01132760

LLOYDS TSB LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

AND

ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2003

SCT SUYZQU36 0428
COMPANIES HOUSE 08/04/04

Contents	
Company Information	2
Directors' Report	3
Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Lloyds TSB Life Assurance Company Limited	4-5
Technical Account – Long-term business for the year ended 31 December 2003	6
Non-Technical Account for the year ended 31 December 2003	7
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2003	8-9

10-27

Notes to the Accounts

Company Information

Board of Directors

Dr M D Green J McConville R J Whatford

Secretary

T C Nicholls

Actuary

Dr M D Green

Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Erskine House
68-73 Queen Street
Edinburgh
EH2 4NH

Registered Office

25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN

Company Registration Number

1132760

Directors' Report

Principal activity and review of business

The principal activity of Lloyds TSB Life Assurance Company Limited ("the Company") is to transact ordinary long term life assurance, pension business and permanent health insurance.

Following its withdrawal from the distribution of new products in March 2000, the Company continues to administer existing policies and undertakes new business in relation to increases to those policies. In addition the Company has accepted new business premiums in relation to loan protection from another Group company.

The Directors consider that the Company's activities will continue unchanged in the foreseeable future.

Results and Dividend

The result for the year ended 31 December 2003 is a profit after tax of £100.7m (2002 : profit after tax £67.2m). During the year the Company paid a dividend of £350m (2002 : £nil).

Directors

The names of the current Directors are listed on page 2. Particulars of the Directors' emoluments and interests in shares are given in note 7 to the accounts. Changes in directorships during the year are as follows:

Dr M D Green (appointed 01 April 2003)
M L Sykes (resigned 30 June 2003)
I D Thompson (resigned 21 October 2003)
R J Whatford (appointed 21 October 2003)

T C Nicholls Company Secretary

18 February 2004

Onlich

Report of the Independent Auditors To the Members of Lloyds TSB Life Assurance Company Limited

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and related notes which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report including, as described below, the financial statements. The United Kingdom Companies Act 1985 requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the United Kingdom Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding Directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. The other information comprises only the Director's Report.

Report of the Independent Auditors To the Members of Lloyds TSB Life Assurance Company Limited (continued)

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31 December 2003 and of the profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Pricewaterhoux Coopers UP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Edinburgh 18 February 2004

Technical Account – long term business

	Notes	2003 £m	2002 £m
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance Gross premiums written Outward reinsurance premiums	3(a)	471.8 (7.8)	492.8 (7.3)
Investment income	4(a)	269.7	301.9
Unrealised gains on investments	4(a)	850.8	-
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance Claims paid		1,584.5	787.4
Gross amount Less: reinsurers' share		(79 8 .0) 5.0	(1,243.4) 25.0
Change in the provision for claims	16(a)	(790.6)	(0.6) $(1,219.0)$
Change in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance			
Long term business provision, net of reinsurance			
Gross amount	16(a)	70.3	140.4
Less: reinsurers' share	16(b)	<u>(0.6)</u> 69.7	140.9
Other technical provisions, net of reinsurance			
- Technical provisions for linked liabilities	16(a)	(492.1)	1,691.7
	` '	(422.4)	1,832.6
Net operating expenses	5	(73.1)	(50.9)
Investment expenses and charges	4(a)	(181.3)	(313.1)
Unrealised losses on investments	4(a)	-	(959.0)
Tax attributable to the long term business Transfer (to) / from the fund for future	8	(26.0)	(15.6)
appropriations		(1.5)	1.7
B.1		(281.9)	(1,336.9)
Balance on the Technical Account – long term business		89.6	64.1

All activities are continuing.

The notes on pages 10 to 27 form an integral part of these accounts.

Non-Technical Account

	Notes	2003 £m	2002 £m
Balance on long term business Technical Account		89.6	64.1
Tax credit attributable to balance on the long term business Technical Account		53.9	23.2
Shareholder's pre tax profit from long term business		143.5	87.3
Investment income	4(b)	17.1	4.3
Unrealised losses on investments	4(b)	(1.2) 15.9	4.3
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	159.4	91.6
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	8	(58.7)	(24.4)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		100.7	67.2
Dividend paid – ordinary shares		(350.0)	-
Retained (loss) / profit for the financial year		(249.3)	67.2

All recognised gains and losses relevant to the Non-Technical Account are dealt with above and all operations are continuing.

The notes on pages 10 to 27 form an integral part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	Notes	2003 £m	2002 £m
Investments Land and buildings Other financial investments	9(a) 9(b)	1,164.3 1,164.3	0.2 1,611.3 1,611.5
Assets held to cover linked liabilities	10	6,629.2	6,137.1
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions Long term business provision Technical provisions for linked liabilities Debtors	16(b) 16(b)	12.6 2.1 14.7	13.2 2.1 15.3
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations Other debtors	11	15.9 266.3 282.2	21.7 100.5 122.2
Other assets Tangible assets Cash at bank and in hand Other	12 13	6.1 2.1 48.0 56.2	9.2 32.6 65.3 107.1
Prepayments and accrued income Accrued interest and rent Deferred acquisition costs		25.6 4.6 30.2	25.0 11.1 36.1
TOTAL ASSETS		8,176.8	8,029.3

The notes on pages 10 to 27 form an integral part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2003 £m	2002 £m
LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	14	16.0	16.0
Other reserves	15	44.0	44.0
Profit and loss account	15	430.6	679.9
Equity shareholders' funds	15	490.6	739.9
Fund for future appropriations		4.9	3.4
Technical provisions			
Long term business provision	16(a)	955.6	1,025.9
Claims outstanding	16(a)	64.9	67.3
Technical provisions for linked liabilities	16(a)	6,631.3	6,139.2
Creditors Other creditors including taxation and social security	18	29.5	53.6
TOTAL LIABILITIES		8,176.8	8,029.3

The notes on pages 10 to 27 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board on 18 February 2004

Jares Micam

J McConville

Director

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with section 255 and Schedule 9A of the Companies Act 1985 which covers the disclosures applicable to insurance companies. The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Association of British Insurers' Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") on Accounting for Insurance Business issued in December 1998.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Compliance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 19 "Accounting for Investment Properties" ("SSAP 19") requires departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to depreciation and an explanation of the departure is given in the accounting policy note relating to the valuation of investments below.

2. Accounting policies

a) Premiums

Premiums earned are accounted for in the year in which they fall due. In classifying new business premiums DSS rebates are classified as new single premiums.

b) Investment income

Investment income is included on an accruals basis. UK dividend income is stated at net amount received.

Investment return relating to investments which are directly connected with the carrying on of long-term business is initially recorded in the long-term business technical account. The investment return arising in relation to all other investments is recorded in the non-technical account.

c) Realised gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between net sale proceeds and the original cost.

d) Unrealised gains and losses on investments

Unrealised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between the carrying valuation of investments at the Balance Sheet date and the original cost. Movements in unrealised gains and losses on investments arising in the year are shown in the Technical Account.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

e) Claims incurred

Death claims and surrenders are recorded on the basis of notifications received. Maturities and annuity payments are recorded when due. Claims payable include direct costs of settlement. Reinsurance recoveries are accounted for in the same period as their related claims.

f) Deferred acquisition costs

The costs of acquiring new insurance contracts which are incurred during a financial period but which relate to subsequent financial periods, are deferred to the extent that they are recoverable out of future revenue margins. Such costs are disclosed as an asset in the Balance Sheet and are determined explicitly. The rate of change of the deferred acquisition cost asset is consistent with a prudent assessment of the expected pattern of receipt of the future revenue margins over the period the relevant contracts are expected to remain in force.

g) Fixed assets

Expenditure on fixtures and fittings and computer equipment is capitalised and depreciated by equal annual instalments over the expected useful lives of the relevant assets, having regard to expected residual values.

The periods generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings 10 - 15 years
 Office equipment 5 years
 Computer equipment 6 years

h) Tax

Tax is charged on all taxable profits arising for the accounting period. The taxation charge in the Non-Technical Account is based on the taxable profit for the year. In the long term business Technical Account, the taxation charge is based on a method of assessing taxation for the long term fund. Any part of the balance on the long term business Technical Account that is computed on an after tax basis is grossed up at the effective rate of taxation in the Non-Technical Account.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

i) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have not reversed at the Balance Sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable tax profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Balance Sheet date.

j) Long term reinsurance contracts

Long term business is ceded to reassurers under contracts to transfer part or all of one or more of the following risks: mortality, morbidity, investment, persistency and expenses. Such contracts are accounted for as insurance contracts.

k) Valuation of investments

Investments are stated at current value at the Balance Sheet date, calculated as follows:

- Freehold and leasehold properties are individually valued by Lloyds TSB Group's professionally qualified staff, who are members of the Institute of Chartered surveyors, on the basis of open market value, account being taken of the cost of disposal. The valuation is carried out on an annual basis. Under the Companies Act 1985, land and buildings are required to be depreciated over their expected useful economic lives. In respect of investment properties, this requirement conflicts with the generally accepted accounting principle set out in SSAP 19, that no depreciation should be provided in respect of such investments. The Directors consider that to depreciate investment properties would not give a true and fair view and accordingly the provisions of SSAP 19 have been adopted. Depreciation is only one of the factors reflected in the annual valuations and the amounts which might otherwise have been shown cannot reasonably be separately identified and quantified;
- Unit trust units are stated at bid value;
- Listed securities are stated at middle market value;
- Open Ended Investment Company ("OEIC") units are stated at their quoted price;
- Short-term deposits are included at cost;
- Financial futures and option contracts are valued at market rates ruling at the Balance Sheet date and the gain or loss on these contracts is brought into the Technical Account;
- Other investments are stated at Directors' valuation having prudent regard to the likely realisable value.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

l) Foreign currency translation

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Revenue transactions and those relating to the acquisition and realisation of investments have been translated at rates of exchange ruling at the time of the respective transactions. Any exchange differences are dealt with in that part of the profit and loss account in which the underlying transaction is reported.

m) Long term business provision

The long-term business provision for the Company is determined on the basis of recognised actuarial methods and in accordance with the FSA Rules, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Business, and all relevant guidance from the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

For with-profits business, a net premium valuation method is used. For all other classes, the methods used involve estimating future policy cashflows over the duration of the in-force book of policies, and discounting these cashflows back to the valuation date allowing for the probabilities of occurrence. Assumptions are made in respect of all material factors affecting future cashflows, including future interest rates, mortality and costs. All assumptions are set with a margin for prudence.

The principal assumptions made are the interest rates used to discount the cashflows and the mortality assumptions. These are disclosed in Note 17 to the Accounts. These, and other, assumptions are set as described below.

Interest rates

The higher the assumed rates of interest used to discount the cashflows when valuing the liabilities, the lower the value placed on the liabilities. The rates used are chosen in accordance with the relevant FSA Rules (as set out in the Interim Prudential Sourcebook for Insurers IPRU(INS)). These limit the rates of interest that can be used by reference to a number of factors including the dividend and earnings yields on equities, rental income, and redemption yields on fixed interest assets at the valuation date. An adjustment is made to the interest rates used to value with-profits business to allow for future bonuses.

Bonus Rates

The long-term business provision includes explicit provision for declared bonuses added up to and including the reporting date.

Mortality and Morbidity

The mortality and morbidity assumptions are set with regard to the Company's actual experience where this provides a reliable basis, and relevant industry data otherwise.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Expenses

Allowance is made for future policy costs on either an explicit or an implicit basis. Where an implicit margin is used, the adequacy of that margin is tested.

Expense loadings are determined by reference to an internal analysis of expense levels. An allowance is made for expense inflation from the valuation date.

n) Fund for future appropriations

The fund for future appropriations comprises amounts which have yet to be allocated to either participating policyholders or shareholders. Transfers between the fund for future appropriations and the long-term business Technical Account represent the changes in these unallocated amounts between Balance Sheet dates.

o) Cash Flow Statement

A cash flow statement has not been provided as the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised) "Cash Flow Statements" as consolidated accounts, in which the Company is included, are available (see note 23).

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

3.	Segmental analysis		
		2003	2002
(a)	Gross premiums written	£m	£m
	Individual premiums	471.8	492.8
	Premiums under group contracts	-	-
	Total	471.8	492.8
	Regular premium	348.7	423.5
	Single premiums	123.1	69.3
	Total	471.8	492.8
	Premiums from non profit contracts	50.7	64.0
	Premiums from with profits contracts	0.8	0.8
	Premiums from linked contracts	420.3	428.0
	Total	471.8	492.8
	Premiums from life business	258.9	263.1
	Premiums from annuity business	-	
	Premiums from pensions business	195.4	208.4
	Permanent Health Insurance	17.5	21.3
	Total	471.8	492.8
(b)	Gross new business premiums		
	Individual premiums	123.1	69.3
	Premiums under group contracts	-	-
	Total	123.1	69.3
	Regular premiums	_	_
	Single premiums	123.1	69.3
	Total	123.1	69.3
	Premiums from non profit contracts	_	_
	Premiums from linked contracts	123.1	69.3
	Total	123.1	69.3
	Premiums from life business	 4 7 .7	
	Premiums from annuity business	7/-/	-
	Premiums from pensions business	75.4	69.3
	Permanent Health Insurance	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Total	123.1	69.3

Where regular premiums are received other than annually, the regular new business premiums are included on an annualised basis.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

3. Segmental analysis (continued)

(c) Business segment analysis

In the opinion of the Directors the Company operates in a single business segment, that being the provision of long-term insurance.

(d) Geographical analysis

All premiums are written in the United Kingdom.

(e) Reinsurance balance

The reinsurance balance amounted to a debit to the long term business technical account of £3.4m for the year to 31 December 2003 (2002 £0.7m credit).

4. Investment income

(a)	Technical account long term business	2003 £m	2002 £m
	(i) Investment income:		
	Income from Group undertakings	0.5	4.2
	Income from land and buildings	11.2	20.8
	Income from other investments		
	- listed	197.2	172.5
	- other	60.8	104.4
		269.7	301.9
	(ii) Unrealised gains on investments	850.8	-
	(iii) Unrealised losses on investments	-	(959.0)
	(iv) Investment management expenses, including interest		
	Investment management expenses	(5.9)	(7.7)
	Interest paid	(7.3)	(21.9)
	Losses on the realisation of investments	(168.1)	(283.5)
		(181.3)	(313.1)
	Net investment return included in the long-term business		
	Technical Account	939.2	(970.2)

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

4. Investment income (continued)

(b)	Non – Technical account	2003	2002
		£m	£m
	(i) Investment income:		
	Income from land and buildings	-	0.2
	Income from investments		
	- listed	13.7	1.8
	- other	1.4	2.3
	(ii) Gains on the realisation of investments	2.0	-
	(iii) Unrealised gains on investments	2.8	-
	(iv) Unrealised losses on investments	(4.0)	-
	Net investment return included in the Non-Technical		
	Account	15.9	4.3
5.	Net operating expenses		
		2003	2002

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Change in deferred acquisition costs Administrative expenses	6.5 66.6	6.5 44.4
	73.1	50.9

- (a) The administration of the Company is undertaken by Scottish Widows Services Limited. A recharge is levied from this undertaking to the Company in respect of those costs incurred on behalf of the Company.
- (b) The Company had no direct employees during the year (2002 nil). The employee costs, including pension costs, are included in the recharge from Scottish Widows Services Limited noted above. The pension scheme operated is primarily a defined benefit scheme, however it is not possible to separately identify the amount of any surpluses or deficits in the scheme which relates to the Company. Details of the pension scheme can be found in the accounts of Scottish Widows Services Limited.
- (c) Included within administrative expenses are total commissions paid by the Company of £38.5m (2002: £0.1m).

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

6. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2003	2002
	£m	£m
Depreciation charge for the year:		
Owned assets	3.1	4.6
Auditors' remuneration for:		
Audit services	0.2	0.2

Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non audit work amounted to £15,000 (2002 : £29,000).

7. Directors' emoluments and interests

(a) Directors' emoluments

The apportioned aggregate emoluments of the Directors amounted to £61,438 (2002: £97,049).

Retirement benefits are accruing to 3 Directors (2002:3) under defined benefit schemes.

(b) Directors' interests

Lloyds TSB Group plc shares:

Ployds 10D Group pie shares.	At 1 January 2003 Ordinary shares 25p	At 31 December 2003 Ordinary shares 25p
Dr M D Green	4,146	4,146

Options to acquire Lloyds TSB Group plc shares:

	At 1 January 2003	Granted (exercisable between 2005 & 2012)	Lapsed	At 31 December 2003
Dr M D Green	23,907	3,327	3,465	23,769

J McConville and R J Whatford are also directors of Scottish Widows Group Limited and their interests are disclosed in the accounts of that company.

None of the Directors who held office during the year ended 31 December 2003 had any interest in the shares of the Company (2002: none).

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

8. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

The Technical Account and Non-Technical Account are liable to United Kingdom corporation tax on the basis applicable to insurance companies as follows:

	2003 £m	2002 £m
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	6.3	14.8
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	1.5	(2.4)
Double tax relief	(1.0)	(1.0)
	6.8	11.4
Foreign tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	1.9	1.0
Current tax charge	8.7	12.4
Deferred taxation		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	10.5	(2.8)
Effect of reduced tax rate on opening asset	8.7	-
(Decrease) / increase in discount	(1.9)	6.0
Deferred tax charge	17.3	3.2
	26.0	15.6
Non-Technical Account	2003	2002
Iton-rechinear Account	£m	£m
Tax credit attributable to balance on the long-term business		
Technical Account Tax attributable to income arising in the Non-Technical	53.9	23.2
Account	4.8	1.2
Current tax credit	58.7	24.4

The calculation of tax for the year is based on a UK corporation tax rate of 30% (2002: 30%).

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

8. Taxation on loss on ordinary activities (continued)

A reconciliation of the current tax charge for the year for the Non-Technical Account to the charge that would result from applying the standard UK corporation tax rate to profit before tax is given below:

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	159.4	91.6
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2002: 30%)	47.8	27.5
Effects of:		
Differences on effective rate on Technical Account	10.9	(3.1)
Current tax charge	58.7	24.4

9. Investments

(a) Land and Buildings

,,	2003 Current	2003	2002 Current	2002
	Value £m	Cost £m	Value £m	Cost £m
Long leasehold	_	0.2	0.2	0.2

The valuation included in the balance sheet at the year end was carried out by Lloyds TSB Group's professionally qualified staff, who are members of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors, on the basis of open market value as an investment property.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

9(b) Other financial investments

	2003 Market Value £m	2003 Cost £m	2002 Market Value £m	2002 Cost £m
Shares and other variable yield securities Debt securities and other fixed income	327.8	327.8	347.4	347.4
securities	784.7	760.1	854.7	813.5
Deposits with credit institutions	-	-	361.2	361.2
Other	51.8	51.8	48.0	48.0
_ _	1,164.3	1,139.7	1,611.3	1,570.1

All investments in shares and other variable yield securities and all debt securities and other fixed income securities, were listed investments as at 31 December 2003 and 31 December 2002.

10. Assets held to cover linked liabilities

	2003 Current	2003	2002 Current	2002
	Value £m	Cost £m	Value £m	Cost £m
Assets held to cover linked liabilities	6,629.2	6,553.1	6,137.1	6,958.4

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

1	1 4	Other	debtors
		Ounei	acumans

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors	250.3 16.0	100.0 0.5
	266.3	100.5

12. Tangible assets

	Computers and equipment	and and	
	£m	£m	£m
Cost			
At 1 January 2003 Additions	31.9	14.5	46.4
At 31 December 2003	31.9	14.5	46.4
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2003 Charge for the year	26.4 0.3	10.8 2.8	37.2 3.1
At 31 December 2003	26.7	13.6	40.3
Net book value			40.5
At 31 December 2003	5.2	0.9	6.1
At 31 December 2002	5.5	3.7	9.2

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

13. Other assets

Other assets consist solely of deferred taxation as follows:

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Accelerated capital allowances	(0.1)	(0.4)
Deferred acquisition costs	5.3	(3.3)
Pension losses	105.7	96.0
Other timing differences	(37.8)	
Undiscounted tax asset	73.1	92.3
Discount	(25.1)	(27.0)
Discounted tax asset	48.0	65.3
Changes in the provision are as follows		
Balance at 1 January	65.3	68.5
Deferred tax charge recognised in the year	(17.3)	(3.2)
Balance at 31 December	48.0	65.3
14. Called-up share capital	2003 £m	2002 £m
Authorised, allotted and issued fully paid:		
16 million ordinary shares of £1 each	16.0	16.0

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

15. Reconciliation of movement in Shareholder's Funds

	Share capital £m	Other reserves	Profit and Loss account £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 January 2002	16.0	44.0	612.7	672.7
Profit for the financial year Balance at 31 December 2002	16.0	44.0	67.2 679.9	67.2 739.9
Profit for the financial year Dividend paid	-	-	100.7 (350.0)	100.7 (350.0)
Balance as at 31 December 2003	16.0	44.0	430.6	490.6

16. Technical provisions

	Claims outstanding £m	Long term business provision £m	Technical provisions for linked liabilities £m
(a) Gross technical provisions			
Balance at 1 January 2003 Movement for the year	67.3 (2.4)	1,025.9 (70.3)	6,139.2 492.1
At 31 December 2003	64.9	955.6	6,631.3
(b) Reinsurers' share			
Balance at 1 January 2003 Movement for the year	-	13.2 (0.6)	2.1
At 31 December 2003	-	12.6	2.1
(c) Net technical provisions			
Balance at 31 December 2003	64.9	943.0	6,629.2
Balance at 1 January 2003	67.3	1,012.7	6,137.1

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

17. Long term business provision

The principal assumptions underlying the calculation of the long term business provision were as follows:

Class of business	Interest rate % 2003	Interest rate % 2002
With profit business:		
Endowment plus assurances	2.80	2.80
Other assurances	2.80	2.80
Non profit business:		
Life temporary assurances	3.40	3.00
Pension temporary assurances	4.25	3.75
Endowment assurances	3.40	3.00
Whole of life assurances	3.40	3.00
Guaranteed bonus bonds	3.71	3.60
Pension annuities in payment	4.68	4.40
Permanent health insurance claims in payment	4.39	4.19

The following mortality assumptions (for the main classes of business) are based on the actual experience of the portfolio as well as relevant industry statistics:

Assurances:	AM80 ult for males with an addition of 60% to the mortality rate for smokers and a deduction of 20% for non-smokers. AF80 ult for females with an addition of 60% to the mortality rate for smokers and a deduction of 20% for non-smokers.
Pensions annuities in payment:	145% PMA92 (entry in 2004) <i>mc</i> for males, 85% PFA92 (entry in 2004) <i>mc</i> for females. (2002: 100% PMA92 (entry in 2003) for males,

80% PFA92 (entry in 2003) for females).

Cost of Bonuses

The cost of bonuses for the year, including terminal bonuses, totalled £0.8m (2002:£0.8m).

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

18. Other creditors including taxation and social security

	2003 £m	2002 £m
Amounts owed to Group undertakings Other creditors	2.1 27.4	5.4 48.2
	29.5	53.6

All creditors are payable within one year.

19. Assets attributable to the long term business funds

The total assets shown on page 8 include £7,924.4 (2002: £7,424.2) attributable to the long-term business funds of the Company.

20. Derivative contracts

At 31 December 2003 the Company had entered into, in the normal course of business, option contracts, index future contracts and forward foreign exchange contracts. All such contracts were undertaken for either hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes with the exception of certain contracts used for the purpose of matching contractual liabilities.

21. Contingent liabilities

In common with other companies providing savings and investment products to retail consumers, matters arise from time to time as a result of customer complaints or investigations by the regulator requiring remedial action to be taken, which may include the payment of compensation. Complaints are dealt with on a case by case basis and where appropriate compensation is paid.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

22. Related party transactions

Advantage has been taken of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 (FRS 8) not to disclose transactions between entities 90% or more of whose voting rights are controlled within the Lloyds TSB group, of which the Company is a member.

No contract of significance existed at any time during the period in which a Director or key manager was materially interested or which requires disclosure as a related party transaction as defined under FRS 8 "Related Party Disclosures".

There were no other material transactions by the Company with related parties for the year ended 31 December 2003.

23. Parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Scottish Widows plc, a Company registered in the United Kingdom. Scottish Widows plc has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 and has not produced consolidated accounts.

Lloyds TSB Group plc is regarded by the Directors as the ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party of Lloyds TSB Life Assurance Company Limited. Copies of the Lloyds TSB Group plc accounts, in which the Company is consolidated, can be obtained from the Group Secretary's Department, Lloyds TSB Group plc, 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN.