

STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

► For the period 2026/2027



**TAKEOVERS
PANEL**
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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The information on the future operating intentions of the Takeovers Panel for the year ending 30 June 2027 contained in this Statement of Performance Expectations has been prepared in accordance with section 149C of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

We acknowledge responsibility for the preparation of these forecast financial statements and forecast Statement of Service Performance and for the judgements used in them.

We acknowledge responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the Panel's financial reporting.

In our opinion, the information contained in this Statement of Performance Expectations fairly reflects the Takeovers Panel's operating intentions for the reporting period. It should be read in conjunction with the Panel's latest Statement of Intent.

Signed on behalf of the Panel by:

Anna Buchly
Chair
Takeovers Panel

25 June 2026

Megan Glen
Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee
Takeovers Panel

25 June 2026



INTENDED ACHIEVEMENT OF OUTPUTS

The Takeovers Panel is responsible for the administration of the Takeovers Code, for which the Panel receives an appropriation from the Government of \$1.49 million per annum.¹ The scope of the appropriation is the performance by the Panel of its statutory obligations under the Takeovers Act 1993. The Panel has identified four output classes for measuring its service performance, namely:

| Four output classes for measuring service performance: | |
|--|---|
| ▶ | Services for transactions under the Takeovers Code |
| ▶ | Services for transactions under the Companies Act 1993 for Code company schemes |
| ▶ | Review of takeovers law and practice |
| ▶ | Public understanding services |

The services provided under these output classes are intended to make three impacts on the takeovers market:

| Three impacts on the takeovers market: | |
|--|--|
| ▶ | Efficiency: Takeovers law is efficient, with improved information for shareholders |
| ▶ | Enforcement: 100% compliance with the Code and 100% compliance with the Panel's guidance for applications to the Panel for a No-objection Statement in respect of Code company schemes |
| ▶ | Knowledge: Shareholders, and all those who are subject to the Code, and their advisers, are well informed about the role of the Code and of the Panel, and are well informed about the Panel's role in Code company schemes |

The Panel's services are also intended to contribute to the outcome of an efficient takeovers market, reduced transaction costs for investors and increased confidence in the integrity of New Zealand's capital markets.

The Panel plays an important role in strengthening the integrity of the capital markets because it regulates changes of control in New Zealand's largest and most widely held companies. While the Panel's services have a measurable impact in relation to transactions that fall within the scope of the Panel's appropriation, the Panel's contribution to the broader mergers and acquisitions outcomes, such as outcomes from acquisitions of closely held companies and acquisitions of business assets, is limited.

The Panel will, as part of its service delivery, work with other entities such as NZX RegCo Limited, the Commerce Commission and the Financial Markets Authority with the aim of improving the confidence and participation of investors in New Zealand's capital markets (of which the takeovers market forms part).

¹ The Panel also has access to a Litigation Fund, for which a top-up appropriation of up to \$200,000 is available, should the Fund reduce below \$675,000. The purpose of the Fund is to enable the Panel to enforce compliance with the Takeovers Code and Code company schemes provisions in the Companies Act 1993 and to respond to litigation brought against it.



FORECAST PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND MEASURES FOR THE OUTPUTS

OUTPUT 1: Services for transactions under the Takeovers Code

The consideration of applications for approval to act as an independent adviser or expert and for applications for exemptions from compliance with the Code.

The monitoring and enforcement of Code compliance in all Code-regulated transactions.

The Panel will use its approval resources to consider applications, including from firms seeking to be approved to act as independent advisers and experts for Code-regulated transactions or events.

The Panel will use its exemption resources to consider exemption applications as they arise, and to consider possible class exemptions (which may be developed on the Panel's own initiative or may be applied for by parties to Code-regulated transactions or events).

The Panel will use its enforcement resources to:

- ▶ Assist those who have Code obligations to understand their obligations and to understand the Panel's likely approach to enforcing the Code
- ▶ Maintain the review of draft Code transaction documents in order to ensure that they comply with the Code, with the aim of resolving Code compliance issues before formal enforcement actions are required
- ▶ Encourage drafters of Code-regulated documents to apply the Panel's guidance on clear, concise and effective drafting
- ▶ Take enforcement action, including seeking enforceable compliance undertakings, holding hearings under section 32 of the Takeovers Act and, when necessary, taking Court proceedings for permanent or punitive orders, recognising that enforcement actions use a high proportion of resources due to procedural intensity

Planned performance standards and performance measures for 2026/2027, and estimated outcome for 2025/2026, using actual data to December 2025 and as estimated for the remainder of the year:

| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| Quantity² Draft documents reviewed, including for clear, concise and effective drafting as set out in the Panel's guidance notes | 8-12 | 8-12 | 8 | 7 |
| Quality The Regulations Review Committee does not recommend disallowance of any Panel exemptions ³ | 0 disallowed | 0 disallowed | 0 disallowed | 0 disallowed |

² The number of transaction documents reviewed by the Panel is entirely market driven. The inclusion of estimated quantities is to provide contextual information.

³ This measure shows that the Panel is exercising its delegated exemption power appropriately and in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.



| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| Applicants (exemptions and advisers) are satisfied with the Panel's processes as indicated by an external survey | 90% of respondents | 90% of respondents | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |
| Legal advisers (takeovers and shareholder meetings) are satisfied with the processes for the review of draft meeting and takeovers documents as indicated by an external survey | 90% of respondents | 90% of respondents | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |
| Timeliness Applicants are satisfied with the timeliness of the Panel's decisions regarding approval and exemption applications, as indicated by an external survey | 90% of respondents | 90% of respondents | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |
| Revenue | \$713,099 53% of forecast revenue | \$1,023,314 58% of estimated revenue | \$1,212,214 68% of actual revenue | \$745,120 41% of actual revenue |
| Cost | \$927,370 53% of forecast expenditure | \$1,050,361 58% of estimated expenditure | \$1,145,465 69% of actual expenditure | \$692,460 41% of actual expenditure |



OUTPUT 2: Services for transactions under the Companies Act (Code company schemes)

The Panel responds to notifications of schemes of arrangement being undertaken under the Companies Act that involve Code companies (Code company schemes) and considers applications for No-objection Statements.

The Panel issues Letters of Intention and No-objection Statements in accordance with the Panel's published guidance and procedures.

The Panel will use its Code schemes resources to:

- ▶ Engage with practitioners on their draft proposals for undertaking a Code company scheme
- ▶ Assess scheme documents as against the Panel's published policy for providing a No-objection Statement
- ▶ Encourage drafters of scheme documents to apply the Panel's guidance on clear, concise and effective disclosure
- ▶ Decide whether to give a No-objection Statement or whether to appear in the High Court to object to a Code company scheme
- ▶ Approve independent advisers for Code company schemes

Planned performance standards and performance measures for 2026/2027, and estimated outcome for 2025/2026, using actual data to December 2025 and as estimated for the remainder of the year:

| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 20234/2024 |
| Quantity⁴ Review of draft scheme documents including checking for clear, concise, and effective drafting as set out in the Panel's guidance note on schemes | 100% of 3-5 scheme notifications | 100% of 4-5 scheme notifications | 100% of 5 scheme notifications | 100% of 2 scheme notifications |
| Quality Applicants are satisfied with process for No-objection Statements as indicated by an external survey ⁵ | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents ⁶ | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |
| Timeliness Applicants are satisfied with timeliness of Panel's decision, as indicated by an external survey | 90% of respondents | 90% of respondents | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |

⁴ The number of transaction documents reviewed is entirely market driven. The inclusion of estimated quantities is to provide contextual information.

⁵ The process for applying for a No-objection Statement is set out in a published guidance note which details the steps that applicants must take (including the information that must be provided to the Panel) in order to receive a No-objection Statement from the Panel.

⁶ The Panel aims for a 100% success rate but notes that some schemes can be complex and due to the small numbers of schemes estimated, just one unsatisfied applicant would significantly impact the percentage.



| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| Revenue | \$336,368 25% of forecast revenue | \$352,867 20% of estimated revenue | \$312,098 17% of actual revenue | \$381,491 21% of actual revenue |
| Cost | \$384,946 22% of forecast expenditure | \$307,864 17% of estimated expenditure | \$236,694 14% of actual expenditure | \$265,629 16% of actual expenditure |



OUTPUT 3: Review takeovers law and practice

Ensuring that the provisions of the Takeovers Code, the Takeovers Act 1993 and the Companies Act 1993 (as it applies to Code company schemes of arrangement) and other takeovers laws are effective and relevant, as assessed by review of law and practice, undertaking policy development (“policy projects”), and recommending amendments to takeovers law as necessary.

Monitoring of market practice and undertaking any policy projects that may arise in response to market practices.

Planned performance standards and performance measures for 2026/2027, and estimated outcome for 2025/2026, using actual data to December 2025 and as estimated for the remainder of the year:

| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| Quantity Policy projects that arise out of market practice | 2 projects completed 1 continuing | 3 continuing ⁷ | 1 project commenced 1 project completed 3 continuing | 1 project commenced 1 project completed 3 continuing |
| Quality Every policy project that involves a recommendation of law reform meets the Panel’s quality assurance criteria (as demonstrated by performance checklists) ⁸ | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time |
| Timeliness Recommendations to the Minister (if any) sent to Ministry within 10 working days of Panel approval of the recommendations ⁹ | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time |
| Revenue¹⁰ | \$161,456 12% of forecast revenue | \$211,720 12% of estimated revenue | \$144,189 8% of actual revenue | \$591,594 32% of actual revenue |

⁷There are three ongoing policy projects. First, the Panel made law reform recommendations in April 2022. The Panel is working with MBIE officials to advance these recommendations at the appropriate time. Secondly, in July 2024 the Panel published recommendations for law reform in respect of the alignment of schemes of arrangement and the Code and in respect of ‘deal protection devices’. Finally, in September 2025, the Panel recommendations in respect of the civil enforcement provisions under the Takeovers Act 1993. The Panel is working with MBIE officials to advance these recommendations at the appropriate time.

⁸ These quality control measures are intended to ensure that the case for change is robust for any regulatory or policy proposals implemented, or recommended, by the Panel.

⁹ Panel approval means the later of being approved by the Panel at a Board meeting or by the Chair (as authorised by the Panel at a Board meeting).

¹⁰ The resources spent on this Output 3 are decreasing with the completion of the consultation and recommendation stage of the review of civil enforcement under the Takeovers Act policy project.



| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| Cost | \$244,966 14% of forecast expenditure | \$253,535 14% of estimated expenditure | \$150,515 9% of actual expenditure | \$612,221 36% of actual expenditure |



OUTPUT 4: Public Understanding Services

Inform and educate shareholders, directors and other key stakeholders about the Code, schemes of arrangement and other relevant law and respond to public enquiries.

The Panel will use its public understanding resources to:

- ▶ Undertake engagements with market practitioners, company directors, market commentators, shareholders and other key stakeholders
- ▶ Disseminate information about itself, the Code and schemes of arrangement
- ▶ Maintain the Panel's website to inform stakeholders and the market
- ▶ Deal with public enquiries about the Code and schemes of arrangement matters

Planned performance standards and performance measures for 2026/2027, and estimated outcome for 2025/2026, using actual data to December 2025 and as estimated for the remainder of the year:

| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| Quantity | | | | |
| Number of: | | | | |
| Guidance Notes updated and/or published | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Public enquiries responded to | 20-40 | 25-35 | 46 | 33 |
| Engagements with stakeholders as per Stakeholder Engagement Plan | 30-40 individual 2 seminars | 30 individual 3 seminars | 41 individual 3 seminars | 29 individual 2 seminars |
| Quality | | | | |
| Market participants found the Panel's published documents, including updates and amendments to those documents made from time to time, were useful, as indicated by an external survey | 90% of respondents | 90% of respondents | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |
| Market participants found the website useful to a considerable or high degree, as indicated by an external survey ¹¹ | 90% of respondents | 90% of respondents | 100% of respondents | 100% of respondents |

¹¹ The Panel's website includes links to relevant legislation, the Panel's publications, tools for reducing compliance costs, such as template application forms and a digital calculator for enabling compliance with the Code's timing rules, and a database of Code-regulated transaction documents and Code company scheme documents.



| Performance Measures | Performance Standards | | | |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| | Forecast 2026/2027 | Estimated 2025/2026 | Actual 2024/2025 | Actual 2023/2024 |
| A Stakeholder Engagement Plan was approved by the Panel ¹² | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved | Achieved |
| Timeliness Information is published on the website within 10 working days of final Panel approval ¹³ | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time |
| Public enquiries are responded to within 3 working days of receiving them | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time | 100% of the time |
| Revenue | \$134,547 10% of forecast revenue | \$176,433 10% of estimated revenue | \$123,188 7% of actual revenue | \$158,455 9% of actual revenue |
| Cost | \$192,473 11% of forecast expenditure | \$199,206 11% of estimated expenditure | \$129,116 8% of actual expenditure | \$179,851 10% of actual expenditure |

¹² The Panel has identified in its Stakeholder Engagement Plan the key stakeholders with whom it intends to engage over the 12-month period. The Plan helps to ensure that the Panel's public understanding resources are used efficiently and coherently and that they contribute to the impacts identified above. The Panel reconsiders the Plan each year to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriately focused for the achievement of the Panel's impacts.

¹³ Panel approval means the later of being approved by the Panel at a Board meeting or by the Chair (as authorised by the Panel at a Board meeting).



FORECAST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 30 June 2027

Introduction

The forecast financial statements presented here for the reporting entity, the Takeovers Panel, are prepared pursuant to section 149C of the Crown Entities Act 2004. The Panel is a Crown entity for legislative purposes and a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes.

The Panel is responsible for the forecast financial statements presented, including the appropriateness of the assumptions underlying the forecast financial statements and all other required disclosures.

The preparation of forecast financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual financial results achieved for the period covered are likely to vary from the information presented, and the variations may be material.

These forecast financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of the 2026/2027 Statement of Performance Expectations of the Takeovers Panel. They are not prepared for any other purpose and should not be relied upon for any other purpose.

The forecast financial statements were authorised for issue by the Takeovers Panel on 25 June 2026.



FORECAST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ending 30 June 2027

| | Forecast 12 months to 30 June 2027 | Note | Estimated 12 months to 30 June 2026 |
|--|---|-------------------|--|
| Revenue - Operating | | | |
| Government grant-baseline funding | 1,070,000 | 3 | 1,494,000 |
| Interest | 38,102 | | 48,341 |
| Application fees and costs recoverable | 209,200 | 4 | 194,333 |
| Total operating revenue | 1,317,302 | | 1,736,674 |
| Revenue - Litigation fund | | | |
| Interest | 24,008 | | 27,660 |
| Total litigation fund revenue | 24,008 | | 27,660 |
| Total revenue | 1,341,310 | | 1,764,334 |
| Operating expenditure | | | |
| Services and supplies | 821,122 | 5 | 854,966 |
| Personnel costs | 928,632 | 6 | 935,714 |
| Total operating expenditure | 1,749,754 | | 1,790,680 |
| Expenditure - Litigation fund | - | | 20,287 |
| Total expenditure | 1,749,754 | | 1,810,967 |
| Net surplus / (deficit) | (408,444) | | (46,633) |
| This is comprised of: | | | |
| Operating surplus / (deficit) | (432,452) | | (54,006) |
| Litigation surplus / (deficit) | 24,008 | | 7,373 |
| | (408,444) | | (46,633) |

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.



FORECAST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ending 30 June 2027

| | Forecast 12 months to 30 June 2027 | Estimated 12 months to 30 June 2026 |
|--|---|--|
| Current assets | | |
| Bank accounts and cash – operations | 46,281 | 286,561 |
| Bank accounts and cash – litigation fund | 4,817 | 4,817 |
| Short term deposits – operations | 986,185 | 1,175,479 |
| Short term deposits – litigation fund | 687,820 | 669,189 |
| Interest receivable – operations | 6,483 | 4,090 |
| Interest receivable – litigation fund | 5,233 | 2,138 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 104,288 | 83,766 |
| Total current assets | 1,841,107 | 2,226,040 |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 19,286 | 23,123 |
| Total non-current assets | 19,286 | 23,123 |
| Total assets | 1,860,393 | 2,249,163 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | 69,772 | 103,673 |
| Employee entitlements | 32,724 | 32,724 |
| Total current liabilities | 102,496 | 136,397 |
| Equity | | |
| Capital contribution | 199,000 | 199,000 |
| Operating funds | 621,360 | 1,007,551 |
| Litigation fund | 937,537 | 906,215 |
| Total equity | 1,757,897 | 2,112,766 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 1,860,393 | 2,249,163 |

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.



FORECAST STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ending 30 June 2027

| | Forecast 12 months to 30 June 2027 | Estimated 12 months to 30 June 2026 |
|---|---|--|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Cash was received from: | | |
| Government grant – operations | 1,230,504 | 1,718,100 |
| Application fees and costs recoverable | 240,588 | 226,557 |
| Interest | 62,110 | 76,001 |
| Goods and Services Tax (net) | (115,698) | (86,460) |
| Cash was applied to: | | |
| Suppliers | (599,515) | (587,711) |
| Employees and Members | (1,217,127) | (1,121,161) |
| Net cash flows from operating activities | (399,138) | 225,326 |
| Cash flows from investing and financing activities | | |
| Cash was applied to: | | |
| Payments to purchase investments | 158,858 | (76,001) |
| Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment | - | - |
| Net cash flows from investing and financing activities | 158,858 | (76,001) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash | (240,280) | 149,325 |
| Add opening cash | 291,378 | 142,053 |
| Closing cash | 51,098 | 291,378 |

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.



NOTES TO THE FORECAST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 30 June 2027

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS

The Panel is responsible for the forecast financial statements presented, including the appropriateness of the assumptions underlying the forecast financial statements and all other required disclosures. The preparation of these forecast financial statements requires the Panel to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the forecast amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates and the variation may be material.

Estimates and assumptions used in these forecast financial statements are based on the best information available to the Panel at the time of their preparation. Information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the forecast financial statements are described in the following significant assumptions. It is not intended to update the forecast financial statements subsequent to publication of these statements.

The forecast financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and assume that the Panel will draw on existing cash reserves during the forecast period to offset the impact of reduced Crown funding, while continuing to meet all statutory obligations and commitments.

2. ESTIMATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2025/2026

The 2025/2026 estimated financial statements include actual results up to the end of December 2025 and an estimate of the outcome for the remaining six months of the year taking account of work on hand and expected developments in the final months of the financial year. These figures are therefore not the same as those included in the Panel's 2025/2026 SPE.

3. GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATION

The Government appropriation is as per the amount allocated for "Administration of the Takeovers Code" for 2026/2027, as made in Budget 2026. The Panel's Government appropriation has been materially reduced from \$1,494,000 in 2025/2026 to \$1,070,000 in 2026/2027. The Panel's Government appropriation for out years has been reduced to nil. Recognising that the Panel has a statutory function, MBIE advises that it intends to work with the Panel to explore options to enable the statutory function to continue to be delivered. Based on these assumptions, the Panel expects to continue operating as a going concern beyond 30 June 2027.

4. APPLICATION FEES AND COSTS RECOVERABLE

The Panel forecasts third-party income of \$209,200 in 2026/2027. This assumes no meetings under section 32 of the Takeovers Act and that the number of transactions from which the Panel derives income will be similar to 2025/2026.

5. SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

The Panel forecasts spending \$821,122 on services and supplies in 2026/2027, a decrease of \$33,844 from the expected services and supplies cost in 2025/2026.

6. PERSONNEL COSTS

The Panel forecasts spending \$928,632 on personnel costs in 2026/2027, a decrease of \$7,082 from the expected personnel costs in 2025/2026.



7. OVERALL RISK OF FORECAST REVENUE EXPECTATIONS NOT BEING MET

These forecast financial statements are presented on the basis that, other than matters stated above under the statement of significant assumptions, there will be no other significant change to the nature of the Panel's operations or its principal activities in the period covered by the forecast financial statements.

The level of Panel income from exemptions, approvals, enforcement and schemes work is difficult to predict. Similarly, the level of the Panel's takeover activity and schemes of arrangement activity is dependent on the level and nature of takeover market activity.

The Panel anticipates that the trend towards an increased proportion of takeovers being conducted as schemes rather than as takeovers under the Code will continue. This will impact the Panel's third-party income because the Panel is entitled to recover the costs of its involvement in schemes transactions but is not entitled to recover its costs for monitoring takeovers under the Code unless formal enforcement action is conducted.

If the number of transactions overall falls below historical levels, the level of Panel income from exemptions, approvals, enforcement and schemes work may also fall. However, only a small portion of the Panel's income is directly related to the number of transactions it monitors.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

The separate forecast financial statements presented here are for the reporting entity, the Takeovers Panel, for the year ending 30 June 2027. The Panel has elected to apply Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector) and is eligible to do so with total operating expenses below \$5 million. These forecast financial statements have been prepared in compliance with NZ Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. All transactions are reported using the accrual basis of accounting and on the assumption that the Panel is a going concern.

Basis of measure

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position on an historical cost basis have been applied.

Functional and presentational currency

These forecast financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$), which is the Panel's functional currency. All financial information presented in New Zealand dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Changes in accounting policy

There have been no changes in accounting policy.

Significant Accounting Policies

Significant accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods in these financial statements.

a. Revenue recognition

The government grant is recognised as revenue when earned and is reported in the financial period to which it relates. Revenue from application fees and costs recoverable is recognised when the relevant services are provided or when the Panel has made the relevant determination under section 32 of the Takeovers Act. Interest is recorded as revenue as it is earned during the period.

b. Litigation fund

Interest revenue and expenditure on approved litigation fund matters are reported as revenue and expenditure of the Panel in the financial period in which they were derived or incurred. Reimbursements from the Crown to top



up the fund are reported as income in the period to which the Panel's claim for reimbursement relates. The balance of the fund is disclosed as a component of equity in the statement of financial position.

c. GST

All items in financial statements are exclusive of GST with the exception of trade and other receivables and trade and other payables, which are stated with GST included.

The statement of cash flows has been prepared on a net GST basis. That is, cash receipts and payments are presented exclusive of GST. A net GST presentation has been chosen to be consistent with the presentation of the statement of financial performance and statement of financial position. The net GST component of operating activities reflects the net GST paid to and received from the Inland Revenue Department. The GST component has been presented on a net basis as the gross amounts would not provide meaningful information for financial statement purposes.

d. Cost and revenue allocation policy

For the purposes of the statement of service performance, direct costs are charged directly to outputs. Indirect costs are allocated on the basis of direct labour hours spent on each output. Revenue allocation is calculated using the same process.

e. Income tax

The Panel is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act 2007.

f. Trade and other receivables

Debtors and other receivables are initially measured at the amount owed. Impairment is recorded when it is likely that the amount owed will not be collected, in which case the loss is recorded as a bad debt expense.

g. Trade and other payables

Creditors and other payables are initially measured at the amount owing. If an invoice has not been received, an accrual for the estimated amount to be paid is recorded.

h. Bank accounts and cash

Bank accounts and cash comprise cash balances on hand, held in cheque or savings accounts and deposits held at call with bank accounts that form part of the Panel's day-to-day cash management.

i. Term deposits

This category includes all term deposits with terms exceeding 90 days.

j. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are shown at cost or deemed cost less depreciation, and less any impairment losses. The following classes of property, plant and equipment have been depreciated over their economic lives on the following basis:

- office furniture 10.5 percent straight line
- office equipment 40 - 67 percent straight line

k. Short-term employee benefits

Employee costs payable represent the Panel's liability for employee annual leave entitlements and salaries accrued up to balance date. This has been calculated on an accrued entitlement basis which involves recognising the undiscounted amount of short-term employee benefits expected to be paid in exchange for services that an employee has already rendered. This is calculated at current remuneration rates.

l. Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are disclosed if the possibility that they will crystallise is not remote. There are no contingent liabilities forecast in 2026/2027.