Investor Half Day Risk Management

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Agenda

- 1. Overview
 - Risk Structure
 - Design Framework

2. Credit Risk

- Business Performance
- Housing Loan Portfolio
- Diversification
- Credit Losses
- 3. Market Risk
- 4. Operational Risk

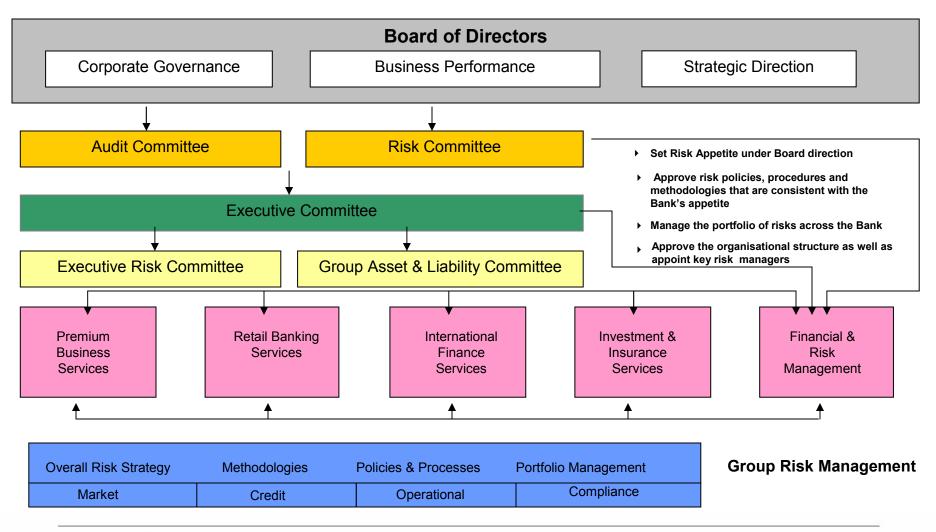
5. Compliance and Prudential Regulation

- Basel II
- IFRS





1. Risk Structure



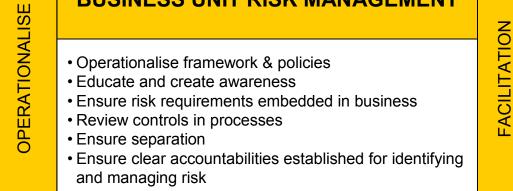


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1. Risk : Design Principles

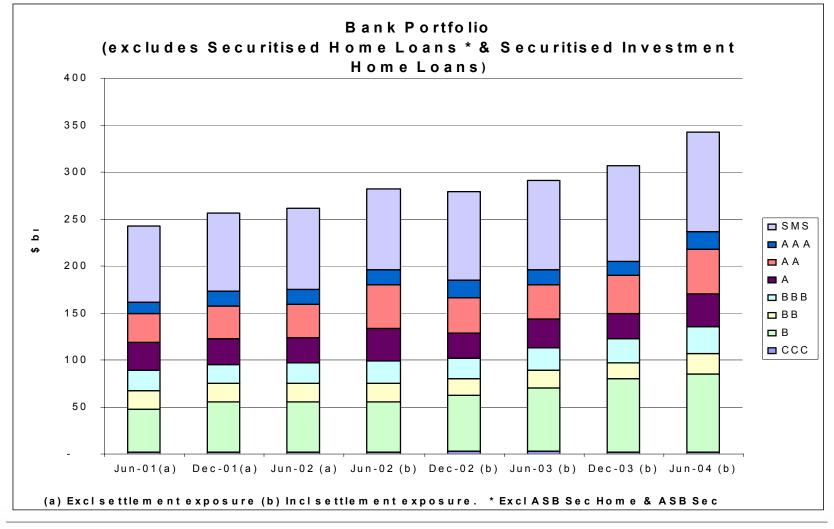
HIGH LEVEL PRINCIPLES





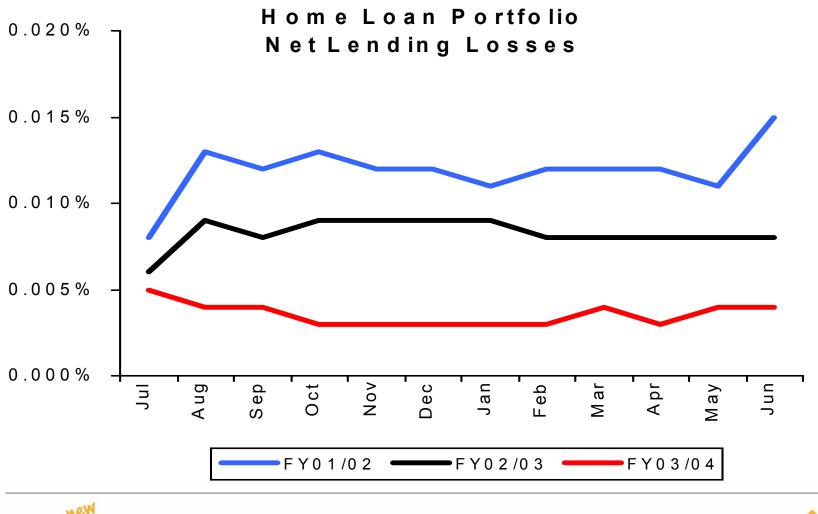


2. Overall Bank Portfolio





2. Net lending losses in consumer book remain low





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2. Diversification "Drivers"

Large Credit Exposure Policy

Aligned to the Bank's earnings and economic capital

Industry Limits

Determined by each industry's share of Australian borrowings aggregates

Country Limits

Based on the country's GDP relative to the US, Financial Flow Indicators and the credit quality classification.





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2. Credit Risk Forecast

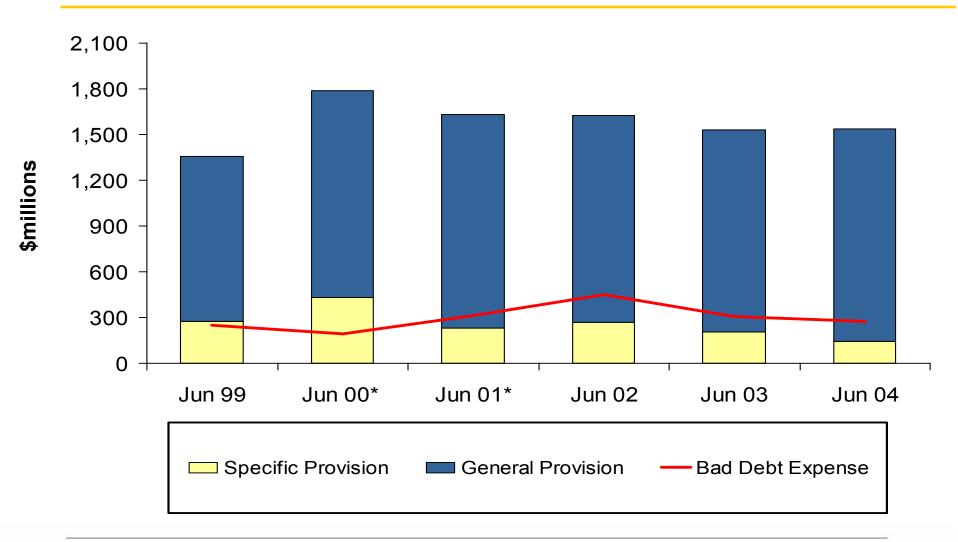
The main drivers of credit risk for loans are:

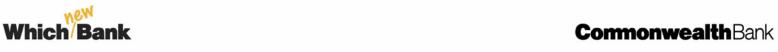
- interest rates
- the unemployment rate
- gross domestic production
- private consumption





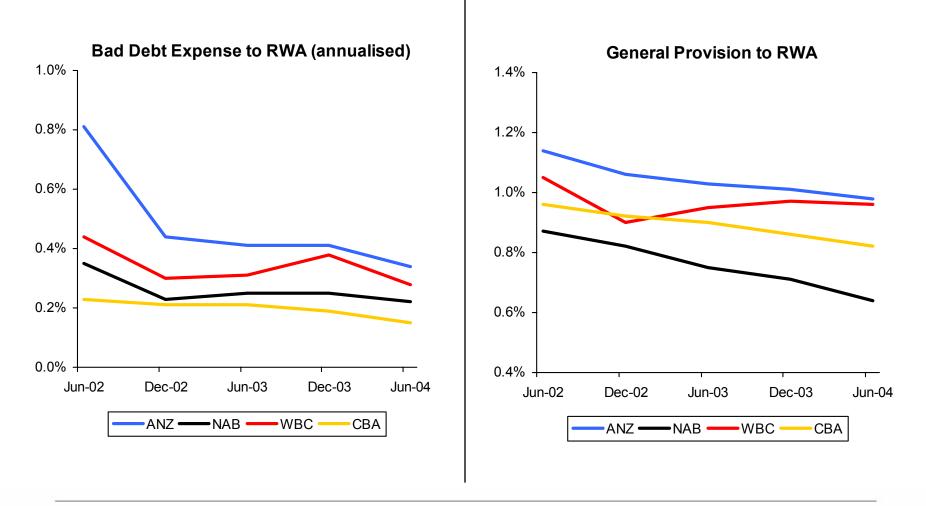
2. The Bank remains well provisioned





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2. Peer Group Comparisons



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3. Market Risk

A sophisticated risk management framework is used for the identification and quantification of market risk, and for its measurement and control.

Systems/Processes	Recent Initiatives
 Market risk is a small but significant part of total Bank risk profile. 	 Centres of Excellence approach to provide support/expertise for domestic and off-shore businesses
 Sophisticated management and measurement	 Bank-wide policies (eg. liquidity and funding)
processes optimise the market risk capital	ensure consistent application of core principles of
adequacy allocation requirement.	risk management across the Bank.
 Value at Risk (VaR) modelling is extensively used.	 Common risk systems (eg. traded VaR) to
Additional exposure limits, scenario testing and	consistently capture our global market risk
stress testing of portfolios are prudently preformed.	exposure.
 Board of Directors review and approve Bank	 Introduction of a revised VAR measurement for
market risk policies and limits annually.	the insurance businesses

Internal/external audits verify the continuing adequacy and applicability of risk management policies and procedures in a practical environment



4. Operational Risk

CBA is constantly developing and improving its internal mechanisms to anticipate and manage operational risk exposures to strive to operational excellence.

	Strategy & Processes		Recent Initiatives/Results
	Policies and processes to ensure business managers identify and manage operational risks	-	Enhancing risk management through:
			 Process for loss incident reporting and management commenced 1 Jan 2004
-	Periodic reporting to Risk Committee on Risk Profile and trends on security and fraud		 Monitoring of key risk and control indicators
			 Data mining and profiling being enhanced to detect internal and external fraud.
-	Operational risk measurement based on business judgments and scenario analysis		 Review of financial reporting controls in accordance with SOX is in progress
-	Measurement provides a basis for management prioritisation and economic capital allocation		 Integrated crisis management and business continuity plan testing
•	Regular testing of controls in key areas of the bank through a Controls Assurance Program	-	 Enhancing economic capital allocation through: use of internal and external loss data; use of risk indicators
	Business continuity achieved through mature Crisis Management, Business Continuity and Technology Recovery plans for all critical processes / resources		







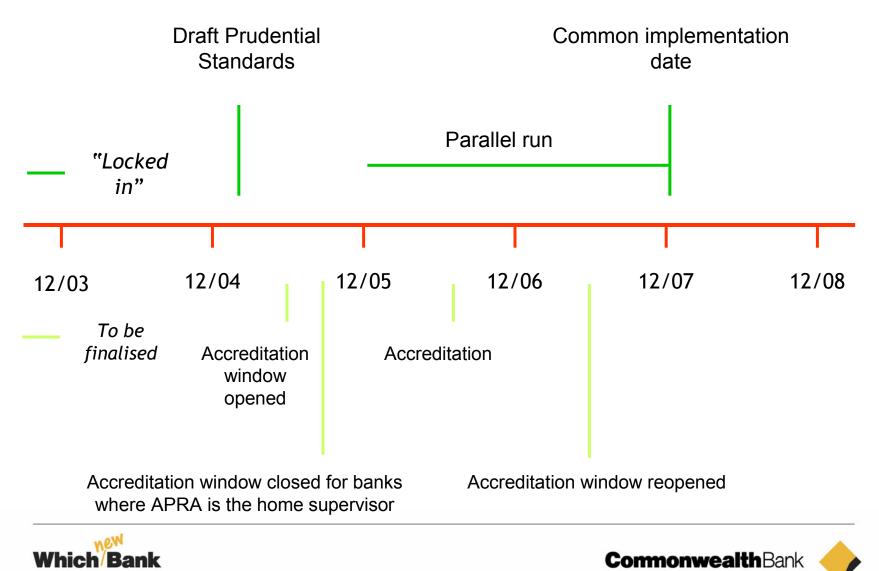
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CBA is constantly developing and improving its internal mechanisms to ensure compliance requirements are effectively implemented and managed, and prudential regulations met.			
Systems/Processes	Recent Initiatives/Results		
 Board endorsement of Compliance Risk Management Framework 	 Implementation of key regulatory reform projects continue including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Basel II, Corporate Law Economic Reform Program 9, Superannuation Safety Reform and International 		
 Compliance matters are reported to Business Unit Heads, Board Committees and Boards, with escalation process as necessary 	Financial Reporting Standards		
	 Review of compliance reporting and incident management across the Bank. New protocols 		
 Expanded Group Compliance function to include centralised review and approval of marketing material 	have been implemented and tools are currently being developed for rollout		





5. Basel II timetable



5. IFRS

- Many practical issues & hurdles to overcome
 - Uncertainty underlying principles and methodologies (eg emergence period for IBNR book)
- "Excess" provisions booked back to equity on transition
- General Provision likely to fall
- Specific Provision likely to increase slightly
- Some increase in volatility for P&L
- APRA is yet to advise on regulatory position
- Education of shareholders and analysts





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