

BARBADOS PUBLIC WORKERS' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2017

(Expressed in Barbados dollars)

23. Commitments and Contingencies, continued

(iv) Lease commitments

The Credit Union leases branch facilities under operating leases. Payments made under these leases are recognised in the statement of income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The future minimum rental payments related to these commitments are as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Less than one year	\$ 623,805	854,060
Between one and five years	<u>2,537,894</u>	<u>3,828,325</u>
	\$ <u>3,161,699</u>	<u>4,682,385</u>

During the year, \$ 960,959 (2016 - \$870,716) was recorded as an expense in the statement of income in respect of operating leases.

24. Financial Risk Management

Introduction

Risk is inherent in the Credit Union's activities but is managed through a process of on-going identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. This process of risk management is critical to the Credit Union's continuing profitability and each individual is accountable for the risk exposures relating to his or her responsibilities. The Credit Union is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk and operational risk.

The Credit Union's aim therefore is to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on its financial performance.

The independent risk control process does not include business risks such as changes in the environment, technology and industry. The Credit Union's policy is to monitor those business risks through its strategic planning process.

Risk management structure

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall risk management approach and for approving the risk management strategies and principles.

The Supervisory Committee has the responsibility to monitor the overall risk process within the Credit Union.

The Credit Union's policy is that risk management processes are audited annually by the Internal Audit function, which examines both the adequacy of the processes and the Credit Union's compliance with the processes. Internal Audit discusses the results of all assessments with management, and reports its findings and recommendations to the Supervisory Committee.