

HBOS plc

2020 Half-Year Results

Member of the Lloyds Banking Group

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal activities

HBOS plc (the Company) and its subsidiaries (together, the Group) provide a wide range of banking and financial services in the UK and overseas.

The Group's revenue is earned through interest and fees on a broad range of financial services products including current and savings accounts, personal loans, credit cards and mortgages within the retail market; loans and other products to commercial, corporate and asset finance customers; and private banking.

Review of results

Income statement

The Group's profit before tax for the six months ended 30 June 2020 was £67 million, down from £1,107 million in the six months to 30 June 2019 and profit for the period was £227 million, down from £746 million in the first half of 2019 with both being impacted by a significantly increased impairment charge in the period of £1,454 million.

In the challenging external environment total income fell by £260 million, to £2,907 million in the six months to 30 June 2020 compared to £3,167 million in the six months to 30 June 2019, and was impacted by both lower net interest income and lower other income.

Net interest income of £2,666 million in the half-year to 30 June 2020 was down 3 per cent on the half-year to 30 June 2019 reflecting the lower rate environment, actions taken to support customers including free overdrafts and reduced levels of customer demand during the coronavirus pandemic.

Other income of £241 million in the half-year to 30 June 2020 was £185 million lower compared to £426 million in the half-year to 30 June 2019 as a result of lower customer activity and a subdued demand during the coronavirus lockdown period.

Total operating expenses reduced by £462 million to £1,386 million in period compared to £1,848 million in the half-year to 30 June 2019 with a £234 million decrease in regulatory provisions and a £228 million decrease in other operating expenses. Regulatory provisions comprised £98 million for the six months to 30 June 2020 relating to a number of items across existing programmes; the £280 million charge for PPI in the first half of 2019 was not repeated. Other operating expenses were £228 million lower at £1,288 million in the half-year to 30 June 2020 compared to £1,516 million in the half-year to 30 June 2019, driven by continued cost discipline, efficiencies gained through digitalisation and other process improvements and a reduction in costs recharged to the Group by fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings.

The impairment charge increased significantly in the first six months of the year to £1,454 million compared to a charge in the six months to 30 June 2019 of £212 million. The additional charge was primarily driven by updates to the Group's economic outlook and provisions taken on existing restructuring cases where recovery strategies have been directly impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The Group recognised a tax credit of £160 million in the period, primarily as a result of an uplift in the value of deferred tax assets of £182 million following the announcement by the UK Government that it would maintain the corporation tax rate at 19 per cent, which was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)*Balance sheet*

Total assets at 30 June 2020 were £2,369 million lower at £367,307 million compared to £369,676 million at 31 December 2019 with increases in balances due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings being more than offset by reductions in the mortgage and credit card books as customer demand reduced during the coronavirus lockdown as well as lower derivative assets.

Total liabilities were £2,910 million lower at £353,621 million at 30 June 2020 compared to £356,531 million at 31 December 2019 with increases in customer deposits which have been driven by growth in current accounts as a result of reduced consumer spending during the coronavirus lockdown period, being more than offset by reductions in amounts owed to fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings and lower derivative financial liabilities.

Total equity has increased by £541 million from £13,145 million at 31 December 2019 to £13,686 million at 30 June 2020, with total comprehensive income for the period of £599 million and other movements more than offsetting distributions to non-controlling interests of £80 million.

Capital

Following a change in approach the consolidated capital position of the Group will no longer be presented. The capital position of the Group's main banking subsidiary, Bank of Scotland plc, as at 30 June 2020 is presented in the Bank of Scotland plc 2020 Half-Year Results.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The significant risks faced by the Group are detailed below. There has been no change to the description of these risks since disclosed in the Group's 2019 Annual Report and Accounts.

The external risks faced by the Group may also impact the success of delivering against the Group's long-term strategic objectives. They include, but are not limited to the coronavirus pandemic, global macro-economic conditions, regulatory developments and the exit of the UK from the European Union.

Through the coronavirus pandemic, the Group has offered help and support to customers with a range of measures, for example with payment holidays and government lending schemes, and continues to actively monitor the outcomes to ensure fair customer treatment. Support has been prioritised for those customers in the most vulnerable situations and those who need help urgently. The Group has also been required to take a series of unprecedented actions to protect colleagues, and has been proactive in limiting the impact with a number of mitigating actions to support colleagues' safety and wellbeing. Transition planning, including continued engagement with colleagues, remains a key focus in ensuring that the Group continues to protect colleagues and services to customers as the situation continues to evolve, and any lessons learned from the pandemic can be embedded into our future working practices.

The Group's key cyber controls have continued to operate effectively during the coronavirus pandemic. During this period, the Group has also enhanced monitoring of key suppliers to protect the services received by Group and its ability to protect and maintain service to customers. The Group continues to work with the regulators constructively with regular engagement to ensure they are aware of the impacts on, and mitigating actions taken by the Group.

The Group's principal risks and uncertainties are reviewed and reported regularly to the Board in alignment with Lloyds Banking Group's Enterprise Risk Management Framework. Climate risk is being proposed to be introduced as a principal risk category, reflecting the focus in this key area, and work already undertaken by the Group.

Change / Execution – The risk that, in delivering the change agenda, the Group fails to ensure compliance with laws and regulation, maintain effective customer service and availability, and/or operate within the Group's approved risk appetite.

Data – The risk that the Group fails to effectively govern, manage, and control data (including data processed by third party suppliers) leading to unethical decisions, poor customer outcomes, loss of value to the Group and mistrust.

Operational Resilience – The risk that the Group fails to design resilience into business operations, underlying infrastructure and controls (people, process, technology) so that it is able to withstand external or internal events which could impact the continuation of operations, and fails to respond in a way which meets customer and stakeholder expectations and needs when the continuity of operations is compromised.

Strategic – The risks which result from strategic plans which do not adequately reflect trends in external factors, ineffective business strategy execution, or failure to respond in a timely manner to external environments or changes in stakeholder behaviours and expectations.

Credit – The risk that parties with whom the Group has contracted, fail to meet their financial obligations (both on and off balance sheet). For example observed, anticipated or unexpected changes in the economic environment could impact profitability due to an increase in delinquency, defaults, write-downs and/or expected credit losses.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)

Regulatory and Legal – The risk of financial penalties, regulatory censure, criminal or civil enforcement action or customer detriment as a result of failure to identify, assess, correctly interpret, comply with, or manage regulatory and/or legal requirements.

Conduct – The risk of customer detriment across the customer lifecycle including: failures in product management, distribution and servicing activities; from other risks materialising, or other activities which could undermine the integrity of the market or distort competition, leading to unfair customer outcomes, regulatory censure, reputational damage or financial loss.

Operational – The risk of loss from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events.

People – The risk that the Group fails to provide an appropriate colleague and customer-centric culture, supported by robust reward and wellbeing policies and processes; effective leadership to manage colleague resources; effective talent and succession management; and robust control to ensure all colleague-related requirements are met.

Capital – The risk that the Group has a sub-optimal quantity or quality of capital or that capital is inefficiently deployed across Lloyds Banking Group.

Funding and Liquidity – Funding risk is the risk that the Group does not have sufficiently stable and diverse sources of funding or the funding structure is inefficient. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group does not have sufficient financial resources to meet commitments when they fall due, or can only secure them at excessive cost.

Governance – The risk that the organisational infrastructure fails to provide robust oversight of decision making and the control mechanisms to ensure strategies and management instructions are implemented effectively.

Market – The risk that the Group's capital or earnings profile is affected by adverse market rates, in particular interest rates and credit spreads in the banking business, and credit spreads in Lloyds Banking Group's defined benefit pension schemes.

Model – The risk of financial loss, regulatory censure, reputational damage or customer detriment, as a result of deficiencies in the development, application and ongoing operation of models and rating systems.

Credit risk

Economic conditions have worsened in the first half of 2020 as the coronavirus crisis impact is felt. Given the challenging external environment and expectations of further economic deterioration, the impairment charge has increased significantly during the first half of 2020, predominantly driven by updates to the Group's economic outlook as well as the impact on restructuring cases and single name charges. As a result, expected credit loss allowances increased. There are a number of headwinds which have the potential to further impact the portfolios, including uncertainty around future UK and global economic conditions with a risk of an increase in unemployment and further business failures as the various UK Government schemes wind down in the third quarter, the risk of a second wave of the virus and further, perhaps deeper, measures worsening the economy and the financial health of customers. Outside of these, the possibility still remains of a no-deal end to the transition period of the UK exit from the European Union. In the context of the uncertainty, the Group's risk appetite and risk management approach continues to help ensure that the Group takes timely and proactive actions.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Note		
Interest and similar income	3,939	4,268
Interest and similar expense	<u>(1,273)</u>	<u>(1,527)</u>
Net interest income	2,666	2,741
Fee and commission income	<u>253</u>	<u>302</u>
Fee and commission expense	<u>(110)</u>	<u>(148)</u>
Net fee and commission income	2	154
Net trading income	56	202
Other operating income	<u>42</u>	<u>70</u>
Other income	241	426
Total income	2,907	3,167
Regulatory provisions	11	(332)
Other operating expenses	<u>(1,288)</u>	<u>(1,516)</u>
Total operating expenses	3	(1,848)
Trading surplus	1,521	1,319
Impairment	4	(212)
Profit before tax	67	1,107
Tax credit (expense)	5	(361)
Profit for the period	227	746
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	147	696
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	<u>80</u>	<u>50</u>
Profit for the period	227	746

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Profit for the period	227	746
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Post-retirement defined benefit scheme remeasurements:		
Remeasurements before tax	435	(53)
Tax	(85)	9
	350	(44)
Items that may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Movement in revaluation reserve in respect of debt securities held at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Change in fair value	18	11
Income statement transfers in respect of disposals	2	–
Impairment recognised in the income statement	1	–
Tax	(4)	(2)
	17	9
Movement in cash flow hedging reserve:		
Effective portion of changes in fair value	15	29
Net income statement transfers	3	19
Tax	(4)	(13)
	14	35
Currency translation differences (tax: nil)	(9)	(13)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	372	(13)
Total comprehensive income for the period	599	733
 Total comprehensive income attributable to ordinary shareholders	 519	 683
Total comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	80	50
Total comprehensive income for the period	599	733

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

		At 30 June 2020 (unaudited) £m	At 31 Dec 2019 (audited) £m
	Note		
Assets			
Cash and balances at central banks		2,608	2,492
Items in course of collection from banks		58	40
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	468	463
Derivative financial instruments		8,479	10,338
Loans and advances to banks		459	343
Loans and advances to customers		254,114	258,315
Debt securities		19	—
Due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings		92,743	91,113
Financial assets at amortised cost	7	347,335	349,771
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		3,144	2,376
Goodwill		325	325
Other intangible assets		149	138
Property, plant and equipment		1,300	1,407
Current tax recoverable		591	118
Deferred tax assets		1,659	1,656
Retirement benefit assets	10	913	156
Other assets		278	396
Total assets		367,307	369,676

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (continued)

		At 30 June 2020 (unaudited) £m	At 31 Dec 2019 (audited) £m
	Note		
Equity and liabilities			
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks		16,118	16,472
Customer deposits		158,665	151,845
Due to fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings		152,104	157,998
Items in course of transmission to banks		108	143
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		47	47
Derivative financial instruments		9,126	11,034
Notes in circulation		1,256	1,079
Debt securities in issue	9	9,839	11,204
Other liabilities		1,843	1,987
Retirement benefit obligations	10	143	134
Current tax liabilities		3	15
Other provisions	11	734	977
Subordinated liabilities		3,635	3,596
Total liabilities		353,621	356,531
Equity			
Share capital		3,763	3,763
Other reserves		10,184	10,162
Retained profits		(2,984)	(3,503)
Shareholders' equity		10,963	10,422
Non-controlling interests		2,723	2,723
Total equity		13,686	13,145
Total equity and liabilities		367,307	369,676

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

	Attributable to equity shareholders				Non-controlling interests	
	Share capital £m	Other reserves £m	Retained profits £m	Total £m	£m	Total £m
Balance at 1 January 2020	3,763	10,162	(3,503)	10,422	2,723	13,145
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	–	–	147	147	80	227
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>						
Post retirement defined benefit scheme remeasurements, net of tax	–	–	350	350	–	350
Movements in revaluation reserve in respect of debt securities held at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	17	–	17	–	17
Movements in cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax	–	14	–	14	–	14
Currency translation differences (tax: nil)	–	(9)	–	(9)	–	(9)
Total other comprehensive income	–	22	350	372	–	372
Total comprehensive income¹	–	22	497	519	80	599
Transactions with owners						
Distributions to non-controlling interests	–	–	–	–	(80)	(80)
Capital contribution received	–	–	22	22	–	22
Total transactions with owners	–	–	22	22	(80)	(58)
Balance at 30 June 2020	3,763	10,184	(2,984)	10,963	2,723	13,686

¹ Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent for the half-year to 30 June 2020 was £519 million (half-year to 30 June 2019: £683 million; half-year to 31 December 2019: a deficit of £352 million).

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED) (continued)

	Attributable to equity shareholders				Non-controlling interests £m	Total £m
	Share capital £m	Other reserves £m	Retained profits £m	Total £m		
Balance at 1 January 2019	3,763	10,115	(3,340)	10,538	1,537	12,075
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	696	696	50	746
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>						
Post retirement defined benefit scheme remeasurements, net of tax	-	-	(44)	(44)	-	(44)
Movements in revaluation reserve in respect of debt securities held at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	9	-	9	-	9
Movements in cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax	-	35	-	35	-	35
Currency translation differences (tax: nil)	-	(13)	-	(13)	-	(13)
Total other comprehensive income	-	31	(44)	(13)	-	(13)
Total comprehensive income	-	31	652	683	50	733
Transactions with owners						
Dividends	-	-	(500)	(500)	-	(500)
Distributions to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(50)	(50)
Capital contribution received	-	-	27	27	-	27
Changes in non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(14)	(14)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	(473)	(473)	(64)	(537)
Balance at 30 June 2019	3,763	10,146	(3,161)	10,748	1,523	12,271

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED) (continued)

	Attributable to equity shareholders				Non-controlling interests £m	Total £m
	Share capital £m	Other reserves £m	Retained profits £m	Total £m		
Balance at 1 July 2019	3,763	10,146	(3,161)	10,748	1,523	12,271
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	73	73	51	124
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>						
Post-retirement defined benefit scheme remeasurements, net of tax	-	-	(441)	(441)	-	(441)
Movements in revaluation reserve in respect of debt securities held at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	(2)	-	(2)	-	(2)
Movements in cash flow hedging reserve, net of tax	-	(6)	-	(6)	-	(6)
Currency translation differences (tax: nil)	-	24	-	24	-	24
Total other comprehensive income	-	16	(441)	(425)	-	(425)
Total comprehensive income	-	16	(368)	(352)	51	(301)
Transactions with owners						
Distributions to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(51)	(51)
Capital contribution received	-	-	26	26	-	26
Change in non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Total transactions with owners	-	-	26	26	1,149	1,175
Balance at 31 December 2019	3,763	10,162	(3,503)	10,422	2,723	13,145

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Profit before tax	67	1,107
Adjustments for:		
Change in operating assets	3,173	(3,680)
Change in operating liabilities	(2,708)	4,658
Non-cash and other items	1,115	(199)
Tax paid	(421)	(159)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,226	1,727
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of financial assets	(1,178)	(1,173)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of financial assets	424	184
Purchase of fixed assets	(64)	(129)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	22	55
Net cash used in investing activities	(796)	(1,063)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	–	(500)
Distributions to non-controlling interests	(80)	(50)
Interest paid on subordinated liabilities	(126)	(134)
Repayment of subordinated liabilities	(280)	(328)
Net cash used in financing activities	(486)	(1,012)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2	–
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(54)	(348)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	789	1,019
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	735	671

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and balances at central banks (excluding mandatory deposits) and amounts due from banks with a maturity of less than three months.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies, presentation and estimates

These condensed consolidated half-year financial statements as at and for the period to 30 June 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and with International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34), *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the European Union and comprise the results of HBOS plc (the Company) together with its subsidiaries (the Group). They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2019 which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union. Copies of the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts are available on the Lloyds Banking Group's website and are available upon request from Investor Relations, Lloyds Banking Group plc, 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN.

The directors consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements. In reaching this assessment, the directors have considered the implications of the coronavirus pandemic upon the Group's performance and projected funding and capital position and also taken into account the impact of further stress scenarios. On this basis, the directors are satisfied that the Group will maintain adequate levels of funding and capital for the foreseeable future.

The accounting policies are consistent with those applied by the Group in its 2019 Annual Report and Accounts.

Future accounting developments

The IASB has issued a number of minor amendments to IFRSs effective 1 January 2021 and 1 January 2022 (including IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*). These amendments are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the Group's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that impact the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Due to the inherent uncertainty in making estimates, actual results reported in future periods may include amounts which differ from those estimates. Estimates, judgements and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Group's significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are unchanged, compared to those applied at 31 December 2019, except as detailed below.

Allowance for impairment losses

At 30 June 2020 the Group's expected credit loss allowance (ECL) was £3,348 million (31 December 2019: £2,147 million), of which £3,215 million (31 December 2019: £2,091 million) was in respect of drawn balances. The calculation of the Group's ECL allowances and its provisions against loan commitments and guarantees under IFRS 9 requires the Group to make a number of judgements, assumptions and estimates.

Forward-looking information

The measurement of expected credit losses is required to reflect an unbiased probability-weighted range of possible future outcomes. In order to do this, the Group has developed an economic model to project a wide range of key impairment drivers using information derived mainly from external sources. These drivers include factors such as the unemployment rate, the house price index, commercial property prices and corporate credit spreads. The model-generated economic scenarios for the six years beyond 2020 are mapped to industry-wide historical loss data by portfolio. Combined losses across portfolios are used to rank the scenarios by severity of loss.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**1. Accounting policies, presentation and estimates** (continued)

Alongside a defined central economic scenario, reflecting the Group's base case assumptions used for medium-term planning purposes, three further economic scenarios are generated to represent the range of future outcomes. The upside, downside and severe downside scenarios are produced by averaging across a group of constituent scenarios around the 15th, 75th and 95th percentiles of the estimated loss distribution around the central case, with the central case expected to lie in the vicinity of the 45th percentile. These locations correspond to scenario weightings that allow for the inclusion of a relatively unlikely severe downside scenario associated with relatively large credit losses. At 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020, the base case, upside and downside scenarios each carry a 30 per cent weighting, while the severe downside scenario is weighted at 10 per cent. The weights reflect the location of the economic scenarios on the estimated loss distribution.

Following review of the severe downside scenario generated by the modelled approach described above, a judgement was made to increase the severity of GDP and unemployment dispersion from the base case. Whilst the modelled approach gives an unbiased method of creating a loss distribution, it is built on historic experience that does not yet fully capture the unprecedented complexities of the current economic environment and the risk of inflated near-term shocks. The impact of this change has been reflected as a central overlay to reflect the incremental ECL estimated outside the core ECL calculation process. The following economic assumptions include both the modelled severe scenario – used in portfolio level ECL and staging assessment, and the adjusted severe downside - used to generate the final ECL through a central overlay in recognition of more adverse economic outcomes.

The key UK economic assumptions made by the Group are shown below. Compounded growth rates have been calculated on a geometric average basis, they were previously calculated on an arithmetic average basis:

Impact of economic assumptions

	Base case %	Upside %	Downside %	Modelled severe %	Adjusted severe %
At 30 June 2020					
GDP	0.4	0.8	0.3	(0.4)	(0.8)
Interest rate	0.15	1.06	0.16	0.03	0.03
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.5	7.1	8.1	8.8
House price growth	0.4	4.7	(4.8)	(9.6)	(9.6)
Commercial real estate price growth	(0.6)	2.7	(3.5)	(8.0)	(8.0)
At 31 December 2019					
GDP	1.4	1.7	1.2	0.5	n/a
Interest rate	1.25	2.04	0.49	0.11	n/a
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.9	5.8	7.2	n/a
House price growth	1.0	4.8	(3.2)	(7.7)	n/a
Commercial real estate price growth	0.0	1.8	(3.8)	(7.1)	n/a

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**1. Accounting policies, presentation and estimates** (continued)

The five-year averages shown do not fully reveal the extent of peaks and troughs in the stated assumptions over the period. The tables below illustrate the variability of the assumptions from the start of the scenario period to the peak and trough.

Economic assumptions – start to peak

	Base case %	Upside %	Downside %	Modelled severe %	Adjusted severe %
At 30 June 2020					
GDP	1.9	4.0	1.7	(1.8)	(2.0)
Interest rate	0.25	1.50	0.21	0.10	0.10
Unemployment rate	9.0	8.6	9.2	9.7	12.5
House price growth	2.1	25.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
Commercial real estate price growth	(2.7)	14.8	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.7)
At 31 December 2019					
GDP	7.0	8.6	6.2	2.7	n/a
Interest rate	1.75	2.56	0.75	0.75	n/a
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.6	6.9	8.3	n/a
House price growth	5.2	26.3	(1.9)	(2.3)	n/a
Commercial real estate price growth	0.1	10.4	(0.6)	(1.1)	n/a

Economic assumptions – start to trough

	Base case %	Upside %	Downside %	Modelled severe %	Adjusted severe %
At 30 June 2020					
GDP	(19.7)	(19.5)	(19.8)	(20.2)	(26.1)
Interest rate	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.01	0.01
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
House price growth	(6.1)	(3.8)	(21.6)	(39.7)	(39.7)
Commercial real estate price growth	(20.0)	(11.5)	(27.2)	(42.3)	(42.3)
At 31 December 2019					
GDP	0.4	0.7	0.2	(2.7)	n/a
Interest rate	0.75	0.75	0.35	0.01	n/a
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.9	n/a
House price growth	(2.7)	(0.8)	(14.8)	(33.1)	n/a
Commercial real estate price growth	(0.9)	0.3	(17.5)	(30.9)	n/a

The Group's base case economic scenario has been materially revised in light of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic in the UK and globally. The estimated impact reflects judgements on the net effect of restrictions on economic activity unprecedented in peacetime, large-scale and previously untried government interventions, and lasting behavioural changes by households and businesses.

Although the UK economy has begun to recover as restrictions are eased, there is considerable uncertainty about the pace and eventual extent of the recovery. The Group's base case assumptions reflect an expectation of some enduring scarring as the economy works through the sharp contraction in economic activity in 2020. Consistent with this, and despite the support provided by the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and other income and lending assistance, the base case outlook entails a rise in the unemployment rate and weakness in residential and commercial property prices. The Group considers that risks to its base case economic view lie in both directions, reflecting both epidemiological and other developments, including vis-à-vis the UK's transition to new trading arrangements with the European Union.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**1. Accounting policies, presentation and estimates** (continued)*Scenarios by year*

	2020 %	2021 %	2022 %	2020-22 %
Base Case				
GDP	(10.0)	6.0	3.0	(1.8)
Interest rate	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	5.7	6.7
House price growth	(6.0)	(0.1)	2.9	(3.3)
Commercial real estate price growth	(20.0)	10.0	4.0	(8.5)
Upside				
GDP	(9.5)	7.5	3.1	0.3
Interest rate	0.21	1.15	1.42	0.92
Unemployment rate	7.1	6.2	4.9	6.1
House price growth	(3.7)	5.0	9.0	10.2
Commercial real estate price growth	(8.4)	18.6	3.4	12.4
Downside				
GDP	(10.2)	5.8	3.1	(2.0)
Interest rate	0.09	0.12	0.19	0.13
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.7	6.8	7.3
House price growth	(8.0)	(6.1)	(4.5)	(17.5)
Commercial real estate price growth	(27.2)	4.0	2.9	(22.1)
Severe downside - Modelled				
GDP	(10.9)	3.0	2.2	(6.2)
Interest rate	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.03
Unemployment rate	7.5	8.9	8.4	8.3
House price growth	(9.5)	(11.5)	(11.7)	(29.2)
Commercial real estate price growth	(36.2)	(7.8)	(1.4)	(41.9)
Severe downside - Adjusted				
GDP	(17.2)	4.1	5.2	(9.4)
Interest rate	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.03
Unemployment rate	8.0	11.6	9.2	9.6
House price growth	(9.5)	(11.5)	(11.7)	(29.2)
Commercial real estate price growth	(36.2)	(7.8)	(1.4)	(41.9)

Base Case Scenario by Quarter

	2020 Q1 %	2020 Q2 %	2020 Q3 %	2020 Q4 %	2021 Q1 %	2021 Q2 %	2021 Q3 %	2021 Q4 %
Base Case								
GDP	(1.6)	(19.3)	(10.9)	(8.1)	(4.7)	18.1	7.7	5.1
Interest rate	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Unemployment rate	3.9	7.5	8.5	9.0	8.0	7.4	6.6	6.2
House price growth	2.8	0.9	(2.4)	(6.0)	(6.3)	(4.0)	(1.1)	(0.1)
Commercial real estate price growth	(5.0)	(12.3)	(19.9)	(20.0)	(14.4)	(3.7)	7.7	10.0

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**1. Accounting policies, presentation and estimates** (continued)***Post-model adjustments***

Limitations in the Group's impairment models or input data may be identified through the on-going assessment and validation of the output of the models. In these circumstances, management make appropriate adjustments to the Group's allowance for impairment losses to ensure the overall provision adequately reflects all material risks. These adjustments are generally determined taking into account the particular attributes of the exposure which have not been adequately captured by the primary impairment models.

Significant increase in credit risk

An assessment of whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition considers the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining expected life of the financial instrument. In determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Group uses quantitative tests based on relative and absolute probability of default movements linked to internal credit ratings together with qualitative indicators such as watchlists and other indicators of historical delinquency, credit weakness or financial difficulty. These quantitative tests are carried out on both observed and forward-looking probabilities of default (PDs) to determine whether a customer has triggered the required deterioration appropriate for their PD at origination. For each major product grouping, models have been developed which utilise historical credit loss data to produce probabilities of default for each scenario; and it is the overall weighted-average forward-looking PD that is used to assist in determining the staging of financial assets.

There have been no changes to the quantitative or qualitative triggers used at 30 June 2020. The Group considers these to continue to perform adequately under the current economic conditions and notably with the widespread use of payment holidays. The use of a payment holiday in itself has not been judged to indicate a significant increase in credit risk, with the underlying long-term credit risk deemed to be driven by economic conditions and captured through the use of forward-looking models. These portfolio level models are capturing the anticipated volume of increased defaults and therefore an appropriate assessment of staging and expected credit loss.

Definition of default

The probability of default (PD) of an exposure, both over a 12 month period and over its lifetime, is a key input to the measurement of the ECL allowance. Default has occurred when there is evidence that the customer is experiencing significant financial difficulty which is likely to affect the ability to repay amounts due. The Group uses a 90 day past due backstop for all of its products except for UK mortgages where a backstop of 180 days past due is in place. The use of payment holidays is not considered to be an automatic trigger of regulatory default and therefore does not automatically trigger Stage 3. Days past due will also not accumulate on any accounts that have taken a payment holiday including those already past due.

Loss given default

The calculation of the ECL allowance also requires an estimate to be made of the loss that will be incurred in the event of a default. The loss given default (LGD) is based on market recovery rates and internal credit assessments. The LGD for customers utilising government funding schemes incorporates an appropriate level of recovery dependent upon the individual scheme and corresponding level of guarantee being used. The use of forecast collateral value indices in determining LGDs continues to be effective despite the temporarily low volumes of transactions upon which those indices are based.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**1. Accounting policies, presentation and estimates** (continued)**Financial instrument valuations**

The Group categorises financial instruments carried on the balance sheet at fair value using a three level hierarchy. Financial instruments categorised as level 1 are valued using quoted market prices and therefore minimal estimates are made in determining fair value. The fair value of financial instruments categorised as level 2 and, in particular, level 3 is determined using valuation techniques which involve management judgement and estimates the extent of which depends on the complexity of the instrument and the availability of market observable information.

The principal judgements made by the Group in determining the fair value of its financial assets and liabilities classified as level 3 are primarily related to interest rate spreads and interest rate volatility. Further details on the valuation of level 3 assets and liabilities, including significant unobservable inputs used in the valuation models, together with the effects of reasonably possible alternative assumptions, are given in note 13.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**2. Net fee and commission income**

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Fee and commission income:		
Current accounts	101	103
Credit and debit card fees	89	110
Other	63	89
Total fee and commission income	253	302
Fee and commission expense	(110)	(148)
Net fee and commission income	143	154

3. Operating expenses

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Administrative expenses:		
Staff costs	616	645
Premises and equipment	92	87
Other expenses	463	666
	1,171	1,398
Depreciation and amortisation	117	118
Total operating expenses, excluding regulatory provisions	1,288	1,516
Regulatory provisions:		
Payment protection insurance provision (note 11)	–	280
Other regulatory provisions (note 11)	98	52
	98	332
Total operating expenses	1,386	1,848

4. Impairment

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Impairment charge on drawn balances	1,376	208
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	77	4
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	1	–
Total impairment charge	1,454	212

The Group's impairment charge in the half-year to 30 June 2020 included £80 million (half-year to 30 June 2019: £6 million) in respect of amounts due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings.

In the half-year to 30 June 2020 the Group's impairment charge included a central adjustment to the severe scenario of £100 million.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**5. Taxation**

In accordance with IAS 34, the Group's income tax expense for the half-year to 30 June 2020 is based on the best estimate of the weighted-average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The tax effects of one-off items are not included in the weighted-average annual income tax rate, but are recognised in the relevant period.

An explanation of the relationship between tax expense and accounting profit is set out below:

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Half-year to 30 June 2019 £m
Profit before tax	67	1,107
UK corporation tax thereon at 19 per cent (2019: 19 per cent)	(13)	(210)
Impact of surcharge on banking profits	(7)	(95)
Non-deductible costs: conduct charges	(3)	(54)
Other non-deductible costs	(28)	(16)
Non-taxable income	9	1
Tax relief on distributions to non-controlling interests	15	10
Remeasurement of deferred tax due to rate changes	182	–
Differences in overseas tax rates	3	–
Tax-exempt gains on disposals	–	3
Adjustments in respect of prior years	2	–
Tax credit (expense)	160	(361)

6. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	At 30 June 2020 £m	At 31 Dec 2019 £m
Loans and advances to customers	468	463

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7. Financial assets at amortised cost

Half-year to 30 June 2020

	Stage 1 £m	Stage 2 £m	Stage 3 £m	Total £m
<i>Loans and advances to banks</i>				
At 1 January 2020	343	–	–	343
Exchange and other movements	18	–	–	18
Additions (repayments)	98	–	–	98
At 30 June 2020	459	–	–	459
Allowance for impairment losses	–	–	–	–
Total loans and advances to banks	459	–	–	459
<i>Loans and advances to customers</i>				
At 1 January 2020	229,740	24,996	5,663	260,399
Exchange and other movements	164	1	(2)	163
Additions (repayments)	(536)	(1,248)	(473)	(2,257)
Transfers to Stage 1	1,620	(1,614)	(6)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(19,209)	19,637	(428)	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(162)	(1,220)	1,382	–
	(17,751)	16,803	948	–
Recoveries			40	40
Disposal of businesses	(796)	(6)	–	(802)
Financial assets that have been written off			(300)	(300)
At 30 June 2020	210,821	40,546	5,876	257,243
Allowance for impairment losses	(425)	(1,154)	(1,550)	(3,129)
Total loans and advances to customers	210,396	39,392	4,326	254,114
<i>Debt securities</i>				
At 1 January 2020	–	–	1	1
Additions (repayments)	19	–	–	19
Financial assets that have been written off			–	–
At 30 June 2020	19	–	1	20
Allowance for impairment losses	–	–	(1)	(1)
Total debt securities	19	–	–	19
<i>Due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings</i>				
At 30 June 2020	92,829	–	–	92,829
Allowance for impairment losses	(86)	–	–	(86)
Total due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	92,743	–	–	92,743
Total financial assets at amortised cost	303,617	39,392	4,326	347,335

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**7. Financial assets at amortised cost** (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2019

	Stage 1 £m	Stage 2 £m	Stage 3 £m	Total £m
<i>Loans and advances to banks</i>				
At 1 January 2019	486	–	–	486
Exchange and other movements	(20)	–	–	(20)
Additions (repayments)	(123)	–	–	(123)
At 31 December 2019	343	–	–	343
Allowance for impairment losses	–	–	–	–
Total loans and advances to banks	343	–	–	343
<i>Loans and advances to customers</i>				
At 1 January 2019	232,951	25,345	6,143	264,439
Exchange and other movements	(266)	(15)	25	(256)
Additions (repayments)	7,162	(2,583)	(1,102)	3,477
Transfers to Stage 1	4,524	(4,515)	(9)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(7,591)	8,502	(911)	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(677)	(1,378)	2,055	–
	(3,744)	2,609	1,135	–
Recoveries			169	169
Disposal of businesses	(6,363)	(360)	(42)	(6,765)
Financial assets that have been written off			(665)	(665)
At 31 December 2019	229,740	24,996	5,663	260,399
Allowance for impairment losses	(148)	(749)	(1,187)	(2,084)
Total loans and advances to customers	229,592	24,247	4,476	258,315
<i>Debt securities</i>				
At 1 January 2019	–	–	13	13
Financial assets that have been written off			(12)	(12)
At 31 December 2019	–	–	1	1
Allowance for impairment losses	–	–	(1)	(1)
Total debt securities	–	–	–	–
<i>Due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings</i>				
At 31 December 2019	91,120	–	–	91,120
Allowance for impairment losses	(7)	–	–	(7)
Total due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	91,113	–	–	91,113
Total financial assets at amortised cost	321,048	24,247	4,476	349,771

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**7. Financial assets at amortised cost** (continued)

The movement tables are compiled by comparing the position at the reporting date to that at the beginning of the year.

Transfers between stages are deemed to have taken place at the start of the reporting period, with all other movements shown in the stage in which the asset is held at the period end.

Additions (repayments) comprise new loans originated and repayments of outstanding balances throughout the reporting period. Loans which are written off in the period are first transferred to Stage 3 before acquiring a full allowance and subsequent write-off.

Loans and advances to customers include advances securitised under the Group's securitisation and covered bond programmes (see note 9).

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

8. Allowance for impairment losses

Half-year to 30 June 2020

	Stage 1 £m	Stage 2 £m	Stage 3 £m	Total £m
<i>In respect of drawn balances</i>				
At 1 January 2020	155	749	1,188	2,092
Exchange and other movements	–	–	16	16
Transfers to Stage 1	39	(38)	(1)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(19)	58	(39)	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(3)	(88)	91	–
Impact of transfers between stages	(23)	254	114	345
	(6)	186	165	345
Other items charged to the income statement	362	220	449	1,031
Charge to the income statement (note 4)	356	406	614	1,376
Advances written off			(300)	(300)
Disposal of businesses	–	(1)	–	(1)
Recoveries of advances written off in previous years			40	40
Discount unwind			(7)	(7)
At 30 June 2020	511	1,154	1,551	3,216

In respect of undrawn balances

	26	28	1	55
At 1 January 2020				
Transfers to Stage 1	3	(3)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(1)	1	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(3)	3	–
Impact of transfers between stages	(1)	12	11	22
	1	7	14	22
Other items charged to the income statement	34	22	(1)	55
Charge to the income statement (note 4)	35	29	13	77
At 30 June 2020	61	57	14	132
Total allowance for impairment losses	572	1,211	1,565	3,348

In respect of:

Loans and advances to customers	425	1,154	1,550	3,129
Debt securities	–	–	1	1
Amounts due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	86	–	–	86
Financial assets at amortised cost	511	1,154	1,551	3,216
Provisions in relation to loan commitments and financial guarantees	61	57	14	132
Total allowance for impairment losses	572	1,211	1,565	3,348

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**8. Allowance for impairment losses** (continued)**Year ended 31 December 2019**

	Stage 1 £m	Stage 2 £m	Stage 3 £m	Total £m
<i>In respect of drawn balances</i>				
At 1 January 2019	158	858	1,121	2,137
Exchange and other movements	–	(7)	64	57
Transfers to Stage 1	80	(76)	(4)	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(22)	115	(93)	–
Transfers to Stage 3	(10)	(118)	128	–
Impact of transfers between stages	(65)	129	130	194
	(17)	50	161	194
Other items charged to the income statement	20	(143)	375	252
Charge to the income statement	3	(93)	536	446
Advances written off			(677)	(677)
Disposal of businesses	(6)	(9)	(14)	(29)
Recoveries of advances written off in previous years			169	169
Discount unwind			(11)	(11)
At 31 December 2019	155	749	1,188	2,092
<i>In respect of undrawn balances</i>				
At 1 January 2019	24	23	3	50
Transfers to Stage 1	5	(5)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(1)	1	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(1)	1	–
Impact of transfers between stages	(4)	6	(1)	1
	–	1	–	1
Other items charged to the income statement	2	4	(2)	4
Charge to the income statement	2	5	(2)	5
At 31 December 2019	26	28	1	55
Total allowance for impairment losses	181	777	1,189	2,147
<i>In respect of:</i>				
Loans and advances to customers	148	749	1,187	2,084
Debt securities	–	–	1	1
Amounts due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	7	–	–	7
Financial assets at amortised cost	155	749	1,188	2,092
Provisions in relation to loan commitments and financial guarantees	26	28	1	55
Total allowance for impairment losses	181	777	1,189	2,147

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**8. Allowance for impairment losses** (continued)

The Group's income statement charge comprises:

	Half-year to 30 June 2020 £m	Year ended 31 Dec 2019 £m
Drawn balances	1,376	446
Undrawn balances	77	5
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	1	–
Total	1,454	451

Transfers between stages are deemed to have taken place at the start of the reporting period, with all other movements shown in the stage in which the asset is held at the period end. As assets are transferred between stages, the resulting change in expected credit loss of £345 million for drawn balances, and £22 million for undrawn balances, is presented separately as Impact of transfers between stages, in the stage in which the expected credit loss is recognised at the end of the reporting period.

Other items charged to the income statement include the movements in the expected credit loss as a result of new loans originated and repayments of outstanding balances throughout the reporting period. Loans which are written off in the period are first transferred to Stage 3 before acquiring a full allowance and subsequent write-off. Consequently, recoveries on assets previously written-off also occur in Stage 3 only.

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9. Debt securities in issue

	At 30 June 2020			At 31 December 2019		
	At fair value through profit or loss £m	At amortised cost £m	Total £m	At fair value through profit or loss £m	At amortised cost £m	Total £m
Medium-term notes issued	–	2,188	2,188	–	1,106	1,106
Covered bonds	–	3,356	3,356	–	4,529	4,529
Securitisation notes	47	4,295	4,342	47	5,569	5,616
Total debt securities in issue	47	9,839	9,886	47	11,204	11,251

The notes issued by the Group's securitisation and covered bond programmes are held by external parties and by subsidiaries of the Group.

Securitisation programmes

At 30 June 2020, external parties held £4,342 million (31 December 2019: £5,616 million) and the Group's subsidiaries held £23,413 million (31 December 2019: £23,632 million) of total securitisation notes in issue of £27,755 million (31 December 2019: £29,248 million). The notes are secured on loans and advances to customers and debt securities classified at amortised cost amounting to £28,494 million (31 December 2019: £30,417 million), the majority of which have been sold by subsidiary companies to bankruptcy remote structured entities. The structured entities are consolidated fully and all of these loans are retained on the Group's balance sheet.

Covered bond programmes

At 30 June 2020, external parties held £3,356 million (31 December 2019: £4,529 million) and the Group's subsidiaries held £100 million (31 December 2019: £100 million) of total covered bonds in issue of £3,456 million (31 December 2019: £4,629 million). The bonds are secured on certain loans and advances to customers amounting to £6,006 million (31 December 2019: £6,758 million) that have been assigned to bankruptcy remote limited liability partnerships. These loans are retained on the Group's balance sheet.

Cash deposits of £1,757 million (31 December 2019: £2,000 million) which support the debt securities issued by the structured entities, the term advances related to covered bonds and other legal obligations are held by the Group.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**10. Post-retirement defined benefit schemes**

The Group's post-retirement defined benefit scheme obligations are comprised as follows:

	At 30 June 2020 £m	At 31 Dec 2019 £m
Defined benefit pension schemes:		
Fair value of scheme assets	18,070	15,980
Present value of funded obligations	(17,255)	(15,915)
Net pension scheme asset	815	65
Other post-retirement schemes	(45)	(43)
Net retirement benefit asset	770	22
Recognised on the balance sheet as:		
Retirement benefit assets	913	156
Retirement benefit obligations	(143)	(134)
Net retirement benefit asset	770	22

The movement in the Group's net post-retirement defined benefit scheme asset during the period was as follows:

	£m
Asset at 1 January 2020	22
Income statement charge	(58)
Employer contributions	371
Remeasurement	435
Asset at 30 June 2020	770

The principal assumptions used in the valuations of the defined benefit pension schemes were as follows:

	At 30 June 2020 %	At 31 Dec 2019 %
Discount rate	1.54	2.05
Rate of inflation:		
Retail prices index	2.85	2.94
Consumer prices index	1.90	1.99
Rate of salary increases	0.00	0.00
Weighted-average rate of increase for pensions in payment	2.52	2.87

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**11. Provisions for liabilities and charges**

	Provisions for commitments	Payment protection insurance	Other regulatory provisions	Other	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 31 December 2019	55	596	232	94	977
Exchange and other movements	-	-	-	1	1
Provisions applied	-	(279)	(153)	(22)	(454)
Charge for the period	<u>77</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>210</u>
At 30 June 2020	<u>132</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>734</u>

Payment protection insurance

The Group has made provisions for PPI costs totalling £6,421 million, no additional charge has been made in the first half of 2020. Good progress has been made with the review of PPI information requests received and the conversion rate remains low and consistent with the provision assumption of around 10 per cent, albeit operations have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic in the second quarter.

At 30 June 2020, a provision of £317 million remained unutilised relating to complaints and associated administration costs. Total cash payments were £279 million during the six months to 30 June 2020.

The total amount provided for PPI represents the Group's best estimate of the likely future cost. A number of risks and uncertainties remain including processing the remaining outstanding complaints. These may also be impacted by any further regulatory changes. The cost could therefore differ from the Group's estimates and the assumptions underpinning them, and could result in a further provision being required.

For every 1 per cent increase in PIR conversion rate on the stock as at the industry deadline, the Group would expect an additional charge of approximately £40 million.

Other provisions for legal actions and regulatory matters

In the course of its business, the Group is engaged in discussions with the PRA, FCA and other UK and overseas regulators and other governmental authorities on a range of matters. The Group also receives complaints in connection with its past conduct and claims brought by or on behalf of current and former employees, customers, investors and other third parties and is subject to legal proceedings and other legal actions. Where significant, provisions are held against the costs expected to be incurred in relation to these matters and matters arising from related internal reviews. During the six months to 30 June 2020 the Group charged a further £98 million in respect of legal actions and other regulatory matters, and the unutilised balance at 30 June 2020 was £177 million (31 December 2019: £232 million). The most significant items are as follows.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**11. Provisions for liabilities and charges** (continued)*Arrears handling related activities*

The Group has provided an additional £19 million during the half-year to 30 June 2020 for arrears handling related activities, bringing the total provided to date to £649 million the unutilised balance at 30 June 2020 was £45 million.

HBOS Reading – review

The Group completed its compensation assessment for all 71 business customers within the customer review in the fourth quarter of 2019. In total more than £109 million of compensation has been accepted by victims of the HBOS Reading fraud, in addition to £14 million for ex-gratia payments and £6 million for the re-imbursements of legal fees. Sir Ross Cranston's Quality Assurance review was concluded on 10 December 2019 and made a number of recommendations, including a re-assessment of direct and consequential losses by an independent panel, an extension of debt relief, and a wider definition of de facto directors. Details of the panel were announced on 3 April 2020 and the panel's full scope and methodology was published on 7 July 2020. Details of an appeal process for the further assessments of debt relief and de facto director status have also been announced. The Group has begun its assessment of customer claims for further debt relief and de facto director status. The Group has committed to implementing Sir Ross's recommendations in full. It is not possible to estimate at this stage what the financial impact will be.

12. Contingent liabilities, commitments and guarantees*Interchange fees*

With respect to multi-lateral interchange fees (MIFs), the Lloyds Banking Group is not involved in the ongoing litigation which involves card schemes such as Visa and Mastercard (as described below). However, the Lloyds Banking Group is a member / licensee of Visa and Mastercard and other card schemes. The litigation in question is as follows:

- litigation brought by retailers against both Visa and Mastercard which continues in the English Courts (this includes a judgment of the Supreme Court in June 2020 upholding the Court of Appeal's finding in 2018 that historic interchange arrangements of Mastercard and Visa infringed competition law); and
- litigation brought on behalf of UK consumers in the English Courts against Mastercard (judgment is awaited from the Supreme Court on whether the collective proceedings may be permissible).

Any impact on the Lloyds Banking Group of the litigation against Visa and Mastercard remains uncertain at this time. Insofar as Visa is required to pay damages to retailers for interchange fees set prior to June 2016, contractual arrangements to allocate liability have been agreed between various UK banks (including the Lloyds Banking Group) and Visa Inc, as part of Visa Inc's acquisition of Visa Europe in 2016. These arrangements cap the maximum amount of liability to which the Lloyds Banking Group may be subject, and this cap is set at the cash consideration received by the Lloyds Banking Group for the sale of its stake in Visa Europe to Visa Inc in 2016.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**12. Contingent liabilities, commitments and guarantees** (continued)***LIBOR and other trading rates***

In July 2014, the Lloyds Banking Group announced that it had reached settlements totalling £217 million (at 30 June 2014 exchange rates) to resolve with UK and US federal authorities legacy issues regarding the manipulation several years ago of Group companies' submissions to the British Bankers' Association (BBA) London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and Sterling Repo Rate. The Swiss Competition Commission concluded its investigation against Lloyds Bank plc in June 2019. However, the Group continues to cooperate with various other government and regulatory authorities, including a number of US State Attorneys General, in conjunction with their investigations into submissions made by panel members to the bodies that set LIBOR and various other interbank offered rates.

Certain Lloyds Banking Group companies, together with other panel banks, have also been named as defendants in private lawsuits, including purported class action suits, in the US in connection with their roles as panel banks contributing to the setting of US Dollar, Japanese Yen and Sterling LIBOR and the Australian BBSW Reference Rate. Certain of the plaintiffs' claims have been dismissed by the US Federal Court for Southern District of New York (subject to appeals).

Certain Lloyds Banking Group companies are also named as defendants in (i) UK based claims; and (ii) two Dutch class actions, raising LIBOR manipulation allegations. A number of the claims against the Lloyds Banking Group in relation to the alleged mis-sale of interest rate hedging products also include allegations of LIBOR manipulation.

It is currently not possible to predict the scope and ultimate outcome on the Group of the various outstanding regulatory investigations not encompassed by the settlements, any private lawsuits or any related challenges to the interpretation or validity of any of the Lloyds Banking Group's contractual arrangements, including their timing and scale.

Tax authorities

The Lloyds Banking Group has an open matter in relation to a claim for group relief of losses incurred in its former Irish banking subsidiary, which ceased trading on 31 December 2010. In 2013 HMRC informed the Lloyds Banking Group that their interpretation of the UK rules which allow the offset of such losses denies the claim for group relief of losses. If HMRC's position is found to be correct, management estimate that this would result in an increase in the Group's current tax liabilities of approximately £375 million (including interest). The Lloyds Banking Group does not agree with HMRC's position and, having taken appropriate advice, does not consider that this is a case where additional tax will ultimately fall due.

Other legal actions and regulatory matters

In addition, during the ordinary course of business the Group is subject to other complaints and threatened or actual legal proceedings (including class or group action claims) brought by or on behalf of current or former employees, customers, investors or other third parties, as well as legal and regulatory reviews, challenges, investigations and enforcement actions, both in the UK and overseas. All such material matters are periodically reassessed, with the assistance of external professional advisers where appropriate, to determine the likelihood of the Group incurring a liability. In those instances where it is concluded that it is more likely than not that a payment will be made, a provision is established to management's best estimate of the amount required at the relevant balance sheet date. In some cases it will not be possible to form a view, for example because the facts are unclear or because further time is needed to assess properly the merits of the case, and no provisions are held in relation to such matters. In these circumstances, specific disclosure in relation to a contingent liability will be made where material. However the Group does not currently expect the final outcome of any such case to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, operations or cash flows.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**12. Contingent liabilities, commitments and guarantees** (continued)**Contingent liabilities, commitments and guarantees arising from the banking business**

	At 30 June 2020 £m	At 31 Dec 2019 £m
Contingent liabilities		
Acceptances and endorsements	–	1
Other:		
Other items serving as direct credit substitutes	32	20
Performance bonds and other transaction-related contingencies	175	199
	207	219
Total contingent liabilities	207	220
Commitments and guarantees		
Documentary credits and other short-term trade-related transactions	1	–
Forward asset purchases and forward deposits placed	55	14
Undrawn formal standby facilities, credit lines and other commitments to lend:		
Less than 1 year original maturity:		
Mortgage offers made	12,550	11,271
Other commitments and guarantees	25,216	24,217
	37,766	35,488
1 year or over original maturity	2,225	2,410
Total commitments and guarantees	40,047	37,912

Of the amounts shown above in respect of undrawn formal standby facilities, credit lines and other commitments to lend, £15,345 million (31 December 2019: £14,478 million) was irrevocable.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities**

The valuations of financial instruments have been classified into three levels according to the quality and reliability of information used to determine those fair values. Note 40 to the Group's 2019 financial statements describes the definitions of the three levels in the fair value hierarchy.

Valuation control framework

Key elements of the valuation control framework, which covers processes for all levels in the fair value hierarchy including level 3 portfolios, include model validation (incorporating pre-trade and post-trade testing), product implementation review and independent price verification. Formal committees meet quarterly to discuss and approve valuations in more judgemental areas.

Transfers into and out of level 3 portfolios

Transfers out of level 3 portfolios arise when inputs that could have a significant impact on the instrument's valuation become market observable; conversely, transfers into the portfolios arise when sources of data cease to be observable.

Valuation methodology

For level 2 and level 3 portfolios, there is no significant change to the valuation methodology (techniques and inputs) disclosed in the Group's 2019 Annual Report and Accounts applied to these portfolios.

The table below summarises the carrying values of financial assets and liabilities presented on the Group's balance sheet. The fair values presented in the table are at a specific date and may be significantly different from the amounts which will actually be paid or received on the maturity or settlement date.

	At 30 June 2020		At 31 December 2019	
	Carrying value £m	Fair value £m	Carrying value £m	Fair value £m
Financial assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	468	468	463	463
Derivative financial instruments	8,479	8,479	10,338	10,338
Loans and advances to banks	459	460	343	343
Loans and advances to customers	254,114	257,178	258,315	261,438
Debt securities	19	19	–	–
Due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	92,743	92,743	91,113	91,113
Financial assets at amortised cost:	347,335	350,400	349,771	352,894
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	3,144	3,144	2,376	2,376
Financial liabilities				
Deposits from banks	16,118	16,118	16,472	16,472
Customer deposits	158,665	158,836	151,845	152,038
Due to fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	152,104	152,104	157,998	157,998
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	47	47	47	47
Derivative financial instruments	9,126	9,126	11,034	11,034
Debt securities in issue	9,839	10,162	11,204	11,146
Subordinated liabilities	3,635	5,303	3,596	3,628

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities** (continued)

The carrying amount of the following financial instruments is a reasonable approximation of fair value: cash and balances at central banks, items in the course of collection from banks, items in course of transmission to banks and notes in circulation.

The Group manages valuation adjustments for its derivative exposures on a net basis; the Group determines their fair values on the basis of their net exposures. In all other cases, fair values of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value are determined on the basis of their gross exposures.

The following tables provide an analysis of the financial assets and liabilities of the Group that are carried at fair value in the Group's consolidated balance sheet, grouped into levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities** (continued)**Financial assets**

	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m
At 30 June 2020				
Loans and advances to customers at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	468	468
Debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	3,144	-	3,144
Derivative financial instruments	-	8,466	13	8,479
Total financial assets carried at fair value	-	11,610	481	12,091

	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2019				
Loans and advances to customers at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	463	463
Debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	123	2,253	-	2,376
Derivative financial instruments	-	10,338	-	10,338
Total financial assets carried at fair value	123	12,591	463	13,177

Financial liabilities

	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m
At 30 June 2020				
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	47	47
Derivative financial instruments	-	8,829	297	9,126
Total financial liabilities carried at fair value	-	8,829	344	9,173

	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2019				
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	47	47
Derivative financial instruments	-	10,737	297	11,034
Total financial liabilities carried at fair value	-	10,737	344	11,081

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities** (continued)**Movements in level 3 portfolio**

The tables below analyse movements in the level 3 financial assets portfolio.

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss £m	Derivative assets £m	Total financial assets carried at fair value £m
At 1 January 2020	463	–	463
Gains recognised in the income statement within other income	18	2	20
Sales	(13)	–	(13)
Transfers into the level 3 portfolio	–	11	11
At 30 June 2020	468	13	481
Gains recognised in the income statement within other income relating to those assets held at 30 June 2020	9	–	9
	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss £m	Derivative assets £m	Total financial assets carried at fair value £m
At 1 January 2019	110	–	110
(Losses) gains recognised in the income statement within other income	(1)	1	–
Additions	–	1	1
Sales	(8)	–	(8)
Transfers into the level 3 portfolio	399	11	410
At 30 June 2019	500	13	513
Gains recognised in the income statement within other income relating to those assets held at 30 June 2019	–	–	–

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities** (continued)**Movements in level 3 portfolio**

The tables below analyse movements in the level 3 financial liabilities portfolio.

	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	Derivative liabilities	Total financial liabilities carried at fair value
	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 2020	47	297	344
Losses recognised in the income statement within other income	1	8	9
Redemptions	(1)	(8)	(9)
At 30 June 2020	47	297	344
Gains recognised in the income statement within other income relating to those liabilities held at 30 June 2020	-	-	-
	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	Derivative liabilities	Total financial liabilities carried at fair value
	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 2019	-	-	-
Redemptions	(1)	(12)	(13)
Transfers into the level 3 portfolio	53	344	397
At 30 June 2019	52	332	384
Gains recognised in the income statement within other income relating to those liabilities held at 30 June 2019	-	-	-

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities** (continued)

The tables below set out the effects of reasonably possible alternative assumptions for categories of level 3 financial assets and financial liabilities.

					At 30 June 2020		
					Effect of reasonably possible alternative assumptions ¹		
Valuation technique(s)		Significant unobservable inputs		Range ²	Carrying value £m	Favourable changes £m	Unfavourable changes £m
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</i>							
Interest rate derivatives	Option pricing model	Interest rate volatility		32% / 58%	13	–	–
Loans advances customers	and Discounted to flows	cash Interest spreads	rate	50 bps / 103 bps	468	22	(22)
Financial assets carried at fair value					481		
<i>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:</i>							
Debt securities issue	in Discounted flows	cash Interest spreads	rate	+/- 50 bps	47	1	(1)
<i>Derivative financial liabilities:</i>							
Interest rate derivatives	Market values – HPI property valuation			+/- 5 bps	297	17	(17)
Financial liabilities carried at fair value					344		

¹ Where the exposure to an unobservable input is managed on a net basis, only the net impact is shown in the table.

² The range represents the highest and lowest inputs used in the level 3 valuations.

					At 31 December 2019		
					Effect of reasonably possible alternative assumptions ¹		
	Valuation technique(s)	Significant unobservable inputs		Range ²	Carrying value £m	Favourable changes £m	Unfavourable changes £m
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</i>							
Loans advances customers	and Discounted to flows	cash Interest spreads	rate	50bps / 102bps	463	22	(22)
Financial assets carried at fair value					463		
<i>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:</i>							
Debt securities issue	in Discounted flows	cash Interest spreads	rate	+/- 50 bps	47	1	(1)
<i>Derivative financial liabilities:</i>							
Interest rate derivatives	Market values – HPI property valuation			+/- 5 bps	297	17	(17)
Financial liabilities carried at fair value					344		

¹ Where the exposure to an unobservable input is managed on a net basis, only the net impact is shown in the table.

² The range represents the highest and lowest inputs used in the level 3 valuations.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**13. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities** (continued)**Unobservable inputs**

Significant unobservable inputs affecting the valuation of debt securities, unlisted equity investments and derivatives are unchanged from those described in the Group's 2019 financial statements.

Reasonably possible alternative assumptions

Valuation techniques applied to many of the Group's level 3 instruments often involve the use of two or more inputs whose relationship is interdependent. The calculation of the effect of reasonably possible alternative assumptions included in the table above reflects such relationships and are unchanged from those described in the Group's 2019 financial statements.

14. Related party transactions**Balances and transactions with Lloyds Banking Group plc and fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings**

The Company and its subsidiaries have balances due to and from the Company's ultimate parent company, Lloyds Banking Group plc, and fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings. These are included on the balance sheet as follows:

	At 30 June 2020 £m	At 31 Dec 2019 £m
Assets		
Derivative financial instruments	4,751	7,026
Due from fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	92,743	91,113
Liabilities		
Due to fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings	152,104	157,998
Derivative financial instruments	7,108	8,788
Debt securities in issue	1,224	45
Subordinated liabilities	80	83

During the half-year to 30 June 2020 the Group earned £217 million (half-year ended 30 June 2019: £229 million) of interest income and incurred £878 million (half-year ended 30 June 2019: £959 million) of interest expense on balances and transactions with Lloyds Banking Group plc and fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings.

In addition, during the half-year to 30 June 2020 the Group incurred expenditure of £19 million (half-year ended 30 June 2019: £27 million) on behalf of fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings which was recharged to those undertakings; and fellow Lloyds Banking Group undertakings incurred expenditure of £333 million (half-year ended 30 June 2019: £448 million) on behalf of the Group which has been recharged to the Group.

Other related party transactions

Other related party transactions for the half-year to 30 June 2020 are similar in nature to those for the year ended 31 December 2019.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**15. Ultimate parent undertaking**

HBOS plc's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Lloyds Banking Group plc which is incorporated in Scotland. Lloyds Banking Group plc has published consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 and copies may be obtained from Investor Relations, Lloyds Banking Group, 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN and are available for download from www.lloydsbankinggroup.com.

16. Other information

The financial information included in these condensed consolidated half-year financial statements does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. Statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditors' report on those accounts was unqualified, did not include an emphasis of matter paragraph and did not include a statement under section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors listed below (being all the directors of HBOS plc) confirm that to the best of their knowledge these condensed consolidated half-year financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, as adopted by the European Union, and that the half-year results herein includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R and DTR 4.2.8R, namely:

- an indication of important events that have occurred during the six months ended 30 June 2020 and their impact on the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements, and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and
- material related party transactions in the six months ended 30 June 2020 and any material changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report.

Signed on behalf of the board by

António Horta-Osório
Group Chief Executive
29 July 2020

HBOS plc board of directors:

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Juan Colombás (Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer)
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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO HBOS PLC**Report on the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements*****Our conclusion***

We have reviewed HBOS plc's condensed consolidated half-year financial statements (the 'interim financial statements') in the 2020 Half-Year Results of HBOS plc (the 'Company') for the six month period ended 30 June 2020. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting', as adopted by the European Union and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

What we have reviewed

The interim financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2020;
- the consolidated income statement and consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period then ended;
- the consolidated cash flow statement for the period then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period then ended; and
- the explanatory notes to the interim financial statements.

The interim financial statements included in the 2020 Half-Year Results have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting', as adopted by the European Union and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

As disclosed in note 1 to the interim financial statements, the financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the full annual financial statements of the Group is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

Responsibilities for the interim financial statements and the review***Our responsibilities and those of the directors***

The 2020 Half-Year Results, including the interim financial statements, is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. The directors are responsible for preparing the 2020 Half-Year Results in accordance with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial statements in the 2020 Half-Year Results based on our review. This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared for and only for the Company for the purpose of complying with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this conclusion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

What a review of interim financial statements involves

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410, 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures.

A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and, consequently, does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

We have read the other information contained in the 2020 Half-Year Results and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the interim financial statements.

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