acceptance of offers will be made in descending order of Yield offered, that is, from the highest Yield offered to the lowest Yield accepted. Repurchases will be made at the Yields offered.

At the lowest Yield accepted, the amount of Treasury Indexed Bonds repurchased from each offer will, in the first instance, be calculated proportionately to the amount of offers at that Yield and rounded down to the nearest \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value. If following this the total amount repurchased is lower than the total amount available for repurchase, offers at the lowest accepted Yield will be rounded up to the nearest \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value, firstly in order of the amount by which they were initially rounded down (largest amount

first) and then in the time order in which they were committed in the AOFM Tender System (earliest first), until the total amount available for repurchase is reached. No offeror will sell an amount greater than the amount offered.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to accept any offer for the full amount of a tender or any part thereof and to reject any offer or part thereof.

Notice of acceptance or rejection of an offer or any part thereof will be made available to each offeror as soon as possible after acceptance.

4.11. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS AT TENDERS FOR THE REPURCHASE OF MULTIPLE TREASURY INDEXED BOND SERIES

A Reference Yield will be set for each Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds for which offers are invited. The Reference Yield will be set with reference to prevailing secondary market yields. For each offer, the Offer Spread will be calculated as the difference between the Yield offered and the Reference Yield.

Acceptance of offers will be made in descending order of Offer Spreads (across the series offered), that is, from the highest spread offered to the lowest spread accepted. Repurchases will be made at the Yields offered.

At the lowest Offer Spread accepted, the amount of Treasury Indexed Bonds repurchased from each offer will, in the first instance, be calculated proportionately to the amount of offers at that Offer Spread and rounded down to the nearest \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value. If following this the total amount repurchased is lower than the total amount available for repurchase, offers at the lowest accepted Offer Spread will be rounded up to the nearest \$1,000,000 in aggregate Face Value, firstly in order of the amount by which they were initially rounded down (largest amount first) and then in the time order in which they were committed in the AOFM Tender System (earliest first), until the total amount available for repurchase is reached. No offeror will sell an amount greater than the amount offered.

The Commonwealth may set the maximum volume of a particular Series to be repurchased. In this case offers will be accepted in the manner described above until that maximum is reached (if it is reached), from which point offers for that Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds would not be accepted. Offers for other Series would be accepted in the manner described above for the remainder of the amount available for repurchase.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to accept any offer for the full amount of a tender or any part thereof and to reject any offer or part thereof.

Notice of acceptance or rejection of an offer or any part thereof will be made available to each offeror as soon as possible after acceptance.

4.12. Other Repurchase Methods

The Commonwealth reserves the right to repurchase Treasury Indexed Bonds in any manner deemed appropriate, including, but not limited to the repurchase procedures described above.

5. OTHER METHODS OF ISSUE

5.1. OFFICIAL SUBSCRIPTION

The RBA and certain other agencies, entities or bodies of the Commonwealth may, from time to time, purchase Treasury Indexed Bonds.

Amounts to be taken up in this way at the time of a tender will be indicated in the Invitation to Tender and will be additional to the amount offered for public tender. Such allotments will be at the weighted average issue Yield(s) announced for the relevant tender.

5.2. OTHER ISSUANCE METHODS

The Commonwealth reserves the right to issue Treasury Indexed Bonds in any manner deemed appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the Commonwealth appointing a syndicate of financial institutions from time to time for the placement of Treasury Indexed Bonds on conditions that may be agreed at such time. The Commonwealth may pay fees to syndicate members as may be agreed at the time. Where Treasury Indexed Bonds are issued under syndication arrangements there will be no Invitation to Tender in respect of those Bonds and the details of those Treasury Indexed Bonds will be as set out in an Issue Supplement. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Information Memorandum and an Issue Supplement for Treasury Indexed Bonds issued under a syndication arrangement, this Information Memorandum will be taken to be varied in accordance with, and on the terms of the Issue Supplement, in respect of those Treasury Indexed Bonds.

6. SETTLEMENT FOLLOWING ISSUE OR REPURCHASE

6.1. SETTLEMENT PRICE

Following the issue or repurchase of Treasury Indexed Bonds the settlement price per \$100 Face Value, rounded to the third decimal place except during the period from (and including) the Record Date for the second last Coupon Interest Payment until the Maturity Date when there is no rounding, shall be calculated on the basis of the following formula:

PRICE PER \$100 FACE VALUE =
$$v^{f/d}[(g(x + a_{\vec{n}}) + 100v^n)]K_t \frac{(1 + \frac{p}{100})^{-f/d}}{100}$$

Where $v = \frac{1}{1+i}$ where i = annual percentage Real Yield / 400.

e.g. where a Treasury Indexed Bond is allotted at a Real Yield of 0.20 per cent per annum:

$$i = \frac{0.20}{400} = 0.0005$$

x = 1, if there is a Coupon Interest Payment due to the buyer of the bonds at the next Coupon Interest Payment Date.

x = 0, if there is no Coupon Interest Payment due to the buyer of the bonds at the next Coupon Interest Payment Date.

 K_t = Nominal Value at the next Coupon Interest Payment Date (whether or not there is a Coupon Interest Payment due to the buyer of the bonds).

$$K_t = K_{t-1} \left[1 + \frac{p}{100} \right]$$
 where

 K_{t-1} = Nominal Value at the previous Coupon Interest Payment Date.

 K_t is equal to \$100 at the date one calendar quarter before the date on which the Treasury Indexed Bond makes its first Coupon Interest Payment.

 K_t and K_{t-1} are rounded to two decimal places.

p = half the semi-annual change in the CPI ending in the CPI Quarter which is two CPI Quarters prior to that in which the next Coupon Interest Payment falls (for example, if the next Coupon Interest Payment is in November, p is based on the movement in the CPI over the two CPI Quarters ended in the preceding June CPI Quarter).

$$p = \frac{100}{2} \left[\frac{CPI_t}{CPI_{t-2}} - 1 \right]$$
 rounded to two decimal places, where

 CPI_t is the CPI for the second Quarter of the relevant two Quarter period, and

 CPI_{t-2} is the CPI for the CPI Quarter immediately prior to the relevant two CPI Quarter period.

f = the number of days from the Settlement Date to the next Coupon Interest Payment Date.

d = the number of days in the CPI Quarter ending on the next Coupon Interest Payment Date.

g = the fixed quarterly Coupon Interest Rate payable (equal to the annual fixed rate divided by 4).

n = the number of full CPI Quarters between the next Coupon Interest Payment Date and the Maturity Date.

$$a_{\stackrel{\neg}{n}} = v + v^2 + \ldots + v^n = \frac{1 - v^n}{i}$$
. Except if $i = 0$ then $a_{\stackrel{\neg}{n}} = n$

The settlement amount will be rounded to the nearest cent (0.5 cent being rounded up).

6.2. Consumer Price Index

The *CPI* to be used for the purpose of this Information Memorandum shall be the `All groups *CPI*: Weighted average of eight capital cities' as maintained and published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in respect of each CPI Quarter.

If, for any reason, the *CPI* is not published for any CPI Quarter for which it is relevant for the purposes of this Information Memorandum, or if publication is delayed until after the date on which a Coupon Interest Payment is determined, the *CPI* published for the previous CPI Quarter will apply in the interim. On subsequent publication of the actual *CPI* figure for that CPI Quarter by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, adjustment to the Nominal Value and/or Coupon Interest Payment will be made.

If the Australian Bureau of Statistics were to cease to publish the *CPI* and were to publish another index that it stated to be in replacement of the *CPI*, then that index shall be used for the purposes of this Information Memorandum and all references to the *CPI* are to be interpreted accordingly.

If the Australian Bureau of Statistics were to cease to publish the *CPI* without publishing a replacement index, or if any methodological change were to be made to the coverage, periodicity, or basic calculation of the *CPI* which, in the opinion of the Treasurer, constituted a change in the **CPI** which would be materially detrimental to the interests of Bondholders, the AOFM would notify Bondholders and offer them the right to redeem their Treasury Indexed Bonds at market-related prices as determined by the AOFM. Repayment to Bondholders who exercise such a right will be on a date specified by the AOFM no later than six months from the date of publication of the last *CPI* figure made prior to such a change as is referred to earlier in this paragraph. In these circumstances, a notice setting out the administrative arrangements for redemption and payment will be given to Bondholders at the appropriate time. In the event that Bondholders choose not to redeem their holdings under this provision, the quarterly adjustments to the Nominal Value and Coupon Interest Payments applying to Treasury Indexed Bonds not redeemed shall be calculated according to an index to be announced by the Treasurer which, for the purposes of this Information Memorandum, shall be deemed to be a replacement for the CPI.

If the reference base of the CPI is changed after Treasury Indexed Bonds are issued, p and K_t values already published will remain unchanged. The index which shall be used for the calculation of subsequent p and K_t values shall be the CPI numbers expressed on the new base as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

If a relevant *CPI* number is revised after the Coupon Interest Payment is made on a particular Coupon Interest Payment Date, a subsequent adjustment will be made to the Nominal Value and/or Coupon Interest Payments to take account of any discrepancy.

6.3. Settlement Following Tender

Unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Tender, settlement in the Austraclear System is to take place before the End of Day (as defined in the Austraclear System Regulations) on the second Business Day following the tender.

If a bidder fails to make due payment of any amount payable to the Commonwealth in respect of any allotment pursuant to a bid, the Commonwealth may cancel the allotment of Treasury Indexed bonds to that bidder.

If an offeror fails to deliver to the Commonwealth any Treasury Indexed Bonds that are to be repurchased in accordance with the terms of an accepted offer, the Commonwealth may cancel that repurchase from that Bondholder.

7. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

7.1. THE REGISTER

The issue of Treasury Indexed Bonds will be effected and evidenced by particulars of the Treasury Indexed Bonds being entered into the Register by the Registrar.

The Registrar shall enter into the Register the following particulars:

- name and address of the Bondholder;
- Face Value of the Treasury Indexed Bonds held;
- Coupon Interest Rate payable on the Treasury Indexed Bonds;
- Coupon Interest Payment Dates of the Treasury Indexed Bonds;
- Maturity Date of the Treasury Indexed Bonds;
- such other particulars as may, from time to time, be required by the Commonwealth; and
- such other particulars as may, from time to time, be considered necessary by the Registrar (after consultation with the Commonwealth).

The Registrar may correct errors and remedy omissions in the Register.

7.2. REGISTER IS CONCLUSIVE

Entry of the name of a Person in the Register in respect of a Treasury Indexed Bond (including Austraclear Ltd, as discussed below in section 7.3 (Lodgement of Bonds within the Austraclear System)) constitutes the obtaining or passing of title and is conclusive evidence that the Person so entered is the Registered owner of such Treasury Indexed Bond, subject to rectification for fraud or manifest or proven error, and all rights and entitlements vest absolutely in that Person. No notice of any trust in respect of any Treasury Indexed Bonds will be entered in the Register or receivable by the Registrar. In accordance with Division 2 of the Inscribed Stock Act, each Person so Registered is to be regarded as the absolute owner of the Treasury Indexed Bonds Registered in its name and the Commonwealth and the Registrar shall not be affected by any trust or other equity affecting any Treasury Indexed Bond, whether or not it is aware of the same.

7.3. LODGEMENT OF BONDS WITHIN THE AUSTRACLEAR SYSTEM

It is expected that Treasury Indexed Bonds will be lodged into the Austraclear System. Where Treasury Indexed Bonds are lodged in the

Austraclear System, Austraclear Ltd (ABN 94 002 060 773) as the operator of the Austraclear System will be the sole Registered holder of those Treasury Indexed Bonds.

The rights of a Person who holds an interest in a Treasury Indexed Bond which is lodged in the Austraclear System are subject at all times to the Austraclear System Regulations. For so long as Treasury Indexed Bonds remain in the Austraclear System (a) title to such Treasury Indexed Bonds and (b) all matters relating to payments on, and redemption of, such Treasury Indexed Bonds will be determined or made in a manner that is in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations.

The Commonwealth is not responsible for the operation of the Austraclear System.

7.4. Transfer of Bonds within the Austraclear System

Interests in Treasury Indexed Bonds which are lodged in the Austraclear System may be transferred to other Persons in parcels that are a multiple of their \$1,000 Face Value.

A Bondholder may effect the transfer of Treasury Indexed Bonds through the Austraclear System in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations.

7.5. OTHER CLEARING SYSTEMS

Where Treasury Indexed Bonds are lodged in the Austraclear System, interests in those Treasury Indexed Bonds may also be traded on the settlement systems operated by Euroclear Bank SA/NV and/or Clearstream Banking, S.A. The rights of a holder of interests in a Treasury Indexed Bond held through such clearing systems are subject to the respective rules and regulations for accountholders of those clearing systems and the Austraclear System Regulations.

8. REDEMPTION ON THE MATURITY DATE

Treasury Indexed Bonds are not redeemable prior to the Maturity Date.

Redemption of Treasury Indexed Bonds is made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth under standing appropriations.

Where the Treasury Indexed Bonds are lodged in the Austraclear System the Treasury Indexed Bonds will be redeemable at their Nominal Value on the Maturity Date in the manner described in the Austraclear System Regulations.

If the Maturity Date is not a Business Day, payment will be made on the next Business Day without payment of any additional interest.

In all cases, the final redemption value shall be no less than \$100 Face Value, irrespective of the movements in the *CPI* over the life of the Treasury Indexed Bond.

9. SECONDARY MARKET FOR TREASURY INDEXED BONDS

Treasury Indexed Bonds may be traded in the secondary market.

AFMA has published conventions that apply to trading in the over-the-counter market of long-dated debt securities such as Treasury Indexed Bonds. These details can be viewed at AFMA's website at www.afma.com.au.

Treasury Indexed Bonds are traded in the secondary market on a Real Yield basis with the price per \$100 Face Value calculated using the Treasury Indexed Bond pricing formulae on the AOFM's website at www.aofm.gov.au.

Bondholders should only conduct trading in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of all relevant jurisdictions.

10. DIRECTLY HELD TREASURY INDEXED BONDS

10.1. REGISTRATION

Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds may be held by individual Persons, or two or more Persons as joint tenants with right of survivorship. Organisations or trusts that are not incorporated should complete their application for issue or transfer documentation (as applicable) in the full name(s) of the trustee(s) and unincorporated associations must comply with the additional conditions prescribed under section 22B of the Inscribed Stock Act (and currently set out in section 11 of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Regulation 2015*).

Entry of the name of a Person in the Register in respect of a Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bond constitutes the obtaining or passing of title and is conclusive evidence that the Person so entered is the Registered owner of such Treasury Indexed Bond, subject to rectification for fraud or manifest or proven error, and all rights and entitlements vest absolutely in that Person. No notice of any trust in respect of any Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds will be entered in the Register or receivable by the Registrar. In accordance with Division 2 of the Inscribed Stock Act, each Bondholder is to be regarded as the absolute owner of the Treasury Indexed Bonds Registered in its name and the Commonwealth and the Registrar shall not be affected by any trust or other equity affecting any Treasury Indexed Bond, whether or not it is aware of the same.

10.2. COUPON INTEREST PAYMENTS

The Registrar will make Coupon Interest Payments on Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds in Australian Dollars by cheque or direct credit to an Australian Dollar denominated bank account with an Australian financial institution. The Registrar will accept instructions from Bondholders with respect to Coupon Interest Payments. To ensure timely payment, Bondholders should notify the Registrar of their payment instructions and any change of address.

10.3. REPAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The Registrar will effect the repayment of the Nominal Value of maturing Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds by cheque or direct credit to an Australian Dollar denominated bank account with a financial institution registered in Australia, and in accordance with the Coupon Interest Payment instruction held by the Registrar. Instructions as to the repayment of the Nominal Value of maturing Treasury Indexed Bonds may be lodged with the Registrar no later than close of business on the Record Date for the final Coupon Interest Payment. Where no instructions have been provided in time, payments of

proceeds will be effected by cheque payable to the Bondholder and posted to the address recorded in the Register.

10.4. Transfer

Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds may be transferred to other Persons in parcels that are a multiple of their \$1,000 Face Value.

A Bondholder may effect the transfer of a completed Transfer and Acceptance Form (in a form available from the Registrar on request) with the Registrar.

On production to the Registrar of a duly executed Transfer and Acceptance Form and any such other evidence as the Registrar may require to prove the authority of the Persons signing the same to sign on behalf of the transferor, the Registrar will enter in the Register the name of the transferee as the Registered holder of the Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds to which the form of transfer relates.

When the right to any Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bond is acquired by any Person in any manner other than by a form of transfer, the Registrar, on application by or on behalf of the Person entitled, and on being satisfied that the Person is entitled to be Registered as the Bondholder, will enter the Person in the Register as the holder of the Treasury Indexed Bonds.

Upon registration of a form of transfer or other assignment on the Register, the transferee will be recognised as entitled to the Treasury Indexed Bonds.

No transfer will be Registered by the Registrar during the final Ex Interest Period prior to the Maturity Date.

10.5. STATEMENT OF HOLDINGS

On application by any Bondholder in respect of any Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds, the Registrar will issue to the Bondholder a statement of holdings certifying that the Bondholder is the Registered holder of the Face Value amount of the Treasury Indexed Bonds referred to therein.

11. OTHER

11.1. Fungibility

The Commonwealth may, from time to time, issue Treasury Indexed Bonds which are intended to be fungible with any outstanding Series of Treasury Indexed Bonds, and whether by Invitation to Tender or otherwise. Any such new issuance shall be issued on the same terms and conditions (including as to Maturity Date and Coupon Interest Rate) as the outstanding Series.

11.2. PURCHASE AND CANCELLATION

The Commonwealth or its agents, agencies, entities, bodies or related Persons may, at any time, offer to purchase Treasury Indexed Bonds from any Person. Any Treasury Indexed Bonds so purchased may be lent, retained, sold or cancelled at the discretion of the Commonwealth.

11.3. CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

Treasury Indexed Bonds are not securities for the purposes of Chapter 6D of the *Corporations Act 2001* and consequently no Prospectus is required to be prepared under Part 6D.2 in respect of the issue and sale of Treasury Indexed Bonds. In addition, the issue and sale of Treasury Indexed Bonds does not require the production of a Product Disclosure Statement in accordance with section 1010A of the *Corporations Act* 2001.

11.4. Trustees

Treasury Indexed Bonds are authorised investments under trustee legislation applying in Australia.

11.5. ASX QUOTATION

The Commonwealth intends to apply for the quotation of Treasury Indexed Bonds on the ASX promptly after issue.

11.6. USE OF INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

This Information Memorandum is intended for use only in connection with the offer of Treasury Indexed Bonds in Australia and must not be sent to any Person outside Australia in any jurisdiction in circumstances in which the offer of Treasury Indexed Bonds or use of this Information Memorandum would be unlawful.

11.7. Privacy

The AOFM, the Registrar and any paying agent appointed by the AOFM in respect of the Treasury Indexed Bonds collect and hold personal information about Bondholders for the purposes of administering

Treasury Indexed Bonds. Bondholders may request access to any personal information held about them by contacting the Registrar (see contact details in section 13 (*Directory*)) or the relevant paying agent whose details will be notified to Bondholders at the time of their appointment. Bondholders may also request correction of any personal information held about them.

11.8. MODIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

The Commonwealth may withdraw, modify or supplement this Information Memorandum at any time. Except as set out below, any modification of this Information Memorandum will not alter the terms of Treasury Indexed Bonds that have been issued before that modification ('Existing Bonds'). Where a modification is to apply to Existing Bonds, the modification must, in the Commonwealth's opinion, satisfy one or more of the following conditions:

- a) the modification is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error;
- b) the modification is made to comply with mandatory provisions of law; or
- c) such modification is not in the opinion of the Commonwealth materially prejudicial to the interests of holders of Existing Bonds.

Any such amendment takes effect on the publication of the amendment on the AOFM website, or such later date as the Commonwealth may specify in the amendment.

12. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following definitions apply to this Information Memorandum:

AFMA The Australian Financial Markets Association.

AOFM The Australian Office of Financial Management.

AOFM Tender

System

The system used by the AOFM to conduct tenders for issuance and repurchases of Commonwealth

Inscribed Stock.

AOFM Tender System Conditions of

Operation

The conditions from time to time existing and published on the AOFM website entitled

'Australian Office of Financial Management Tender

System - Conditions of Operation'.

ASX The Australian Securities Exchange operated by

ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691).

Austraclear System The system for the clearance and settlement of debt

securities operated by Austraclear Ltd.

Austraclear System

Regulations

The rules and regulations issued by Austraclear Ltd from time to time governing the operation of

the Austraclear System.

Australian Office of

Financial

Management or

AOFM

The Commonwealth of Australia acting through and represented by the Australian Office of

Financial Management.

Australian Resident A Person that satisfies an Australian residency test

as defined in Australian tax law.

Bondholder In respect of any Treasury Indexed Bond, the

Person whose name from time to time is entered into the Register as the holder of that Treasury

Indexed Bond.

Business Day A day not being a Saturday or Sunday on which

banks are generally open for business in Sydney.

Commonwealth The Commonwealth of Australia.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the overall price level in the economy. The CPI is calculated quarterly using the price of a fixed basket of consumer goods. The CPI for the purposes of the Treasury Indexed Bonds will be determined in accordance with section 6.2 ("Consumer Price Index").

Coupon Interest Payment The amount paid or due to be paid on the Coupon Interest Payment Date.

Coupon Interest Payment Dates

The dates in each year on which a Coupon Interest Payment is payable on a Treasury Indexed Bond, as set out in the applicable Issue Supplement and/or the Register, and includes the Maturity Date.

Coupon Interest Rate

The interest rate payable in respect of a Treasury Indexed Bond, expressed as a percentage per annum as set out in the applicable Issue Supplement and/or the Register.

CPI Quarter

A quarterly period in respect of which CPI is calculated. As at the Effective Date, these are the calendar quarters ending March, June, September and December.

Directly Held Treasury Indexed Bonds Treasury Indexed Bonds that are not held in the Austraclear System.

The date of this Information Memorandum.

Dollars or \$

Effective Date

The lawful currency of Australia.

Ex-Interest Period

The period after the Record Date up to and including the next Coupon Interest Payment Date. Treasury Indexed Bonds settled during this period will not be entitled to that Coupon Interest Payment.

Face Value

The principal or par value amount of a Treasury Indexed Bond, unadjusted for changes in the CPI.

Information Memorandum This Information Memorandum as may be supplemented, modified or replaced including by an Issue Supplement.

Inscribed Stock Act The Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911.

Invitation to Tender An invitation issued by the Commonwealth

pursuant to this Information Memorandum specifying the details of the Treasury Indexed Bonds to be offered or repurchased by way of

tender.

Issue Supplement In respect of Treasury Indexed Bonds issued

through syndication arrangements, the supplement specifying issue details in relation to the relevant

Treasury Indexed Bonds.

Issuer The Commonwealth of Australia.

Maturity Date The date, as specified in the Invitation to Tender or

Issue Supplement on which the Treasury Indexed

Bonds are to be repaid.

Nominal Value The CPI-adjusted capital value of the bond (K, as

defined under 'Settlement Price').

Offer Spread The difference between the Yield offered and the

Reference Yield for an offer at a tender for the repurchase of multiple Treasury Indexed Bond

Series.

Offshore Associate An Offshore Associate of the Commonwealth

means an associate (as defined in section 128F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*) that is either a non-resident of Australia that does not acquire the Treasury Indexed Bonds in carrying on a business

at or through a permanent establishment in Australia or, alternatively, a resident of Australia that acquires the Treasury Indexed Bonds in carrying on a business at or through a permanent

establishment outside of Australia.

Person Includes an individual, firm, company, corporation

or unincorporated body of persons or any state or government or any agency thereof (in each case, whether or not having separate legal personality).

RBA The Reserve Bank of Australia.

Real Yield or 'Yield'

Is the rate of return on a Treasury Indexed Bond (expressed as an annual percentage) above the rate of inflation, as measured by changes in the CPI, for a given purchase price, assuming the bond is held until the Maturity Date. The calculation of the Real Yield assumes all Coupon Interest Payments are invested at the same real rate of return.

Record Date

Close of business on the eighth day before the relevant Coupon Interest Payment Date, being a day on which banks are generally open for business in Sydney or Melbourne. If on this date the banks are closed for business in both Sydney and Melbourne then the Record Date will fall on the closest preceding date on which the banks are generally open for business in Sydney or Melbourne.

Reference Yield

The yield with which offers at tenders to repurchase multiple Treasury Indexed Bond series are compared to calculate the Offer Spread. The Reference Yield will be set for each series of Treasury Indexed Bonds for which offers are invited with reference to prevailing secondary market yields.

Register

The register of holdings of Treasury Indexed Bonds maintained by the Registrar and 'Registered' has a corresponding meaning.

Registrar

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited (ABN 48 078 279 277) or such other Person appointed by the Commonwealth to maintain a Register in respect of Treasury Indexed Bonds and perform such payment and other duties specified in that agreement.

Series

A series of Treasury Indexed Bonds which may be issued in multiple tranches but which have identical terms and conditions, except that the issue date and the first Coupon Interest Payment Date may be different in respect of different tranches of a Series.

Settlement Date The value date for transfer of ownership as notified

in the Invitation to Tender or otherwise the date on

which a Treasury Indexed Bond is settled.

Settlement Price This is described in section 6.1 (*Settlement Price*).

Tax Any tax, levy, duty, rate or tariff of any nature,

including withholding taxes, which is imposed or

collected by a government agency.

Treasurer The Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

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