

BARBADOS PUBLIC WORKERS' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2017

(Expressed in Barbados dollars)

2. Accounting Policies, continued

2.3 Summary of significant accounting policies, continued

k) Employee benefits, continued

Defined benefit plan, continued

The calculation of defined benefit obligations is performed annually by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. When the calculation results in a potential asset for the Group, the recognised asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan. To calculate the present value of economic benefits, consideration is given to any applicable minimum funding requirements.

Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability, which comprise actuarial gains and losses, the return on plan assets (excluding interest) and the effect of the asset ceiling (if any, excluding interest), are recognised immediately in the statement of other comprehensive income. The Group determines the net interest expense (income) on the net defined benefit liability (asset) for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then-net defined benefit liability (asset), taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest expense and other expenses related to defined benefit plans are recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

When the benefits of a plan are changed or when a plan is curtailed, the resulting change in benefit that relates to past service or the gain or loss on curtailment is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of income. The Group recognises gains and losses on the settlement of a defined benefit plan when the settlement occurs.

Defined contribution plan

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a separate entity (a fund), with no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. Capita Financial Services Inc. operates a defined contribution plan for its eligible employees.

For the defined contribution plan, the Group makes contributions to an administered pension plan. Once the contributions have been paid, the Group has no further payment obligation. The regular contributions constitute net periodic costs for the year in which they are due and as such are included in staff costs. The Group's contributions to the defined contribution pension plan are charged to the consolidated statement of income in the year to which they relate.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for other amounts expected to be paid if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay these amounts as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.