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Basis of preparation

This report presents the interim Pillar 3 disclosures of Bank of Scotland plc ('the Bank') as at 31 March 2024.

The disclosures have been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure section of the PRA Rulebook. Pillar 3 templates required to be disclosed on a quarterly basis that have not been included in this report are listed in the table below along with the reason for exclusion.

PRA reference	Template name	Reason for exclusion
CCR7	RWA flow statements of CCR exposures under the IMM	Not applicable to the Bank
MR2-B	RWA flow statements of market risk exposures under the IMA	Not applicable to the Bank
LIQ1	Quantitative information of LCR	Liquidity is managed at a DoLSub level, refer to the Lloyds Bank plc Q1 2024 Pillar 3 disclosures for further information.
LIQB	Qualitative information on LCR, which complements template LIQ1	

The information presented in this Pillar 3 report is not required to be, and has not been, subject to external audit.

Key metric and overview of risk weighted exposure amounts

Leverage summary

	31 Mar 2024 ¹	31 Dec 2023	30 Jun 2023
Leverage ratio			
1 Total exposure measure excluding claims on central banks (£m)	301,728	303,647	302,175
2 Leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%
Additional leverage ratio disclosure requirements			
3 Fully loaded ECL accounting model leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%)	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%
4 Leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%)	4.5%	4.7%	4.5%
5 Average leverage ratio excluding claims on central banks (%) ²	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%
6 Average leverage ratio including claims on central banks (%)	4.7%	4.5%	4.6%
7 Countercyclical leverage ratio buffer (%)	0.7%	0.7%	0.3%

1 Excludes profits for the preceding quarter from the total tier 1 capital position at 31 March 2024 (numerator of the leverage ratio) that remained subject to formal verification in accordance with capital regulations.

2 The average UK leverage ratio is based on the average of the month end tier 1 capital position and average exposure measure over the quarter. The average leverage exposure measure (excluding claims on central banks) for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024 amounted to £301,850 million. The average leverage exposure measure (including claims on central banks) for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024 amounted to £304,492 million.

Leverage

The Bank's UK leverage ratio reduced to 4.6 per cent (31 December 2023: 4.8 per cent) primarily reflecting the decrease in total Tier 1 capital, partially offset by the reduction in the leverage exposure measure, reflecting balance sheet decreases.

OVI: Overview of risk-weighted assets

	Total RWA		Total own funds requirements
	31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023	31 Mar 2024
	£m	£m	£m
1 Credit risk (excluding CCR)	72,832	71,822	5,827
2 Of which the standardised approach	3,406	3,457	273
3 Of which the foundation IRB (FIRB) approach	1,482	1,563	119
4 Of which slotting approach	814	929	65
UK 4a Of which equities under the simple risk weighted approach	2,817	2,920	225
5 Of which the advanced IRB (AIRB) approach	63,349	61,956	5,068
Of which: non-credit obligation assets ¹	964	997	77
6 Counterparty credit risk (CCR)	208	234	17
7 Of which the standardised approach	144	162	12
UK 8b Of which credit valuation adjustment (CVA)	64	72	5
16 Securitisation exposures in the non-trading book (after the cap)	859	931	68
17 Of which SEC-IRBA approach	428	494	34
18 Of which SEC-ERBA approach (including IAA)	431	437	34
20 Position, foreign exchange and commodities risks (Market risk)	73	468	6
21 Of which the standardised approach	73	468	6
23 Operational risk	6,799	6,799	544
UK 23b Of which standardised approach	6,799	6,799	544
24 Memo: Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (subject to 250% risk weight)	3,064	3,205	245
29 Total	80,771	80,254	6,462
Pillar 2A capital requirement ²			2,113
Total capital requirement			8,575

1 Non-credit obligation assets (IRB approach) predominately relate to other balance sheet assets that have no associated credit risk.

2 As at 31 March 2024, the Pillar 2A capital requirement was around 2.6 per cent of risk-weighted assets, of which around 1.5 per cent was to be met with CET1 capital.

Credit risk

The table below summarises the movements of risk-weighted assets for credit risk exposures under the Internal Ratings Based (IRB) Approach. The table excludes counterparty credit risk exposures, securitisation exposures, other non-credit obligation assets and equity exposures.

CR8: Risk-weighted assets flow statements of credit risk exposures

		Total RWA quarter to 31 Mar 2024
		£m
1	Risk weighted exposure amount as at the end of previous reporting period	64,448
2	Asset size (+/-)	720
3	Asset quality (+/-)	172
5	Methodology and policy (+/-)	307
7	Foreign exchange movements (+/-)	(2)
9	Risk weighted exposure amount at the end of the reporting period	65,645

Key movements 31 December 2023 to 31 March 2024

- Asset size largely driven by increases in the Retail portfolio.
- Asset quality movement mainly driven by minimal change in risk mix across certain portfolios.
- Methodology and policy movement predominantly driven by further Secured CRD IV model updates in the quarter.

Forward-looking statements

This document contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the business, strategy, plans and/or results of Bank of Scotland plc together with its subsidiaries (the Group) and its current goals and expectations. Statements that are not historical or current facts, including statements about the Group's or its directors' and/or management's beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. 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