

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements: Capital Structure, Financing and Risk Management

20. ISSUED CAPITAL

	2015		2014	
	No (m)	\$m	No (m)	\$m
Share capital				
1,266,615,199 fully paid ordinary shares (2014: 1,259,818,910)				
<i>Movement:</i>				
Balance at start of period	1,259.8	4,850.1	1,250.2	4,522.7
Issue of shares as a result of share rights and options exercised under employee long-term incentive plans	0.3	6.5	1.4	36.1
Issue of shares as a result of the dividend reinvestment plan	6.5	208.3	5.8	206.8
Issue of shares to the Woolworths Employee Share Trust	-	-	2.4	84.5
Balance at end of period	1,266.6	5,064.9	1,259.8	4,850.1
Shares held in trust				
<i>Movement:</i>				
Balance at start of period	7.8	(218.9)	5.8	(180.5)
Issue of shares under employee long-term incentive plans	(2.0)	63.0	(0.4)	46.1
Shares acquired by the Woolworths Employee Share Trust	-	-	2.4	(84.5)
Balance at end of period	5.8	(155.9)	7.8	(218.9)

Share capital

Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are entitled to one vote per share at shareholders' meetings. In the event of winding up of the Company, ordinary shareholders rank after all other shareholders and creditors and are fully entitled to any proceeds of liquidation.

Significant Accounting Policies**Transaction costs on the issue of equity instruments**

Transaction costs arising on the issue of equity instruments are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the proceeds of the equity instruments to which the costs relate. Transaction costs are the costs that are incurred directly in connection with the issue of those equity instruments and which would not have been incurred had those instruments not been issued.

Share options and performance rights

Refer to Note 34 for further details of outstanding options and performance rights. Options and performance rights carry no rights to dividends and no voting rights.

21. RESERVES

Movements in reserves and reserve balances are detailed in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. The nature and purpose of each reserve account is as follows:

Hedging reserve

The hedging reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred. The cumulative deferred gain or loss on the hedge is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss when the hedged transaction impacts the profit or loss, consistent with the applicable accounting policy. Refer to Note 26 for details of hedging.

Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve (FCTR) comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations where their functional currency is different to the Group's presentation currency. Gains and losses on hedging instruments that are designated as hedging instruments for hedges of net investments in foreign operations are also included in the FCTR. Refer to Note 26 for details of hedging.