

BARBADOS PUBLIC WORKERS' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2019

(Expressed in Barbados dollars)

24. Financial Risk Management, continued

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.

Risk mitigation

As part of its overall risk management, the Credit Union invests a portion of its available funds in lending, financial investments and non-earning assets. The Credit Union's main source of income is derived from lending and it seeks to actively use collateral to reduce its credit risk. The Credit Union also has sought long term funding requirements to match its long term loan positions.

In order to avoid excessive concentrations of risk, the Credit Union's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on maintaining a diversified portfolio.