



ABN 11 223 649 773

**Half Year
Interim Financial Report
31 December 2025**

The Interim Financial Report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an Annual Financial Report. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Interim Financial Report is read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Public Trustee for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

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Commentary

for the quarter and half year ended 31 December 2025

Public Trustee ("the Entity") submits the financial report for the quarter and half-year ended 31 December 2025. Commentary is in respect of the half-year end unless specified otherwise.

Operating environment

The Entity continued to focus on the provision of its core services: financial administration services, wills, deceased estates, trusts, and powers of attorney for Tasmanians. The Public Trustee continues to experience strong demand for vital services such as wills and Estate Administration.

Performance

The Entity's operating profit (before tax) of \$354k for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 ("HY26") is compared with an operating profit (before tax) of \$49k for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 ("HY25").

Key financial results included:

- Total revenue was \$7.579M (HY25: \$6.569M);
- Total expenses was \$7.225M (HY25: \$6.520M);
- Dividend distributions on the Entity's investment of its corporate funds was \$192k, up from \$177k in the prior corresponding period.

Revenue from operating activities was up primarily due to a increase in capital commission of 36% to \$1.810M (HY25: \$1.329M).

Total Expenses increased by \$705k compared to the same period last year. The key drivers behind this increase are:

- Salaries & related payments up 13% to \$5.184M (HY25: \$4.605M) and
- Client tax services expenses up 39% to \$208k (HY25: \$149k)

Non-financial results:

The Public Trustee continues to perform well against all KPI's relating to its obligations under the Guardianship and Administration Act 1995 to Represented Persons in respect of promoting their independence and communication in respect of their will and preference. We are pleased to report the completion of the final remaining recommendation from the 2021 Independent Review into the operations of the Public Trustee. Importantly, this will deliver fee relief for approximately half of the Represented Persons we support.

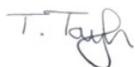
Investments

As at 31 December 2025 financial assets totalled \$16.312M, an increase of \$607k since 30 June 2025. The increase was a net result of the market value of investments.

Outlook

After a period of significant reforms and increased positive client experience, the Public Trustee remains committed to continuous improvement. As the organisation moves to a new phase, modernising legacy information and management systems is an essential next step and priority for the Board. This will enable the organisation to further refine its operations and improve efficiencies, guaranteeing client service delivery into the future. In the first half of FY26, system specification requirements were documented in preparation to go to market in the second half of the year. The Public Trustee Corporate Plan will continue to ensure the Public Trustee operates as an efficient and effective organisation and continues to deliver valuable services to the Tasmanian community.

Signed in accordance with delegated authority of the Board.



Therese Taylor
Chairperson

Hobart, 20 February 2026

Statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive Income

for the quarter and half year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	3 mths to 31/12/25 \$'000	Half Year to 31/12/25 \$'000	Half Year to 31/12/24 \$'000
Continuing operations				
Revenue	2	3,480	7,347	6,365
Other income	2	133	232	204
Total revenue		3,613	7,579	6,569
Administrative expenses		(774)	(1,484)	(1,389)
Depreciation expense	2	(195)	(372)	(380)
Employee benefits expense		(2,574)	(5,184)	(4,605)
Finance expense	2	(26)	(49)	(27)
Occupancy expenses		(62)	(136)	(119)
Total expenses		(3,631)	(7,225)	(6,520)
(Loss) / Profit before income tax equivalent		(18)	354	49
Income tax equivalent expense		5	(88)	-
(Loss) / Profit for the period		(14)	265	49
Other comprehensive income				
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Fair value movement in investments in managed funds		(7)	607	896
Related tax	2		(152)	-
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		(5)	455	896
Total comprehensive income for the period		(19)	721	945

The accompanying notes form part of these interim financial statements.

Statements of financial position

as at 31 December 2025

	Note	As at 31-Dec-25 \$'000	As at 30-Jun-25 \$'000	As at 31-Dec-24 \$'000
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,505	2,500	409
Trade and other receivables		2,763	2,514	3,907
Prepayments		179	150	219
Current Tax Asset			76	76
Other Financial Assets		5,624	5,338	4,220
Total current assets		11,071	10,578	8,831
Non-current assets				
Other financial assets		10,688	10,367	11,160
Deferred tax assets		2,833	2,833	3,186
Property and equipment		683	566	768
Intangibles		152	175	-
Right of Use Assets		1,978	2,281	1,856
Total non-current assets		16,334	16,222	16,970
Total assets		27,405	26,800	25,801
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables		810	682	739
Current lease liabilities		609	619	477
Current Tax liabilities		164	-	-
Provisions		1,325	1,614	1,121
Total current liabilities		2,910	2,915	2,337
Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities		1,424	1,719	1,409
Provisions		11,204	10,757	10,892
Total non-current liabilities		12,628	12,475	12,301
Total liabilities		15,538	15,390	14,638
Net assets		11,867	11,410	11,163
Equity				
Retained earnings		7,446	7,445	8,113
Reserves		4,421	3,965	3,051
Total equity		11,867	11,410	11,163

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Statements of changes in equity for the half year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Fair value reserve \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2025		3,965	7,445	11,410
Total comprehensive income				
Profit/(Loss)		-	265	265
Other comprehensive income		455	-	455
Total comprehensive income for the period		455	265	720
Transactions with owners of the Entity				
Dividends paid during the period	3	-	(263)	(263)
Total transactions with owners for the period		455	1	456
Balance at 31 December 2025		4,421	7,446	11,867
Balance at 1 July 2024		3,051	7,168	10,219
Total comprehensive income				
Profit/(Loss)		-	293	293
Other comprehensive income		914	(16)	898
Total comprehensive income for the period		914	277	1,191
Transactions with owners of the Entity				
Dividends paid during the period	3	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners for the period		-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024		3,965	7,445	11,410

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Statements of cash flows

for the quarter and half year ended 31 December 2025

	3 mths to	Half Year to	Half Year to
Note	31-Dec-25 \$'000	31-Dec-25 \$'000	31-Dec-24 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from clients	3,382	6,859	3,615
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,259)	(6,533)	(6,005)
Rental Income	1	2	1
Other Income	14	38	29
Income tax equivalent paid	-	-	(5)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	138	366	(2,365)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investments (rebalancing)	(100)	-	-
Distributions from financial assets	82	417	168
Purchase of property and equipment	(188)	(204)	(148)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	(206)	213	20
Cash flows from financing activities			
Office Lease Payments	(158)	(312)	(235)
Interest Payments	-	-	(27)
Dividends paid	(263)	(263)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(421)	(575)	(262)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held	(489)	5	(2,605)
Cash at the beginning of the period	2,994	2,500	3,014
Cash at the end of the period	4 2,505	2,505	409

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Notes to the interim financial statements for the quarter and half year ended 31 December 2025

Public Trustee ("the Entity") is a Tasmanian Government Business Enterprise operating since 1853 offering professional, independent trustee services to the Tasmanian community. The duties and obligations of the entity are set out in the *Trustee Act 1898* and the *Public Trustee Act 1930* determines the constitution and regulation of the Entity.

The Entity's Australian Business Number is 11 223 649 773. Its principal place of business is 116 Murray Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue on 20 February 2026 in accordance with delegated authority of the Board.

Note 1. Summary of accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The half-year financial report is a general-purpose financial report prepared in accordance with AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting", the *Government Business Enterprise Act 1995* and related Treasurer's Instructions. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 134 "Interim Financial Reporting". The half-year financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Basis of preparation

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets, and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the entity's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025. Where appropriate, comparative information is reclassified to enhance comparability.

Notes to the interim financial statements for the quarter and half year ended 31 December 2025

Half Year to 31 Dec 2025 \$'000	Half Year to 31 Dec 2024 \$'000
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Note 2. Profit from operations

Profit from operations before income tax expense includes the following items of revenue and expense

Revenue		
- Fees and commissions	3,816	3,268
- Funding of community service obligations	3,530	3,097
	<u>7,346</u>	<u>6,365</u>
Other income		
- Earnings from corporate managed funds	192	177
- Rental income	2	-
- Interest income	38	27
	<u>232</u>	<u>204</u>
Expenses		
- Depreciation	372	380
- Finance expense	49	27

Note 3. Dividends

Declared and paid

<u>263</u>	<u>-</u>
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Note 4. Cash and cash equivalents

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Short term bank deposits	2,505	409
	<u>2,505</u>	<u>409</u>

Note 5. Events after the reporting period

The Entity is not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

Note 6. Operating segments

The Entity provides trustee and related financial services and operates predominantly in Tasmania and does not have separate operating segments.

Key performance targets

for the quarter and half year ended 31 December 2025

	Actual 3 mths to Dec 2025	Actual 6 mths to Dec 2025	Target 6 mths to Dec 2025	Target 2025-26
Financial returns to government				
Dividends paid (\$'000)	263	263	-	-
Tax equivalents paid/(refund) (\$'000)	-	-	-	-
	263	263	-	-
Financial targets				
Operating expenditure (\$'000)	3,631	7,225	7,189	14,378
Operating profit / (loss) after tax (\$'000)	(14)	265	188	376
Total comprehensive Income (\$'000)	(19)	721	340	679
Capital expenditure (\$'000)	131	228	479	957
Operating margin	0.99	1.05	1.03	1.03
Return on assets	(0.1%)	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%
Return on equity	(0.2%)	6.5%	5.9%	5.9%
Capital adequacy	36.8%	36.8%	37.5%	37.5%
Key non-financial performance indicators				
Number of total new Wills completed	147	303	375	750
Number of Wills revoked/later Wills (average per month)	24	24	15	15
Will client survey results (Overall satisfaction rating) (%)	*	*	*	95
Beneficiary survey results (Overall satisfaction rating) (%)	*	*	*	95
Represented Person survey (%)	*	*	*	85
Stakeholder engagement survey (%)	*	*	*	85
Culture – Staff engagement survey (%)	*	*	*	85
Obligations under the Guardianship and Administration Act 1995 to Represented Persons in respect of promoting their independence and communication in respect of their wishes:				
	Actual 6 mths to Dec 2025	Target 2025-26		
New clients consulted following receipt of order from TASCAT: Will, preference & rights identified and documented (%)	46 [^]	90		
New clients: Contact to be made within 5 days of receipts of order from TASCAT (%)	93	90		
Existing clients consulted annually: Will, preference & rights confirmed and documented (%)	45 [^]	90		
Consult with clients where possible to identify participation in financial independence program (%)	48 [^]	90		

* Survey results reported following completion of surveys at the end of the financial year.

[^] YTD progress towards annual target.

Definitions

Operating profit before tax means operating revenue less operating expenditure.

Comprehensive income includes remeasurement of defined benefit obligation and fair value movements in investments in managed funds (net of related tax)

Total comprehensive income means operating profit for the year after tax + comprehensive income.

Operating margin means operating revenue / operating expenditure.

Return on assets means operating profit before tax / [(opening assets + closing assets) / 2].

Return on equity means total comprehensive income / [(opening equity + closing equity) / 2].

Capital adequacy means tangible reserves / tangible assets.

Performance indicators for the half year ended 31 December 2025

Material variances

Quarter

The operating loss before tax for the quarter to 31 December 2025 was \$(18)k compared with a budgeted operating profit of \$151k, an unfavourable variance of \$(169)k.

The negative variance to budget for the quarter was primarily due to lower earnings from corporate managed funds and fees income. Capital commission was down \$39k on budget and client income tax fees were down \$31k on budget.

The fair value of managed funds decreased \$7k (-107%) for the quarter, however fair value YTD has increased \$607k which is a positive variance to budget of 202%.

Half-year

The Entity's operating profit before tax was \$354k for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 ("HY26") compared with a profit before tax of \$49k from operations for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 ("HY25").

Key financial results included:

- Revenue from operating activities was up 15% to \$7.347M (HY25: \$6.365M);
- Total expenses from operating activities increased 11% to \$7.225M (HY25: \$6.520M)

Revenue from operating activities was up primarily due to an increase in capital commission of \$481k to \$1.810M (HY25: \$1.329M). Income commission also increased by 5% to \$630k (HY25: \$601k). Revenue from CSO funding, based on new deed has returned \$3.030M against a budget of \$3.105M for HY26.

Total expenses increased by \$705k compared to the same period last year. The key drivers behind this increase are:

- Salaries & related payments up 13% to \$5.183M (HY25: \$4.605M) and
- Audit fees expenses up 58% to \$82k (HY25: \$52k)
- Interest expense costs up 82% to \$49k (HY25: \$27k) due to new leases commenced in FY26.
- Client tax fees expense is up 59% to \$208k (HY25: \$149k); this is off-set against increased tax fees revenue of 74%.

Financial returns to Government

On the 29th August 2014, the Treasurer made public that Government Business Enterprises are required to pay 90% of net profits after tax as a dividend each year, unless a business can justify a lower pay-out policy.

The Public Trustee has an agreement with Government that a dividend will only become payable should the amount of that dividend exceed the Community Service Obligation funding gap for that year.

The dividend recommended by the Board to be paid to Government for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 was \$263k. The Government approved the Board's recommendation and this amount was paid in December 2025.

Performance indicators for the half year ended 31 December 2025

Financial targets

The entity is forecasting a full year operating profit after tax of \$389k. This forecast reflects actual performance to 31 December 2025 and the forecast for the following six months to 30 June 2026.

Capital expenditure

There have been no significant changes to FY26 budgeted capital expenditure.

\$171k was added to Capital Works projects in progress (IT replacement project - \$149k; Redundant WAN Solution project \$20k & \$2k Ultradata upgrade). \$26k for the 16 Rooke St Devonport renovation & \$12k for AV Solutions project were capitalised. Other capital expenses totalled \$17k and include \$14k computer equipment & \$3k office equipment.

\$782k allowance for roll-out of the IT replacement project may roll over into FY27.