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# About this report

PRI reporting is the largest global reporting project on responsible investment. It was developed with investors, for investors.

PRI signatories are required to report publicly on their responsible investment activities each year. In turn, they receive a number of outputs, including a public and private Transparency Report.

The public Transparency Reports, which are produced using signatories' reported information, provide accountability and support signatories to have internal discussions about their practices and to discuss these with their clients, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.

This public Transparency Report is an export of the signatory's responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2023 reporting period. It includes the signatory's responses to core indicators, as well as responses to plus indicators that the signatory has agreed to make public.

In response to signatory feedback, the PRI has not summarised signatories' responses – the information in this document is presented exactly as it was reported.

For each of the indicators in this document, all options selected by the signatory are presented, including links and qualitative responses. In some indicators, all applicable options are included for additional context.

## Disclaimers

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# SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT (SLS)

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Senior Leadership Statement	GENERAL

#### Section 1. Our commitment

- Why does your organisation engage in responsible investment?
- What is your organisation's overall approach to responsible investment, and what major responsible investment commitment(s) have you made?

The primary mission of the Minnesota State Board of Investment (MSBI) is to maintain the long-term viability of retirement plans for which it invests. Our fiduciary duty serves as the touchstone for all investment decisions undertaken by the MSBI, as codified in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 11A and Chapter 356A. Among other things, our fiduciary duty requires us to consider all material risks and opportunities for the benefit of the retirement funds under our management. As detailed below, consistent with our fiduciary duty, the MSBI has taken a measured and pragmatic approach to carefully considering and integrating appropriate environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") related constructs into our organization and framework.

Given the complexity of the underlying issues, we expect our efforts to evolve thoughtfully over time, as appropriate, to create an enduring framework that is in keeping with our mission.

In addition to the statutory fiduciary rule framework described above, in 2017, the MSBI adopted a set of Investment Beliefs that provide additional context for MSBI actions, reflect our investment values, and acknowledge our role in supporting the State's broader retirement systems. One of these beliefs is as follows: Utilizing engagement initiatives to address ESG issues can lead to positive portfolio and governance outcomes. In addition to specific engagement strategies the SBI might apply, proxy rights attached to shareholder interests in public companies are also "plan assets" of the SBI and represent a key mechanism for expressing SBI's positions relating to specific ESG issues.

By taking a leadership role in promoting responsible corporate governance through the proxy voting process, SBI can contribute significantly to implementing ESG best practices which should, in turn, add long-term value to SBI's investments.

In 2019 the MSBI became a signatory of the Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI). Consistent with this undertaking and its fiduciary duty, the MSBI committed to incorporating appropriate ESG risks and opportunities into its investment analysis and decision-making process.

In February 2020, the MSBI adopted a resolution on ESG to continue developing its approach to addressing ESG-related investment risks and opportunities throughout the investment portfolios.

The resolution stated that the MSBI believes that corporations and partnerships that do not take ESG risk into consideration may jeopardize their financial viability and decrease their value, and that the MSBI encourages managers to enhance their ESG risk analysis. Consistent with its fiduciary responsibility, the Resolution stated that the MSBI would continue to vote proxies, continue to participate in ESG coalitions, periodically update ESG informational materials, develop plans for addressing ESG investment risks, evaluate reducing the MSBI's investments to long-term carbon risk exposure and promote diversity on corporate boards and within the investment industry.

The MSBI recognizes the impact that maximizing talent, opportunity, and investment culture has on generating long-term investment returns for the retirement funds under our management.

To that end, in 2022 the MSBI augmented its Investment Beliefs with the following: Best Practices are developed by the best teams. There is no merit-based explanation for the lack of racial and gender diversity in the investment industry. In fact, research indicates that such diversity adds value. The SBI must ensure that non-financial biases do not prevent it from working with the best teams. In this diverse and changing world, organizations that demonstrate a commitment to diversity are more likely to succeed. In keeping with our fiduciary duty, and consistent with the commitments described above, the MSBI has devoted additional resources, worked to integrate appropriate ESG frameworks into its processes, and engaged with numerous industry partners to enhance our approach.

Among other things, in 2021 the MSBI dedicated a senior full-time staff person to Stewardship and ESG integration. In 2023, this role was elevated to an independent division reporting directly to the Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer. Additional hiring efforts are in progress to provide sufficient resources to support this division.

In order to conduct many of its stewardship and ESG integration activities, the MSBI maintains membership in several investor organizations such as, Council of Institutional Investors (CII), Ceres Investor Network, Midwest Investors Diversity Initiative (MIDI), PRI, Thirty Percent Coalition, Climate Action 100+, and ILPA. These organizations provide research, engagement opportunities and other resources to more effectively address a range of ESG issues. Common issues addressed by these organizations include, but are not limited to, climate; gender, racial, and ethnic diversity; shareholder rights; corporate governance; and workers' rights.

## Section 2. Annual overview

- Discuss your organisation's progress during the reporting year on the responsible investment issue you consider most relevant or material to your organisation or its assets.
- Reflect on your performance with respect to your organisation's responsible investment objectives and targets during the reporting year. Details might include, for example, outlining your single most important achievement or describing your general progress on topics such as the following (where applicable):
  - refinement of ESG analysis and incorporation
  - stewardship activities with investees and/or with policymakers
  - collaborative engagements
  - attainment of responsible investment certifications and/or awards

The MSBI's efforts to date are focused on four key areas: Engagement – through proxies and direct action; maximizing talent, opportunity, and investment culture; creating a roadmap for climate and the energy transition; and integrating our efforts into our investment process.

Engagement. We are pleased that in early 2023 the MSBI's Director of Legal and Policy Services, John Mulé, was appointed Chair of the U.S. Asset Owners Advisory Council for the CII. CII is a leading voice for effective corporate governance, strong shareowner rights and sensible financial regulations that foster fair, vibrant capital markets.

As a highly respected leader in his field, Mr. Mulé's service in this position reflects the MSBI's commitment to these important principles. In 2022-23, the MSBI continued its long history of engagement by voting proxies for approximately 2,100 U.S. corporations. The MSBI, along with many other U.S. public pensions and institutional investors, plays an important role in encouraging improved ESG practices that are material to the long-term sustainability of the world's largest corporations.

The MSBI continues to support a significant number of ESG related shareholder proposals. Executive compensation alignment with shareholders, for example, is a key area of focus for MSBI proxy voting activities. In general, the MSBI supports efforts to have executive compensation linked to a company's long-term performance and to encourage full disclosure of compensation packages for key executives. The MSBI has high standards for alignment and transparency which resulted in voting against close to 68% of advisory votes on executive compensation in the most recent fiscal year. Other key areas of activity, where appropriate, included fair labor practices, decarbonization, board composition, and reporting/disclosure practices.

Talent.

In furtherance of our commitment to talent, opportunity, and investment culture, we recognize that continuously examining and improving our internal practices is fundamental. To that end, we have undertaken a number of efforts, including: 1) creation of an internal committee, composed of key investment staff, empowered to review current practices and identify continuous improvement pathways; 2) refined our job postings to reflect core skill elements that are aligned with long-term success; 3) expanded our recruiting pipeline; 4) created an internship program; 5) modified our interview process; and 6) expanded our external investment manager interactions around these important topics.

The MSBI is also proud to continue our participation in the MIDI, which works to increase racial and gender diversity on corporate boards.

In 2021, the MSBI cosigned a letter that was sent to companies listed in the Russell 3000 index urging the companies to disclose the racial/ethnic and gender composition of their boards of directors in each company's proxy disclosure statement. The MSBI also led successful engagements on board diversity at Midwest-based companies Perficient, R1-RCM and OptimizeRx. Climate and Energy Transition. We recognize that complex and evolving issues regarding the risks and opportunities inherent in climate change and the energy transition are among those that must be considered as fiduciaries of long-term pools of capital.

In 2021 and 2022, the MSBI successfully engaged with several companies on climate change-related issues. Engagements with Hess and Marathon Oil were followed by both companies making significant commitments to reduce flaring intensity and methane emissions intensity within its broader greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. In addition to engaging with companies, the MSBI also submitted a comment to the Securities Exchange Commission regarding the "Proposed Rules for The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors." Our broad engagement efforts continued in 2023 and expanded to include more direct company interaction and more extensive engagement with our underlying external managers.

As part of our ongoing efforts to analyze the complex issues associated with climate change and the associated investment landscape, the MSBI engaged the services of Meketa Investment Group ("Meketa").

In 2022, Meketa produced a climate change investment analysis report for the MSBI's investment portfolio. This report concluded that the MSBI should continue its efforts to address and manage climate change and other material ESG risks and opportunities. In May 2023, Meketa led an all-staff education session discussing key investment considerations related to the Inflation Reduction Act and the developing opportunities in carbon markets. The MSBI is currently engaged, with the support of Meketa and other external advisors, in the next phase of our efforts, which focus principally on 1) continued integration throughout our investment process and 2) constructing our investment roadmap for climate change and the energy transition.

### Section 3. Next steps

- What specific steps has your organisation outlined to advance your commitment to responsible investment in the next two years?

In the coming year, MSBI staff will continue to develop and refine its approach to addressing ESG investment risks and opportunities throughout its investment portfolio. As MSBI engages external managers for all retirement fund assets, we are focused on integrating ESG evaluation frameworks into the investment due diligence process for new and existing external managers. These efforts will leverage industry standards developed by organizations such as the PRI, ILPA, and CFA to evaluate investment managers in all asset classes.

We will continue to emphasize the importance of talent, opportunity, and investment culture within the MSBI and our external investment managers.

Our newly formed internal committee will continue its efforts in this regard. The projects they will devote their time and resources to are expected to include 1) developing a framework for analysis across all asset classes, and 2) developing a framework for measurement and monitoring information gathered from MSBI investment managers and other service providers.

Climate change and the energy transition will continue to be included in the MSBI's analysis of material risks and opportunities that must be considered in the management of a long-term investment program.

We will continue 1) our work with Meketa and other external advisors on the development of an appropriate investment roadmap and 2) to evolve our approach to integrating these considerations into our investment process.

Underpinning our work described above, in the coming year we intend to expand our engagement efforts. As long-term shareholders of publicly traded companies, we are committed to exercising our proxy rights and direct engagement opportunities to enhance the value of our investments.

In addition to the increasing complexity of the issues underlying the topics discussed above, the resources required to address them in an investment environment are also increasing.

To that end, in the upcoming year, we expect to expand the team of professionals focused on these areas within our Stewardship group.

As an important closing note, as stewards of the MSBI, every effort that we undertake will be focused on achieving our primary mission: maintaining the long-term viability of the retirement plans for which we invest.



#### Section 4. Endorsement

**'The Senior Leadership Statement has been prepared and/or reviewed by the undersigned and reflects our organisation-wide commitment and approach to responsible investment'.**

Name

Jill E. Schurtz

Position

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Minnesota State Board of Investment

Organisation's Name

Minnesota State Board of Investment - Combined Funds

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'This endorsement applies only to the Senior Leadership Statement and should not be considered an endorsement of the information reported by the above-mentioned organisation in the various modules of the Reporting Framework. The Senior Leadership Statement serves as a general overview of the above-mentioned organisation's responsible investment approach. The Senior Leadership Statement does not constitute advice and should not be relied upon as such. Further, it is not a substitute for the skill, judgement and experience of any third parties, their management, employees, advisors and/or clients when making investment and other business decisions'.

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## ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (OO)

### ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

## REPORTING YEAR

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Reporting year	GENERAL

What is the year-end date of the 12-month period you have chosen to report for PRI reporting purposes?

	Date	Month	Year
Year-end date of the 12-month period for PRI reporting purposes:	31	12	2022

## SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 2	CORE	N/A	OO 2.1	PUBLIC	Subsidiary information	GENERAL

Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

## ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

### ALL ASSET CLASSES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 4	CORE	OO 3	N/A	PUBLIC	All asset classes	GENERAL

What are your total assets under management (AUM) at the end of the reporting year, as indicated in [OO 1]?



USD

(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries, and excluding the AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only

US\$ 80,120,000,000.00

(B) AUM of subsidiaries that are PRI signatories in their own right and excluded from this submission, as indicated in [OO 2.2]

US\$ 0.00

(C) AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only

US\$ 0.00

## ASSET BREAKDOWN

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5	CORE	OO 3	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown	GENERAL

Provide a percentage breakdown of your total AUM at the end of the reporting year as indicated in [OO 1].

	(1) Percentage of Internally managed AUM	(2) Percentage of Externally managed AUM
(A) Listed equity	0%	>10-50%
(B) Fixed income	0%	>10-50%
(C) Private equity	0%	>10-50%
(D) Real estate	0%	>0-10%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	>0-10%
(F) Hedge funds	0%	0%
(G) Forestry	0%	0%

(H) Farmland	0%	0%
(I) Other	0%	0%
(J) Off-balance sheet	0%	0%

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: EXTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.1	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Externally managed assets	GENERAL

Provide a further breakdown of your organisation's externally managed listed equity and/or fixed income AUM.

	(1) Listed equity	(2) Fixed income - SSA	(3) Fixed income - corporate	(4) Fixed income - securitised	(5) Fixed income - private debt
(A) Active	>10-50%	>50-75%	>10-50%	0%	0%
(B) Passive	>50-75%	0%	0%		

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.2	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	SAM 3, SAM 8	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Externally managed assets	GENERAL

Provide a breakdown of your organisation's externally managed AUM between segregated mandates and pooled funds or investments.

	(1) Segregated mandate(s)	(2) Pooled fund(s) or pooled investment(s)
(A) Listed equity - active	>75%	0%
(B) Listed equity - passive	>75%	0%

(C) Fixed income - active	>75%	0%
(E) Private equity	0%	>75%
(F) Real estate	0%	>75%
(G) Infrastructure	0%	>75%

## MANAGEMENT BY PRI SIGNATORIES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 6	CORE	OO 5	N/A	PUBLIC	Management by PRI signatories	GENERAL

**What percentage of your organisation's externally managed assets are managed by PRI signatories?**

>75%

## GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 7	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Geographical breakdown	GENERAL

**How much of your AUM in each asset class is invested in emerging markets and developing economies?**

### AUM in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies

(A) Listed equity	(2) >0 to 10%
(B) Fixed income – SSA	(2) >0 to 10%
(C) Fixed income – corporate	(2) >0 to 10%
(F) Private equity	(2) >0 to 10%

(G) Real estate

(2) >0 to 10%

(H) Infrastructure

(2) >0 to 10%

## STEWARDSHIP

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 8	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct stewardship activities, excluding (proxy) voting, for any of your assets?

	(1) Listed equity - active	(2) Listed equity - passive	(3) Fixed income - active	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure
(A) Yes, through internal staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Yes, through service providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Yes, through external managers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct (proxy) voting activities for any of your listed equity holdings?

	(1) Listed equity - active	(2) Listed equity - passive
(A) Yes, through internal staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Yes, through service providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Yes, through external managers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) We do not conduct (proxy) voting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	OO 9	PGS 10.1, PGS 31	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

For each asset class, on what percentage of your listed equity holdings do you have the discretion to vote?

	Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote
(A) Listed equity – active	(7) >50 to 60%
(B) Listed equity - passive	(9) >70 to 80%

## ESG INCORPORATION

### EXTERNAL MANAGER SELECTION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 12	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager selection	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B) Listed equity - passive	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C) Fixed income - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E) Private equity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(F) Real estate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(G) Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### EXTERNAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 13	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager appointment	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B) Listed equity - passive	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C) Fixed income - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E) Private equity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(F) Real estate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(G) Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## EXTERNAL MANAGER MONITORING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 14	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager monitoring	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B) Listed equity - passive	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C) Fixed income - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E) Private equity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(F) Real estate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## ESG/SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS AND PRODUCTS

### LABELLING AND MARKETING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18	CORE	OO 11–14	OO 18.1	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

Do you explicitly market any of your products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable?

- (A) Yes, we market products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable
- (B) No, we do not offer products or funds explicitly marketed as ESG and/or sustainable
- (C) Not applicable; we do not offer products or funds

## SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 21	CORE	Multiple indicators	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Summary of reporting requirements	GENERAL

The following table shows which modules are mandatory or voluntary to report on in the separate PRI asset class modules. Where a module is voluntary, indicate if you wish to report on it.

Applicable modules	(1) Mandatory to report (pre-filled based on previous responses)	(2.1) Voluntary to report. Yes, I want to opt-in to reporting on the module	(2.2) Voluntary to report. No, I want to opt-out of reporting on the module
Policy, Governance and Strategy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confidence Building Measures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(T) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – listed equity - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(U) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – listed equity - passive	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(V) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – fixed income - active	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(X) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – private equity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(Y) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – real estate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
(Z) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

## REPORT DISCLOSURE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 32	CORE	OO 3, OO 31	N/A	PUBLIC	Report disclosure	GENERAL

How would you like to disclose the detailed percentage figures you reported throughout the Reporting Framework?

- (A) Publish as absolute numbers
- (B) Publish as ranges

# POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY (PGS)

## POLICY

### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY ELEMENTS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 1	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1, 2

Which elements are covered in your formal responsible investment policy(ies)?

- (A) Overall approach to responsible investment
- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- (C) Guidelines on social factors
- (D) Guidelines on governance factors
- (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes
- (F) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold
- (G) Guidelines on exclusions
- (H) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment
- (I) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees
- (J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement
- (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders
- (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting
- (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here

Specify:

The MSBI's current policy is embodied in multiple different documents

- (N) Our organisation does not have a formal responsible investment policy and/or our policy(ies) do not cover any responsible investment elements

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 2	CORE	PGS 1	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1

Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) include specific guidelines on systematic sustainability issues?

- (A) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)
- (B) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)
- (C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues
- (D) Our formal responsible investment policy(ies) does not include guidelines on systematic sustainability issues

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 3	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	6

**Which elements of your formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available?**

**(A) Overall approach to responsible investment**

Add link:

[https://msbi.us/sites/default/files/2021-02/msbi\\_resolution\\_on\\_esg\\_-\\_february\\_26\\_2020.pdf](https://msbi.us/sites/default/files/2021-02/msbi_resolution_on_esg_-_february_26_2020.pdf)

**(B) Guidelines on environmental factors**

Add link:

<https://msbi.us/proxy-committee>

**(C) Guidelines on social factors**

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**(D) Guidelines on governance factors**

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**(E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes**

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<https://msbi.us/proxy-committee>

**(J) Guidelines on exclusions**

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<https://msbi.us/board-resolutions>

**(O) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting**

Add link:

<https://msbi.us/proxy-committee>

(P) Other responsible investment aspects not listed here

(Q) No elements of our formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 4	PLUS	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1 – 6

**Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) identify a link between your responsible investment activities and your fiduciary duties or equivalent obligations?**

**(A) Yes**

Elaborate:

It is the justification for the policy as can be seen by the "whereas" statements.  
 WHEREAS, fiduciary responsibility is the touchstone of any decision of the Minnesota State Board of Investment (MSBI);  
 WHEREAS, any investment decision must be made with prudence and consistent with the duty of care to beneficiaries;  
 WHEREAS, the MSBI recognizes the importance of addressing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risk in its investments;  
 WHEREAS, the MSBI has a long history of engaging with corporations through proxy voting;  
 WHEREAS, the MSBI has increased its involvement by participation in coalitions which engage with corporations and governmental organizations to address ESG risks and opportunities;  
 WHEREAS, the MSBI evaluates whether its investment managers consider ESG risk and encourages managers to enhance their ESG risk analysis; and  
 WHEREAS, the MSBI believes that corporations and partnerships that do not take ESG risk into consideration may jeopardize their financial viability and decrease their value.

(B) No

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 5	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

**Which elements are covered in your organisation’s policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship?**

- (A) Overall stewardship objectives**
- (B) Prioritisation of specific ESG factors to be advanced via stewardship activities
- (C) Criteria used by our organisation to prioritise the investees, policy makers, key stakeholders, or other entities on which to focus our stewardship efforts
- (D) How different stewardship tools and activities are used across the organisation
- (E) Approach to escalation in stewardship
- (F) Approach to collaboration in stewardship
- (G) Conflicts of interest related to stewardship
- (H) How stewardship efforts and results are communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decision-making and vice versa
- (I) Other
- (J) None of the above elements is captured in our policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 6	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

Does your policy on (proxy) voting include voting principles and/or guidelines on specific ESG factors?

- (A) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific environmental factors
- (B) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific social factors
- (C) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific governance factors
- (D) Our policy on (proxy) voting does not include voting principles or guidelines on specific ESG factors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 7	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

Does your organisation have a policy that states how (proxy) voting is addressed in your securities lending programme?

- (A) We have a publicly available policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme
- (B) We have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme, but it is not publicly available
- (C) We rely on the policy of our external service provider(s)
- (D) We do not have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme
- (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY COVERAGE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 8	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1

What percentage of your total AUM is covered by the below elements of your responsible investment policy(ies)?

Combined AUM coverage of all policy elements

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment  
 (B) Guidelines on environmental factors  
 (C) Guidelines on social factors  
 (D) Guidelines on governance factors

(7) 100%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

Per asset class, what percentage of your AUM is covered by your policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship with investees?

- (A) Listed equity
  - (1) Percentage of AUM covered
    - (1) >0% to 10%
    - (2) >10% to 20%
    - (3) >20% to 30%
    - (4) >30% to 40%
    - (5) >40% to 50%
    - (6) >50% to 60%
    - (7) >60% to 70%
    - (8) >70% to 80%
    - (9) >80% to 90%
    - (10) >90% to <100%
  - (11) 100%
- (B) Fixed income
- (C) Private equity
- (D) Real estate
- (E) Infrastructure

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10.1	CORE	OO 9.1, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2



**What percentage of your listed equity holdings is covered by your guidelines on (proxy) voting?**

**(A) Actively managed listed equity**

(1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%

**(11) 100%**

**(B) Passively managed listed equity**

(1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%

**(11) 100%**

## GOVERNANCE

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**Which senior level body(ies) or role(s) in your organisation have formal oversight over and accountability for responsible investment?**

**(A) Board members, trustees, or equivalent**

**(B) Senior executive-level staff, or equivalent**

Specify:

Executive Director and CIO

**(C) Investment committee, or equivalent**

Specify:

MSBI internal investment committee

(D) **Head of department, or equivalent**

Specify department:

Stewardship and ESG

- (E) None of the above bodies and roles have oversight over and accountability for responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.1	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2, PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1, 2

**Does your organisation's senior level body(ies) or role(s) have formal oversight over and accountability for the elements covered in your responsible investment policy(ies)?**

	(1) Board members, trustees, or equivalent	(2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent
(A) Overall approach to responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(H) Guidelines on exclusions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1 – 6

**Does your organisation have governance processes or structures to ensure that your overall political engagement is aligned with your commitment to the principles of PRI, including any political engagement conducted by third parties on your behalf?**

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

Explain why:

As a public pension plan, the SBI does not direct the political engagement of third parties.

- (C) Not applicable, our organisation does not conduct any form of political engagement directly or through any third parties

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 12	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**In your organisation, which internal or external roles are responsible for implementing your approach to responsible investment?**

- (A) Internal role(s)

Specify:

Senior Investment Officer - Stewardship and ESG. All Staff

- (B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers
- (C) We do not have any internal or external roles with responsibility for implementing responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 13	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your board members, trustees, or equivalent?**

- (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our board members, trustees, or equivalent
  - (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our board members, trustees, or equivalent
- Explain why: (Voluntary)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 14	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and are these KPIs linked to compensation?**

- (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)
  - (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)
- Explain why: (Voluntary)

## EXTERNAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 16	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

**What elements are included in your regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of your AUM?**

- (A) Any changes in policies related to responsible investment
- (B) Any changes in governance or oversight related to responsible investment
- (C) Stewardship-related commitments
- (D) Progress towards stewardship-related commitments
- (E) Climate-related commitments
- (F) Progress towards climate-related commitments
- (G) Human rights-related commitments
- (H) Progress towards human rights-related commitments
- (I) Commitments to other systematic sustainability issues
- (J) Progress towards commitments on other systematic sustainability issues
- (K) We do not include any of these elements in our regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 17	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

**During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose climate-related information in line with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures' (TCFD) recommendations?**

- (A) Yes, including all governance-related recommended disclosures
- (B) Yes, including all strategy-related recommended disclosures
- (C) Yes, including all risk management-related recommended disclosures
- (D) Yes, including all applicable metrics and targets-related recommended disclosures
- (E) **None of the above**  
Explain why: (Voluntary)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 19	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

**During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose its membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement?**

- (A) **Yes, we publicly disclosed our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement**  
Add link(s):  
<https://msbi.us/ESG-stewardship>
- (B) No, we did not publicly disclose our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement
- (C) Not applicable, we were not members in or supporters of any trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement during the reporting year

# STRATEGY

## CAPITAL ALLOCATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 20	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

### Which elements do your organisation-level exclusions cover?

- (A) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular sectors, products or services
- (B) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular regions or countries
- (C) Exclusions based on minimum standards of business practice aligned with international norms such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the International Bill of Human Rights, UN Security Council sanctions or the UN Global Compact
- (D) Exclusions based on our organisation's climate change commitments
- (E) **Other elements**  
Specify:
  - Exclusions are based on legislation and Board resolutions
- (F) Not applicable; our organisation does not have any organisation-level exclusions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 21	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

### How does your responsible investment approach influence your strategic asset allocation process?

- (A) We incorporate ESG factors into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- (B) We incorporate climate change–related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- (C) We incorporate human rights–related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- (D) We incorporate risks and opportunities related to other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- (E) **We do not incorporate ESG factors, climate change, human rights or other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns**
- (F) Not applicable; we do not have a strategic asset allocation process

## STEWARDSHIP: OVERALL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 22	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

For the majority of AUM within each asset class, which of the following best describes your primary stewardship objective?

	(1) Listed equity	(2) Fixed income	(3) Private equity	(4) Real estate	(5) Infrastructure
(A) Maximise our portfolio-level risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B) Maximise our individual investments' risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we do not seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Which of the following best describes your organisation's default position, or the position of the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, concerning collaborative stewardship efforts?

- (A) We recognise the value of collective action, and as a result, we prioritise collaborative stewardship efforts wherever possible
- (B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis
- (C) Other
- (D) We do not join collaborative stewardship efforts



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24.1	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

**Elaborate on your organisation's default position on collaborative stewardship, or the position of the external service providers or external investment managers acting on your behalf, including any other details on your overall approach to collaboration.**

Given the MSBI's limited resources devoted to Stewardship efforts, collaboration with institutional quality investor-led groups is key for providing the expertise and resources necessary for successful stewardship activities.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 28	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

**If relevant, provide any further details on your organisation's overall stewardship strategy.**

The SBI organizes its Stewardship activities into two main categories: Proxy Voting and Engagement. These activities are guided by the SBI Investment Beliefs ("Beliefs"). The Beliefs help provide context for SBI's actions, reflect SBI's investment values, and acknowledge SBI's role in supporting the State's broader retirement systems. Below is one of the Beliefs that relates to ESG: "Utilizing engagement initiatives to address environmental, social, and governance-related issues can lead to positive portfolio and governance outcomes." In conjunction with this belief, the SBI votes proxies and participates in engagement initiatives in ways that address potential risks to the portfolio and enterprise risks to individual investments.

The SBI's proxy voting activities are overseen by the SBI's Proxy Committee which is responsible for voting the SBI's proxy rights with respect to shares owned in publicly traded U.S. companies. By exercising its proxy rights, the SBI influences how companies address ESG and other issues. The SBI's engagement activities are all associated with institutional investor coalitions. The SBI has partnered with several organizations to engage with companies and regulatory authorities on ESG issues. These organizations provide research, engagement opportunities, and other resources to help the SBI effectively address ESG issues.

Common issues addressed by the coalitions include, but are not limited to, climate; gender, racial, and ethnic diversity; shareholder rights; corporate governance; and workers' rights. Engagement opportunities with companies take the form of direct communication, letter writing, and filing of shareholder resolutions. In addition to engaging with companies, the SBI engages with regulatory authorities on ESG issues impacting institutional investors.

## STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 29	CORE	OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**When you use external service providers to give recommendations, how do you ensure those recommendations are consistent with your organisation's (proxy) voting policy?**

- (A) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations for controversial and high-profile votes
- (B) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations where the application of our voting policy is unclear**
  - Select from the below list:
    - (1) in all cases**
      - (2) in a majority of cases
      - (3) in a minority of cases
    - (D) We do not review external service providers' voting recommendations
    - (E) Not applicable; we do not use external service providers to give voting recommendations

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 30	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**How is voting addressed in your securities lending programme?**

- (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items
- (B) When a vote is deemed important according to pre-established criteria (e.g. high stake in the company), we recall all our securities for voting
- (C) Other
- (D) We do not recall our securities for voting purposes**
- (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 31	CORE	OO 9.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

For the majority of votes cast over which you have discretion to vote, which of the following best describes your decision making approach regarding shareholder resolutions (or that of your external service provider(s) if decision making is delegated to them)?

- (A) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, including affirming a company's good practice or prior commitment
- (B) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, but only if the investee company has not already publicly committed to the action(s) requested in the proposal
- (C) We vote in favour of shareholder resolutions only as an escalation measure
- (D) We vote in favour of the investee company management's recommendations by default
- (E) Not applicable; we do not vote on shareholder resolutions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 32	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

During the reporting year, how did your organisation, or your external service provider(s), pre-declare voting intentions prior to voting in annual general meetings (AGMs) or extraordinary general meetings (EGMs)?

- (A) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly through the PRI's vote declaration system on the Resolution Database
- (B) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly by other means, e.g. through our website
- (C) We privately communicated our voting decision to investee companies prior to the AGM/EGM
- (D) We did not privately or publicly communicate our voting intentions prior to the AGM/EGM
- (E) Not applicable; we did not cast any (proxy) votes during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33	CORE	OO 9	PGS 33.1	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

After voting has taken place, do you publicly disclose your (proxy) voting decisions or those made on your behalf by your external service provider(s), company by company and in a central source?

- (A) Yes, for all (proxy) votes
- (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes  
Add link(s):  
<https://msbi.us/proxy-committee>
- (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes
- (D) No, we do not publicly report our (proxy) voting decisions company-by-company and in a central source

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33.1	CORE	PGS 33	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**In the majority of cases, how soon after an investee's annual general meeting (AGM) or extraordinary general meeting (EGM) do you publish your voting decisions?**

- (A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM
- (B) Within three months of the AGM/EGM
- (C) Within six months of the AGM/EGM
- (D) Within one year of the AGM/EGM
- (E) More than one year after the AGM/EGM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 34	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**After voting has taken place, did your organisation, and/or the external service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale for your voting decisions during the reporting year?**

**(1) In cases where we abstained or voted against management recommendations**

**(2) In cases where we voted against an ESG-related shareholder resolution**

(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale

(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company

(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information



(D) Not applicable; we did not abstain or vote against management recommendations or ESG-related shareholder resolutions during the reporting year

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## STEWARDSHIP: ESCALATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 36	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

**For your listed equity holdings, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?**

### (1) Listed equity

(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one

(B) Filing, co-filing, and/or submitting a shareholder resolution or proposal

(C) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter

(D) Voting against the re-election of one or more board directors

(E) Voting against the chair of the board of directors, or equivalent, e.g. lead independent director

(F) Divesting

(G) Litigation

(H) Other

(I) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our listed equity holdings

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 37	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

**For your corporate fixed income assets, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?**

- (A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one
- (B) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter
- (C) Not investing
- (D) Reducing exposure to the investee entity
- (E) Divesting
- (F) Litigation
- (G) Other
- (H) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our corporate fixed income assets

Explain why: (Voluntary)

## STEWARDSHIP: ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY MAKERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	PGS 39.1, PGS 39.2	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

**Did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach during the reporting year?**

- (A) Yes, we engaged with policy makers directly
- (B) Yes, we engaged with policy makers through the leadership of or active participation in working groups or collaborative initiatives, including via the PRI
- (C) Yes, we were members of, supported, or were in another way affiliated with third party organisations, including trade associations and non-profit organisations, that engage with policy makers, excluding the PRI
- (D) We did not engage with policy makers directly or indirectly during the reporting year beyond our membership in the PRI

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.1	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, what methods did you, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use to engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach?

- (A) We participated in 'sign-on' letters
- (B) We responded to policy consultations
- (C) We provided technical input via government- or regulator-backed working groups
- (D) We engaged policy makers on our own initiative
- (E) Other methods

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.2	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose details of your engagement with policy makers conducted as part of your responsible investment approach, including through external investment managers or service providers?

- (A) We publicly disclosed all our policy positions

Add link(s):

<https://msbi.us/shareholder-resolutions-engagement>

- (B) We publicly disclosed details of our engagements with policy makers

Add link(s):

<https://msbi.us/shareholder-resolutions-engagement>

- (C) No, we did not publicly disclose details of our engagement with policy makers conducted as part of our responsible investment approach during the reporting year



## STEWARDSHIP: EXAMPLES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 40	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Examples	2

**Provide examples of stewardship activities that you conducted individually or collaboratively during the reporting year that contributed to desired changes in the investees, policy makers or other entities with which you interacted.**

(A) Example 1:

Title of stewardship activity:

Flaring intensity and methane emissions

(1) Led by

- (1) Internally led
- (2) External service provider led
- (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager

(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity

- (1) Environmental factors
- (2) Social factors
- (3) Governance factors

(3) Asset class(es)

- (1) Listed equity
- (2) Fixed income
- (3) Private equity
- (4) Real estate
- (5) Infrastructure
- (6) Hedge funds
- (7) Forestry
- (8) Farmland
- (9) Other

(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

Along with other institutional investors, the SBI led an engagement with Marathon Oil during the 2022 proxy season. The SBI filed a shareholder resolution focused on disclosure of targets to reduce flaring intensity and methane emissions intensity within its broader greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, which was then withdrawn when Marathon Oil made several significant commitments:

- 99% gas capture rate by 2022 and Zero Routine Flaring by 2030 in alignment with the World Bank initiative.
- Methane intensity reductions of 60% by 2025 and 80% by 2030.
- Greenhouse gas intensity reduction targets of 40% by 2022 and 70% by 2030.

(B) Example 2:

Title of stewardship activity:

Board and workforce diversity

- (1) Led by
- (1) Internally led
  - (2) External service provider led
  - (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
- (1) Environmental factors
  - (2) Social factors
  - (3) Governance factors
- (3) Asset class(es)
- (1) Listed equity
  - (2) Fixed income
  - (3) Private equity
  - (4) Real estate
  - (5) Infrastructure
  - (6) Hedge funds
  - (7) Forestry
  - (8) Farmland
  - (9) Other
- (4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

To help multiply its ability to promote DEI in its portfolio, the SBI is part of the Midwest Investors Diversity Initiative. For the 2022 proxy season, MIDI identified 19 public companies in the Midwest with little or no documented racial, ethnic, and/or gender diversity on their boards of directors, fail to disclose individual-level board diversity in the proxy, and fail to disclose their EEO-1 report. The SBI took the lead on engaging six of those companies and filed shareholder proposals at three of them: Perficient, R1-RCM, and OptimizeRx. During the course of the engagements, the companies made the following steps to enhance board diversity:

Perficient

- A director that self-identified as an underrepresented minority was appointed to the Board;
- Information regarding the Board nominees' diversity will be disclosed in the Proxy Statement; and
- The initial "Rooney Rule" was adopted, whereby the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will interview at least one candidate who is a member of one or more underrepresented group for each future vacant Board position.

R1 RCM

- R1 RCM published its 2021 ESG report which highlighted the Company's commitment to diversity at all levels of the organization (including in its governance documents);
- Disclosed employee demographics;
- Disclosed the gender and ethnic composition of the Board; and
- In addition, Company representatives committed to present language at an upcoming board meeting that would explicitly include female and minority candidates in all future director candidate pools.

OptimizeRx

- Expanded its 2021 commitment to the Parity Pledge (a pledge to interview and consider at least one qualified woman and one underrepresented minority for every open senior leadership role, VP or higher) to include the board of directors;
- Committed to disclosing the gender, racial, and ethnic composition of their Board in the 2022 proxy statement; and
- Committed to disclose a consolidated EEO-1 report once they grow above 100 U.S.-based employees.

Based on these productive results, the SBI withdrew its proposals with each of these companies.

(C) Example 3:

Title of stewardship activity:

(1) Led by

- (1) Internally led
- (2) External service provider led
- (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager

(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity

- (1) Environmental factors
- (2) Social factors
- (3) Governance factors

(3) Asset class(es)

- (1) Listed equity
- (2) Fixed income
- (3) Private equity
- (4) Real estate
- (5) Infrastructure
- (6) Hedge funds
- (7) Forestry
- (8) Farmland
- (9) Other

(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

(D) Example 4:

Title of stewardship activity:

(1) Led by

- (1) Internally led
- (2) External service provider led
- (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager

(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity

- (1) Environmental factors
- (2) Social factors
- (3) Governance factors

(3) Asset class(es)

- (1) Listed equity
- (2) Fixed income
- (3) Private equity
- (4) Real estate
- (5) Infrastructure
- (6) Hedge funds
- (7) Forestry
- (8) Farmland
- (9) Other

(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

(E) Example 5:

Title of stewardship activity:

- (1) Led by
  - o (1) Internally led
  - o (2) External service provider led
  - o (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - (1) Environmental factors
  - (2) Social factors
  - (3) Governance factors
- (3) Asset class(es)
  - (1) Listed equity
  - (2) Fixed income
  - (3) Private equity
  - (4) Real estate
  - (5) Infrastructure
  - (6) Hedge funds
  - (7) Forestry
  - (8) Farmland
  - (9) Other
- (4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41	CORE	N/A	PGS 41.1	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

### Has your organisation identified climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments?

(A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon

Specify the risks and opportunities identified and your relevant standard planning horizon:

In 2022, the SBI's consultant completed a Climate Change Investment Analysis that measured the SBI's exposure to Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, renewable energy, fossil fuels and green revenues. The Climate Scenario Analysis they conducted indicated potential risks to the SBI's portfolio in instances where global emissions were constrained to minimize global warming to 1.5 or 3 degrees C. The analysis did not include considerations of physical risk.

(B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon

(C) No, we have not identified climate-related risks and/or opportunities affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41.1	CORE	PGS 41	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Does your organisation integrate climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments in its overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products?**

**(A) Yes, our overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products integrate climate-related risks and opportunities**

Describe how climate-related risks and opportunities have affected or are expected to affect your investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products:

Climate-related risks have resulted in actions like the Thermal Coal resolution which stated that investments in companies that derive more than 25% of their revenue from thermal coal were no longer authorized investments in the SBI's publicly managed investment portfolio for the Combined Funds. This resulted in a reduced exposure to long-term carbon related risks

(B) No, our organisation has not yet integrated climate-related risks and opportunities into its investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 43	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Has your organisation assessed the resilience of its investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one in which the average temperature rise is held to below 2 degrees Celsius (preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius) above pre-industrial levels?**

(A) Yes, using the Inevitable Policy Response Forecast Policy Scenario (FPS) or Required Policy Scenario (RPS)

(B) Yes, using the One Earth Climate Model scenario

(C) Yes, using the International Energy Agency (IEA) Net Zero scenario

**(D) Yes, using other scenarios**

Specify:

The Climate Scenario Analysis conducted by the SBI's consultant indicated potential risks to the SBI's portfolio in instances where global emissions were constrained to minimize global warming to 1.5 or 3 degrees C. The analysis did not include considerations of physical risk.

(E) No, we have not assessed the resilience of our investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one that holds temperature rise to below 2 degrees

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 44	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Does your organisation have a process to identify, assess, and manage the climate-related risks (potentially) affecting your investments?**

**(A) Yes, we have a process to identify and assess climate-related risks**

(1) Describe your process

The SBI is involved in several institutional organizations such as PRI, Ceres, and the Climate Action 100+. In May 2020, the SBI adopted a resolution to remove publicly traded companies which derive 25% or more of their revenue from the extraction and/or production of thermal coal as authorized investments in the Combined Funds portfolio and instructed their investment managers to implement this resolution by December 2020. The SBI has supported a number of shareholder proposals encouraging companies to manage risks associated with climate change including reducing emissions to be in line with the Paris Agreement.

(2) Describe how this process is integrated into your overall risk management

The SBI is currently developing roadmap for how to better integrate climate change risk management into its overall risk management framework.

- (B) Yes, we have a process to manage climate-related risks
- (C) No, we do not have any processes to identify, assess, or manage the climate-related risks affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 45	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**During the reporting year, which of the following climate risk metrics or variables affecting your investments did your organisation use and disclose?**

- (A) Exposure to physical risk
- (B) Exposure to transition risk**
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed**
    - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
  - (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable
    - <https://msbi.us/climate%20change>
- (C) Internal carbon price
- (D) Total carbon emissions**
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed**
    - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
  - (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable
    - <https://msbi.us/climate%20change>
- (E) Weighted average carbon intensity**
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed**
    - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
  - (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable
    - <https://msbi.us/climate%20change>
- (F) Avoided emissions
- (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)
- (H) Non-ITR measure of portfolio alignment with UNFCCC Paris Agreement goals
- (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
- (J) Other metrics or variables

- (K) Our organisation did not use or disclose any climate risk metrics or variables affecting our investments during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
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PGS 46	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General
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**During the reporting year, did your organisation disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, and/or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions?**

- (A) Scope 1 emissions
- (B) Scope 2 emissions
- (C) Scope 3 emissions (including financed emissions)**
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric disclosed
    - (2) Metric and methodology disclosed**
  - (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

<https://msbi.us/climate%20change>

- (D) Our organisation did not disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions during the reporting year

## SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
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PGS 47	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2
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**Has your organisation identified the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?**

- (A) Yes, we have identified one or more specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities**
- (B) No, we have not yet identified the sustainability outcomes connected to any of our investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
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PGS 47.1	CORE	PGS 47	N/A	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2
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**Which widely recognised frameworks has your organisation used to identify the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?**

- (A) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets
- (B) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement
- (C) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)

- (D) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors
- (E) The EU Taxonomy
- (F) Other relevant taxonomies
- (G) The International Bill of Human Rights
- (H) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions
- (I) The Convention on Biological Diversity
- (J) Other international framework(s)
- (K) Other regional framework(s)
- (L) Other sectoral/issue-specific framework(s)
- (M) **Our organisation did not use any widely recognised frameworks to identify the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47.2	CORE	PGS 47	PGS 48	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

**What are the primary methods that your organisation has used to determine the most important intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?**

- (A) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to our core investment activities
- (B) Consult with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities
- (C) Assess which actual or potential negative outcomes for people are most severe based on their scale, scope, and irreparable character
- (D) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to systematic sustainability issues
- (E) Analyse the input from different stakeholders (e.g. affected communities, civil society, trade unions or similar)
- (F) Understand the geographical relevance of specific sustainability outcome objectives
- (G) Other method
- (H) **We have not yet determined the most important sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities**



# MANAGER SELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)

## OVERALL APPROACH

### EXTERNAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 1	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	External investment managers	4

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which responsible investment aspects does your organisation consider important in the assessment of external investment managers?

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(5) Private equity
<b>Organisation</b>				
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Governance structure and senior-level oversight and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>People and Culture</b>				
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Investment Process</b>				

(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Stewardship</b>				
(I) Policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(J) Policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(K) Use of stewardship tools and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(L) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in stewardship practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(M) Involvement in collaborative engagement and stewardship initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(N) Engagement with policy makers and other non-investee stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(O) Results of stewardship activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Performance and Reporting</b>				
(P) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Q) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements

(R) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important in the assessment of external investment managers

## SERVICE PROVIDERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 2	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Service providers	4

**Which responsible investment aspects does your organisation consider important when assessing all service providers that advise you in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers?**

- (A) Incorporation of their responsible investment policy into advisory services
- (B) Ability to accommodate our responsible investment policy
- (C) Level of staff's responsible investment expertise
- (D) Use of data and analytical tools to assess the external investment manager's responsible investment performance
- (E) Other
- (F) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important when assessing service providers that advise us in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers
- (G) Not applicable; we do not engage service providers in the selection, appointment or monitoring of external investment managers

## POOLED FUNDS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 3	PLUS	OO 5.2, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Pooled funds	4

**If you invest in pooled funds, describe how you incorporate responsible investment aspects into the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers.**

**Provide example(s) below**

(A) Selection	Private markets is the main portion of the portfolio that invests in pooled funds. Responsible investment principles, including ESG and DEI, are incorporated as part of the investment due diligence process. Most managers have a documented ESG integration approach and DEI policy. In general, the goal is to assess the quality of these approaches. Based on the PPMs, DDQs, ESG policies, DEI policies, and other investment materials that the managers provide, the team drafts questions that focus on what is most relevant for this particular strategy to ask as part of the team's investment due diligence process. In recent years, it has become increasingly common for managers to integrate ESG into their investment processes. It is important for managers to both evaluate ESG risks and opportunities prior to making an investment; and add value by improving ESG practices once a company is purchased. To the limited extent public markets invest in pooled vehicles, a similar approach is adopted.
(B) Appointment	The SBI negotiates with managers to include several clauses in its side letters relating to ESG.
(C) Monitoring	The team tries to establish consistency in information gathering that will help evaluate managers over the long-term and track changes as they are revealing in subsequent meetings. Managers have been asked to respond to several questionnaires from the SBI's private markets consultant.

## SELECTION

### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PRACTICES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 4	CORE	OO 12, OO 21	SAM 5, SAM 6, SAM 7	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	General

**During the reporting year, did your organisation select new external investment managers or allocate new mandates to existing investment managers?**

- (A) Yes, we selected external investment managers or allocated new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year
- (B) No, we did not select new external investment managers or allocate new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year
- (C) Not applicable; our organisation is in a captive relationship with external investment managers, which applies to 90% or more of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 5	CORE	SAM 4	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	4

During the reporting year, what responsible investment aspects did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, review and evaluate when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers?

#### Organisation

(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment (e.g. commitment to responsible investment principles and standards)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(B) Responsible investment policy(ies) (e.g. the alignment of their responsible investment policy with the investment mandate)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(C) Governance structure and senior-level oversight and accountability (e.g. the adequacy of their governance structure and reported conflicts of interest)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

#### People and Culture

(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives (e.g. their team structures, operating model and remuneration structure, including alignment of interests)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment (e.g. level of responsible investment responsibilities in their investment team, their responsible investment training and capacity building)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

#### Investment Process

(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such factors are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such risks are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment (e.g. their process to measure and report such risks)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

#### Performance and Reporting

(I) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(J) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(K) We did not review and evaluate any of the above responsible investment aspects when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year

## STEWARDSHIP

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 6	CORE	OO 8, SAM 4	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship	4

During the reporting year, which aspects of the stewardship approach did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, review and evaluate when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers?

(A) The alignment of their policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship with the investment mandate

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(B) Evidence of how they implemented their stewardship objectives, including the effectiveness of their activities

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- (2) for a majority of our mandates
- (3) for a minority of our mandates

(C) Their participation in collaborative engagements and stewardship initiatives

(D) Details of their engagements with companies or issuers on risks connected to systematic sustainability issues

(E) Details of their engagement activities with policy makers

- (F) Their escalation process and the escalation tools included in their policy on stewardship
- (G) We did not review and evaluate any of the above aspects of the stewardship approach when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 7	CORE	OO 9, SAM 4	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship	4

**During the reporting year, which aspects of (proxy) voting did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, review and evaluate when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers?**

- (A) The alignment of their policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting with the investment mandate
- (B) Historical information on the number or percentage of general meetings at which they voted
- (C) Analysis of votes cast for and against
- (D) Analysis of votes cast for and against resolutions related to risks connected to systematic sustainability issues
- (E) Details of their position on any controversial and high-profile votes
- (F) Historical information of any resolutions on which they voted contrary to their own voting policy and the reasons why
- (G) Details of all votes involving companies where the external investment manager or an affiliate has a contractual relationship or another potential conflict of interest
- (H) We did not review and evaluate any of the above aspects of (proxy) voting when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year
- (I) **Not applicable; our organisation did not select new external investment managers or allocated new mandates to existing investment managers for listed equity and/or hedge funds that hold equity.**

## APPOINTMENT

### SEGREGATED MANDATES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 8	CORE	OO 5.2, OO 13	N/A	PUBLIC	Segregated mandates	4

**Which responsible investment aspects do your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, explicitly include in clauses within your contractual agreements with your external investment managers for segregated mandates?**

- (A) Their commitment to following our responsible investment strategy in the management of our assets
- (B) **Their commitment to incorporating material ESG factors into their investment activities**  
 Select from dropdown list
  - (1) **for all of our segregated mandates**
  - (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
  - (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- (C) **Their commitment to incorporating material ESG factors into their stewardship activities**  
 Select from dropdown list
  - (1) **for all of our segregated mandates**
  - (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
  - (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates

- (D) Their commitment to incorporating risks connected to systematic sustainability issues into their investment activities
- (E) Their commitment to incorporating risks connected to systematic sustainability issues into their stewardship activities
- (F) Exclusion list(s) or criteria**
  - Select from dropdown list
    - (1) for all of our segregated mandates**
      - (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
      - (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- (G) Responsible investment communications and reporting obligations, including stewardship activities and results**
  - Select from dropdown list
    - (1) for all of our segregated mandates
    - (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates**
      - (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- (H) Incentives and controls to ensure alignment of interests
- (I) Commitments on climate-related disclosure in line with internationally-recognised frameworks such as the TCFD
- (J) Commitment to respect human rights as defined in the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- (K) Their acknowledgement that their appointment is conditional on the fulfilment of their agreed responsible investment commitments
- (L) Other
  - (M) We do not include responsible investment aspects in clauses within our contractual agreements with external investment managers for segregated mandates

## MONITORING

### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PRACTICES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 9	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	4

**For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which aspects of your external investment managers' responsible investment practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?**

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(5) Private equity
<b>Organisation</b>				
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment (e.g. commitment to responsible investment principles and standards)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



(B) Responsible investment policy(ies) (e.g. the continued alignment of their responsible investment policy with the investment mandate)

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(C) Governance structure and senior level oversight and accountability (e.g. the adequacy of their governance structure and reported conflicts of interest)

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### People and Culture

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(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives (e.g. their team structures, operating model and remuneration structure, including alignment of interests)

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(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment (e.g. level of responsible investment responsibilities in their investment team, their responsible investment training and capacity building)

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### Investment Process

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(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such factors are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)

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(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such risks are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)

(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment (e.g. their process to measure and report such risks, their response to ESG incidents)

**Performance and Reporting**

(I) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting (e.g. any changes in their regular client reporting)

(J) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements

(K) We did not monitor any of the above aspects of our external investment managers' responsible investment practices during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 10	PLUS	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1

**During the reporting year, which information did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor for externally managed ESG passive products and strategies?**

(1) Listed equity (passive)

(A) How the external investment managers applied, reviewed and verified screening criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) How the external investment managers rebalanced the products as a result of changes in ESG rankings, ratings or indexes	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Evidence that ESG passive products and strategies meet the responsible investment criteria and process	<input type="checkbox"/>
(D) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) We did not monitor ESG passive products and strategies	<input type="radio"/>
(F) Not applicable; we do not invest in ESG passive products and strategies	<input type="radio"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 11	PLUS	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1

**Describe an innovative practice you adopted as part of monitoring your external investment managers' responsible investment practices in a specific asset class during the reporting year.**

During the reporting year, SBI staff participated in several video conference calls between SBI public equity managers and portfolio company management teams. SBI staff used these calls to observe the manager's level of active ownership and approach to stewardship based on how they engaged with company management. In addition, SBI consultants gathered a significant amount of information related to climate change risk and opportunities and diversity, equity and inclusion for the SBI's portfolio and SBI staff held conversations focused on ESG integration with the majority of its managers.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 12	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, how often does your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor your external investment managers' responsible investment practices?

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(5) Private equity
(A) At least annually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Less than once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) On an ad hoc basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## STEWARDSHIP

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 13	CORE	OO 8, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship	1, 2

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which aspects of your external investment managers' stewardship practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(5) Private equity
(A) Any changes in their policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) The degree of implementation of their policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(C) How they prioritise material ESG factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) How they prioritise risks connected to systematic sustainability issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) Their investment team's level of involvement in stewardship activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(F) Whether the results of stewardship actions were fed back into the investment process and decisions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(G) Whether they used a variety of stewardship tools and activities to advance their stewardship priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(H) The deployment of their escalation process in cases where initial stewardship efforts were unsuccessful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(I) Whether they participated in collaborative engagements and stewardship initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(J) Whether they had an active role in collaborative engagements and stewardship initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(K) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(L) We did not monitor our external investment managers' stewardship practices during the reporting year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 14	CORE	OO 9, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship	1, 2

**For the majority of your AUM in each asset class where (proxy) voting is delegated to external investment managers, which aspects of your external investment managers' (proxy) voting practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?**

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)
(A) Any changes in their policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Whether their (proxy) voting decisions were consistent with their stewardship priorities as stated in their policy and with their voting policy, principles and/or guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Whether their (proxy) voting decisions were consistent with their stated approach on the prioritisation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(D) Whether their (proxy) voting track record was aligned with our stewardship approach and expectations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) The application of their policy on securities lending and any implications for implementing their policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting (where applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(F) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(G) We did not monitor our external investment managers' (proxy) voting practices during the reporting year

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## ENGAGEMENT AND ESCALATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 16	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Engagement and escalation	4

**What actions does your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, include in its formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring of your external investment managers' responsible investment practices?**

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(5) Private equity
(A) Engagement with their investment professionals, investment committee or other representatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Notification about their placement on a watch list or relationship coming under review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Reduction of capital allocation to the external investment managers until any concerns have been rectified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(D) Termination of the contract if failings persist over a (notified) period, including an explanation of the reasons for termination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) Holding off selecting the external investment managers for new mandates or allocating additional capital until any concerns have been rectified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(F) Other

(G) Our organisation does not have a formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring

## VERIFICATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 17	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Verification	1

**For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, how did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, verify that the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices was correct during the reporting year?**

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(5) Private equity
(A) We checked that the information reported was verified through a third-party assurance process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(B) We checked that the information reported was verified by an independent third party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) We checked for evidence of internal monitoring or compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(D) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) We did not verify the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices during the reporting year	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>



# CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBM)

## CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

### APPROACH TO CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 1	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Approach to confidence-building measures	6

#### How did your organisation verify the information submitted in your PRI report this reporting year?

- (A) We conducted independent third-party assurance of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report, which resulted in a formal assurance conclusion
- (B) We conducted a third-party readiness review and are making changes to our internal controls or governance processes to be able to conduct independent third-party assurance next year
- (C) We conducted an internal audit of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report
- (D) Our board, trustees (or equivalent), senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and/or investment committee (or equivalent) signed off on our PRI report
- (E) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings to verify that our funds comply with our responsible investment policy
- (F) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings as part of risk management, engagement identification or investment decision-making
- (G) Our responses in selected sections and/or the entirety of our PRI report were internally reviewed before submission to the PRI
  - (H) We did not verify the information submitted in our PRI report this reporting year

## INTERNAL REVIEW

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 6	CORE	CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal review	6

#### Who in your organisation reviewed the responses submitted in your PRI report this year?

- (A) Board, trustees, or equivalent
- (B) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent
  - Sections of PRI report reviewed
    - (1) the entire report
    - (2) selected sections of the report
  - (C) None of the above internal roles reviewed selected sections or the entirety of the responses submitted in our PRI report this year