

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4. Dividends

	Telstra Entity	
	Year ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	\$m	\$m
Dividends paid		
Previous year final dividend paid	1,738	1,737
Interim dividend paid	1,737	1,738
Total dividends paid	3,475	3,475
Dividends paid per ordinary share		
	cents	cents
Previous year final dividend paid	14.0	14.0
Interim dividend paid	14.0	14.0
Total dividends paid	28.0	28.0

Dividends paid are fully franked at a tax rate of 30%.

Dividends per share in respect of each fiscal year are detailed below:

	Telstra Entity	
	Year ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	cents	cents
Dividends per ordinary share		
Interim dividend paid	14.0	14.0
Final dividend to be paid (a)	14.0	14.0
Total dividends	28.0	28.0

	Telstra Entity	
	Year ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	\$m	\$m
The combined amount of exempting and franking credits available to us for the next fiscal year are:		
Franking account balance	(54)	(141)
Exempting account (b)	24	24
Franking credits that will arise from the payment of income tax payable as at 30 June (c)	674	369
Exempting credits that we may be prevented from distributing in the next fiscal year (b)	(24)	(24)
	620	228

(a) As the final dividend for fiscal 2012 was not determined or publicly recommended by the Board as at 30 June 2012, no provision for dividend has been raised in the statement of financial position. The final dividend has been reported as an event subsequent to reporting date. Refer to note 31 for further details.

(b) In relation to our exempting account, there are statutory restrictions placed on the distribution of credits from this account. As a result of these restrictions, it is unlikely that we will be able to distribute our exempting credits.

(c) Franking credits that will arise from the payment of income tax are expressed at the 30% tax rate on a tax paid basis.

We believe that our current balance in the franking account, combined with the franking credits that will arise on tax instalments expected to be paid, adjusted for franking debits arising from income tax refunds, will be sufficient to fully frank our final 2012 dividend.