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4. DIVIDENDS

	Telstra Entity	
	Year ended 30 June	
	2014	2013
	\$m	\$m
Dividends paid		
Previous year final dividend paid	1,742	1,739
Interim dividend paid	1,803	1,741
Total dividends paid	3,545	3,480
Dividends paid per ordinary share	cents	cents
Previous year final dividend paid	14.0	14.0
Previous year final dividend paid	14.5	14.0
Total dividends paid	28.5	28.0

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

Dividends per share in respect of each financial year are detailed below.

	Telstra Entity	
	Year ended 30 June	
	2014	2013
	cents	cents
Dividends per ordinary share		
Interim dividend paid	14.5	14.0
Final dividend to be paid (a)	15.0	14.0
Total dividends	29.5	28.0

	Telstra Entity	
	2014 \$m	2013 \$m
Franking credits available for use in subsequent reporting periods		
Franking account balance	111	(85)
Franking credits that will arise from the payment of income tax payable as at 30 June (b)	253	368
	364	283

(a) As the final dividend for financial year 2014 was not determined or publicly recommended by the Board as at 30 June 2014, 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) Franking credits that will arise from the payment of income tax are expressed at the 30 per cent 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, will be sufficient to fully frank our final 2014 dividend.