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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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Forward-looking statements

Certain sections in this document contain 'forward-looking statements' as that term is defined in the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, such as statements that include the words 'expect', 'estimate', 'project', 'anticipate', 'believe', 'should', 'intend', 'plan', 'could', 'probability', 'risk', 'Value-at-Risk (VaR)', 'target', 'goal', 'objective', 'may', 'endeavour', 'outlook', 'optimistic', 'prospects' and similar expressions or variations on these expressions.

In particular, this document includes forward-looking statements relating, but not limited to: The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc's (RBS) transformation plan (which includes RBS's 2013/2014 strategic plan relating to the implementation of its new divisional and functional structure and the continuation of its balance sheet reduction programme including its proposed divestments of CFG and Williams & Glyn, RBS's information technology and operational investment plan, the proposed restructuring of RBS's CIB business and the restructuring of RBS as a result of the implementation of the regulatory ring-fencing regime, together the "Transformation Plan"), as well as restructuring, capital and strategic plans, divestments, capitalisation, portfolios, net interest margin, capital and leverage ratios, liquidity, risk-weighted assets (RWAs), RWA equivalents (RWAe), Pillar 2A, Maximum Distributable Amount (MDA), total loss absorbing capacity (TLAC), minimum requirements for eligible liabilities (MREL), return on equity (ROE), profitability, cost:income ratios, loan:deposit ratios, anticipated AT1 and other capital raising plans, funding and risk profile; litigation, government and regulatory investigations including investigations relating to the setting of interest rates and foreign exchange trading and rate setting activities; costs or exposures borne by RBS arising out of the origination or sale of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities in the US; investigations relating to business conduct and the costs of resulting customers redress and legal proceedings; RBS's future financial performance; the level and extent of future impairments and write-downs; and RBS's exposure to political risks, credit rating risk and to various types of market risks, such as interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and commodity and equity price risk. These statements are based on current plans, estimates, targets and projections, and are subject to inherent risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. For example, certain market risk and other disclosures are dependent on choices relying on key model characteristics and assumptions and are subject to various limitations. By their nature, certain of the market risk disclosures are only estimates and, as a result, actual future gains and losses could differ materially from those that have been estimated.

Other factors that could adversely affect our results and the accuracy of forward-looking statements in this document include the risk factors and other uncertainties discussed in RBS's 2014 Annual Report on Form 20-F and this document. These include the significant risks for RBS presented by the execution of the Transformation Plan; RBS's ability to successfully implement the various initiatives that are comprised in the Transformation Plan, particularly the balance sheet reduction programme including the divestment of Williams & Glyn and its remaining stake in CFG, the proposed restructuring of its CIB business and the significant restructuring undertaken by RBS as a result of the implementation of the ring fence; whether RBS will emerge from implementing the Transformation Plan as a viable, competitive, customer focused and profitable bank; RBS's ability to achieve its capital targets which depend on RBS's success in reducing

the size of its business; the cost and complexity of the implementation of the ring-fence and the extent to which it will have a material adverse effect on RBS; the risk of failure to realise the benefit of RBS's substantial investments in its information technology and operational infrastructure and systems, the significant changes, complexity and costs relating to the implementation of the Transformation Plan, the risks of lower revenues resulting from lower customer retention and revenue generation as RBS refocuses on the UK as well as increasing competition. In addition, there are other risks and uncertainties. These include RBS's ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; uncertainties regarding the outcomes of legal, regulatory and governmental actions and investigations that RBS is subject to (including active civil and criminal investigations) and any resulting material adverse effect on RBS of unfavourable outcomes; heightened regulatory and governmental scrutiny and the increasingly regulated environment in which RBS operates; uncertainty relating to the referendum on the UK's membership of the EU and the consequences arising from it; operational risks that are inherent in RBS's business and that could increase as RBS implements its Transformation Plan; the potential negative impact on RBS's business of actual or perceived global economic and financial market conditions and other global risks; how RBS will be increasingly impacted by UK developments as its operations become gradually more focused on the UK; uncertainties regarding RBS exposure to any weakening of economies within the EU and renewed threat of default or exit by certain countries in the Eurozone; the risks resulting from RBS implementing the State Aid restructuring plan including with respect to the disposal of certain assets and businesses as announced or required as part of the State Aid restructuring plan; the achievement of capital and costs reduction targets; ineffective management of capital or changes to regulatory requirements relating to capital adequacy and liquidity; the ability to access sufficient sources of capital, liquidity and funding when required; deteriorations in borrower and counterparty credit quality; the extent of future write-downs and impairment charges caused by depressed asset valuations; the value and effectiveness of any credit protection purchased by RBS; the impact of unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, yield curves, foreign currency exchange rates, credit spreads, bond prices, commodity prices, equity prices; basis, volatility and correlation risks; changes in the credit ratings of RBS; changes to the valuation of financial instruments recorded at fair value; competition and consolidation in the banking sector; regulatory or legal changes (including those requiring any restructuring of RBS's operations); changes to the monetary and interest rate policies of central banks and other governmental and regulatory bodies and continued prolonged periods of low interest rates; changes in UK and foreign laws, regulations, accounting standards and taxes; impairments of goodwill; the high dependence of RBS's operations on its information technology systems and its increasing exposure to cyber security threats; the reputational risks inherent in RBS's operations; the risk that RBS may suffer losses due to employee misconduct; pension fund shortfalls; the recoverability of deferred tax assets; HM Treasury exercising influence over the operations of RBS; limitations on, or additional requirements imposed on, RBS's activities as a result of HM Treasury's investment in RBS; and the success of RBS in managing the risks involved in the foregoing.

The forward-looking statements contained in this document speak only as of the date of this announcement, and RBS does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

The information, statements and opinions contained in this document do not constitute a public offer under any applicable legislation or an offer to sell or solicitation of any offer to buy any securities or financial instruments or any advice or recommendation with respect to such securities or other financial instruments.

Presentation of information

In this document, 'RBSG plc' or the 'company' refers to The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, and 'RBS' or the 'Group' refers to RBSG plc and its subsidiaries

Non-GAAP financial information

The directors manage RBS's performance by class of business, before certain reconciling items, as is presented in the segment performance on pages 27 to 31 (the "non-statutory basis"). The following are reported as reconciling items: own credit adjustments, gain/(loss) on redemption of own debt, write-down of goodwill, strategic disposals and includes the results of Citizens which is classified as a discontinued operations in the statutory results. RFS Holdings minority interest was a reconciling item for the periods ended 30 June 2014.

Discussion of RBS's performance in this report presents RBS's results on a non-statutory basis as management believes that such measures allow a more meaningful analysis of RBS's financial condition and the results of its operations. These measures are non-GAAP financial measures. A body of generally accepted accounting principles such as IFRS is commonly referred to as 'GAAP'. A non-GAAP financial measure is defined as one that measures historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows but which excludes or includes amounts that would not be so adjusted in the most comparable GAAP measure. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures to the closest equivalent GAAP measure are presented throughout this document and in the segment performance on pages 27 to 31. These non-GAAP financial measures are not a substitute for GAAP measures.

RBS has divided its operations into "RBS excluding RBS Capital Resolution (RCR)". Certain measures disclosed in this document for RBS excluding RCR are non-GAAP financial measures used by management as they represent a combination of all reportable segments including Citizens Financial Group (CFG) with the exception of RCR. The presentation of Personal & Business Banking ("PBB") which combines the reportable segments of UK Personal & Business Banking and Ulster Bank and the presentation of Commercial and Private Banking ("CPB") which combines the reportable segments of Commercial Banking and Private Banking are non GAAP financial measures. In addition the presentation of operating profit, operating expenses and other performance measures excluding the impact of restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs is a non-GAAP financial measure and is not a substitute for the equivalent GAAP measure. Lastly, the liquidity coverage ratio, stressed outflow coverage, net stable funding ratio and further metrics included in the Highlights, Analysis of results and Capital and risk management appendix represent non-GAAP financial measures and are being presented for informational purposes given they are metrics that are not yet required to be disclosed by a government, governmental authority or self-regulatory organisation.

Following the announcement in February 2015 that RBS is committed to a leaner, less volatile business based around its core franchises of PBB and CPB a number of initiatives have been announced which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Corporate and Institutional Banking (CIB) is planning to restructure into “CIB Go-forward” and “CIB Capital Resolution” elements, the split is subject to further refinement, reference to these businesses are non-GAAP measures as CIB remains a single reportable segment.
- the sale of the “International Private Banking” business which has been reclassified to disposal groups (the retained business Private Banking UK is within the Go-forward Bank(Private Banking Go-forward)), references to these businesses are non-GAAP measures as Private Banking remains a single reportable segment.
- the exit of Williams & Glyn (W&G) which is mainly included within UK PBB and is presented on a carve out basis using management analysis and does not reflect the cost base, funding and capital profile of a standalone bank, references to this business are non-GAAP measures as UK PBB remains a single reportable segment.

Presentation of information

In addition the following reportable segments are also included within the Exit Bank

- the divestment of the remaining stake in Citizens Financial Group
- the continued run down of RCR

This document contains some information to illustrate the impact on certain key performance measures of these initiatives by showing the future profile of the bank (the 'Go-forward Bank'(UK PBB excluding W&G, Ulster Bank, Commercial Banking, CIB Go-forward and Private Banking Go-forward)) and the segments, businesses and portfolios which it intends to exit (the 'Exit-Bank' (CIB Capital Resolution, W&G, international private banking, Citizens and RCR)). References to these combinations of business are non-GAAP measures. This information is presented to illustrate the strategy and its impact on the business and is on a non-statutory basis and should be read in conjunction with the notes attached as well as the section titled "Forward-looking Statements".

Condensed consolidated income statement for the period ended 30 June 2015

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest receivable	6,107	6,544	3,031	3,076	3,279
Interest payable	(1,689)	(2,038)	(816)	(873)	(980)
Net interest income	4,418	4,506	2,215	2,203	2,299
Fees and commissions receivable	1,958	2,243	969	989	1,126
Fees and commissions payable	(363)	(475)	(186)	(177)	(244)
Income from trading activities	875	1,450	545	330	528
Gain on redemption of own debt	-	20	-	-	-
Other operating income	368	805	194	174	154
Non-interest income	2,838	4,043	1,522	1,316	1,564
Total income	7,256	8,549	3,737	3,519	3,863
Staff costs	(2,855)	(2,997)	(1,530)	(1,325)	(1,558)
Premises and equipment	(745)	(1,126)	(326)	(419)	(546)
Other administrative expenses	(2,366)	(1,357)	(1,027)	(1,339)	(780)
Depreciation and amortisation	(712)	(466)	(200)	(512)	(237)
Write down of goodwill and other intangible assets	(606)	(212)	(606)	-	(130)
Operating expenses	(7,284)	(6,158)	(3,689)	(3,595)	(3,251)
(Loss)/profit before impairment losses	(28)	2,391	48	(76)	612
Impairment releases/(losses)	321	(165)	192	129	124
Operating profit before tax	293	2,226	240	53	736
Tax charge	(293)	(592)	(100)	(193)	(278)
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations	-	1,634	140	(140)	458
Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax					

- Citizens	354	285	674	(320)	181
- Other	4	35	-	4	26
Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	358	320	674	(316)	207
Profit/(loss) for the period	358	1,954	814	(456)	665
Non-controlling interests	(344)	(42)	(428)	84	(23)
Preference shares	(143)	(140)	(73)	(70)	(75)
Other dividends	(24)	(27)	(20)	(4)	(17)
Dividend access share	-	(320)	-	-	(320)
(Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	(153)	1,425	293	(446)	230
(Loss)/earnings per ordinary and equivalent B share (EPS) (1)					
Basic EPS from continuing and discontinued operations	(1.3p)	12.6p	2.5p	(3.9p)	2.0p
Basic EPS from continuing operations	(1.9p)	9.9p	0.2p	(2.1p)	0.3p

Note:

- (1) Diluted EPS for continuing and discontinued operations for the half year ended 30 June 2014 was 0.1p lower than basic EPS. There was no dilutive impact in any other period.

Condensed consolidated balance sheet at 30 June 2015

	30 June	31 March	31 December
	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m
Assets			
Cash and balances at central banks	81,900	75,521	74,872
Net loans and advances to banks	20,714	25,002	23,027
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	20,807	16,071	20,708
Loans and advances to banks	41,521	41,073	43,735
Net loans and advances to customers	314,993	333,173	334,251
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	46,799	53,329	43,987
Loans and advances to customers	361,792	386,502	378,238
Debt securities	77,187	79,232	86,649
Equity shares	3,363	6,325	5,635
Settlement balances	9,630	11,341	4,667
Derivatives	281,857	390,565	353,590
Intangible assets	7,198	7,619	7,781
Property, plant and equipment	4,874	5,336	6,167
Deferred tax	1,479	1,430	1,540
Prepayments, accrued income and other assets	4,829	5,995	5,878
Assets of disposal groups	89,071	93,673	82,011
Total assets	964,701	1,104,612	1,050,763
Liabilities			
Bank deposits	30,978	37,235	35,806
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	21,612	27,997	24,859
Deposits by banks	52,590	65,232	60,665
Customer deposits	342,023	349,289	354,288
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	44,750	41,386	37,351
Customer accounts	386,773	390,675	391,639
Debt securities in issue	41,819	45,855	50,280
Settlement balances	7,335	11,083	4,503
Short positions	24,561	19,716	23,029
Derivatives	273,589	386,056	349,805
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	13,962	14,242	13,346
Retirement benefit liabilities	1,869	1,843	2,579
Deferred tax	363	381	500

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Subordinated liabilities	19,683	22,004	22,905
Liabilities of disposal groups	80,388	85,244	71,320
Total liabilities	902,932	1,042,331	990,571
Equity			
Non-controlling interests	5,705	5,473	2,946
Owners' equity*			
Called up share capital	6,981	6,925	6,877
Reserves	49,083	49,883	50,369
Total equity	61,769	62,281	60,192
Total liabilities and equity	964,701	1,104,612	1,050,763
* Owners' equity attributable to:			
Ordinary and B shareholders	51,117	51,861	52,149
Other equity owners	4,947	4,947	5,097
	56,064	56,808	57,246

Highlights

Q2 2015 performance

Profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders of £293 million was reported in Q2 2015 including £1,050 million of restructuring costs as the pace of restructuring accelerated and £459 million of litigation and conduct costs. The profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders for Q2 2015 was up from a loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders of £446 million in Q1 2015 and a profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders of £230 million in Q2 2014.

Total income was £3,737 million, with net interest income down 4% from Q2 2014, with good asset growth in UK mortgages and Commercial Banking partially offsetting declines in other portfolios. Non-interest income was down 3% from Q2 2014, reflecting the reduction in CIB's scale and with reductions in fees and commissions payable offset by gains in income from trading and other operating income.

Operating expenses totalled £3,689 million an increase of 3% from Q1 2015 and 13% from Q2 2014. Restructuring costs were significantly higher at £1,050 million, principally relating to CIB (£734 million) and to Williams & Glyn separation (£126 million). Litigation and conduct costs in Q2 2015 amounted to £459 million, principally related to mortgage-backed securities litigation in the United States.

Credit conditions remained generally benign, with net impairment releases of £192 million, up from £129 million in Q1 2015 and from £124 million in Q2 2014, principally reflecting the improvement in underlying collateral values within RCR.

Operating profit before tax was £240 million, up from £53 million in Q1 2015 and down from £736 million in Q2 2014. After a tax charge of £100 million, the profit from continuing operations was £140 million, compared with a loss of £140 million in Q1 2015 and a profit of £458 million in Q2 2014. Operating profit on a non-statutory basis excluding restructuring, litigation and conduct costs of £1,509 million (Q1 2015 - £1,309 million; Q2 2014 £635 million), was £1,813 million, up 11% from Q1 2015 but down 7% from Q2 2014.

Profit from discontinued operations of £674 million reflected the rise in the market value of Citizens shares during the quarter.

Highlights

H1 2015 performance

Loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders of £153 million was reported for the first half of 2015, including £1,503 million of restructuring costs and £1,315 million of litigation and conduct costs. The loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders for H1 2015 was down from a profit of £1,425 million in H1 2014 as income attrition in the Exit Bank businesses preceded the delivery of cost reductions and higher restructuring, litigation, and conduct costs were incurred.

Total income was £7,256 million, 15% lower than in H1 2014, with net interest income stable with asset growth in UK PBB and Commercial Banking. Non-interest income was down 30%, principally reflecting reduced trading income, in line with CIB's risk and resource reduction.

Operating expenses were up £1,126 million, 18%, to £7,284 million due to higher litigation and conduct costs of £1,315 million and restructuring costs of £1,503 million. Operating expenses on a non-statutory basis, excluding restructuring costs of £1,503 million (H1 2014 - £514 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £1,315 million (H1 2014 £250 million) were down 14% to £5,485 million reflecting cost reductions of £859 million relative to H1 2014, putting RBS on track to deliver its targeted £800 million of cost savings in 2015.

Net impairment releases of £321 million were reported in H1 2015, compared with net impairment losses of £165 million in H1 2014. Net releases were recorded in all reportable segments except Commercial Banking, and CFG where impairments nevertheless remained low at 0.1% and 0.3% respectively of loans and advances.

Operating profit before tax in H1 2015 was £293 million down from £2,226 million in H1 2014. Operating profit before tax on a non-statutory basis excluding restructuring, litigation and conduct costs of £2,818 million (H1 2014 - £764 million), was £3,447 million, up 2% from H1 2014. After a tax charge of £293 million, net profit from continuing operations was nil, while results from discontinued operations included a net profit of £354 million relating to Citizens.

Balance sheet and capital

Net loans and advances to customers at 30 June 2015 were £315 billion, down 5% from 31 March 2015 and 6% from 31 December 2014. This was driven by run-off in CIB and RCR, partially offset by strong UK mortgage growth.

Total assets fell by 8% in the first half of 2015 taking the balance down to £965 billion, principally reflecting run-off in CIB and RCR. Total assets excluding derivatives of £282 billion were £683 billion, down 4% from 31 March 2015 and 2% from 31 December 2014, principally reflecting run-off in CIB and RCR. RWAs decreased to £326 billion, down from £356 billion at the start of the year and £392 billion from 30 June 2014, driven by RCR and CIB.

Customer deposits of £342 billion at 30 June 2015 were down 2% from 31 March 2015 and 3% from 31 December 2014, with good growth in UK personal current and savings accounts more than offset by the reduction in scale of CIB and by the impact of the weakening euro on balances in Ulster Bank.

Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) and leverage ratios improved from 11.5% and 4.3% at 31 March 2015 to 12.3% and 4.6% respectively at 30 June 2015, principally driven by asset reduction in CIB and RCR.

Highlights

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS) continues to deliver on its plan to build a stronger, simpler and fairer bank for both customers and shareholders.

A strong operating performance from UK PBB and Ulster Bank (Personal & Business Banking (PBB)) and Commercial Banking and Private Banking (Commercial & Private Banking (CPB)) contributed to a profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders of £293 million for Q2 2015 (loss attributable to ordinary and B shareholders of £153 million for H1 2015):

Q2 operating profit before tax was £240 million, compared with £53 million in Q1 2015. Litigation and conduct costs were lower at £459 million compared with £856 million in Q1 2015, while restructuring costs rose to £1,050 million from £453 million in Q1 2015 as the pace of restructuring accelerated.

Operating profit before tax on a non-statutory basis excluding restructuring costs of £1,050 million (Q1 2014 - £453 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £459 million (Q1 2015 - £856 million) was £1,813 million, up 11% from Q1 2015 but down 7% from Q2 2014, principally driven by reduced income in Corporate & Institutional Banking (CIB) following the planned scaling back of the business. Q2 2015 income benefited from a £205 million credit for IFRS volatility⁽¹⁾, compared with a £123 million charge in Q1 2015. H1 2015 operating profit before tax on a non-statutory basis excluding restructuring costs of £1,503 million (H1 2014 - £514 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £1,315 million (H1 2014 - £250 million) was £3,447 million, up 2% from H1 2014.

Discontinued operations included a fair value gain of £517 million, of which £211 million was attributable to RBS, reflecting the rise in market value of Citizens shares and broadly reversing the loss recorded in Q1 2015.

RBS is making good progress against its 2015 targets, moving faster in delivering its plan:

Positive lending momentum across UK Personal & Business Banking (UK PBB) and Commercial Banking.

Statistically significant improvement in Net Promoter Scores (NPS) year-on-year in four of the seven businesses where it is measured.

Adjusted return on equity in the Go-forward Bank^(2,3) is estimated at 14% for H1 2015. Return on equity for RBS for H1 2015 is (0.7%).

Capital position strengthened further with Common Equity Tier 1 ratio up 80 basis points in Q2 2015 to 12.3%.

Exit Bank ahead of plan with continuing progress on sales and run-off.

On track to achieve £800 million cost reduction target⁽⁴⁾.

Creating a strong Go-forward Bank

RBS continues to target lending growth in strategic segments, UK PBB and Commercial Banking, in line with or above nominal UK GDP growth. Annualised growth across these segments was 2% in H1 2015. Investment in these businesses is paying dividends through improving returns.

Following a slow start to 2015, the updated mortgage platform enabled RBS to meet increased demand for mortgage products through Q2 2015, with applications up 43% year-on-year and gross new lending up 43% to £5.4 billion relative to the previous quarter. Market share of new mortgages reached 9.7% for Q2 2015, well in excess of RBS's current stock share of 8.3%. Commercial Banking increased loans and advances by £1.4 billion year-on-year, excluding transfers, while continuing to run down non-strategic books.

Notes:

- (1) IFRS volatility relates to loans which are economically hedged but for which hedge accounting is not permitted under IFRS.
- (2) Calculated using operating profit after tax on a non-statutory basis excluding restructuring costs of £1,503 million and litigation and conduct costs of £1,315 million divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of average RWAE). See appendix 3 for more information.
- (3) Provided to illustrate the impact on the RBS ROE of the strategic initiatives announced in February 2015 by showing the 'Go-forward Bank' profile which is a non-GAAP measure and should be read in conjunction with the notes attached as well as the section titled "Forward-looking Statements". See presentation of information on page 3 and appendix 3 for more information.
- (4) Excluding restructuring, litigation and conduct costs, write-off of intangible assets, and operating expenses of Citizens and Williams & Glyn.

Highlights

RBS's ambition is to be the number one bank for customer service, trust and advocacy. Customer NPS across our businesses have seen statistically significant improvement year-on-year, specifically NatWest Personal Banking, NatWest Business Banking, RBS Business Banking and Ulster Bank (Northern Ireland) Personal Banking reflecting recent initiatives to make the bank fairer and simpler to do business with.

RBS is focused on improving performance and returns in the remaining Go-forward Bank (Ulster Bank, Private Banking and CIB) by improving service and reducing operating costs and risk where appropriate.

The Go-forward Bank is estimated⁽¹⁾ to have generated an adjusted operating profit^(1,2) of £1.4 billion in the quarter, up 17% from Q1 2015, with adjusted return on equity estimated^(1,2) at 16%, up from 12% in Q1 2015 (see appendix 3). RBS operating profit before tax was £240 million in the quarter (Q1 2015 - £53 million) with a return on equity of 2.7% (Q1 2015 - (4.1%)).

Accelerated run-down of the Exit Bank

RBS remains ahead of plans to exit a number of businesses through sale or run-off, with good execution to date. Good momentum has been maintained with risk-weighted assets (RWAs) down by an estimated^(1,3) £24 billion since the start of 2015 to £148 billion.

CIB is on course to reduce RWAs by £25 billion by the end of 2015, with substantial progress across exit portfolios.

Plans to complete the exit from Citizens remain on track.

RBS Capital Resolution (RCR) continued on its path to complete its targeted rundown before the end of 2015, one year ahead of schedule, as it continues to benefit from attractive exit values. RCR total assets fell to £16.5 billion, a reduction of £12.5 billion, or 43%, since the start of the year. RCR funded assets which excluded derivatives of £8 billion fell by 44% in the first half of 2015 taking the balance down to £8.4 billion. RWAs also decreased 35% to £14.4 billion in the same period.

By 30 June 2015 considerable progress had been made toward the disposal of the North American corporate loan portfolio identified for exit, with a substantial proportion sold to Mizuho Bank through two separate transactions. Upon final settlement expected in Q3 2015, RWAs will have been reduced by approximately US\$9 billion.

RBS has partnered with BNP Paribas to offer existing international customers an alternative to Global Transaction Services (GTS) as part of the decision to refocus the business. Businesses in the UK and Ireland, including those outwith the UK but with significant links to the UK, will continue to receive GTS capabilities from RBS.

The majority of the Australian and United Arab Emirates corporate loan books have been sold.

The sale of most of the RBS International Private Banking business to Union Bancaire Privée remains on track for Q4 2015.

RBS is continuing to work towards the separation of Williams & Glyn in the summer of 2016 and IPO by the end of 2016. In May 2015 the Competition & Markets Authority announced that it had been asked by the Chancellor to advise on the competition implications of the Williams & Glyn divestment. The review is expected to be completed later this year and at this stage its outcome cannot be predicted.

Notes:

- (1) Provided to illustrate the impact on RBS operating profit, ROE and RWAs of the strategic initiatives announced in February 2015 by showing the 'Go-forward Bank' profile which is a non-GAAP measure and should be read in conjunction with the notes attached as well as the section titled "Forward-looking Statements". See presentation of information on page 3 and appendix 3 for more information.
- (2) Excluding restructuring of £1,050 million (Q1 2015 - £453 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £459 million (Q1 2015 - £856 million).
- (3) RBS RWAs £326.4 billion (31 December 2014 - £355.9 billion).

Highlights

Making RBS safer and dealing with ongoing issues

Balance sheet and capital strength and resilience continue to build. RWAs decreased to £326 billion, down from £356 billion at the start of the year and £392 billion from 30 June 2014, driven by RCR and CIB. A CET1 ratio of 12.3% at 30 June 2015 was up 80 basis points from 31 March 2015 and 110 basis points from 31 December 2014. Citizens Financial Group's RWAs (£70 billion) remain for the time being fully consolidated for regulatory purposes, although RBS's holding has been reduced to 40.8% as at 30 June 2015.

Risk elements in lending (REIL) fell to £18.7 billion, representing 4.8% of gross customer loans, down from 5.4% at 31 March 2015. REIL for RBS excluding RCR were £11.3 billion, down from £12.1 billion at 31 March 2015.

RBS plans to return excess capital to shareholders through dividends or buybacks, subject to regulatory approval. This is dependent on the achievement of certain strategic objectives, including sustained profitability, improved stress test results and resolving our major conduct and litigation issues. As a result we do not expect to be in a position to return capital before Q1 2017 at the earliest.

RBS continues to be party to legal proceedings and regulatory and governmental investigations, including with respect to US mortgage-backed securities, foreign exchange trading and its treatment of UK SME customers, and continues to incur conduct related costs, including in relation to payment protection insurance and interest rate hedging products. While addressing these ongoing issues, RBS is continuing its endeavours to embed a strong and comprehensive risk and compliance culture throughout the organisation.

In June 2015 RBS experienced an issue with its secure connection used to process BACS payments resulting in a one or two day delay to payments being applied to some customer accounts. RBS has agreed to reimburse customers for any loss suffered as a result. A comprehensive root cause analysis is ongoing and correspondence with our regulators continues.

Making good progress on 2015 targets

Strategy Goal

2015 Target

H1 2015 Progress

Reduce RWAs to <£300 billion

£326 billion

	RCR exit substantially completed	Funded assets down 78% since initial pool of assets identified ⁽¹⁾
	Citizens deconsolidation	40.8% holding
	£2 billion AT1 issuance	Inaugural AT1 to be launched shortly ⁽²⁾
Customer experience	Improve NPS in every UK franchise ⁽³⁾	Year-on-year, statistically significant improvement in NPS in 4 of the 7 businesses where it is measured
Simplifying the bank	Reduce costs by £800 million ⁽⁴⁾	Annualised cost savings of over £700 million achieved in H1
Supporting growth	Lending growth in strategic segments	2% annualised growth in UK PBB and Commercial Banking
	≥ nominal UK GDP growth	
Employee engagement	Raise employee engagement index to within 8% of Global Financial Services (GFS) norm	Annual metric

Notes:

- (1) Funded assets are down 71% since 1 January 2014.
- (2) Issuance subject to market conditions.
- (3) Further details are available on page 13.
- (4) Excluding restructuring, litigation and conduct costs, write-off of intangible assets, and operating expenses of Citizens and Williams & Glyn.

Highlights

Building the number one bank for customer service, trust and advocacy in the UK

Investment in new products - Reward, the new current account proposition, was launched in July to a small number of customers. Through the Reward account customers can receive 3% cashback on certain household bills paid by direct debit. Full launch is scheduled for later in the year.

Continued commitment to be fairer for customers - RBS is making overdrafts more accessible with 600,000 customers now newly eligible for a £100 overdraft. This is in addition to allowing a £250 limit to customers who have had positive behaviour with RBS but historical issues with other lenders.

Investment in service - The mortgage platform was upgraded and the number of mortgage advisors increased to 869 in UK PBB (up 8% compared with the start of 2015 or 28% compared with Q2 2014) which provides increased lending capacity. The NatWest mobile banking app customer NPS became joint number one in the market⁽¹⁾ during Q2 2015, with real time registration allowing customers to begin using the app as their account is opened. Around 2,800 staff registered for a bespoke lending skills training programme and RBS rolled out a customer relationship management (CRM) tool to around 3,000 staff, allowing them to have a single view of all customer needs and thus improve service.

Making RBS simpler to do business with - The time to open a personal current account has been halved to 30 minutes as the bank transforms its systems, becoming simpler and quicker. The Commercial Bank has delivered a 75% reduction in customer paperwork and a 25% reduction in the time to open an account.

Leading on innovation and collaboration - RBS is the first bank to launch TouchID login and adopt Apple Pay whilst launching the first Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) approved cards.

Backing UK business - RBS launched a mid-market initiative to attract and support more businesses with a turnover of between £10 million and £50 million or borrowing in excess of £1 million. The aim is to achieve 300 new customer relationships, providing the means to grow and support UK business. In partnership with Entrepreneurial Spark, the first of eight business accelerator hubs was opened in Birmingham providing free space, mentoring and financial support to small businesses. A new £2.5 million Skills & Opportunities Fund to help people from disadvantaged communities learn new skills, get into the world of work or set up their own business was also launched.

Building a more capable and diverse workforce - RBS is raising professional standards by supporting staff to undertake the Chartered Banker foundation qualification. RBS is the first bank to achieve Investors in Young People Accreditation. In 2015 we will increase the number of apprentices from 50 to over 300. RBS has set a target of having 30% female leaders in every business by 2020.

RBS remains committed to achieving its target of being number one bank for customer service, trust and advocacy by 2020.

We use independent surveys to measure our customers' experience and track our progress against our goal in each of our markets.

Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Customers are asked how likely they would be to recommend their bank to a friend or colleague, and respond based on a 0-10 scale with 10 indicating 'extremely likely' and 0 indicating 'not at all likely'. Customers scoring 0 to 6 are termed detractors and customers scoring 9 to 10 are termed promoters. NPS is established by subtracting the proportion of detractors from the proportion of promoters.

Note:

(1) Source: internal NPD Drivers study, June 15 based on 3 month roll with latest base size 2234.

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The table below lists all of the businesses for which we have an NPS for Q2 2015. Year-on-year, NatWest Personal Banking, NatWest Business Banking, RBS Business Banking and Ulster Bank (Northern Ireland) Personal Banking have all seen statistically significant improvements in NPS.

In recent years, the bank has launched a number of initiatives to make it simpler, fairer and easier to do business, and it continues to deliver on the commitments that it made to its customers in 2014.

		Q2 2014	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	Year end 2015 target
Personal Banking	NatWest (England & Wales) ⁽¹⁾	4	5	8	9
	RBS (Scotland) ⁽¹⁾	-10	-18	-10	-10
	Ulster Bank (Northern Ireland) ⁽²⁾	-34	-18	-11	-21
	Ulster Bank (Republic of Ireland) ⁽²⁾	-22	-16	-14	-15
Business Banking	NatWest (England & Wales) ⁽³⁾	-15	-6	4	-7
	RBS (Scotland) ⁽³⁾	-30	-17	-17	-21
Commercial Banking ⁽⁴⁾		9	12	10	15

Customer Trust

We also use independent experts to measure our customers' trust in the bank. Each quarter we ask customers to what extent they trust or distrust their bank to do the right thing. The score is a net measure of those customers that trust their bank (a lot or somewhat) minus those that distrust their bank (a lot or somewhat).

Trust in the RBS brand was impacted by the IT incident on 17 June 2015.

		Q2 2014	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	Year end 2015 target
Customer Trust ⁽⁵⁾	NatWest (England & Wales) ⁽¹⁾	49%	44%	48%	46%

RBS (Scotland)	0%	10%	-2%	11%
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Notes:

Suitable measures for Private Banking and for Corporate & Institutional Banking are in development. NPS for Ulster Bank Business Banking is measured at Q4.

- (1) Source: GfK FRS 6 month rolling data. Latest base sizes: NatWest England & Wales (3,444) RBS Scotland (520). Based on the question: "How likely is it that you would recommend (brand) to a relative, friend or colleague in the next 12 months for current account banking?"
- (2) Source: Coyne Research 12 month rolling data. Question: "Please indicate to what extent you would be likely to recommend (brand) to your friends or family using a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not at all likely and 10 is extremely likely".
- (3) Source: Charterhouse Research Business Banking Survey, based on interviews with businesses with an annual turnover up to £2 million. 12 month rolling data. Latest base sizes: NatWest England & Wales (1,240), RBS Scotland (419). Weighted by region and turnover to be representative of businesses in England & Wales/Scotland.
- (4) Source: Charterhouse Research Business Banking Survey, based on interviews with businesses with annual turnover between £2 million and £1 billion. Latest base size: RBSG Great Britain (965). Weighted by region and turnover to be representative of businesses in Great Britain.
- (5) Source: Populus. Latest quarter's data. Measured as a net of those that trust RBS/NatWest to do the right thing, less those that do not. Latest base sizes: NatWest, England & Wales (916), RBS Scotland (209).

Highlights

Recent developments

Citizens

On 29 July 2015, RBS announced the final pricing for a further offering of 86 million shares in Citizens and the grant of a 15% over-allotment option to underwriters giving them a 30-day option to purchase an additional 12.9 million shares. Gross proceeds will be US\$2.2 billion (£1.4 billion), (\$2.6 billion (£1.6 billion) assuming exercise in full of the over-allotment option). Concurrently, Citizens intends to repurchase 9.6 million shares (US\$250 million) from RBS. Once these transactions have completed and assuming the over-allotment option is exercised in full, RBS will own 110.5 million shares - 20.9% of Citizens' common stock and will record an estimated £1.1 billion profit (including £0.9 billion reclassified from equity).

Following this significant reduction in its voting interest, RBS will no longer control Citizens for accounting purposes and will cease to consolidate it; reducing total assets by approximately £78 billion. RBS's remaining investment in Citizens will be an associate classified as held for sale.

Citizens will however continue to be consolidated for the purposes of regulatory capital as RBS will retain certain veto rights notwithstanding the reduction in its interest in CFG.

Capital

AT1 securities

As part of our commitment to continue building our capital ratios, we plan to launch our inaugural Additional Tier 1 securities offering over the next few days, subject to market conditions.

Preference shares

RBS intends to redeem US\$1.9 billion of its outstanding Series M, N, P and Q non-cumulative dollar preference shares, represented by American depositary shares, on 1 September 2015.

July Budget

Highlights

On 8 July 2015 a number of proposed changes to the UK corporate tax system were announced. In accordance with IFRS these changes will be accounted for when they are substantively enacted which is expected to be in October 2015.

The most relevant proposed measures include:

Cuts in the rate of corporation tax from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2017 and to 18% from 1 April 2020. Existing temporary differences on which deferred tax has been provided may reverse at these reduced rates;

A corporation tax surcharge of 8% on UK banking entities from 1 January 2016. This is expected to increase RBS's corporation tax liabilities and vary the carrying value of its deferred tax balances;

A reduction in the bank levy rate from 0.21% to 0.18% from 1 January 2016 and subsequent annual reductions to 0.1% from 1 January 2021; and

Making compensation in relation to misconduct non-deductible for corporation tax.

It is expected that these measures will increase the normalised tax rate to around 27% in the medium term and trending lower thereafter. The bank levy for 2015 is expected to be £280 million and is projected to fall progressively to £150 million by 2019.

Highlights

Outlook

Following the sale of a further tranche of shares, RBS now plans to complete the exit from Citizens by the end of 2015, subject to market conditions.

The divestment, together with the strong progress being made in CIB and RCR, will enable RBS to meet its target of reducing RWAs to below £300 billion in 2015.

The restructuring of CIB is planned to accelerate during the second half of 2015. This is expected to result in lower revenues, partially due to higher disposal losses, and elevated restructuring costs.

Targeted cost savings of £800 million in 2015 are expected to be delivered, notwithstanding the adverse impact of the increased UK bank levy.

RBS expects to meet its objective of lending growth in strategic segments, UK PBB and Commercial Banking, in line with or above nominal UK GDP growth.

Investments to make the bank simpler and fairer for customers are having a positive impact on NPS. The target to improve NPS in all customer franchises is stretching but achievable.

Whilst legacy issues continue to be addressed, material further and incremental costs and provisions related to historical conduct are expected. The timing and quantum of any future costs, provisions and settlements, however, remain uncertain.

Letter from the Chairman

These results demonstrate the strength of our underlying customer businesses with operating profit - excluding restructuring and conduct charges of £1.8 billion⁽¹⁾ for the quarter, up 11% on Q1. We have reported an attributable profit for the quarter, albeit a loss for the half year, which reflects the restructuring and conduct costs we are continuing to work through.

We are seeing progress in our UK retail and commercial businesses. More customers are choosing us to help them buy their homes than ever before, while the commercial business grew its loan book by £1.4 billion since 30 June 2014.

RBS is closely involved in the UK's improving economic performance. In partnership with Entrepreneurial Spark, RBS is opening business accelerator hubs in Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol and Leeds, with plans to open further hubs in major cities across the UK as we continue to support UK entrepreneurs and businesses providing free space, mentoring and financial support. The latest data from UK Export Finance shows that we are currently the biggest backer (by volume and value) of export contracts for 2015/16 and we are well on track to exceed our business for the previous financial year.

In the first six months of the year we have increased our UK focus by further reducing our stake in Citizens in the US and by agreeing to sell our International Private Bank. We have made excellent progress running down the parts of the business that no longer fit with our strategy.

We have also once again improved our core capital position, and have had six consecutive quarters of capital growth. RBS is now a much better capitalised bank.

The RBS of today is of course very different from the bank of 2009. It has a greater focus on the quality of earnings and the control of risks.

There have naturally been ups and downs along the way, which have required the strategy to change, but the focus on making this a stronger, simpler and fairer organisation has been the right one. The decisions to sell or run-off significant parts of the business while investing in our core customer franchises has meant we are better positioned to deal with the constraints of structural regulatory reform, notably ring-fencing.

Of course there are still some obstacles to overcome especially the resolution of outstanding conduct issues, including the investigations into our sale of residential mortgage-backed securities in the US between 2005-07, and the investigation by UK authorities into the bank's approach to distressed businesses.

Past experience at RBS and many other banks has demonstrated the readiness of regulators to impose substantial fines and costly redress schemes. These conduct and litigation costs have greatly exceeded the expectations of banks and their investors. Judging the ultimate scale of conduct costs remains extremely challenging.

Looking forward, however, making customer service, trust and advocacy the focus of our strategy is starting to deliver results and by the end of this year I am confident that shareholders will see a clearer picture of the bank that RBS will become.

This is an appropriate backdrop to the sale of shares by the UK government, which will be a significant moment for this bank.

Philip Hampton

Chairman

Note:

- (1) On a non-statutory basis excluding restructuring costs of £1.1 billion (Q1 15 - £0.5 billion) and conduct charges of £0.5 billion (Q1 15 – £0.9 billion)

Analysis of results

The following table reconciles the non-statutory basis results (a non-GAAP financial measure) to the statutory basis.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income					
Net interest income					
- UK Personal & Business Banking	2,290	2,276	1,147	1,143	1,152
- Ulster Bank	265	323	132	133	169
- Commercial Banking	1,108	999	562	546	511
- Private Banking	254	344	126	128	174
- Corporate & Institutional Banking	376	365	174	202	186
- Central items	150	203	88	62	100
- RCR	(25)	(1)	(14)	(11)	7
- Citizens	1,104	987	551	553	499
- non-statutory basis	5,522	5,496	2,766	2,756	2,798
- Citizens	(1,104)	(987)	(551)	(553)	(499)
- RFS Holdings minority interest	-	(3)	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Net interest income - statutory basis	4,418	4,506	2,215	2,203	2,299
Average interest-earning assets					
- RBS	416,207	439,250	417,135	415,579	433,920
- UK Personal & Business Banking	128,468	126,696	128,569	128,366	126,964
- Ulster Bank	27,518	28,089	27,404	27,633	28,884
- Commercial Banking	77,985	74,749	78,880	77,079	74,971
- Private Banking	15,850	18,663	15,729	15,973	18,698
- Corporate & Institutional Banking	71,269	83,778	69,437	73,114	83,477
- Central items	77,681	70,892	82,358	73,270	66,393
- RCR	17,436	36,383	14,758	20,144	34,533
Net interest margin					
- RBS	2.14%	2.07%	2.13%	2.15%	2.13%
- UK Personal & Business Banking	3.59%	3.62%	3.58%	3.61%	3.64%
- Ulster Bank	1.94%	2.32%	1.93%	1.95%	2.35%
- Commercial Banking	2.87%	2.70%	2.86%	2.87%	2.73%
- Private Banking	3.23%	3.72%	3.21%	3.25%	3.73%

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- Corporate & Institutional Banking	1.06%	0.88%	1.00%	1.12%	0.90%
- Central items	0.39%	0.58%	0.43%	0.34%	0.60%
- RCR	(0.29%)	(0.01%)	(0.38%)	(0.22%)	0.08%

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Analysis of results

Key points

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Net interest income was stable, with asset growth in UK PBB and Commercial Banking. Segmental splits are affected by the transfer of a number of portfolios between businesses, including the transfer to Commercial Banking of the UK corporate coverage business from CIB and of the RBS International business from Private Banking.
- Net interest margin (NIM) rose 7 basis points, with progressive repricing of deposits helping to offset continuing competitive pressures on asset margins.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Asset growth was driven by rising mortgage volumes, supported by increased mortgage adviser capacity and increasingly competitive pricing.
- Modest downward pressure on NIM reflected competitive conditions in domestic markets and a further slight decline in the standard variable rate mortgage book, partially offset by some further small adjustments to deposit pricing.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Net interest income was down 4%, with good asset growth in UK mortgages and Commercial Banking partially offsetting declines in other portfolios.
- NIM remained stable, with deposit repricing offsetting continuing pressure on asset margins.

Analysis of results

The following tables reconcile the non-statutory basis results (a non-GAAP financial measure) to the statutory basis.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June 2015 £m	30 June 2014 £m	30 June 2015 £m	31 March 2015 £m	30 June 2014 £m
Non-interest income					
Fees and commissions receivable					
- non-statutory basis	2,347	2,605	1,169	1,178	1,314
- Citizens	(389)	(362)	(200)	(189)	(188)
Statutory basis	1,958	2,243	969	989	1,126
Fees and commissions payable					
- non-statutory basis	(381)	(487)	(195)	(186)	(251)
- Citizens	18	12	9	9	7
Statutory basis	(363)	(475)	(186)	(177)	(244)
Net fees and commissions - non-statutory basis	1,966	2,118	974	992	1,063
Net fees and commissions - statutory basis	1,595	1,768	783	812	882
Income from trading activities					
- non-statutory basis	734	1,482	464	270	626
- own credit adjustments	210	11	115	95	(84)
- Citizens	(69)	(43)	(34)	(35)	(13)
- RFS Holdings minority interest	-	-	-	-	(1)
Statutory basis	875	1,450	545	330	528
Gain on redemption of own debt - statutory basis	-	20	-	-	-
Other operating income					

- non-statutory basis	478	882	165	313	438
- own credit adjustments	78	(62)	53	25	(106)
- strategic disposals	(135)	191	-	(135)	-
- Citizens	(53)	(231)	(24)	(29)	(191)
- RFS Holdings minority interest	-	25	-	-	13
Statutory basis	368	805	194	174	154
Total non-interest income - non-statutory basis	3,178	4,482	1,603	1,575	2,127
Total non-interest income - statutory basis	2,838	4,043	1,522	1,316	1,564

Key points

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Non-interest income was down 30%, principally reflecting reduced trading income, in line with CIB's risk and resource reduction.
- Losses of £69 million were recorded on the disposal of available-for-sale securities, compared with gains of £215 million in H1 2014.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Non-interest income was up 16% due to charges in Q1 of £122 million relating to strategic disposals in respect of International Private Banking and £13 million mainly in relation to RBS Kazakhstan. On a non-statutory basis non-interest income was up 2%, reflecting seasonal movements offset by volatile items under IFRS.

Analysis of results

Key points (continued)

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Non-interest income was 3% lower reflecting the reduction in CIB's scale and with reductions in fees and commissions payable offset by gains in income from trading and other operating income. On a non-statutory basis non-interest income was 25% lower, principally reflecting the reduction in CIB's scale.
- A loss of £42 million on the disposal of available-for-sale securities compared with a gain of £13 million in Q2 2014.

Analysis of results

The following tables reconcile the non-statutory basis results (a non-GAAP financial measure) to the statutory basis.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June 2015 £m	30 June 2014 £m	30 June 2015 £m	31 March 2015 £m	30 June 2014 £m
Operating expenses					
Staff costs					
- non-statutory basis	(3,075)	(3,340)	(1,517)	(1,558)	(1,693)
- restructuring costs	(348)	(196)	(293)	(55)	(153)
- Citizens	568	539	280	288	287
- RFS Holdings minority interest	-	-	-	-	1
Statutory basis	(2,855)	(2,997)	(1,530)	(1,325)	(1,558)
Premises and equipment					
- non-statutory basis	(859)	(1,079)	(372)	(487)	(485)
- restructuring costs	(47)	(196)	(37)	(10)	(137)
- Citizens	161	149	83	78	76
Statutory basis	(745)	(1,126)	(326)	(419)	(546)
Other administrative expenses					
- non-statutory basis	(1,133)	(1,292)	(622)	(511)	(605)
- litigation and conduct costs	(1,315)	(250)	(459)	(856)	(250)
- restructuring costs	(208)	(119)	(100)	(108)	(94)
- Citizens	290	305	154	136	171
- RFS Holdings minority interest	-	(1)	-	-	(2)
Statutory basis	(2,366)	(1,357)	(1,027)	(1,339)	(780)
Depreciation and amortisation					
- non-statutory basis	(418)	(551)	(186)	(232)	(282)
- Citizens	-	88	-	-	45
- restructuring costs	(294)	(3)	(14)	(280)	(1)
- RFS Holdings minority interest	-		-		1

Statutory basis	(712)	(466)	(200)	(512)	(237)
Restructuring costs (1)					
- non-statutory basis	(1,503)	(514)	(1,050)	(453)	(385)
- staff costs	348	196	293	55	153
- premises and equipment	47	196	37	10	137
- other administrative expenses	208	119	100	108	94
- write off of intangible assets	606	-	606	-	-
- depreciation and amortisation	294	3	14	280	1
Statutory basis	-	-	-	-	-
Litigation and conduct costs (1)					
- non-statutory basis	(1,315)	(250)	(459)	(856)	(250)
- other administrative expenses	1,315	250	459	856	250
Statutory basis	-	-	-	-	-
Write down of goodwill and other intangible assets					
- non-statutory basis	-	(82)	-	-	-
- write down of goodwill and other intangible assets	(606)	(130)	(606)	-	(130)
Statutory basis	(606)	(212)	(606)	-	(130)
Operating expenses - non-statutory basis	(8,303)	(7,108)	(4,206)	(4,097)	(3,700)
Operating expenses - statutory basis	(7,284)	(6,158)	(3,689)	(3,595)	(3,251)

Note:

(1) Items reallocated to other expense lines, not reconciling items.

Analysis of results

Key points

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Operating expenses rose as a result of higher restructuring and litigation and conduct costs partially offset by the benefits of the bank's cost reduction programme. This included a 5% reduction in staff expenses, driven by a reduction in headcount, principally in higher cost businesses.
- Operating expenses excluding litigation and conduct costs of £1,315 million (H1 2014 - £250 million) and restructuring costs of £1,503 million (H1 2014 - £514 million) were 17% lower.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Operating expenses were 3% higher, with an increase in restructuring costs (up £597 million) partially offset by lower litigation and conduct costs (down £397 million).
- Operating expenses excluding litigation and conduct costs of £459 million (Q1 2015 - £856 million) and restructuring costs of £1,050 million (Q1 2015 - £453 million) fell by 5%, including an 8% reduction within CIB.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Operating expenses were 13% higher reflecting increased restructuring and litigation and conduct costs.
- Operating expenses excluding litigation and conduct costs of £459 million (Q2 2014 - £250 million) and restructuring costs of £1,050 million (Q2 2014 - £385 million) fell by 17%, driven by a reduction in staff expenses.

Restructuring costs

- Restructuring costs totalled £1,050 million for Q2 2015 and £1,503 million for H1 2015, principally relating to CIB (Q2 2015 - £734 million) and to Williams & Glyn separation (Q2 2015 - £126 million). Restructuring costs included intangible software write-offs in CIB and Private Banking totalling £606 million, which have no impact on CET1 capital or tangible net asset value.
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Total restructuring charges are still expected to total c.£5 billion over the five year period 2015-2019 including:

Williams & Glyn separation c.£1.1 billion of which £259 million was taken in H1 2015. The remainder is expected to be incurred over the period to Q4 2016;

Independent Commission on Banking (ICB) preparation c.£800 million. The bulk is expected to be incurred in 2016-2018; and

Restructuring of CIB and Go-forward Bank transformation just over c.£3 billion, of which £1,244 million was taken in H1 2015, with the majority relating to CIB. Most of the CIB restructuring is expected to be incurred in 2015.

Litigation and conduct costs

- £459 million of additional litigation and conduct costs taken in Q2 2015 related principally to mortgage-backed securities litigation in the United States. An additional £69 million provision was taken in relation to interest rate hedging products redress.

Analysis of results

The following tables reconcile the non-statutory basis results (a non-GAAP financial measure) to the statutory basis.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June 2015	30 June 2014	30 June 2015	31 March 2015	30 June 2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Impairment (releases)/losses					
Loans					
- non-statutory basis	(342)	271	(152)	(190)	(89)
- Citizens	(89)	(102)	(51)	(38)	(29)
Statutory basis	(431)	169	(203)	(228)	(118)
Securities					
- non-statutory basis	110	(2)	11	99	(4)
- Citizens	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
Statutory basis	110	(4)	11	99	(6)
Impairment (releases)/losses - non-statutory basis	(232)	269	(141)	(91)	(93)
Impairment (releases)/losses - statutory basis	(321)	165	(192)	(129)	(124)
Loan impairment (releases)/losses					
Individually assessed					
- non-statutory basis	(102)	113	(96)	(6)	(42)
- Citizens	(18)	(19)	(9)	(9)	(5)
Statutory basis	(120)	94	(105)	(15)	(47)
Collectively assessed					
- non-statutory basis	90	348	21	69	221
- Citizens	(84)	(71)	(28)	(56)	(32)
Statutory basis	6	277	(7)	13	189

Latent					
- non-statutory basis	(330)	(180)	(77)	(253)	(258)
- Citizens	13	(13)	(14)	27	8
Statutory basis	(317)	(193)	(91)	(226)	(250)
Loan impairment (releases)/losses - non-statutory basis	(342)	281	(152)	(190)	(79)
Loan impairment (releases)/losses - statutory basis	(431)	178	(203)	(228)	(108)
Bank loans	-	(10)	-	-	(10)
Loan impairment (releases)/losses					
RBS excluding RCR	13	290	43	(30)	36
RCR	(355)	(19)	(195)	(160)	(125)
	(342)	271	(152)	(190)	(89)
Customer loan impairment (releases)/losses					
as a % of gross loans and advances (1)					
RBS non-statutory	(0.2%)	0.1%	(0.2%)	(0.2%)	(0.1%)
RBS	(0.3%)	0.1%	(0.2%)	(0.3%)	(0.1%)
RBS excluding RCR	0.0%	0.2%	(0.0%)	-	-
RCR	(6.5%)	(0.1%)	(7.1%)	(4.2%)	(1.7%)

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	30 June	31 March	31 December
	2015	2015	2014
Loan impairment provisions (1)			
- RBS	£11.3bn	£13.8bn	£18.0bn
- RBS excluding RCR	£6.2bn	£6.6bn	£7.1bn
- RCR	£5.1bn	£7.2bn	£10.9bn
Risk elements in lending (REIL) (1)			
- RBS	£18.7bn	£22.3bn	£28.2bn
- RBS excluding RCR	£11.3bn	£12.1bn	£12.8bn
- RCR	£7.4bn	£10.2bn	£15.4bn
Provisions as a % of REIL (1)			
- RBS	60%	62%	64%
- RBS excluding RCR	54%	55%	55%
- RCR	69%	70%	71%
REIL as a % of gross customer loans (1)			
- RBS	4.8%	5.4%	6.8%
- RBS excluding RCR	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%
- RCR	67%	68%	70%

Note:

(1) Excludes reverse repurchase agreements and includes disposal groups.

Key points

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Net impairment releases of £321 million were recorded in H1 2015, compared with net impairment losses of £165 million in H1 2014. Net loan impairment releases were recorded in all operating segments except Commercial Banking and CFG, where impairments nevertheless remained low at 0.1% and 0.3% respectively of gross loans and advances.
- RCR saw loan impairment releases of £355 million, largely arising from disposals.
- REIL totalled £18.7 billion at 30 June 2015, and represented 4.8% of gross customer loans, down

£9.5 billion from 31 December 2014, when they represented 6.8% of gross customer loans.

- The £114 million increase in securities impairments related to a small number of single name exposures, predominantly an exposure in the RBS N.V. liquidity portfolio.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Net impairment releases of £192 million were up from net releases of £129 million in Q1 2015. Loan impairment releases were lower, reflecting reduced latent releases, but securities impairments recorded in Q1 2015 were not repeated on the same scale.
- REIL were £3.6 billion lower, representing 4.8% of gross customer loans, with the bulk of the reduction in RCR.
- Provision coverage of REIL was 60%, compared with 62% at 31 March 2015, reflecting the continuing reduction in the more heavily provisioned portfolios of RCR.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Net impairment releases of £192 million were up from Q2 2014, during which higher latent releases were partially offset by greater collectively assessed impairment charges.

Analysis of results

Capital and leverage ratios						
	End-point CRR basis (1)			PRA transitional basis		
	30 June	31 March	31 December	30 June	31 March	31 December
	2015	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
Risk asset ratios	%	%	%	%	%	%
CET1	12.3	11.5	11.2	12.3	11.5	11.1
Tier 1	12.3	11.5	11.2	14.3	13.3	13.2
Total	14.8	14.0	13.7	18.5	17.0	17.1
Capital	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Tangible equity	43,919	44,242	44,368	43,919	44,242	44,368
Expected loss less impairment provisions	(1,319)	(1,512)	(1,491)	(1,319)	(1,512)	(1,491)
Prudential valuation adjustment	(366)	(393)	(384)	(366)	(393)	(384)
Deferred tax assets	(1,206)	(1,140)	(1,222)	(1,206)	(1,140)	(1,222)
Own credit adjustments	345	609	500	345	609	500
Pension fund assets	(250)	(245)	(238)	(250)	(245)	(238)
Other deductions	(1,070)	(1,436)	(1,614)	(1,047)	(1,414)	(1,884)
Total deductions	(3,866)	(4,117)	(4,449)	(3,843)	(4,095)	(4,719)
CET1 capital	40,053	40,125	39,919	40,076	40,147	39,649
AT1 capital	-	-	-	6,709	6,206	7,468
Tier 1 capital	40,053	40,125	39,919	46,785	46,353	47,117
Tier 2 capital	8,181	8,689	8,717	13,573	12,970	13,626
Total regulatory capital	48,234	48,814	48,636	60,358	59,323	60,743
Risk-weighted assets						
Credit risk						
- non-counterparty	245,000	263,000	264,700	245,000	263,000	264,700
- counterparty	27,500	31,200	30,400	27,500	31,200	30,400
Market risk	22,300	22,800	24,000	22,300	22,800	24,000
Operational risk	31,600	31,600	36,800	31,600	31,600	36,800

Total RWAs	326,400	348,600	355,900	326,400	348,600	355,900
Leverage (2)						
Derivatives	282,300	391,100	354,000			
Loans and advances	402,800	429,400	419,600			
Reverse repos	67,800	69,900	64,700			
Other assets	211,800	214,200	212,500			
Total assets	964,700	1,104,600	1,050,800			
Derivatives						
- netting	(266,600)	(379,200)	(330,900)			
- potential future exposures	83,500	96,000	98,800			
Securities financing transactions gross up	6,200	20,200	25,000			
Undrawn commitments	84,700	94,900	96,400			
Regulatory deductions and other adjustments (3)	2,000	900	(600)			
Leverage exposure	874,500	937,400	939,500			
CET1 capital	40,053	40,125	39,919			
Leverage ratio %	4.6	4.3	4.2			

Notes:

- (1) Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) as implemented by the Prudential Regulation Authority in the UK, with effect from 1 January 2014. All regulatory adjustments and deductions to CET1 have been applied in full for the end-point CRR basis with the exception of unrealised gains on AFS securities which has been included from 2015 for the PRA transitional basis.
- (2) Based on end-point CRR Tier 1 capital and leverage exposure under the revised 2014 Basel III leverage ratio framework and the CRR Delegated Act.
- (3) The increase in regulatory adjustments in Q2 2015 was driven by higher disallowable settlement balances.

Analysis of results

Key points

30 June 2015 compared with 31 March 2015

- RBS's CET1 ratio improved by 80 basis points to 12.3%, driven by good progress in RWA reduction in RCR and CIB.
- Citizens, in which RBS had a 40.8% stake at 30 June 2015, remains fully consolidated for regulatory capital purposes. Assuming the full deconsolidation of all Citizens credit and counterparty risk RWAs at 30 June 2015, the CET1 ratio would have been 300 basis points higher.
- RBS's leverage ratio improved by 30 basis points to 4.6% at 30 June 2015, with leverage exposures down 7% to £875 billion.
- On 29 July 2015, RBS approved plans for an issue of AT1 instruments.

30 June 2015 compared with 31 December 2014

- The CET1 ratio was 110 basis points higher at 12.3%, while the leverage ratio improved by 40 basis points to 4.6%. The improvement was principally driven by continued good progress on run-off and disposals in RCR and CIB.

Segment performance

	Half year ended 30 June 2015										
	PBB			CPB			CIB			Non-	
		Ulster		Commercial	Private			Central			statutory
	UK PBB	Bank	Total	Banking	Banking	Total		items (1)	CFG	RCR	total
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Income statement											
Net interest income	2,290	265	2,555	1,108	254	1,362	376	150	1,104	(25)	5,522
Non-interest income	631	103	734	606	167	773	948	43	490	190	3,178
Total income	2,921	368	3,289	1,714	421	2,135	1,324	193	1,594	165	8,700
Direct expenses											
- staff costs	(456)	(120)	(576)	(255)	(143)	(398)	(322)	(1,159)	(564)	(56)	(3,075)
- other costs**	(140)	(33)	(173)	(110)	(26)	(136)	(149)	(1,517)	(422)	(13)	(2,410)
Indirect expenses	(913)	(126)	(1,039)	(433)	(194)	(627)	(1,061)	2,759	-	(32)	-
Restructuring costs											
- direct	-	(18)	(18)	(10)	(3)	(13)	(211)	(1,228)	(33)	-	(1,503)
- indirect	(50)	-	(50)	(8)	(80)	(88)	(814)	952	-	-	-
Litigation and conduct costs	(364)	8	(356)	(59)	(28)	(87)	(873)	1	-	-	(1,315)
Operating expenses	(1,923)	(289)	(2,212)	(875)	(474)	(1,349)	(3,430)	(192)	(1,019)	(101)	(8,303)
Profit/(loss) before impairment losses	998	79	1,077	839	(53)	786	(2,106)	1	575	64	397
Impairment releases/(losses)	17	52	69	(27)	3	(24)	31	(48)	(89)	293	232
Operating profit/(loss)	1,015	131	1,146	812	(50)	762	(2,075)	(47)	486	357	629

Additional information												
Return on equity (3)	23.6%	8.0%	18.4%	11.6%	(7.5%)	9.2%	(24.6%)	nm	6.8%	nm	(0.7%)	
Cost:income ratio	66%	79%	67%	51%	113%	63%	259%	nm	64%	nm	95%	
Total assets (£bn)	135.4	26.5	161.9	94.5	17.0	111.5	482.4	105.2	87.2	16.5	964.7	
Funded assets (£bn) (4)	135.4	26.4	161.8	94.5	16.9	111.4	211.1	102.9	86.8	8.4	682.4	
Risk-weighted assets (RWAs) (£bn)	41.0	21.2	62.2	66.9	9.8	76.7	88.0	15.3	69.8	14.4	326.4	
RWA equivalent (£bn) (5)	44.6	20.7	65.3	72.0	9.8	81.8	89.7	15.4	70.0	17.9	340.1	
Employee numbers (FTEs - thousands)	25.4	4.2	29.6	6.2	2.7	8.9	3.1	49.5	17.6	0.5	109.2	

*Operating profit/(loss) for the segments is presented before certain reconciling items, namely own credit adjustments, gain on redemption of own debt, write-down of goodwill, strategic disposals and Citizens ('non-statutory'). The following adjustments are reallocations within segment operating profit/(loss): restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs. These excluded or reallocated costs for the period presented reflect the following; non-interest income - £135 million loss on strategic disposals and gain on own credit adjustment of £288 million; staff costs - reallocation of £348 million loss from restructuring costs; and other costs – reallocation of £549 million loss from restructuring costs, £1,315 million loss from litigation and conduct costs and £606 million loss from write-downs of goodwill and other intangible assets.

** Other costs include the following: premises and equipment of £745 million, other administrative expenses of £2,366 million, depreciation and amortisation of £712 million and write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets of £606 million.

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Segment performance

Quarter ended 30 June 2015												
	PBB			CPB			CIB				Non-	Re
	UK PBB	Ulster Bank	Total	Commercial Banking	Private Banking	Total		Central items (1)	CFG	RCR	statutory total	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Income statement												
Net interest income	1,147	132	1,279	562	126	688	174	88	551	(14)	2,766	
Non-interest income	322	46	368	330	81	411	346	173	246	59	1,603	1
Total income	1,469	178	1,647	892	207	1,099	520	261	797	45	4,369	1
Direct expenses												
- staff costs	(231)	(60)	(291)	(126)	(67)	(193)	(142)	(585)	(275)	(31)	(1,517)	(2)
- other costs**	(69)	(16)	(85)	(56)	(14)	(70)	(71)	(732)	(215)	(7)	(1,180)	(1,2)
Indirect expenses	(463)	(63)	(526)	(208)	(96)	(304)	(521)	1,366	-	(15)	-	
Restructuring costs												
- direct	-	(18)	(18)	(10)	(3)	(13)	(195)	(797)	(27)	-	(1,050)	1,0
- indirect	(20)	(1)	(21)	(7)	(81)	(88)	(539)	648	-	-	-	
Litigation and conduct costs	(10)	8	(2)	(59)	(26)	(85)	(373)	1	-	-	(459)	4
Operating expenses	(793)	(150)	(943)	(466)	(287)	(753)	(1,841)	(99)	(517)	(53)	(4,206)	
Profit/(loss) before impairment losses	676	28	704	426	(80)	346	(1,321)	162	280	(8)	163	1
Impairment (losses)/releases	(9)	52	43	(26)	2	(24)	(13)	2	(51)	184	141	
Operating profit/(loss)	667	80	747	400	(78)	322	(1,334)	164	229	176	304	1

Additional information												
Return on equity (3)	32.1%	9.9%	24.7%	11.3%	(20.1%)	7.5%	(33.0%)	nm	6.5%	nm	2.7%	
Cost:income ratio	54%	84%	57%	52%	139%	69%	354%	nm	65%	nm	96%	
Total assets (£bn)	135.4	26.5	161.9	94.5	17.0	111.5	482.4	105.2	87.2	16.5	964.7	
Funded assets (£bn) (4)	135.4	26.4	161.8	94.5	16.9	111.4	211.1	102.9	86.8	8.4	682.4	
Risk-weighted assets (£bn)	41.0	21.2	62.2	66.9	9.8	76.7	88.0	15.3	69.8	14.4	326.4	
RWA equivalent (£bn) (5)	44.6	20.7	65.3	72.0	9.8	81.8	89.7	15.4	70.0	17.9	340.1	
Employee numbers (FTEs - thousands)	25.4	4.2	29.6	6.2	2.7	8.9	3.1	49.5	17.6	0.5	109.2	

*Operating profit/(loss) for the segments is presented before certain reconciling items, namely own credit adjustments, gain on redemption of own debt, write-down of goodwill, strategic disposals and Citizens ('non-statutory'). The following adjustments are reallocations within segment operating profit/(loss): restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs. These excluded or reallocated costs for the period presented reflect the following; non-interest income – gain on own credit adjustment of £168 million; staff costs - reallocation of £293 million loss from restructuring costs; and other costs – reallocation of £151 million loss from restructuring costs, £459 million loss from litigation and conduct costs and a loss on write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets of £606 million.

** Other costs include the following: premises and equipment of £326 million, other administrative expenses of £1,027 million, depreciation and amortisation of £200 million and write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets of £606 million.

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Segment performance

Half year ended 30 June 2014												
	PBB			CPB			CIB			Non-		
	UK PBB	Ulster Bank	Total	Commercial Banking	Private Banking	Total		Central items (1)	CFG	RCR	statutory total	Re
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement												
Net interest income	2,276	323	2,599	999	344	1,343	365	203	987	(1)	5,496	
Non-interest income	686	89	775	569	201	770	2,062	146	620	109	4,482	18
Total income	2,962	412	3,374	1,568	545	2,113	2,427	349	1,607	108	9,978	18
Direct expenses												
- staff costs	(469)	(125)	(594)	(266)	(151)	(417)	(487)	(1,241)	(512)	(89)	(3,340)	(19)
- other costs**	(224)	(35)	(259)	(122)	(29)	(151)	(250)	(1,811)	(501)	(32)	(3,004)	(69)
Indirect expenses	(958)	(126)	(1,084)	(402)	(217)	(619)	(1,180)	2,938	-	(55)	-	
Restructuring costs												
- direct	(6)	8	2	(40)	(2)	(42)	(22)	(383)	(69)	-	(514)	5
- indirect	(13)	(22)	(35)	(22)	(1)	(23)	(169)	227	-	-	-	
Litigation and conduct costs	(150)	-	(150)	(50)	-	(50)	(50)	-	-	-	(250)	25
Operating expenses	(1,820)	(300)	(2,120)	(902)	(400)	(1,302)	(2,158)	(270)	(1,082)	(176)	(7,108)	(13)
Profit/(loss) before impairment losses	1,142	112	1,254	666	145	811	269	79	525	(68)	2,870	5
Impairment (losses)/releases	(148)	(57)	(205)	(31)	-	(31)	39	12	(104)	20	(269)	
Operating profit/(loss)	994	55	1,049	635	145	780	308	91	421	(48)	2,601	5

Additional information												
Return on equity (3)	21.8%	2.9%	15.5%	9.5%	12.9%	10.0%	1.6%	nm	6.9%	nm	6.9%	
Cost:income ratio	61%	73%	63%	58%	73%	62%	89%	nm	67.0%	nm	71%	
Total assets (£bn)	133.6	26.7	160.3	88.6	20.8	109.4	537.6	93.3	76.1	34.4	1,011.1	
Funded assets (£bn) (4)	133.6	26.6	160.2	88.6	20.8	109.4	278.7	91.3	75.7	20.9	736.2	
Risk-weighted assets (£bn)	47.0	27.7	74.7	63.0	11.8	74.8	127.8	19.0	60.7	35.1	392.1	
RWA equivalent (£bn) (5)	48.8	23.0	71.8	69.2	11.8	81.0	129.8	19.3	60.7	43.5	406.1	
Employee numbers (FTEs - thousands)	25.1	4.5	29.6	7.1	3.4	10.5	4.3	50.6	17.7	0.9	113.6	

*Operating profit/(loss) for the segments is presented before certain reconciling items, namely own credit adjustments, gain on redemption of own debt, write-down of goodwill, strategic disposals, RFS Holdings minority interest and Citizens ('non-statutory'). The following adjustments are reallocations within segment operating profit/(loss): restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs. These excluded or reallocated costs for the period presented reflect the following; net interest income - £3 million loss on FRS Holdings minority interest; non-interest income - £191 million gain on strategic disposals, loss on own credit adjustment of £51 million, gain on RFS Holdings minority interest of £25 million and gain on redemption of own debt of £20 million; staff costs - reallocation of £196 million loss from restructuring costs; and other costs – reallocation of £318 million loss from restructuring costs, £250 million loss from litigation and conduct costs, loss on RFS Holdings minority interest of £1 million and a loss on write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets of £130 million.

** Other costs include the following: premises and equipment of £1,126 million, other administrative expenses of £1,357 million, depreciation and amortisation of £466 million and write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets of £212 million.

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Segment performance

	Quarter ended 31 March 2015											
	PBB			CPB			CIB			Non-		
	UK PBB	Ulster Bank	Total	Commercial Banking	Private Banking	Total		Central items (1)	CFG	RCR	statutory total	Reco ite Other
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement												
Net interest income	1,143	133	1,276	546	128	674	202	62	553	(11)	2,756	
Non-interest income	309	57	366	276	86	362	602	(130)	244	131	1,575	(15)
Total income	1,452	190	1,642	822	214	1,036	804	(68)	797	120	4,331	(15)
Direct expenses												
- staff costs	(225)	(60)	(285)	(129)	(76)	(205)	(180)	(574)	(289)	(25)	(1,558)	(55)
- other costs**	(71)	(17)	(88)	(54)	(12)	(66)	(78)	(785)	(207)	(6)	(1,230)	(1,254)
Indirect expenses	(450)	(63)	(513)	(225)	(98)	(323)	(540)	1,393	-	(17)	-	-
Restructuring costs												
- direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16)	(431)	(6)	-	(453)	453
- indirect	(30)	1	(29)	(1)	1	-	(275)	304	-	-	-	-
Litigation and conduct costs	(354)	-	(354)	-	(2)	(2)	(500)	-	-	-	(856)	856
Operating expenses	(1,130)	(139)	(1,269)	(409)	(187)	(596)	(1,589)	(93)	(502)	(48)	(4,097)	
Profit/(loss) before impairment losses	322	51	373	413	27	440	(785)	(161)	295	72	234	(15)
Impairment releases/(losses)	26	-	26	(1)	1	-	44	(50)	(38)	109	91	-
Operating profit/(loss)	348	51	399	412	28	440	(741)	(211)	257	181	325	(15)

Additional information												
Return on equity (3)	15.4%	6.2%	12.3%	11.9%	4.4%	10.9%	(17.1%)	nm	7.2%	nm	(4.1%)	
Cost:income ratio	78%	73%	77%	50%	87%	58%	198%	nm	63%	nm	95%	
Total assets (£bn)	134.6	26.6	161.2	93.3	17.9	111.2	623.8	93.8	91.8	22.8	1,104.6	
Funded assets (£bn) (4)	134.6	26.5	161.1	93.3	17.8	111.1	248.4	90.6	91.3	11.1	713.6	
Risk-weighted assets (£bn)	42.6	22.4	65.0	65.5	10.2	75.7	102.8	15.9	72.0	17.2	348.6	
RWA equivalent (£bn) (5)	46.4	21.5	67.9	71.0	10.2	81.2	105.1	16.2	72.2	21.7	364.3	
Employee numbers (FTEs - thousands)	25.1	4.3	29.4	6.2	2.8	9.0	3.5	49.2	17.5	0.6	109.2	

*Operating profit/(loss) for the segments is presented before certain reconciling items, namely own credit adjustments, gain on redemption of own debt, strategic disposals, RFS Holdings minority interest and Citizens ('non-statutory'). The following adjustments are reallocations within segment operating profit/(loss): restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs. These excluded or reallocated costs for the period presented reflect the following; non-interest income - £135 million loss on strategic disposals and gain on own credit adjustment of £120 million; staff costs - reallocation of £55 million loss from restructuring costs; and other costs – reallocation of £398 million loss from restructuring costs and £856 million from litigation and conduct costs.

** Other costs include the following: premises and equipment of £419 million, other administrative expenses of £1,339 million and depreciation and amortisation of £512 million.

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Segment performance

Quarter ended 30 June 2014												
	PBB			CPB			CIB				Non-	Reconciling items
	UK PBB	Ulster Bank	Total	Commercial Banking	Private Banking	Total	Central items (1)	CFG	RCR	statutory total	Other*	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement												
Net interest income	1,152	169	1,321	511	174	685	186	100	499	7	2,798	-
Non-interest income	347	42	389	287	98	385	890	44	391	28	2,127	(178)
Total income	1,499	211	1,710	798	272	1,070	1,076	144	890	35	4,925	(178)
Direct expenses												
- staff costs	(235)	(62)	(297)	(133)	(75)	(208)	(217)	(659)	(261)	(51)	(1,693)	(152)
- other costs**	(95)	(18)	(113)	(60)	(14)	(74)	(140)	(779)	(252)	(14)	(1,372)	(613)
Indirect expenses	(446)	(63)	(509)	(189)	(109)	(298)	(587)	1,426	-	(32)	-	-
Restructuring costs												
- direct	(6)	8	2	(40)	(2)	(42)	(9)	(267)	(69)	-	(385)	385
- indirect	(23)	(20)	(43)	(21)	(1)	(22)	(143)	208	-	-	-	-
Litigation and conduct costs	(150)	-	(150)	(50)	-	(50)	(50)	-	-	-	(250)	250
Operating expenses	(955)	(155)	(1,110)	(493)	(201)	(694)	(1,146)	(71)	(582)	(97)	(3,700)	(130)
Profit/(loss) before impairment losses	544	56	600	305	71	376	(70)	73	308	(62)	1,225	(308)
Impairment (losses)/releases	(60)	(10)	(70)	9	(1)	8	45	13	(31)	128	93	-
Operating profit/(loss)	484	46	530	314	70	384	(25)	86	277	66	1,318	(308)

Additional information												
Return on equity (3)	21.6%	4.9%	15.8%	9.3%	12.3%	9.7%	(1.5%)	nm	9.0%	nm	2.2%	
Cost:income ratio	64%	73%	65%	62%	74%	65%	107%	nm	65%	nm	75%	
Total assets (£bn)	133.6	26.7	160.3	88.6	20.8	109.4	537.6	93.3	76.1	34.4	1011.1	
Funded assets (£bn) (4)	133.6	26.6	160.2	88.6	20.8	109.4	278.7	91.3	75.7	20.9	736.2	
Risk-weighted assets (£bn)	47	27.7	74.7	63	11.8	74.8	127.8	19	60.7	35.1	392.1	
RWA equivalent (£bn) (5)	48.8	23	71.8	69.2	11.8	81	129.8	19.3	60.7	43.5	406.1	
Employee numbers (FTEs - thousands)	25.1	4.5	29.6	7.1	3.4	10.5	4.3	50.6	17.7	0.9	113.6	

*Operating profit/(loss) for the segments is presented before certain reconciling items, namely own credit adjustments, gain on redemption of own debt, write-down of goodwill, strategic disposals, RFS Holdings minority interest and Citizens ('non-statutory'). The following adjustments are reallocations within segment operating profit/(loss): restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs. These excluded or reallocated costs for the period presented reflect the following; non-interest income - £12 million gain on RFS Holdings minority interest and a loss on own credit adjustment of £190 million; staff costs - reallocation of £153 million loss from restructuring costs and gain on RFS Holdings minority interest of £1 million; and other costs – reallocation of £232 million loss from restructuring costs £250 million loss from litigation and conduct costs, £1 million loss on RFS Holdings minority interest and £130 million loss on write down of goodwill and other intangible assets.

** Other costs include the following: premises and equipment of £546 million, other administrative expenses of £780 million, depreciation and amortisation of £237 million and write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets of £130 million.

Notes:

- (1) Central items include unallocated transactions, principally Treasury AFS portfolio sales of £69 million loss in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £215 million gain; Q2 2015 - £42 million loss; Q1 2015 - £27 million loss; Q2 2014 - £13 million gain) and profit and loss on hedges that do not qualify for hedge accounting.
- (2) Excluding restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs.
- (3) Segmental return on equity based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average RWA equivalents (RWAE)).
- (4) Total assets excluding derivatives.
- (5) RWAE is an internal metric based on target CET 1 ratio of 13%, for all segments except RCR, set at 10% at creation. RWAE converts performing and non-performing exposures into a consistent capital measure comprising RWAs and capital deductions.

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	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	2,290	2,276	1,147	1,143	1,152
Net fees and commissions	603	637	309	294	304
Other non-interest income	28	49	13	15	43
Non-interest income	631	686	322	309	347
Total income	2,921	2,962	1,469	1,452	1,499
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(456)	(469)	(231)	(225)	(235)
- other costs	(140)	(224)	(69)	(71)	(95)
Indirect expenses	(913)	(958)	(463)	(450)	(446)
Restructuring costs					
- direct	-	(6)	-	-	(6)
- indirect	(50)	(13)	(20)	(30)	(23)
Litigation and conduct costs	(364)	(150)	(10)	(354)	(150)
Operating expenses	(1,923)	(1,820)	(793)	(1,130)	(955)
Profit before impairment losses	998	1,142	676	322	544
Impairment releases/(losses)	17	(148)	(9)	26	(60)
Operating profit	1,015	994	667	348	484
Of which: Williams & Glyn (1)					
Total income	414	423	211	203	213
Operating expenses	(168)	(169)	(90)	(78)	(83)
Impairment releases/(losses)	10	(31)	(11)	21	(9)
Operating profit	256	223	110	146	121

Note:

- (1) Williams & Glyn has not operated as a separate legal entity therefore these figures are not necessarily reflect the cost base, funding and capital profile of a stand alone bank see appendix 4.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Analysis of income by product					
Personal advances	433	467	217	216	232
Personal deposits	400	302	210	190	160
Mortgages	1,234	1,287	617	617	649
Cards	337	374	162	175	176
Business banking	547	490	278	269	245
Other	(30)	42	(15)	(15)	37
Total income	2,921	2,962	1,469	1,452	1,499
Analysis of impairments by sector					
Personal advances	53	79	18	35	40
Mortgages	(2)	5	-	(2)	4
Business banking	(79)	30	(13)	(66)	1
Cards	11	34	4	7	15
Total impairment (releases)/losses	(17)	148	9	(26)	60
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector					
Personal advances	1.5%	2.1%	1.0%	1.9%	2.1%
Business banking	(1.2%)	0.4%	(0.4%)	(1.8%)	-
Cards	0.5%	1.3%	0.4%	0.6%	1.1%
Total	-	0.2%	-	(0.1%)	0.2%

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Key metrics						
	Half year ended		Quarter ended			
	30 June	30 June		30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014		2015	2015	2014
Performance ratios						
Return on equity (1)	23.6%	21.8%		32.1%	15.4%	21.6%
Net interest margin	3.59%	3.62%		3.58%	3.61%	3.64%
Cost:income ratio	66%	61%		54%	78%	64%
	30 June	31 March			31	
	2015	2015			December	
	£bn	£bn			2014	
			Change		£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet						
Loans and advances to customers (gross)						
- personal advances	7.2	7.2	-		7.4	(3%)
- mortgages	105.4	103.6	2%		103.2	2%
- business	13.7	14.5	(6%)		14.3	(4%)
- cards	4.4	4.5	(2%)		4.9	(10%)
Total loans and advances to customers (gross)	130.7	129.8	1%		129.8	1%
Loan impairment provisions	(2.1)	(2.4)	(13%)		(2.6)	(19%)
Net loans and advances to customers	128.6	127.4	1%		127.2	1%
Total assets	135.4	134.6	1%		134.3	1%
Funded assets	135.4	134.6	1%		134.3	1%
Risk elements in lending	3.2	3.6	(11%)		3.8	(16%)
Provision coverage (2)	66%	67%	(100bp)		69%	(300bp)
Customer deposits						
- personal current accounts	36.5	36.3	1%		35.9	2%
- personal savings	82.5	81.1	2%		81.0	2%

- business/commercial	32.0	30.6	5%		31.8	1%
Total customer deposits	151.0	148.0	2%		148.7	2%
Assets under management (excluding deposits)	4.6	4.9	(6%)		4.9	(6%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	85%	86%	(100bp)		86%	(100bp)
Risk-weighted assets (3)						
- Credit risk (non-counterparty)	32.0	33.6	(5%)		33.4	(4%)
- Operational risk	9.0	9.0	-		9.4	(4%)
Total risk-weighted assets	41.0	42.6	(4%)		42.8	(4%)
Of which: Williams & Glyn (4)						
Total assets	19.5	19.6	(1%)		19.6	(1%)
Net loans and advances to customers	19.5	19.5	-		19.5	-
Customer deposits	23.4	22.1	6%		22.0	6%
Risk-weighted assets (3)	10.3	10.5	(2%)		10.1	2%

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).
- (2) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (3) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis.
- (4) Williams & Glyn has not operated as a separate legal entity therefore these figures are not necessarily reflect the cost base, funding and capital profile of a stand alone bank see appendix 4.

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Key points

The strategic goal of UK PBB is to become the number one personal and business bank for customer service, trust and advocacy in the UK. Throughout 2015, the business has continued to progress a number of fair banking initiatives and technology investments.

- Continued to recruit further mortgage advisers, supporting an increase in applications, up 43% on Q2 2014 to £9.4 billion and up 42% compared with the prior quarter, providing a strong pipeline for third quarter completions and subsequent balance growth.
- Successfully trialed the opening of key branches on the two May bank holidays with mortgage advisers and business managers available to meet UK PBB customers' banking needs.
- Enhancements to our current account opening process have halved the time to open an account to 30 minutes.
- The Reward current account which will provide 3% cashback on certain household bills paid by direct debit launched in July to a small number of customers with a full launch scheduled for later in the year.
- Completed our Personal savings product simplification programme which included increasing the interest rate received by 4.5 million personal customers.
- Provided more than 22,000 fixed rate business loans since launch, to a value of £1.8 billion helping customers concentrate on growing their businesses without having to worry about interest rates or hidden charges.
- In partnership with Entrepreneurial Spark, RBS opened business accelerator hubs in Birmingham, Bristol and Leeds, with plans to open further hubs in major cities across the UK in the future as the bank continues to support UK entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- Customers using the mobile application increased 12% to 3.3 million in the year to 30 June 2015, supported by developments including the launch of instant mobile application activation. Such developments have helped the NatWest mobile banking customer NPS to become joint number one in the market.
- Became the first UK-based bank to offer TouchID technology within its mobile app, allowing customers to use only their fingerprint for access, with over 1 million unique customer logins since launch.

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Key points (continued)

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Operating profit increased £21 million to £1,015 million for H1 2015 with a net impairment release largely offset by higher conduct costs. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £50 million (H1 2014 - £19 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £364 million (H1 2014 - £150 million) of £1,429 million was £266 million higher as operating expenses excluding restructuring and litigation and conduct costs decreased by 9%. Return on equity rose 1.8 percentage points to 23.6%.
- Total income decreased £41 million to £2,921 million. Net interest income increased by 1% to £2,290 million driven by improved deposit income from increased balances and stronger margins partly offset by lower asset income as a result of asset margin compression outweighing strong balance sheet growth.
- Net interest margin decreased from 3.62% to 3.59% reflecting strong new business mortgage growth at lower margin, together with an increase in the level of standard variable rate customers switching to new lower margin fixed rate products. This has been partly offset by a continued improvement in deposit margins.
- Non-interest income decreased by 8% to £631 million reflecting the impacts of changes that were introduced to support customers, in particular current account charges and investment fund charges. In addition, card interchange income fell as a result of the implementation of EU regulations on interchange rates.
- Operating expenses increased by £103 million or 6%, largely reflecting higher restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs from increased levels of customer redress provision this was partially offset by lower staff costs supported by a headcount decrease of 4%, lower FSCS levy charges and lower complaints and compensation costs. Operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £50 million (H1 2014 - £19 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £364 million (H1 2014 - £150 million) were £142 million or 9% lower. Indirect expenses were £45 million lower largely due to a £60 million technology write-off in the first half of 2014.
- A £17 million net impairment release compared with a net loss of £148 million, resulting from lower levels of defaults across all portfolios and increased portfolio provision releases, particularly in business banking.
- Mortgage balances increased to £105.4 billion, up £3.6 billion year-on-year, or 4% above the overall mortgage market for the same period. Gross new mortgage lending in the first half of 2015 was £9.1 billion representing a market share of approximately 9%, above our stock share of 8%. Deposit balances increased £5.0 billion driven by instant access growth in personal savings, current accounts and business.

- RWAs declined 13% to £41.0 billion primarily due to improved credit quality and lower unsecured balances.

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Key points (continued)

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Operating profit was £667 million, up £319 million or 92%. This reflected higher income, up 1% to £1,469 million and lower expenses, down 30% to £793 million. Impairments remained low at £9 million, compared to a £26 million net release in the prior quarter.
- Net interest income was broadly stable, with a small reduction in net interest margin of 3 basis points due to contraction in mortgage margins partially offset by balance growth.
- Non-interest income increased by 4% to £322 million, due to a largely seasonal increase in card transaction levels, partly offset by reduced interchange income following implementation of new EU regulations on interchange rates.
- Operating expenses decreased 30% to £793 million, largely reflecting lower restructuring, litigation and conduct costs. Operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £20 million (Q1 2015 - £30 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £10 million (Q1 2015 - £354 million) increased by £17 million due to increased technology spend and the increase in Williams & Glyn functional staff costs as the business prepares for divestment.
- The impairment losses increased by £35 million to £9 million as provision releases in Q2 were lower than Q1. Default levels continue to be low.
- Mortgage balances increased £1.8 billion in the quarter, achieving approximately 10% of the gross new lending market share, driven by increased adviser capacity and competitive pricing.
- Business loan balances decreased £0.8 billion, largely reflecting the transfer of £0.4 billion to Commercial Banking in Q2, a decrease in Williams & Glyn (Commercial/Corporate) and asset write offs; balances were broadly stable in the quarter. Business deposit balances decreased £0.1 billion, driven by the transfer of £0.6 billion of balances to Commercial & Private Banking in Q2. Deposit balances increased 2% in the quarter.
- RWAs declined 4% to £41.0 billion with improved credit quality, lower unsecured balances and Business Banking data and model improvements.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Operating profit of £667 million, increased £183 million or 38%, while operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £20 million (Q2 2014 - £29 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £10 million (Q2 2014 - £150 million) totalled £697 million compared with £663 million in the second

quarter of 2014.

- Net interest income is broadly stable at £1,147 million with lower asset income primarily from lower asset margins partly offset by increased deposit income.
- Non-interest income decreased by 7% to £322 million largely due to lower insurance profit share and lower cards interchange income.
- Operating expenses decreased £162 million or 17%, largely reflecting lower restructuring costs of £20 million (Q2 2014 - £29 million) and litigation and conduct costs £10 million (Q2 2014 - £150 million) supported by a 4% decrease in headcount, lower FSCS levy charges and lower complaints and compensation costs partly offset by increased investment in technology. Operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £20 million (Q2 2014 - £29 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £10 million (Q2 2014 - £150 million) decreased by £13 million.
- Net impairment losses of £9 million were significantly lower, driven by lower defaults across all portfolios and higher levels of portfolio provision releases, particularly in business banking.
- RWAs declined 13% to £41.0 billion with improved credit quality and lower unsecured balances.

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	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	265	323	132	133	169
Net fees and commissions	64	66	31	33	34
Other non-interest income	39	23	15	24	8
Non-interest income	103	89	46	57	42
Total income	368	412	178	190	211
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(120)	(125)	(60)	(60)	(62)
- other costs	(33)	(35)	(16)	(17)	(18)
Indirect expenses	(126)	(126)	(63)	(63)	(63)
Restructuring costs					
- direct	(18)	8	(18)	-	8
- indirect	-	(22)	(1)	1	(20)
Litigation and conduct costs	8	-	8	-	-
Operating expenses	(289)	(300)	(150)	(139)	(155)
Profit before impairment losses	79	112	28	51	56
Impairment releases/(losses)	52	(57)	52	-	(10)
Operating profit	131	55	80	51	46
Average exchange rate	1.365	1.218	1.385	1.345	1.228

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m

Analysis of income by business					
Corporate	95	134	45	50	65
Retail	221	190	112	109	100
Other	52	88	21	31	46
Total income	368	412	178	190	211
Analysis of impairments by sector					
Mortgages	(51)	35	(38)	(13)	16
Commercial real estate					
- investment	12	9	11	1	1
- development	18	(6)	18	-	(3)
Other corporate	(25)	8	(37)	12	(9)
Other lending	(6)	11	(6)	-	5
Total impairment (releases)/losses	(52)	57	(52)	-	10
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector					
Mortgages	(0.6%)	0.4%	(1.0%)	(0.3%)	0.4%
Commercial real estate					
- investment	3.0%	1.8%	5.5%	0.4%	0.4%
- development	12.0%	(3.0%)	24.0%	-	(3.0%)
Other corporate	(1.1%)	0.3%	(3.1%)	1.0%	(0.7%)
Other lending	(1.3%)	2.2%	(2.7%)	-	2.0%
Total	(0.5%)	0.4%	(0.9%)	-	0.2%

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Key metrics						
	Half year ended		Quarter ended			
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June	
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014	
Performance ratios						
Return on equity (1)	8.0%	2.9%	9.9%	6.2%	4.9%	
Net interest margin	1.94%	2.32%	1.93%	1.95%	2.35%	
Cost:income ratio	79%	73%	84%	73%	73%	
	30 June	31 March		31		
	2015	2015		December		
	£bn	£bn	Change	2014	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet						
Loans and advances to customers (gross)						
Mortgages	15.9	16.3	(2%)	17.5	(9%)	
Commercial real estate						
- investment	0.8	0.9	(11%)	1.0	(20%)	
- development	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	-	
Other corporate	4.7	4.6	2%	4.9	(4%)	
Other lending	0.9	0.9	-	1.0	(10%)	
Total loans and advances to customers (gross)	22.6	23.0	(2%)	24.7	(9%)	
Loan impairment provisions						
Mortgages	(1.2)	(1.3)	(8%)	(1.4)	(14%)	
Commercial real estate						
- investment	(0.2)	(0.2)	-	(0.2)	-	
- development	(0.2)	(0.1)	100%	(0.2)	-	
Other corporate	(0.7)	(0.8)	(13%)	(0.8)	(13%)	
Other lending	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	-	
Total loan impairment provisions	(2.4)	(2.5)	(4%)	(2.7)	(11%)	
	20.2	20.5	(1%)	22.0	(8%)	

Net loans and advances to customers (2)						
Total assets	26.5	26.6	-		27.6	(4%)
Funded assets	26.4	26.5	-		27.5	(4%)
Risk elements in lending						
Mortgages	2.9	3.0	(3%)		3.4	(15%)
Commercial real estate						
- investment	0.2	0.2	-		0.3	(33%)
- development	0.2	0.2	-		0.2	-
Other corporate	0.8	0.9	(11%)		0.8	-
Other lending	0.1	0.1	-		0.1	-
Total risk elements in lending	4.2	4.4	(5%)		4.8	(13%)
Provision coverage (3)	58%	58%	-		57%	100bp
Customer deposits	18.7	19.2	(3%)		20.6	(9%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	108%	107%	100bp		107%	100bp
Risk-weighted assets (4,5)						
- Credit risk						
- non-counterparty	19.6	20.8	(6%)		22.2	(12%)
- counterparty	0.1	0.1	-		0.1	-
- Operational risk	1.5	1.5	-		1.5	-
Total risk-weighted assets	21.2	22.4	(5%)		23.8	(11%)
Spot exchange rate - €/£	1.411	1.382			1.285	

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).
- (2) Includes £9.4 billion relating to tracker mortgages (31 March 2015 - £9.7 billion; 31 December 2014 - £10.5 billion).
- (3) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (4) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis.
- (5) Includes £8.1 billion in relating to tracker mortgages (31 March 2015 - £8.5 billion; 31 December 2014 - £9.6 billion).

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Ulster Bank retains a strong capital and funding position as it continues to support the economic recovery across the island of Ireland. New lending activity increased further during H1 2015 with mortgage drawdowns up 45% versus H1 2014 and £0.8 billion of new lending made available to business customers, an increase of 57% from H1 2014. Impairment releases have continued to be driven by proactive debt management and the improving economic conditions

During H1 2015 Ulster Bank continued to make it simpler and easier for customers to do business:

- The launch of the “Mortgage you can live with” campaign offers a range of new product options to both new and existing mortgage customers including a suite of fixed rate options. The bank has also introduced a dedicated team of mobile mortgage managers and returned to the mortgage broker market.
- Ulster Bank continues to support Commercial customers and launched new propositions for businesses operating in the food and drink, agriculture and international business sectors during H1 2015.
- A fully digitalised account opening option was introduced for personal customers in Northern Ireland as the digital proposition continued to be enhanced. Customers continue to move towards direct channels with over 88% of all transactional activity now outside the traditional branch.
- Significant progress has been made to improve the customer service proposition. The announcement of a new partnership with ‘An Post’ in the Republic of Ireland will provide customers with 1,140 new points of presence. The bank’s award winning customer contact centre announced 350 new jobs which will handle customer calls across a number of RBS brands.
- The launch of a set of customer commitments specifically designed to support customers in arrears on their home loan has been positively received by the market.

A significant weakening in the euro relative to sterling during H1 2015 had a material impact on Ulster Bank’s financial performance as reported and in comparison to prior periods.

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Operating profit increased by £76 million to £131 million for H1 2015 with the benefit of net impairment releases. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £18 million (H1 2014 - £14 million) and a litigation and conduct recovery of £8 million (H1 2014 - nil) was £141 million for H1 2015, compared with a profit of £69 million for H1 2014. The reduction in profit before impairment losses to £79 million is partly attributable to a weakening of the euro, (an impact of £17 million), a

decrease in income on free funds and an increase in pension servicing costs. Return on equity increased 5.1 percentage points to 8%.

- Total income decreased by £44 million primarily driven by the weakening of the euro (an impact of £33 million) and a lower return on free funds. While deposit pricing improved steadily and loan margins remained stable in a competitive market, the net interest margin of 1.94% reflected the lower return on free funds and the impact of liquidity management requirements. The offsetting income movements between the Corporate and Retail businesses primarily reflect a transfer of management responsibility for a specific business channel to align with the bank's distribution strategy.
- Operating expenses decreased by £11 million to £289 million principally from a reduction in headcount and the property footprint coupled with a benefit from the weakening of the euro (an impact of £16 million), offset partly by higher pensions charges and investment in technology and infrastructure.
- A net impairment release of £52 million for H1 2015 reflected the benefits of proactive debt management and improving macroeconomic conditions.

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Key points (continued)

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014 (continued)

- The significant growth in new lending volumes has been offset by continued customer deleveraging. The loan:deposit ratio was steady over the period with the weakening euro driving reductions in the reported net loans and advances to customers and customer deposit balances. The low yielding tracker mortgage portfolio declined by a further £1.1 billion, or 10% during H1 2015 to £9.4 billion reflecting customer repayments and the weakening of the euro.
- RWAs reduced by £2.6 billion during H1 2015 to £21.2 billion reflecting an improvement in credit metrics and the impact of exchange rate movements, contributing to the improvement in return on equity. £1.5 billion of the RWA reduction related to the tracker mortgage portfolio which now totals £8.1 billion.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Operating profit increased by £29 million to £80 million due primarily to impairment releases, partly offset by lower income and higher restructuring costs. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £19 million (Q1 2015 - recovery of £1 million) and a litigation and conduct recovery of £8 million (Q1 2015 - nil) was £91 million for Q2 2015 compared with an operating profit of £50 million for Q1 2015.
- Total income decreased by £12 million to £178 million primarily driven by the weakening of the euro (an impact of £4 million) and a lower return on free funds. Operating expenses increased by £11 million with the impact of higher restructuring costs partly offset by a release of provision reflecting the outcome of reviews on Interest Rate Hedging Products.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Operating profit increased by £34 million to £80 million driven by impairment releases and lower expenses, partly offset by lower income. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £19 million (Q2 2014 - £12 million) and a litigation and conduct recovery of £8 million (Q2 2014 - nil) increased by £33 million to £91 million.
- Total income decreased by £33 million primarily driven by exchange rate movements (an impact of £17 million) and a lower return on free funds. Operating expenses decreased by £5 million reflecting the continued focus on cost management.

Commercial Banking

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	1,108	999	562	546	511
Net fees and commissions	433	448	226	207	227
Other non-interest income	173	121	104	69	60
Non-interest income	606	569	330	276	287
Total income	1,714	1,568	892	822	798
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(255)	(266)	(126)	(129)	(133)
- other costs	(110)	(122)	(56)	(54)	(60)
Indirect expenses	(433)	(402)	(208)	(225)	(189)
Restructuring costs					
- direct	(10)	(40)	(10)	-	(40)
- indirect	(8)	(22)	(7)	(1)	(21)
Litigation and conduct costs	(59)	(50)	(59)	-	(50)
Operating expenses	(875)	(902)	(466)	(409)	(493)
Profit before impairment losses	839	666	426	413	305
Impairment (losses)/releases	(27)	(31)	(26)	(1)	9
Operating profit	812	635	400	412	314

Commercial Banking

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Analysis of income by business					
Commercial lending	948	894	499	449	448
Deposits	240	153	124	116	81
Asset and invoice finance	358	366	180	178	186
Other	168	155	89	79	83
Total income	1,714	1,568	892	822	798
Analysis of impairments by sector					
Commercial real estate	8	(6)	10	(2)	(17)
Asset and invoice finance	3	2	2	1	-
Private sector services (education, health, etc)	3	(10)	-	3	-
Banks & financial institutions	1	1	1	-	(1)
Wholesale and retail trade repairs	-	14	2	(2)	2
Hotels and restaurants	(1)	(1)	2	(3)	(4)
Manufacturing	-	7	(1)	1	4
Construction	2	4	2	-	2
Other	11	20	8	3	5
Total impairment losses/(releases)	27	31	26	1	(9)
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances by sector					
Commercial real estate	0.1%	(0.1%)	0.2%	-	(0.4%)
Asset and invoice finance	-	-	0.1%	-	-
Private sector services (education, health, etc)	0.1%	(0.3%)	-	0.2%	-
Banks & financial institutions	-	-	0.1%	-	(0.1%)
Wholesale and retail trade repairs	-	0.5%	0.1%	(0.1%)	0.1%

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Hotels and restaurants	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	0.3%	(0.4%)	(0.5%)
Manufacturing	-	0.4%	(0.1%)	0.1%	0.4%
Construction	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	-	0.4%
Other	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	-	0.1%
Total	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	-	-

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Commercial Banking

Key metrics	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)	11.6%	9.5%	11.3%	11.9%	9.3%
Net interest margin	2.87%	2.70%	2.86%	2.87%	2.73%
Cost:income ratio	51%	58%	52%	50%	62%

	30 June	31 March	Change	31 December	Change
	2015	2015		2014	
	£bn	£bn		£bn	
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to customers (gross)					
- Commercial real estate	17.9	18.4	(3%)	18.3	(2%)
- Asset and invoice finance	14.1	13.9	1%	14.2	(1%)
- Private sector services (education, health etc)	7.0	7.1	(1%)	6.9	1%
- Banks & financial institutions	7.2	7.0	3%	7.0	3%
- Wholesale and retail trade repairs	6.6	6.3	5%	6.0	10%
- Hotels and restaurants	3.2	3.4	(6%)	3.4	(6%)
- Manufacturing	4.6	3.9	18%	3.7	24%
- Construction	1.8	1.7	6%	1.9	(5%)
- Other	28.6	28.0	2%	24.7	16%
Total loans and advances to customers (gross)	91.0	89.7	1%	86.1	6%
Loan impairment provisions	(0.9)	(0.9)	-	(1.0)	(10%)
Net loans and advances to customers (2)	90.1	88.8	1%	85.1	6%
Total assets	94.5	93.3	1%	89.4	6%

Funded assets	94.5	93.3	1%	89.4	6%
Risk elements in lending	2.3	2.4	(4%)	2.5	(8%)
Provision coverage (3)	39%	38%	100bp	38%	100bp
Customer deposits	97.0	99.0	(2%)	86.8	12%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	93%	90%	300bp	98%	(500bp)
Risk-weighted assets (2,4)					
- Credit risk (non-counterparty)	60.7	59.4	2%	57.6	5%
- Operational risk	6.2	6.1	2%	6.4	(3%)
Total risk-weighted assets	66.9	65.5	2%	64.0	5%

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).
- (2) 30 June 2015 includes £13.3 billion third party assets and £10.2 billion risk-weighted asset equivalents relating to the run-down legacy book.
- (3) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (4) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis.

Commercial Banking

Key points

Commercial Banking made a strong start to the year with the business continuing to make a significant contribution to overall bank profitability, whilst focussing on customer service, trust and advocacy. Continued simplification of processes, as well as investment in technology and relationship managers has contributed to organic H1 2015 net lending growth of £0.5 billion.

- As the business continues to focus on supporting the UK economy, special emphasis is being placed on supporting businesses with a turnover of between £10 million and £50 million or borrowing in excess of £1 million.
- Commercial Banking continued to simplify its customer proposition; improvements in account opening have delivered a 75% reduction in customer paperwork and a 25% reduction in the time to open an account.
- Further investment in relationship managers included the introduction of a new Customer Relationship Management tool for 3,000 staff, enabling a more coherent view of all customer needs. In addition, 2,800 staff registered for a bespoke lending skills training programme.
- During H1 complaints reduced by 21%, highlighting the success of the franchise's focus on customer service, delivered through empowering staff, enhancing capability and process simplification.

On 1 January 2015, the Private Banking RBSI business was transferred to Commercial Banking, accounting for £31 million of operating profit in the half year, followed on 1 May 2015 by the Corporate & Institutional Banking UK coverage business, accounting for £13 million of operating profit from the date of transfer. On 1 August 2014, Commercial Cards for UK Personal & Business Banking related customers, with revenue of £22 million, was transferred to UK Personal & Business Banking. The transferred businesses affect comparisons with prior periods. ⁽¹⁾

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Commercial Banking recorded an operating profit of £812 million compared with £635 million in the comparative period. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £18 million (H1 2014 - £62 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £59 million (H1 2014 - £50 million) was £889 million, compared with £747 million in H1 2014, with income up 9%. Return on equity improved 2.1 percentage points to 11.6%.
- Total income was £1,714 million, compared with £1,568 million in the prior year. Net interest income increased by £109 million to £1,108 million, driven by increased deposits and asset volumes and higher deposit margins, partially offset by lower asset margins. Non-interest income increased £37 million to £606 million mostly reflecting higher gains on equity disposals.
- Operating expenses decreased £27 million to £875 million, principally from lower restructuring costs, and lower headcount. This was partially offset by higher litigation and conduct costs of £59 million,

- up £9 million, primarily a top-up for interest rate hedging product provisions.
- Net impairment losses decreased £4 million to £27 million driven by reduced individual and collective charges, down £51 million, offsetting lower net latent releases.
- Net loans and advances to customers increased by £5.0 billion from December 2014 to £90.1 billion, including £4.5 billion from the transferred businesses. Gross lending compared with H1 2014 was up £1.4 billion.
- Deposits were £97.0 billion at 30 June 2015, including £6.4 billion from the transferred businesses, with organic deposit growth of £3.8 billion from 31 December 2014.
- RWAs increased by £3.9 billion year-on-year to £66.9 billion, including £3.8 billion from the transferred businesses.

Note:

- (1) The business transfer included: total income of £108 million (H1 2014 - £78 million; Q2 2015 - £56 million; Q1 2015 - £53 million; Q2 2014 - £42 million); operating expenses of £46 million (H1 2014 - £57 million; Q2 2015 - £24 million; Q1 2015 - £21 million; Q2 2014 - £30 million); net loans and advances to customers of £4.5 billion (31 March 2015 - £4.4 billion; 31 December 2014 - £4.4 billion); customer deposits of £6.4 billion (31 March 2015 - £6.2 billion; 31 December 2014 - £6.5 billion); and RWAs of £3.8 billion (31 March 2015 - £3.6 billion; 31 December 2014 - £3.5 billion). Comparatives have not been restated.

Commercial Banking

Key points (continued)

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Operating profit was £400 million compared with £412 million in the previous quarter. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £17 million (Q1 2015 - £1 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £59 million (Q1 2015 - nil) was £476 million, compared with £413 million.
- Total income increased £70 million in the quarter to £892 million. Net interest income increased 3% to £562 million reflecting an increase in asset and deposit volumes and higher deposit margins, which more than offset lower asset margins. Non-interest income increased by £54 million or 20%, reflecting higher gains on equity disposals in the quarter.
- Operating expenses increased £57 million to £466 million driven by a £59 million provision for litigation and conduct costs and increased restructuring costs.
- Impairment losses increased to £26 million, reflecting increased individual charges and the non-repeat of a net latent release of £13 million in Q1 2015.
- Net loans and advances to customers increased £1.3 billion, reflecting £2.1 billion from the transferred business offset by seasonal reductions and a high level of contractual maturities in June. Lower deposits, down £2.0 billion, reflected the outflow of short term funds placed by customers at the end of Q1 2015.
- RWAs increased £1.4 billion to £66.9 billion, including £2.1 billion from the transferred businesses.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Operating profit improved £86 million to £400 million. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £17 million (Q2 2014 - £61 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £59 million (Q2 2014 - £50 million) rose by £51 million with increased income and cost management initiatives partially offset by increased impairment losses.
- Total income rose to £892 million, up from £798 million in Q2 2014. Net interest income increased by £51 million or 10%, reflecting increased asset and deposit volumes and higher deposit margins, which more than offset reduced asset margins. Non-interest income increased by £43 million or 15%, reflecting higher gains on equity disposals.
- Operating expenses were £27 million lower reflecting reduced restructuring costs, discretionary cost initiatives and lower headcount.

- Net impairment losses increased by £35 million reflecting the non-repeat of a Q2 2014 latent provision release of £59 million, partially offset by lower individual and collective charges.

Private Banking

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	254	344	126	128	174
Net fees and commissions	145	172	70	75	84
Other non-interest income	22	29	11	11	14
Non-interest income	167	201	81	86	98
Total income	421	545	207	214	272
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(143)	(151)	(67)	(76)	(75)
- other costs	(26)	(29)	(14)	(12)	(14)
Indirect expenses	(194)	(217)	(96)	(98)	(109)
Restructuring costs					
- direct	(3)	(2)	(3)	-	(2)
- indirect	(80)	(1)	(81)	1	(1)
Litigation and conduct costs	(28)	-	(26)	(2)	-
Operating expenses	(474)	(400)	(287)	(187)	(201)
(Loss)/profit before impairment losses	(53)	145	(80)	27	71
Impairment releases/(losses)	3	-	2	1	(1)
Operating (loss)/profit	(50)	145	(78)	28	70
Of which: international private banking activities (1)					
Total income	100	115	48	52	57
Operating expenses	(113)	(87)	(68)	(45)	(42)
Operating (loss)/profit	(13)	28	(20)	7	15

Note:

Highlights

(1) International private banking business reclassified to disposal groups.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Analysis of income by business					
Investments	74	90	35	39	45
Banking	347	455	172	175	227
Total income	421	545	207	214	272

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Private Banking					
Key metrics					
	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)	(7.5%)	12.9%	(20.1%)	4.4%	12.3%
Net interest margin	3.23%	3.72%	3.21%	3.25%	3.73%
Cost:income ratio	113%	73%	139%	87%	74%
	30 June	31 March		31	
	2015	2015		December	
				2014	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to customers (gross)					
- Personal	4.8	5.3	(9%)	5.4	(11%)
- Mortgages	6.6	6.6	-	8.9	(26%)
- Other	2.1	2.2	(5%)	2.3	(9%)
Total loans and advances to customers (gross)	13.5	14.1	(4%)	16.6	(19%)
Loan impairment provisions	-	(0.1)	(100%)	(0.1)	(100%)
Net loans and advances to customers	13.5	14.0	(4%)	16.5	(18%)
Total assets	17.0	17.9	(5%)	20.5	(17%)
Funded assets	16.9	17.8	(5%)	20.4	(17%)
Assets under management	27.1	29.2	(7%)	28.3	(4%)
Risk elements in lending	0.2	0.1	100%	0.2	-
Provision coverage (2)	31%	34%	(300bp)	34%	(300bp)
Customer deposits	29.8	29.6	1%	36.1	(17%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	45%	47%	(200bp)	46%	(100bp)

Risk-weighted assets (3)					
- Credit risk					
- non-counterparty	8.2	8.6	(5%)	9.5	(14%)
- counterparty	0.1	0.1	-	0.1	-
- Operational risk	1.5	1.5	-	1.9	(21%)
Total risk-weighted assets	9.8	10.2	(4%)	11.5	(15%)
Of which: international private banking activities (4)					
Total assets	5.3	6.2	(15%)	5.6	(5%)
Net loans and advances to customers	2.7	3.1	(13%)	3.1	(13%)
Assets under management	13.6	15.0	(9%)	14.6	(7%)
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	6.7	7.7	(13%)	7.5	(11%)
Risk-weighted assets (3)	1.7	2.0	(15%)	1.8	(6%)

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).
- (2) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (3) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis.
- (4) International private banking business reclassified to disposal groups.

Private Banking

Key points

Private Banking continued to focus on its UK strengths as the business is repositioned to enable sustainable returns over the long run, and to meet its ambition to be the leading UK-based private bank and wealth manager for wealthy individuals. A new Executive Committee was created with end-to-end accountabilities around banking, credit and investments, to ensure the business delivers solutions to clients in a responsive, rapid and efficient manner.

- Growth initiatives included working more closely with colleagues in RBS and NatWest, resulting in hundreds of referrals of individuals potentially suitable for a private banking relationship with Coutts & Co or Adam & Company.
- A series of client campaigns are underway to ensure client needs are proactively addressed which have resulted in over a thousand clients starting to use online banking and the refinancing of over £1 billion of expiring credit facilities.
- The sale of most of the International Private Banking business to Union Bancaire Privée remains on track for Q4 2015.

On 1 January 2015, the Private Banking RBSI business, accounting for £31 million of operating profit in the half year was transferred to Commercial Banking. This transfer affects comparisons with prior periods⁽¹⁾.

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Operating loss was £50 million compared with a profit of £145 million a year prior. Results were affected by the transfer of the RBSI business, lower income, higher restructuring costs and increased litigation and conduct costs. Private Banking Go-forward business reported an operating loss of £37 million, including £82 million write-down of an intangible asset, compared with a £117 million profit for H1 2014.
- Total income was £421 million, down from £545 million in H1 2014 with net interest income decreasing 26%. Performance was adversely affected by lower income from hedging activities and reduced investment and transactional income.
- Operating expenses increased £74 million to £474 million, reflecting an £80 million increase in restructuring costs, arising from the write-down of an intangible asset of £82 million and litigation and conduct costs of £28 million, principally incurred in Q2 2015, offsetting a reduction in direct and indirect costs.

- Assets under management were £27.1 billion, down £1.6 billion year-on-year and £1.2 billion from 31 December 2014, with the Greek financial crisis adversely impacting European stock market indices and reducing portfolio values. Private Banking Go-forward business assets under management were £13.5 billion, down £0.3 billion year-on-year and down £0.2 billion from 31 December 2014.

Note:

- (1) The business transfer included: total income of £76 million (H1 2014 - £69 million; Q2 2015 - £37 million; Q1 2015 - £38 million; Q2 2014 - £37 million); operating expenses of £44 million (H1 2014 - £53 million; Q2 2015 - £23 million; Q1 2015 - £20 million; Q2 2014 - £28 million); net loans and advances to customers of £2.4 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.4 billion; 31 December 2014 - £2.6 billion); customer deposits of £6.4 billion (31 March 2015 - £6.2 billion; 31 December 2014 - £6.5 billion); and RWAs of £1.5 billion (31 March 2015 - £1.5 billion; 31 December 2014 - £1.4 billion). Comparatives have not been restated.

Private Banking

Key points (continued)

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Operating loss was £78 million compared with a profit of £28 million in Q1, with higher restructuring and litigation and conduct costs.
- Total income decreased by 3% to £207 million, with net interest income flat and lower non-interest income reflecting lower investment and transactional income.
- Operating expenses increased by 53%, driven by higher restructuring costs as a result of an £82 million write-down of an intangible asset together with higher litigation and conduct costs by £24 million.
- Assets under management reduced to £27.1 billion from £29.2 billion in the previous quarter with the Greek financial crisis adversely impacting European stock market indices reducing portfolio values.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Operating loss was £78 million compared with a £70 million profit in Q2 2014, partly due to the transfer of Private Banking RBSI business to Commercial Banking on 1 January 2015; performance was also impacted by higher restructuring costs, increased litigation and conduct costs and lower income.
- Total income decreased 24%, partly due to the transfer of RBSI business; the performance adversely impacted by lower income from hedging activities and reduced investment and transactional income.
- Operating expenses increased £86 million, or 43%, with the performance impacted by higher restructuring costs, as a result of the write-down of an intangible asset of £82 million, increased litigation and conduct costs of £26 million, offset in part by a fall in direct and indirect costs.

Corporate & Institutional Banking

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income from banking activities	376	365	174	202	186
Net fees and commissions	395	490	160	235	247
Income from trading activities	559	1,482	250	309	597
Other operating income	(6)	90	(64)	58	46
Non-interest income	948	2,062	346	602	890
Total income	1,324	2,427	520	804	1,076
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(322)	(487)	(142)	(180)	(217)
- other costs	(149)	(250)	(71)	(78)	(140)
Indirect expenses	(1,061)	(1,180)	(521)	(540)	(587)
Restructuring costs					
- direct	(211)	(22)	(195)	(16)	(9)
- indirect	(814)	(169)	(539)	(275)	(143)
Litigation and conduct costs	(873)	(50)	(373)	(500)	(50)
Operating expenses	(3,430)	(2,158)	(1,841)	(1,589)	(1,146)
(Loss)/profit before impairment losses	(2,106)	269	(1,321)	(785)	(70)
Impairment releases/(losses)	31	39	(13)	44	45
Operating (loss)/profit	(2,075)	308	(1,334)	(741)	(25)
	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Analysis of income by product					

Rates	372	523		164	208	221
Currencies	195	247		107	88	111
Credit	242	384		86	156	170
Banking/Other	(69)	(73)		(47)	(22)	(46)
Portfolio (1)	223	269		102	121	136
Total CIB (Go-forward)	963	1,350		412	551	592
CIB Capital Resolution excluding disposal losses	502	1,077		221	281	484
Disposal losses	(141)	-		(113)	(28)	-
CIB Capital Resolution (2)	361	1,077		108	253	484
Total income	1,324	2,427		520	804	1,076

Notes:

- (1) Comprises the UK Portfolio which was transferred to Commercial Banking on 1 May 2015, the Western European Portfolio and UK Transaction services.
- (2) The CIB segment is planning to restructure into Go-forward and CIB Capital Resolution elements. The split is subject to further refinement.

Corporate & Institutional Banking

Key metrics	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)	(24.6%)	1.6%	(33.0%)	(17.1%)	(1.5%)
Net interest margin	1.06%	0.88%	1.00%	1.12%	0.90%
Cost:income ratio	259%	89%	354%	198%	107%

	30 June	31 March		31 December	
	2015	2015		2014	
	£bn	£bn	Change	£bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to customers (gross, excluding reverse repos)	57.9	76.8	(25%)	73.0	(21%)
Loan impairment provisions	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	(0.2)	(50%)
Total loans and advances to customers (excluding reverse repos)	57.8	76.7	(25%)	72.8	(21%)
Loans and advances to banks (excluding reverse repos) (2)	13.6	18.5	(26%)	16.9	(20%)
Reverse repos	63.0	68.4	(8%)	61.6	2%
Securities	40.8	48.2	(15%)	57.0	(28%)
Cash and eligible bills	22.4	20.8	8%	23.2	(3%)
Other	13.5	15.8	(15%)	9.6	41%
Total assets	482.4	623.8	(23%)	577.2	(16%)
Funded assets	211.1	248.4	(15%)	241.1	(12%)
Provision coverage (3)	65%	82%	(1,700bp)	105%	(4,000bp)
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	49.2	58.4	(16%)	59.4	(17%)
Bank deposits (excluding repos)	28.7	34.7	(17%)	33.3	(14%)
Repos	61.0	68.3	(11%)	61.1	-

Debt securities in issue	10.5	12.4	(15%)	14.1	(26%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	117%	131%	(1,400bp)	122%	(500bp)
Risk-weighted assets (4)					
- Credit risk					
- non-counterparty	38.6	49.8	(22%)	51.3	(25%)
- counterparty	22.9	26.1	(12%)	25.1	(9%)
- Market risk	18.1	18.4	(2%)	18.9	(4%)
- Operational risk	8.4	8.5	(1%)	11.8	(29%)
Total risk-weighted assets	88.0	102.8	(14%)	107.1	(18%)
Of which: CIB Capital Resolution (5)					
Funded assets	62.3	85.8	(27%)	95.0	(34%)
Risk-weighted assets	45.2	57.8	(22%)	63.8	(29%)

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).
- (2) Excludes disposal groups.
- (3) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (4) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis. £88 billion includes £9 billion of RWAs related to businesses that will transfer out of CIB, comprising the Western European Large Corporate portfolio (expected to move to Commercial Banking in H2 2015) and UK Transaction Services (to Commercial Banking in 2016).
- (5) The CIB segment is planning to restructure into Go-forward and CIB Capital Resolution elements. The split is subject to further refinement.

Corporate & Institutional Banking

Key points

Corporate & Institutional Banking (CIB) announced its new business strategy in February 2015 and plans to restructure into CIB Go-forward and CIB Capital Resolution are well advanced. Reviews of the business are complete and the new management teams are in place, however, the business continues to be managed as a single reportable segment.

The CIB Go-forward business is currently undergoing a multi-year transformation, implementing a simpler operating model to support two main lines of business: debt financing and risk management. The business has completed its client communication programme outlining a commitment to maintaining strong market positions in the UK and Western Europe. Assuming normal seasonal trends, we expect the CIB Go-forward business will generate full year income in the region of £1.3 billion excluding revenues of approximately £400 million relating to the UK and European large corporate business which have been or will be transferred during the second half of 2015 to Commercial Banking, and the UK GTS business which will transfer in 2016. We now expect the steady state RWAs of the CIB Go-forward business to be around £30 billion⁽¹⁾.

Following February's announcement, CIB Capital Resolution will run down certain parts of the CIB business, removing risk from the balance sheet. CIB Capital Resolution is currently ahead of both its cost reduction and RWA rundown targets. The first half of the year saw substantial progress in the sale of corporate loan portfolios including a substantial proportion of the North American portfolio to Mizuho Bank and the majority of the Australian and United Arab Emirates portfolios. A partnership with BNP Paribas was also announced to offer existing international customers an alternative Global Transaction Services (GTS) provider as the business is refocused.

As part of the restructuring, effective from 1 May 2015, the UK Corporate loan portfolio transferred to Commercial Banking⁽²⁾ accounting for £2 billion of funded assets and £2.1 billion of RWAs at the date of transfer. Work is also underway to transfer the Go-forward Western European loan portfolio to Commercial Banking, accounting for £4 billion of assets and £5 billion of RWAs at 30 June 2015. The UK GTS will transfer to Commercial Banking in 2016.

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

An operating loss of £2,075 million was reported in H1 2015, compared with an operating profit of £308 million in H1 2014, impacted by litigation and conducts costs of £873 million and a heightened level of restructuring costs totalling £1,025 million following the strategic announcement in February.

Operating loss excluding restructuring costs of £1,025 million (H1 2014 - £191 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £873 million (H1 2014 - £50 million) was £177 million, a fall from a profit of £549 million in H1 2014. This reflected lower income partly offset by higher restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs of £1,898 (H1 2014 - £241 million).

Total income decreased by £1,103 million to £1,324 million compared with H1 2014. This is broadly in line with expectations given CIB's reduction in scale and scope. The bulk of the income reduction was in CIB Capital Resolution where: Markets income fell from £683 million in H1 2014 to £116 million in H1 2015 (primarily due to the wind down of US asset-backed products); Portfolio income fell from £184 million in H1 2014 to £165 million in H1 2015; Transaction Services income fell from £292 million in H1 2014 to £230 million in H1 2015; disposal losses of £141 million were incurred in H1 2015 (nil in H1 2014). Within the Go-forward business Rates and Credit were impacted by uncertainty in the Eurozone while Currencies incurred a loss when the Swiss central bank removed unexpectedly the Swiss Franc's peg to the Euro.

Notes:

- (1) Refer to forward-looking statements on page 3.
- (2) The business transfer from CIB to Commercial Banking was effective from 1 May 2015. Comparatives were not restated and for the whole period the financials of the UK large corporate business were: total income of £32 million in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £31 million; Q2 2015 - £19 million; Q1 2015 - £15 million; Q2 2014 - £16 million); operating expenses of £2 million in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £4 million; Q2 2015 - £1 million; Q1 2015 - £1 million; Q2 2014 - £2 million); net loans and advances to customers of £2.1 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.0 billion; 31 December 2014 - £1.8 billion); and RWAs of £2.3 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.1 billion; 31 December 2014 - £2.1 billion).

Corporate & Institutional Banking

Key points (continued)

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

Operating expenses increased from £2,158 million to £3,430 million in H1 2015 due to a higher level of litigation and conduct costs and restructuring costs. The increased restructuring costs of £1,025 million reflect February's strategic announcement and were driven by the write-down of intangible assets totalling £521 million and provision for staff redundancies, as the business strives to become a smaller, simpler bank. Operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £1,025 million (H1 2014 - £191 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £873 million (H1 2014 - £50 million) fell by 20% to £1,532 million as headcount continued to be reduced and discretionary expenditure tightly controlled.

RWAs fell substantially, from £128 billion at 30 June 2014 to £88 billion at 30 June 2015 reflecting the ongoing drive to reduce both the scale and risk of the business. This was reinforced by the creation of CIB Capital Resolution where an acceleration of disposals means RWAs have fallen by £19 billion since 31 December 2014 and are ahead of plan. CIB is on track to deliver the previously announced target of a £25 billion reduction in 2015.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

Operating loss increased by £593 million to £1,334 million, reflecting lower income and higher restructuring costs, partially offset by lower litigation and conduct costs. Operating loss excluding restructuring costs of £734 million (Q1 2015 - £291 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £373 million (Q1 2015 - £500 million) was £227 million compared with a profit of £50 million in Q1 2015 as the reduction in operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £734 million (Q1 2015 - £291 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £373 million (Q1 2015 - £500 million) was more than offset by lower income.

Total income fell by £284 million to £520 million. This was driven by the wind down of CIB Capital Resolution where: Markets income fell from £94 million in Q1 2015 to £21 million in Q2 2015; Portfolio income increased from £80 million in Q1 2015 to £85 million in Q2 2015; Transaction Services income fell from £126 million in Q1 2015 to £104 million in Q2 2015; disposal losses increased from £28 million in Q1 2015 to £113 million in Q2 2015. CIB Go-forward income declined by 25% from £551 million to £412 million, driven by uncertainty in European markets, impacting both rates trading and debt capital market issuance.

Operating expenses increased by £252 million to £1,841 million as a lower level of litigation and conduct expenses was more than offset by higher restructuring costs. Operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £734 million (Q1 2015 - £291 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £373 million (Q1 2015 - £500 million) fell by £64 million to £734 million due to ongoing reductions in both headcount and discretionary expenditure.

RWAs fell by £15 billion to £88 billion, £13 billion of which was in CIB Capital Resolution driven by reductions in both the loan portfolio and the trading book.

Note:

- (1) The business transfer from CIB to Commercial Banking was effective from 1 May 2015. Comparatives were not restated and for the whole period the financials of the UK large corporate business were: total income of £32 million in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £31 million; Q2 2015 - £19 million; Q1 2015 - £15 million; Q2 2014 - £16 million); operating expenses of £2 million in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £4 million; Q2 2015 - £1 million; Q1 2015 - £1 million; Q2 2014 - £2 million); net loans and advances to customers of £2.1 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.0 billion; 31 December 2014 - £1.8 billion); and RWAs of £2.3 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.1 billion; 31 December 2014 - £2.1 billion).

Corporate & Institutional Banking

Key points (continued)

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

Operating loss totalled £1,334 million, compared with £25 million in Q2 2014. This reflected lower income, an increase in restructuring costs to £734 million following the recent strategic announcement and higher litigation and conduct costs of £373 million. Operating loss excluding restructuring costs and litigation and conduct costs of £1,107 million (Q2 2014 - £202 million) was £227 million, compared with an operating profit of £177 million in Q2 2014.

The reduction in total income of £556 million was driven by CIB capital resolution, where: Markets income fell from £282 million in Q2 2014 to £21 million in Q2 2015 (primarily due to the wind down of US asset-backed products); Portfolio income was at £85 million in both periods; Transaction Services income fell from £145 million in Q2 2014 to £104 million in Q2 2015; disposal losses of £113 million were incurred in Q2 2015 (nil in Q2 2014). In CIB Go-forward lower Credit income was driven by the market-wide reduction in EMEA debt capital market issuance compared to the same period last year.

Operating expenses increased by £695 million to £1,841 million and included a £582 million increase in restructuring costs and a £323 million increase in litigation and conduct costs. Operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of £734 million (Q2 2014 - £152 million) and litigation and conduct costs of £373 million (Q2 2014 - £50 million) fell by 22% reflecting the ongoing drive to reduce costs and simplify the business.

Note:

- (1) The business transfer from CIB to Commercial Banking was effective from 1 May 2015. Comparatives were not restated and for the whole period the financials of the UK large corporate business were: total income of £32 million in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £31 million; Q2 2015 - £19 million; Q1 2015 - £15 million; Q2 2014 - £16 million); operating expenses of £2 million in H1 2015 (H1 2014 - £4 million; Q2 2015 - £1 million; Q1 2015 - £1 million; Q2 2014 - £2 million); net loans and advances to customers of £2.1 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.0 billion; 31 December 2014 - £1.8 billion); and RWAs of £2.3 billion (31 March 2015 - £2.1 billion; 31 December 2014 - £2.1 billion).

Central items

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Central items not allocated	(47)	91	164	(211)	86

Funding and operating costs have been allocated to operating segments based on direct service usage, the requirement for market funding and other appropriate drivers where services span more than one segment.

Residual unallocated items relate to volatile corporate items that do not naturally reside within a segment.

Key points

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Central items not allocated represented a charge of £47 million compared with a credit of £91 million in H1 2014. This includes a loss of £69 million on the disposal of available-for-sale securities in Treasury, compared with a gain of £215 million in the first half of 2014. Partially offsetting this, Treasury funding costs, including volatile items under IFRS, were a gain of £93 million in H1 2015 compared with a charge of £4 million in H1 2014.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Central items not allocated represented a credit of £164 million compared with a charge of £211 million in Q1 2015. This was principally driven by Treasury funding costs, including volatile items under IFRS, resulting in a £201 million gain against a £108 million charge in Q1 2015.

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Central items not allocated represented a credit of £164 million compared with a credit of £86 million in Q2 2014. Treasury funding costs, including volatile items under IFRS, resulted in a gain of £201 million compared with £46 million in Q2 2014. Partially offsetting this, restructuring charges relating to Williams & Glyn were £126 million in the quarter, £67 million higher than Q2 2014. In addition,

losses on the disposal of available-for-sale securities in Treasury were £42 million compared to a gain of £13 million in Q2 2014.

Citizens Financial Group (£ Sterling)

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	1,104	987	551	553	499
Net fees and commissions	371	350	191	180	181
Other non-interest income	119	270	55	64	210
Non-interest income	490	620	246	244	391
Total income	1,594	1,607	797	797	890
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(564)	(512)	(275)	(289)	(261)
- other costs	(422)	(501)	(215)	(207)	(252)
Restructuring costs	(33)	(69)	(27)	(6)	(69)
Operating expenses	(1,019)	(1,082)	(517)	(502)	(582)
Profit before impairment losses	575	525	280	295	308
Impairment losses	(89)	(104)	(51)	(38)	(31)
Operating profit	486	421	229	257	277
Average exchange rate - US\$/£	1.524	1.669	1.532	1.514	1.683
Key metrics					
	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)	6.8%	6.9%	6.5%	7.2%	9.0%
Net interest margin	2.80%	2.94%	2.78%	2.83%	2.93%
Cost:income ratio	64%	67%	65%	63%	65%

Note:

- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).

Citizens Financial Group (£ Sterling)

	30 June	31 March		31	
	2015	2015		December	
	£bn	£bn	Change	2014	Change
				£bn	
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to customers (gross)	61.9	64.0	(3%)	60.1	3%
Loan impairment provisions	(0.5)	(0.6)	(17%)	(0.5)	-
Net loans and advances to customers	61.4	63.4	(3%)	59.6	3%
Total assets	87.2	91.8	(5%)	84.9	3%
Funded assets	86.8	91.3	(5%)	84.5	3%
Investment securities	16.0	16.9	(5%)	15.8	1%
Risk elements in lending	1.2	1.4	(14%)	1.3	(8%)
Provision coverage (1)	43%	41%	200bp	40%	300bp
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	63.8	65.8	(3%)	60.6	5%
Bank deposits (excluding repos)	4.5	5.1	(12%)	5.1	(12%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	96%	96%	-	98%	(200bp)
Risk-weighted assets (2)					
- Credit risk					
- non-counterparty	64.0	66.1	(3%)	62.4	3%
- counterparty	0.9	1.0	(10%)	0.9	-
- Operational risk	4.9	4.9	-	5.1	(4%)
Total risk-weighted assets	69.8	72.0	(3%)	68.4	2%
Spot exchange rate - US\$/£	1.572	1.485		1.562	

Notes:

- (1) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (2) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis.

Key points

Sterling strengthened against the US Dollar during the first half of 2015, with the spot exchange rate at the 30 June 2015 increasing 1% compared with 31 December 2014. Performance is described in full in the US Dollar based financial statements set out on pages 58 to 61.

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Citizens Financial Group (US dollar)

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Income statement					
Net interest income	1,682	1,647	845	837	838
Net fees and commissions	565	584	293	272	305
Other non-interest income	181	452	84	97	353
Non-interest income	746	1,036	377	369	658
Total income	2,428	2,683	1,222	1,206	1,496
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(859)	(855)	(423)	(436)	(439)
- other costs	(643)	(835)	(330)	(313)	(423)
Restructuring costs	(50)	(115)	(40)	(10)	(115)
Operating expenses	(1,552)	(1,805)	(793)	(759)	(977)
Profit before impairment losses	876	878	429	447	519
Impairment losses	(135)	(174)	(77)	(58)	(53)
Operating profit	741	704	352	389	466

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
Performance ratios					
Return on equity (1)	6.8%	6.9%	6.5%	7.2%	9.0%
Net interest margin	2.80%	2.94%	2.78%	2.83%	2.93%
Cost:income ratio	64%	67%	65%	63%	65%

Note:

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- (1) Return on equity is based on operating profit after tax adjusted for preference share dividends divided by average notional equity (based on 13% of the monthly average of segmental RWAE).

Citizens Financial Group (US dollar)

	30 June	31 March		31	
	2015	2015		December	
	\$bn	\$bn	Change	\$bn	Change
Capital and balance sheet					
Loans and advances to customers (gross)	97.3	94.9	3%	93.9	4%
Loan impairment provisions	(0.8)	(0.8)	-	(0.8)	-
Net loans and advances to customers	96.5	94.1	3%	93.1	4%
Total assets	137.0	136.3	1%	132.6	3%
Funded assets	136.4	135.6	1%	132.0	3%
Investment securities	25.1	25.1	-	24.7	2%
Risk elements in lending	1.9	2.0	(5%)	2.1	(10%)
Provision coverage (1)	43%	41%	200bp	40%	300bp
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	100.3	97.7	3%	94.6	6%
Bank deposits (excluding repos)	7.0	7.6	(8%)	8.0	(13%)
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	96%	96%	-	98%	(200bp)
Risk-weighted assets (2)					
- Credit risk					
- non-counterparty	100.5	98.1	2%	97.4	3%
- counterparty	1.5	1.5	-	1.4	7%
- Operational risk	7.7	7.3	5%	8.0	(4%)
Total risk-weighted assets	109.7	106.9	3%	106.8	3%

Notes:

- (1) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (2) RWAs on an end-point CRR basis.

Key points

Sterling and US dollar period on period movements are not necessarily directly comparable due to the impact of exchange rate movements.

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014

- Operating profit increased £65 million (\$37 million), or 15% (5%), to £486 million (\$741 million) and was impacted by the weakening of sterling against the US dollar. The movement reflects the impact of the Illinois sale which was a net gain in Q2 2014 of £170 million (\$283 million), offset by lower restructuring costs of £33 million (\$50 million) (HY 2014 - £69 million (\$115 million), the depreciation and amortisation change⁽¹⁾ and higher income and lower expenses and impairments which contributed a gain of £102 million (\$107 million), or 32% (20%).
- Total income was down £13 million (\$255 million), or 1%, (10%), to £1,594 million (\$2,428 million), reflecting the gain on the sale of the Illinois franchise in Q2 2014 (£170 million (\$283 million)) offset by increased income of £157 million (\$28 million), or 11% (1%), despite an estimated £30 million (\$50 million) reduction related to the Illinois franchise sale. Net interest income improvement was driven by the benefit of earning asset growth and a reduction in pay-fixed swap costs partially offset by continued pressure from the relatively persistent low rate environment on loan yields and mix, the impact of the Illinois franchise sale and higher borrowing costs related to the issuance of subordinated debt and senior notes. Non-interest income decline is driven by the impact from the Illinois franchise sale and lower leasing income partially offset by strength in mortgage banking fees.

Note:

- (1) Starting Q1 2015, as it is a disposal group, CFG will no longer charge depreciation and amortisation. of H1 - £97 million (\$148 million); Q2 2015 - £46 million (\$71 million); Q1 2015 - £51 million (\$77 million)

Citizens Financial Group (US dollar)

Key points (continued)

H1 2015 compared with H1 2014 (continued)

- Operating expenses decreased £63 million (\$253 million), or 6% (14%), to £1,019 million (\$1,552 million) due to lower regulatory costs and the impact of the Illinois franchise sale. Operating expenses, excluding restructuring costs of £33 million (HY 2014 - £69 million) decreased by £27 million, or 3% to £986 million reflecting the depreciation and amortisation change⁽¹⁾ offset by the weakening of sterling against the US dollar. In a US dollar terms operating expenses excluding restructuring costs of \$50 million (HY 2014 - \$115 million) were down \$188 million, or 11%, to \$1,502 million reflecting the depreciation and amortization change⁽¹⁾, lower regulatory costs and the impact of the Illinois franchise sale.
- Impairment losses decreased £15 million (\$39 million), or 14% (22%), to £89 million (\$135 million) reflecting continued improvement in asset quality, and a reduction in net charge-offs somewhat offset by loan growth.
- Average loans and advances were up 18% (8% in US dollar terms) due to commercial loan growth and retail loan growth driven by auto, residential mortgage and student loans partially offset by home equity run-off.
- Average customer deposits were up 16% (6% in US dollar terms), driven by growth in money market, term deposits and checking accounts with interest.

Q2 2015 compared with Q1 2015

- Operating profit decreased by £28 million (\$37 million), or 11% (10%), to £229 million (\$352 million) reflecting, in a US dollar terms, higher expenses and impairments partially offset by higher income. Operating profit excluding restructuring costs of £27 million (\$40 million) (Q1 2015 - £6 million (\$10 million)) was down £7 million (\$7 million), or 3% (2%), to £256 million (\$392 million) with an increase in impairment losses largely offset by revenue growth and expense discipline.
- Total income remained stable at £797 million reflecting the strengthening of sterling against the US dollar. In a US dollar terms total income increased by \$16 million, or 1%, to \$1,222 million. Net interest income was down £2 million to £551 million reflecting the strengthening of Sterling against the US dollar and the continued downward impact of the rate environment on earning asset yields, which offset the benefit of loan growth and an additional day in the quarter. In US dollar terms net interest income was up \$8 million to \$845 million, reflecting the benefit of loan growth and an additional day in the quarter, muted by the continued downward impact of the rate environment on earning asset yields. Non-interest income remained stable at £246 million. In a US dollar terms non-interest income increase of \$8 million was driven by improvement across most categories

partially offset by a gain on sale of mortgage loans in Q1 2015 of \$10 million.

- Operating expenses increased by £15 million (\$34 million), or 3% (4%) to £517 million (\$793 million) as the benefit of seasonally lower salary and benefits expense was offset by an increase in restructuring costs of £21 million (\$30 million) and the effect of more normalised outside services costs. Operating expenses, excluding restructuring costs of £27 million (\$40 million) (Q1 2015 - £6 million (\$10 million)), remained stable at £536 million (\$822 million)., remained stable as the benefit of seasonally lower salary and benefits expense was offset by the effect of more normalised outside services costs.
- Impairment losses increased £13 million (\$19 million), or 34% (33%), to £51 million (\$77 million) reflecting a return to more normalised net charge-off levels from the prior quarter, which benefited from a large commercial real estate loan recovery.

Note:

- (1) Starting Q1 2015, as it is a disposal group, CFG will no longer charge depreciation and amortisation. of H1 - £97 million (\$148 million); Q2 2015 - £46 million (\$71 million); Q1 2015 - £51 million (\$77 million)

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Key points (continued)

Q2 2015 compared with Q2 2014

- Operating profit decreased by £48 million (\$114 million), or 17% (24%), to £229 million (\$352 million), excluding the impact of restructuring costs of £27 million (\$40 million) (Q2 2014 - £69 million (\$115 million)), operating profit was up £34 million (\$23 million), or 19% (8%), to £210 million (\$321 million) reflecting the depreciation and amortisation change⁽¹⁾ offset by the impact of the Illinois franchise sale (£170 million (\$283 million)) net gain in Q2 2014.
- Total income was down £93 million (\$274 million), or 10% (18%), to £797 million (\$1,222 million). Drivers are consistent with H1 2015 compared with H1 2014. The impact of the Q2 2014 gain on the sale of the Illinois franchise, £170 million (\$283 million) was partially offset by a £77 million (\$9 million), or 11% (1%) increase in income to £797 million (\$1,222 million) despite an estimated £15 million (\$25 million) reduction related to the Illinois franchise sale.
- Operating expenses were down £65 million (\$184 million), or 11% (19%), to £517 million (\$793 million) reflecting lower restructuring and regulatory costs. Operating expenses, excluding restructuring costs of £27 million (\$40 million) (Q2 2014 - £69 million (\$115 million)), were up £23 million, or 4%, to £536 million, reflecting the depreciation and amortisation change⁽¹⁾ offset by the weakening of sterling against the US dollar with the average exchange rate decreasing 9%. In a US dollar terms operating expenses were down \$38 million, or 4%, to \$824 million reflecting the decrease related to the impact of the Illinois franchise sale and lower regulatory costs.
- Impairment losses increased £20 million (\$24 million), or 65% (45%), to £51 million (\$77 million) as the benefit of underlying improvement in credit quality was more than offset by increases related to overall loan growth.

Note:

- (1) Starting Q1 2015, as it is a disposal group, CFG will no longer charge depreciation and amortisation. of H1 - £97 million (\$148 million); Q2 2015 - £46 million (\$71 million); Q1 2015 - £51 million (\$77 million)

RBS Capital Resolution

RCR is managed and analysed in four asset management groups - Ulster Bank (RCR Ireland), Real Estate Finance, Corporate and Markets. Real Estate Finance excludes commercial real estate lending in Ulster Bank.

	Half year ended		Quarter ended		
	30 June	30 June	30 June	31 March	30 June
	2015	2014	2015	2015	2014
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	(20)	11	(12)	(8)	16
Funding costs of rental assets	(5)	(12)	(2)	(3)	(9)
Net interest income	(25)	(1)	(14)	(11)	7
Net fees and commissions	8	31	6	2	17
Income from trading activities (1)	48	(53)	40	8	(69)
Other operating income (1)	134	131	13	121	80
Non-interest income	190	109	59	131	28
Total income	165	108	45	120	35
Direct expenses					
- staff costs	(56)	(89)	(31)	(25)	(51)
- other costs	(13)	(32)	(7)	(6)	(14)
Indirect expenses	(32)	(55)	(15)	(17)	(32)
Operating expenses	(101)	(176)	(53)	(48)	(97)
Profit/(loss) before impairment losses	64	(68)	(8)	72	(62)
Impairment releases (1)	293	20	184	109	128
Operating profit/(loss)	357	(48)	176	181	66
Total income					
Ulster Bank	(32)	1	(15)	(17)	14
Real Estate Finance	60	96	35	25	13
Corporate	75	(14)	(16)	91	(12)
Markets	62	25	41	21	20

Total income	165	108	45	120	35
Impairment (releases)/losses					
Ulster Bank	(172)	(15)	(33)	(139)	(67)
Real Estate Finance	(72)	(34)	(44)	(28)	(123)
Corporate	(107)	39	(117)	10	73
Markets	58	(10)	10	48	(11)
Total impairment releases	(293)	(20)	(184)	(109)	(128)
Loan impairment charge as % of gross loans and advances (2)					
Ulster Bank	(7.3%)	(0.2%)	(2.8%)	(8.6%)	(1.9%)
Real Estate Finance	(5.5%)	(0.9%)	(6.8%)	(3.2%)	(6.6%)
Corporate	(6.9%)	1.0%	(15.1%)	0.9%	3.7%
Markets	(1.3%)	(2.0%)	(0.7%)	(2.0%)	(3.6%)
Total	(6.5%)	(0.1%)	(7.1%)	(4.2%)	(1.7%)

Notes:

- (1) Asset disposals contributed £283 million in H1 2015 and £164 million in Q2 2015 (H1 2014 - £281 million; Q1 2015 - £119 million; Q2 2014 - £225 million) to RCR's operating profit: impairment provision releases of £231 million in H1 2015 and £167 million in Q2 2015 (H1 2014 - £321 million; Q1 2015 - £64 million; Q2 2014 - £257 million); loss in income from trading activities of £25 million in H1 2015 and £6 million in Q2 2015 (H1 2014 - £1 million gain; Q1 2015 - £19 million loss; Q2 2014 - £6 million gain) and gain in other operating income of £77 million in H1 2015 and £3 million in Q2 2015 (H1 2014 - £41 million loss; Q1 2015 - £74 million gain; Q2 2014 - £38 million loss).
- (2) Includes disposal groups.

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	30 June	31 March	31 December
	2015	2015	2014
	£bn	£bn	£bn
Capital and balance sheet			
Loans and advances to customers (gross) (1)	11.0	15.1	21.9
Loan impairment provisions	(5.1)	(7.1)	(10.9)
Net loans and advances to customers	5.9	8.0	11.0
Debt securities	0.6	0.8	1.0
Total assets	16.5	22.8	29.0
Funded assets	8.4	11.1	14.9
Risk elements in lending (1)	7.4	10.2	15.4
Provision coverage (2)	69%	70%	71%
Risk-weighted assets			
- Credit risk			
- non-counterparty	7.8	9.7	13.6
- counterparty	3.0	3.8	4.0
- Market risk	4.0	4.1	4.4
- Operational risk	(0.4)	(0.4)	-
Total risk-weighted assets	14.4	17.2	22.0
Total RWA equivalent (3)	17.9	21.7	27.3
Gross loans and advances to customers (1)			
Ulster Bank	4.7	6.5	11.0
Real Estate Finance	2.6	3.5	4.1
Corporate	3.1	4.5	6.2
Markets	0.6	0.6	0.6
	11.0	15.1	21.9
Funded assets - Ulster Bank			
Commercial real estate - investment	0.6	0.7	1.2
Commercial real estate - development	0.2	0.4	0.7

Other corporate	0.2	0.4	0.7
	1.0	1.5	2.6
Funded assets - Real Estate Finance (4)			
UK	1.7	2.3	2.5
Germany	0.2	0.3	0.4
Spain	0.3	0.5	0.5
Other	0.3	0.4	0.8
	2.5	3.5	4.2
Funded assets - Corporate			
Structured finance	0.6	0.9	1.7
Shipping	1.1	1.5	1.8
Other	1.5	1.8	2.3
	3.2	4.2	5.8
Funded assets - Markets			
Securitised products	1.3	1.5	1.8
Emerging markets	0.4	0.4	0.5
	1.7	1.9	2.3

Notes:

- (1) Includes disposal groups.
- (2) Provision coverage represents loan impairment provisions as a percentage of risk elements in lending.
- (3) RWA equivalent (RWAe) is an internal metric that measures the equity capital employed in segments. RWAe converts both performing and non-performing exposures into a consistent capital measure, being the sum of the regulatory RWAs and the regulatory capital deductions, the latter converted to RWAe by applying a multiplier. RBS applies a CET1 ratio of 10% for RCR; this results in an end point CRR RWAe conversion multiplier of 10.
- (4) Includes investment properties.

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Ulster Bank	1.3	-	(0.5)	(0.3)	-	-	0.5
Real Estate Finance	4.7	(0.5)	(0.8)	(0.8)	-	(0.2)	2.4
Corporate	7.2	(0.6)	(1.7)	(0.8)	-	0.1	4.2
Markets	8.8	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.1)	-	(0.3)	7.3
Total	22.0	(1.7)	(3.5)	(2.0)	-	(0.4)	14.4
Quarter ended 30 June 2015							
Ulster Bank	0.7	-	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	-	0.5
Real Estate Finance	3.7	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.5)	-	(0.1)	2.4
Corporate	4.9	(0.3)	(0.4)	0.1	-	(0.1)	4.2
Markets	7.9	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	-	7.3
Total	17.2	(1.1)	(0.9)	(0.6)	-	(0.2)	14.4
Life to date							
Ulster Bank	3.3	(0.5)	(1.0)	(1.2)	-	(0.1)	0.5
Real Estate Finance	13.5	(2.7)	(2.2)	(6.0)	-	(0.2)	2.4
Corporate	16.4	(2.8)	(4.7)	(4.9)	(0.4)	0.6	4.2
Markets	13.5	(3.3)	(3.2)	0.1	-	0.2	7.3
Total	46.7	(9.3)	(11.1)	(12.0)	(0.4)	0.5	14.4
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Capital deductions							
	Beginning			Risk			End of
	of period	Repayments	Disposals (1)	parameters (2)	Impairments	Other (3)	period
Half year ended 30 June 2015	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Ulster Bank	258	(1)	(156)	(14)	85	(27)	145
Real Estate Finance	111	(27)	(86)	96	1	(24)	71
Corporate	112	(47)	(43)	87	(4)	(9)	96
Markets	53	(8)	(5)	(4)	-	(3)	33
Total	534	(83)	(290)	165	82	(63)	345
Quarter ended 30 June 2015							
Ulster Bank	236	(1)	(49)	(27)	-	(14)	145
Real Estate Finance	158	(7)	(87)	20	(7)	(6)	71
Corporate	15	9	24	46	15	(13)	96
Markets	37	(5)	-	1	-	-	33
Total	446	(4)	(112)	40	8	(33)	345
Life to date							
Ulster Bank	559	(31)	(382)	(130)	166	(37)	145
Real Estate Finance	505	(423)	(769)	717	79	(38)	71
Corporate	477	(239)	(156)	104	(106)	16	96
Markets	291	(23)	(85)	(143)	1	(8)	33
Total	1,832	(716)	(1,392)	548	140	(67)	345

RWA equivalent (4)							
	Beginning			Risk			End of
	of period	Repayments	Disposals (1)	parameters (2)	Impairments	Other (3)	period

Half year ended 30 June 2015	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Ulster Bank	3.9	-	(2.0)	(0.4)	0.8	(0.3)	2.0
Real Estate Finance	5.8	(0.8)	(1.6)	0.2	(0.1)	(0.4)	3.1
Corporate	8.3	(1.0)	(2.2)	0.1	(0.1)	0.1	5.2
Markets	9.3	(0.8)	(0.5)	(0.1)	-	(0.3)	7.6
Total	27.3	(2.6)	(6.3)	(0.2)	0.6	(0.9)	17.9
Quarter ended 30 June 2015							
Ulster Bank	3.1	-	(0.6)	(0.4)	-	(0.1)	2.0
Real Estate Finance	5.3	(0.5)	(1.2)	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.1)	3.1
Corporate	5.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.6	0.1	(0.2)	5.2
Markets	8.3	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	-	7.6
Total	21.7	(1.1)	(2.1)	(0.2)	-	(0.4)	17.9
Life to date							
Ulster Bank	8.9	(0.8)	(4.7)	(2.5)	1.5	(0.4)	2.0
Real Estate Finance	18.6	(7.0)	(9.8)	1.1	0.6	(0.4)	3.1
Corporate	21.1	(5.0)	(6.2)	(3.9)	(1.5)	0.7	5.2
Markets	16.4	(3.6)	(4.0)	(1.2)	-	-	7.6
Total	65.0	(16.4)	(24.7)	(6.5)	0.6	(0.1)	17.9

Notes:

- (1) Includes all effects relating to disposals, including associated removal of deductions from regulatory capital.
- (2) Principally reflects credit migration and other technical adjustments.
- (3) Includes fair value adjustments and foreign exchange movements.
- (4) RWA equivalent (RWAe) is an internal metric that measures the equity capital employed in segments. RWAe converts both performing and non-performing exposures into a consistent capital measure, being the sum of the regulatory RWAs and the regulatory capital deductions, the latter converted to RWAe by applying a multiplier. RBS applies a CET1 ratio of 10% for RCR; this results in an end point CRR RWAe conversion multiplier of 10.

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Other corporate	0.5	0.3	0.1	60	33	20	(44)	118
Total Commercial Banking	1.6	0.9	0.3	56	33	19	(72)	288
CIB								
Commercial real estate								
- investment	1.2	0.9	0.4	75	44	33	(95)	194
- development	0.1	0.1	-	100	-	-	62	10
Asset finance	1.2	0.4	0.2	33	50	17	7	226
Other corporate	2.2	0.5	0.3	23	60	14	(23)	148
Total CIB	4.7	1.9	0.9	40	47	19	(49)	578
Total	11.0	7.4	5.1	67	69	46	(293)	4,972
Of which:								
UK	5.6	3.2	1.7	57	53	30	(57)	2,326
Europe	5.1	4.1	3.3	80	80	65	(270)	2,622
US	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	44	1
RoW	0.1	0.1	0.1	100	100	100	(10)	23
Customers	11.0	7.4	5.1	67	69	46	(293)	4,972
Banks	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Total	11.6	7.4	5.1	64	69	44	(293)	4,981

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