

PERIODIC STATEMENT PART 2

YOUR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009



APSS PENSION MEMBERS

Australia Post Superannuation Scheme (ABN 42 045 077 895)
Issuer: PostSuper Pty Ltd (ABN 85 064 225 841)
RSE Licence Number L0002714
APSS Registration Number R1056549



Your 2009 Annual Report

This part of your 2009 Periodic Statement provides information that must be reported to you annually by law, along with the personal information in Part 1.

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HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

The APSS is at your service. If you require more information to understand your super benefit or other information regarding your investment in the APSS, you can do so by contacting us.



...online at **apss.com.au**, just log on and press *contact us*;



...call *SuperPhone* on **1300 360 373**. Speak with a Service Representative between 9am and 7pm (EST) Monday - Friday;



...by fax **(02) 9372 6288**;



...by mail at:
**APSS, Locked Bag A5005
Sydney South NSW 1235.**

Disclaimer

Part 1 of your Periodic Statement contains personal information prepared to help you understand your benefits. Part 2 of your Periodic Statement contains general information about the APSS, including the financial condition, the management and the investment performance.

The Periodic Statement does not contain financial product advice and should not be relied upon as such. Before making any decision on the basis of this information, you should obtain the relevant Product Disclosure Statement(s) for you and independent advice that takes into account your particular circumstances. The Trustee of the APSS, and the issuer of interests in the APSS, is PostSuper Pty Limited ABN 85 064 225 841 (RSE Licence Number L0002714). The Australia Post Superannuation Scheme (APSS) Registration Number is R1056549 and the APSS ABN is 42 045 077 895.

Neither PostSuper Pty Limited nor Australia Post holds an Australian Financial Services Licence and, therefore, neither can provide you with financial product advice.

TAKE A LONG-TERM VIEW IN TURBULENT TIMES

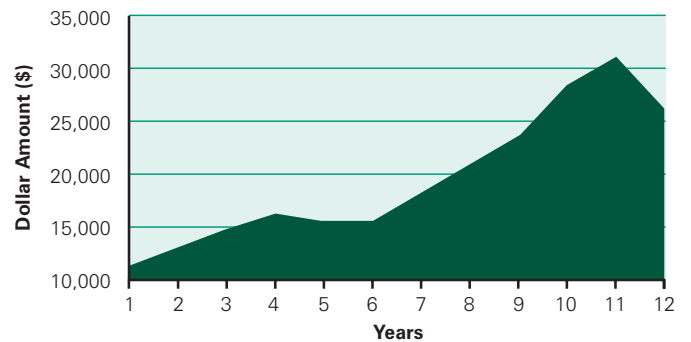
Recent media coverage on superannuation has declared the 2008-09 financial year to be the worst on record for super funds. What does this mean for Member Savings in your APSS Pension?

For the 2008-09 year your Member Savings in your APSS Pension were invested according to the Market Return Strategy. The Crediting Rates for the Market Return Strategy have been affected by the investment market downturn. The cumulative APSS Market Return Crediting Rate for the 12 months to 30 June 2009 was minus 16.5%. Clearly the APSS has not been spared from the widespread downturn across investment markets last financial year[^].

Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy are invested in underlying investments that are part of the global economy and are exposed to its cycles. During the year, the private market assets that form the bulk of these underlying investments were marked down in value to reflect the weak economic conditions.

In the last months of the financial year there was some evidence that the financial system was beginning to stabilise and that investors were starting to believe that the worst of the economic downturn has past. Time will tell whether the new financial year brings a broad economic recovery and a sustained boost to asset values. But history tells us that economies and markets move in cycles and downturns don't last for ever.

You can see this in the following chart. It illustrates how \$10,000 invested 12 years ago, receiving returns equivalent to the Crediting Rates for the Market Return Strategy over that time, would have grown to around \$26,000 even though there were negative episodes along the way*.



Note: The 12-year period shown in this graph is from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 2009.

***Important reminder:** past investment returns are not necessarily indicative of future investment returns.

This is just an illustration of past experience. The Trustee does not expect future investment returns to be exactly the same as the past returns illustrated in the chart.

Although negative Crediting Rates in the short term can cause concern the Trustee has not altered its fundamental beliefs that economic activity creates wealth in the long term and that investors can gain a share of that wealth by holding a diverse selection of investments in the global economy. That is what the APSS Market Return Strategy is designed for. As always it is important to regard the Market Return Strategy as a strategy for growing your retirement savings in the long term. It will have ups and downs in the Crediting Rates along the way as investment markets progress through their cycles.

[^] The SelectingSuper information service provided by financial services research firm Rainmaker Information Pty Ltd recently published median investment returns for "diversified growth" post-retirement investment options of minus 17.6% for 2008-09.

CREDITING RATES

This section provides the Crediting Rates for the 2008-09 year and for longer periods.

Until 5 August 2009, the Crediting Rates that applied to your Member Savings in your APSS Pension were the Market Return Crediting Rates. From that date, you can invest your Member Savings in Market Return Member Savings, Cash Return Member Savings or a combination of both. Fortnightly and interim Crediting Rates may be positive or negative for Market Return Member Savings depending upon investment market returns. Cash Return Member Savings are protected by a Capital Guarantee, which means that the fortnightly and interim Crediting Rates cannot be negative.

PAST CREDITING RATES

Period	Crediting Rates ^ Market Return Strategy
2008-09	-16.52%
2007-08	10.03%
2006-07	19.88%
2005-06	14.79%
2004-05	14.66%
2003-04	16.03%
2002-03	0.67%
2001-02	-5.39%
2000-01	9.99%
1999-00	13.74%
Compounded average last 3 financial years	3.3%
Compounded average last 5 financial years	7.7%
Compounded average last 10 financial years	7.2%
Compounded average since inception	8.8%

Important Note: Past crediting rates are not necessarily indicative of future crediting rates.

^ The actual compounded Crediting Rate for the Market Return Strategy is shown for 2008-09. Prior to 1 July 2008, APSS Pension Accounts had unit pricing rather than Crediting Rates. Therefore, the compounded average Crediting Rates for the last three, five and ten financial years are calculated based on the actual Crediting Rates for the Market Return Strategy for the 2008-09 financial year and, in respect of periods prior to 1 July 2008, are based on the difference between the unit price for Pension Accounts as at 30 June each year.

FORTNIGHTLY CREDITING RATES 2008-09

The fortnightly crediting rates for 2008-09 are shown below:

Fortnight	Market Return
1 Jul 08 to 8 Jul 08	-0.53%
9 Jul 08 to 22 Jul 08	0.30%
23 Jul 08 to 5 Aug 08	0.25%
6 Aug 08 to 19 Aug 08	-0.10%
20 Aug 08 to 2 Sep 08	0.33%
3 Sep 08 to 16 Sep 08	1.24%
17 Sep 08 to 30 Sep 08	-0.24%
1 Oct 08 to 14 Oct 08	-0.23%
15 Oct 08 to 28 Oct 08	-1.20%
29 Oct 08 to 11 Nov 08	10.28%
12 Nov 08 to 25 Nov 08	-0.32%
26 Nov 08 to 9 Dec 08	0.73%
10 Dec 08 to 23 Dec 08	-0.37%
24 Dec 08 to 6 Jan 09	-0.02%
7 Jan 09 to 20 Jan 09	-6.76%
21 Jan 09 to 3 Feb 09	0.21%
4 Feb 09 to 17 Feb 09	1.07%
18 Feb 09 to 3 Mar 09	-0.58%
4 Mar 09 to 17 Mar 09	-3.29%
18 Mar 09 to 31 Mar 09	0.10%
1 Apr 09 to 14 Apr 09	-5.70%
15 Apr 09 to 28 Apr 09	0.12%
29 Apr 09 to 12 May 09	-4.18%
13 May 09 to 26 May 09	-0.10%
27 May 09 to 9 Jun 09	-6.21%
10 Jun 09 to 23 Jun 09	-0.05%
24 Jun 09 to 7 Jul 09	-3.01%

From 5 August 2009, the Market Return Strategy is known as Market Return Member Savings. In addition, fortnightly Crediting Rates, rather than interim rates, will be used when members switch between Market Return Member Savings and Cash Return Member Savings.

For more information about how Crediting Rates are applied, see the APSS Pension Product Disclosure Statement (PDS). Copies of the PDS are available online at apss.com.au in the Publications & Forms section under Product Disclosure Statements or you can call SuperPhone on **1300 360 373** and request a copy.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The following pages provide information about how the Trustee invests the assets of the APSS.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES FOR THE MARKET RETURN STRATEGY

Until 5 August 2009, the Member Savings in your APSS Pension were invested according to the Market Return Strategy and the Crediting Rates that applied to your Member Savings were the Market Return Crediting Rates. Since 5 August 2009, you can now choose whether to have your Member Savings in your APSS Pension in Market Return Member Savings, Cash Return Member Savings, or a combination of both.

The Trustee's objective for Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy is to achieve a return over the long term that both exceeds the rate of inflation and exceeds the return credited to Member Savings in the Cash Strategy without incurring undue fluctuations in the short term. The Trustee expects that the return credited to Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy over the long term will be 3-4% per annum more than the return credited to Member Savings in the Cash Strategy.

Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy are invested in a diverse portfolio of assets, in the same way as the money contributed by Australia Post and Associated Employers to finance employee members' defined benefits.

The Trustee expects that fluctuations in investment markets could cause Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy to fall in value about one year in every five years on average, but that the Crediting Rate for Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy will exceed the rate of inflation – and be higher than the Crediting Rate for Member Savings in the Cash Strategy – in the long run.

The Trustee cannot guarantee that its long-term expectation will be met because investment markets are unpredictable.

Historically the markets for long-term investments like those in which Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy are invested have had greater rises than falls in the long run. Of course, history is not necessarily a guide to the future. You should consider whether you have enough time before you need to access your savings, to withstand periods when the investment markets may go down.

TRUSTEE'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Trustee's investment strategy for Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy involves making allocations between classes of financial assets that have different degrees of risk (and therefore different levels of expected return) and ensuring that each allocation includes a wide array of financial assets in that asset class to reduce the overall impact if some investments fail.

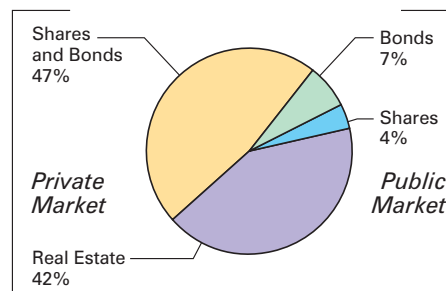
The Trustee has defined four distinct asset classes:

- public market Shares
- public market Bonds
- private market Real Estate
- private market Shares and Bonds.

Actual and target asset allocations for the Market Return Strategy are provided below.

ASSET ALLOCATION – MARKET RETURN STRATEGY

Actual Allocation as at 30 June 2009



Market Return Strategy	30 June 2009		30 June 2008	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Private market Shares and Bonds	40%	47%	35%	35%
Private market Real Estate	30%	42%	35%	35%
Public market Bonds	20%	7%	17%	17%
Public market Shares	10%	4%	13%	13%

INVESTMENT MANAGERS APPOINTED BY THE TRUSTEE

Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd – Public market Shares, Bonds and Cash.

Macquarie Investment Management Limited – Currency risk management.

INVESTMENTS GREATER THAN 5% OF TOTAL APSS ASSETS

More than 5% of the total APSS assets are held in the Alternative Investment Private Syndicate Fund A and the Vanguard Cash Reserve Fund. Each of these entities is an investment vehicle holding a large number of underlying investments. None of the individual underlying investments exceeds 5% of the total assets of the APSS.

USE OF DERIVATIVES

Derivatives are financial securities which derive their value from another security (e.g. futures and options). The APSS's investment managers are permitted to use derivatives to achieve their investment objectives, for example, to control investment risks and costs. The Trustee has established compliance and audit processes to ensure that the authorised use of derivatives by the APSS's investment managers complies with all relevant legal requirements and APRA directives.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)*

	\$million	\$million
2008 – APSS assets at 1 July 2008		6,745
Plus		
Net earnings from APSS assets	212	
Increase/(decrease) in value of APSS assets	(1,202)	
Employer payments	105	
Money saved by Members	57	
Money transferred to the APSS	36	(792)
Less		
Benefits paid to Members	275	
Expenses	16	
Surcharge Tax expense/(benefit)	0	
Tax expense/(benefit)	(120)	171
2009 – APSS assets at 30 June 2009		5,782

***Note:** At the time of printing this report, the APSS's Approved Auditor is in the process of auditing the financial statements of the APSS. Full audited financial statements are submitted in September each year for adoption by the Trustee. When adopted by the Trustee, a copy of the full audited financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the 2008-09 financial year will be available on written request.

CHANGES IN THE APSS

This section tells you about any changes made to the APSS during the 2008-09 year and more recently.

APSS TRUST DEED CHANGES

The following amendments were made to the APSS Trust Deed during the year ended 30 June 2009:

- An amendment to specify that the minimum Superannuation Guarantee benefit which must be provided to Employer-financed members is now measured in relation to their ordinary time earnings rather than superannuation salary. This amendment is not relevant to APSS Pension members.
- Investment earnings for Member Savings in the Market Return Strategy can be positive or negative. To avoid any doubt, a clause in the Trust Deed was amended to clarify this.

CHANGES RESULTING FROM FEDERAL BUDGET – 2009

On Tuesday 12 May 2009 the Government announced the Federal Budget for the 2009-10 year. The three key changes that took effect from 1 July 2009 are:

1. Concessional Contribution limits reduced

The Concessional Contribution limits (including the transitional limit for persons aged 50 and over) have been halved. Transitional arrangements apply to persons who were defined benefit members as at 12 May 2009.

2. Government Co-contribution amount

The Government has temporarily reduced the amount they contribute when matching voluntary after-tax contributions by eligible members.

3. Minimum pension payment amounts

The reduction in the minimum pension payment amount that was introduced for the 2008-9 year has been extended to the 2009-10 year.

Details on these changes were sent to members during the year and also appear on the website at apss.com.au in the *Publications & Forms* section under *Information flyers – Federal Budget*.

MEMBER SAVINGS INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS

From 5 August 2009 the Trustee has made some improvements to Member Savings investment arrangements.

Cash Return Member Savings is now available for APSS Pension Members

The Cash Return Member Savings option is now available to APSS Pension members. This means you can have your Member Savings in the APSS in Market Return Member Savings, Cash Return Member Savings, or a combination of both.

Your existing account balance will remain in Market Return Member Savings after 5 August 2009 unless you make an election to switch to Cash Return Member Savings.

You are able to switch all or part of your Member Savings between Market Return Member Savings and Cash Return Member Savings fortnightly if you wish. You should read the *APSS Pensions* Product Disclosure Statement before making a decision about Market Return Member Savings or Cash Return Member Savings.

Asset allocations

From 5 August 2009, the Trustee will determine how Member Savings in the APSS are allocated between the two investment portfolios - Market Return Portfolio and Cash Portfolio.

The allocation of Member Savings between these two portfolios may vary from time to time, at the Trustee's discretion, according to factors including the value of the employer-financed assets, the investment environment and how much members have in Market Return Member Savings and Cash Return Member Savings.

The changes will benefit members by enabling the Trustee to invest the assets of the APSS in the most efficient possible way for both Market Return Member Savings and Cash Return Member Savings.

PRODUCT DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The APSS Product Disclosure Statements (PDSs) have been updated to provide information on all of these changes. Copies of the most recent PDSs can be downloaded from the website at apss.com.au or you can call *SuperPhone* on **1300 360 373**.

YOUR TRUSTEE DIRECTORS

The legal entity responsible for operating a superannuation fund is known as the Trustee. This section provides information about PostSuper Pty Ltd, which is the Trustee of the APSS.

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE DIRECTORS

All directors are appointed for a term of no more than three years, at which time they are eligible for re-appointment.

The three directors appointed by Australia Post may be removed or replaced at any time at the discretion of Australia Post or if they resign or retire.

The three directors appointed by the sponsoring unions may be removed or replaced at any time at the discretion of the appointing union organisation or if they resign or retire.

The directors appoint the independent director who, as provided in the Trust Deed, is the Chairman. The removal or replacement of the independent director requires a resolution passed by at least a two-thirds majority of the directors.

On 31 January 2009, Patrick Ryan ceased to be a Director and was replaced by Louise Persse, whose term commenced on 1 February 2009. On 22 November 2008, Tom Phillips ceased to be a Director and was replaced by Mark Darras, whose term commenced on 12 February 2009.

YOUR TRUSTEE DIRECTORS AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

Len Early: Independent Director and Chairman

Ed Husic: Appointed by the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia (CEPU)

Jim Metcher: Appointed by the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)

Louise Persse: Appointed by the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU)

Mark Darras: Appointed by Australia Post

Mark Birrell: Appointed by Australia Post

Peter Meehan: Appointed by Australia Post

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL RULES

Member Representative Directors are appointed by each of:

- The Communication Electrical Plumbing Union of Australia;
- The Community and Public Sector Union; and
- The Australian Council of Trade Unions, as representing Members whose interests are represented by other Unions, in accordance with Rules approved by the Trustee.

These Rules also deal with the process for removal of Member Representative Directors. A copy of the Rules may be obtained by calling *SuperPhone* on **1300 360 373**.

TRUSTEE INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Indemnity insurance has been taken out to protect the Trustee directors and officers against certain financial losses arising from claims that may be lodged against the Trustee. The cost of this insurance is effectively borne by your employer through its contribution obligations to the APSS.

PROCEDURES FOR INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

You can make an inquiry, including a request for information, at any time by contacting us.

If you wish to make a complaint about a Trustee decision, please make it in writing, preferably using the APSS complaint form. By law you must specify the Trustee decision that you are making the complaint about. Complaint forms are available by contacting us.

All complaints will be brought to the attention of the APSS Inquiry and Complaints Officer (ICO). Contact details for the ICO are:

Inquiry and Complaints Officer, APSS
Locked Bag A5005
Sydney South NSW 1235

The Trustee has established a formal Inquiry and Complaints Procedure to make sure all inquiries and complaints are properly considered and are dealt with as required under the law.

If you don't like the Trustee's decision and your complaint about the decision is not resolved to your satisfaction by the APSS internal procedures within 90 days, you may have a right to lodge a complaint about the decision with the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal (SCT).

The SCT is an independent body set up by the Federal Government to review trustee decisions relating to Members (as opposed to trustee decisions relating to the management of the super fund as a whole).

Contact details for the SCT are as follows:

Superannuation Complaints Tribunal
Locked Bag 3060,
GPO Melbourne, VIC 3001
Phone: 1300 780 808
Fax: (03) 8635 5588
E-Mail: info@sct.gov.au

PRIVACY POLICY

The APSS has always respected your privacy, and has policies in place to make sure that your personal information is kept private and confidential. These policies are aligned with the Federal Government's "National Privacy Principles" (NPPs). You can access the Trustee's Privacy Policy:



...online at **apss.com.au**;



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