

# Appendix 4E

## Preliminary final report



2026

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# Results for announcement to the market

## Year ended 30 June 2026

Comparative figures being the year ended 30 June 2025

Argo Investments Limited ABN 35 007 519 520



|                                  |    |      |    | 2026<br>\$A'000 | 2025<br>\$A'000 |
|----------------------------------|----|------|----|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income from operating activities | up | 2.2% | to | 296,284         | 289,981         |
| Profit for the year              | up | 0.1% | to | 260,178         | 259,832         |

### Dividends

|                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Interim fully franked dividend paid 20 March 2026      | 18.5 cents |
| Final fully franked dividend payable 18 September 2026 | 20.0 cents |
| Total                                                  | 38.5 cents |

The final dividend is fully franked and includes a 5.0 cents per share LIC capital gain component. This enables eligible shareholders to claim a deduction in their 2026/2027 income tax returns. The amount which eligible shareholders may be able to claim as a tax deduction depends on their individual situation. Further details will be provided in the dividend statement.

The Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) and Dividend Substitution Share Plan (DSSP) will operate for the final dividend. The DRP will be neutralised by purchasing the shares required for participants on-market while new shares will be issued for DSSP participants. The Directors have resolved that the shares will be allotted at the market price of Argo shares, which will be the volume weighted average ex-dividend market price of the shares traded during the pricing period from 17 August to 11 September 2026. No discount will apply.

|                                                                     |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| The record date for determining entitlements to the final dividend  | 17 August 2026 |
| The election date for determining participation in the DRP and DSSP | 18 August 2026 |

### Previous corresponding period:

|                                                     |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Interim fully franked dividend paid 21 March 2025   | 17.0 cents |
| Final fully franked dividend paid 12 September 2025 | 20.0 cents |
| Total                                               | 37.0 cents |

### Net Tangible Asset Backing

|                                                 | June<br>2026 | June<br>2025 |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| NTA per share <sup>1</sup>                      | \$10.84      | \$10.43      |
| NTA after unrealised tax provision <sup>2</sup> | \$9.25       | \$8.96       |

1. After all costs, including tax payable.

2. As required under the ASX Listing Rules, theoretical NTA per share after providing for estimated tax on unrealised gains/losses in the portfolio. That is, after tax that may arise if the entire portfolio was sold.

# Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

for the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                           |      | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
|                                           | Note |                |                |
| Dividends and distributions               | 2    | 282,283        | 292,822        |
| Other income                              |      | 9,097          | 6,089          |
| Net gains/(losses) on trading investments |      | 4,904          | (8,930)        |
| Income from operating activities          |      | 296,284        | 289,981        |
| Administration expenses                   | 3    | (11,105)       | (11,562)       |
| Borrowing costs                           |      | (718)          | (153)          |
| Profit before income tax expense          |      | 284,461        | 278,266        |
| Income tax expense thereon                | 4    | (24,283)       | (18,434)       |
| Profit for the year                       |      | 260,178        | 259,832        |
|                                           |      | cents          | cents          |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share      | 5    | 34.3           | 34.1           |

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                                                            | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Profit for the year                                                        | 260,178        | 259,832        |
| Other comprehensive income:                                                |                |                |
| <i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>               |                |                |
| Revaluation of long-term investments                                       | 361,919        | 675,241        |
| Provision for deferred tax expense on revaluation of long-term investments | (111,025)      | (208,095)      |
| Other comprehensive income for the year                                    | 250,894        | 467,146        |
| Total comprehensive income for the year                                    | 511,072        | 726,978        |

(To be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

at 30 June 2026

|                                  | Note | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|----------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>            |      |                |                |
| Cash and cash equivalents        | 6    | 75,277         | 119,323        |
| Receivables                      |      | 38,119         | 36,383         |
| Investments                      | 7    | 13,336         | 18,677         |
| Total Current Assets             |      | 126,732        | 174,383        |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>        |      |                |                |
| Investments                      | 7    | 8,105,658      | 7,852,038      |
| Property, plant and equipment    |      | 2,412          | 1,816          |
| Total Non-Current Assets         |      | 8,108,070      | 7,853,854      |
| Total Assets                     |      | 8,234,802      | 8,028,237      |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>       |      |                |                |
| Payables                         |      | 2,378          | 1,464          |
| Derivative financial instruments |      | 8,264          | 9,367          |
| Current tax liabilities          |      | 41,295         | 39,813         |
| Provisions                       |      | 2,076          | 1,766          |
| Total Current Liabilities        |      | 54,013         | 52,410         |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>   |      |                |                |
| Payables                         |      | 2,000          | 1,248          |
| Deferred tax liabilities         | 8    | 1,218,085      | 1,156,400      |
| Provisions                       |      | 136            | 238            |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities    |      | 1,220,221      | 1,157,886      |
| Total Liabilities                |      | 1,274,234      | 1,210,296      |
| Net Assets                       |      | 6,960,568      | 6,817,941      |
| <b>Shareholders' Equity</b>      |      |                |                |
| Contributed equity               | 9    | 3,174,280      | 3,250,587      |
| Reserves                         | 10   | 3,003,740      | 2,806,254      |
| Retained profits                 |      | 782,548        | 761,100        |
| Total Shareholders' Equity       |      | 6,960,568      | 6,817,941      |

(To be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                         | Contributed<br>Equity<br>\$'000<br>(Note 9) | Reserves<br>\$'000<br>(Note 10) | Retained<br>Profits<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance as at 1 July 2025               | 3,250,587                                   | 2,806,254                       | 761,100                       | 6,817,941       |
| Profit for the year                     | -                                           | -                               | 260,178                       | 260,178         |
| Other comprehensive income              | -                                           | 250,894                         | -                             | 250,894         |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | -                                           | 250,894                         | 260,178                       | 511,072         |
| Transactions with shareholders:         |                                             |                                 |                               |                 |
| Cost of share issues net of tax         | (292)                                       | -                               | -                             | (292)           |
| Executive performance rights reserve    | -                                           | (138)                           | -                             | (138)           |
| Dividends paid                          | -                                           | (53,270)                        | (238,730)                     | (292,000)       |
| Buy-back of shares                      | (76,015)                                    | -                               | -                             | (76,015)        |
| Total transactions with shareholders    | (76,307)                                    | (53,408)                        | (238,730)                     | (368,445)       |
| Balance as at 30 June 2026              | 3,174,280                                   | 3,003,740                       | 782,548                       | 6,960,568       |

## for the year ended 30 June 2025

|                                         |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance as at 1 July 2024               | 3,253,652 | 2,362,639 | 744,889   | 6,361,180 |
| Profit for the year                     | -         | -         | 259,832   | 259,832   |
| Other comprehensive income              | -         | 467,146   | -         | 467,146   |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | -         | 467,146   | 259,832   | 726,978   |
| Transactions with shareholders:         |           |           |           |           |
| Dividend Reinvestment Plan              | 24,995    | -         | -         | 24,995    |
| Cost of share issues net of tax         | (210)     | -         | -         | (210)     |
| Executive performance rights reserve    | -         | (694)     | -         | (694)     |
| Dividends paid                          | -         | (22,837)  | (243,621) | (266,458) |
| Buy-back of shares                      | (27,850)  | -         | -         | (27,850)  |
| Total transactions with shareholders    | (3,065)   | (23,531)  | (243,621) | (270,217) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2025              | 3,250,587 | 2,806,254 | 761,100   | 6,817,941 |

(To be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                             | Note | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b> |      |                |                |
| Dividends and distributions received        |      | 280,625        | 285,833        |
| Interest received                           |      | 1,979          | 3,227          |
| Other receipts                              |      | 5,469          | 2,932          |
| Proceeds from trading investments           |      | 15,656         | 6,233          |
| Payments for trading investments            |      | (6,514)        | (10,885)       |
| Other payments                              |      | (11,159)       | (11,870)       |
| Income tax paid                             |      | (71,770)       | (49,183)       |
| Net operating cash inflows                  |      | 214,286        | 226,287        |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b> |      |                |                |
| Proceeds from sale of long-term investments |      | 373,679        | 391,304        |
| Payments for long-term investments          |      | (263,195)      | (325,398)      |
| Payments for fixed assets                   |      | (18)           | (88)           |
| Net investing cash inflows                  |      | 110,466        | 65,818         |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b> |      |                |                |
| Payments for lease liabilities              |      | (366)          | (335)          |
| Cost of share issues                        |      | (417)          | (300)          |
| Dividends paid                              |      | (292,000)      | (241,463)      |
| Buy-back of shares                          |      | (76,015)       | (27,850)       |
| Net financing cash outflows                 |      | (368,798)      | (269,948)      |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash held        |      | (44,046)       | 22,157         |
| Cash at the beginning of the year           |      | 119,323        | 97,166         |
| Cash at the end of the year                 | 6    | 75,277         | 119,323        |

(To be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2026

## 1. Basis of preparation

The preliminary consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the measurement and recognition requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the preliminary consolidated financial statements and notes comply with the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

Where appropriate, comparative disclosures have been reclassified/amended to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

The preliminary consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of the Company's wholly owned subsidiary Argo Service Company Pty Ltd as at 30 June 2026, and its results for the year then ended. Intercompany transactions and balances between Argo Investments Limited and Argo Service Company Pty Ltd are eliminated on consolidation.

## 2. Dividends and distributions

|                                                   | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Received/receivable from:                         |                |                |
| Long-term investments held at the end of the year | 274,344        | 283,157        |
| Long-term investments sold during the year        | 7,489          | 9,105          |
| Trading investments held at the end of the year   | 400            | 560            |
| Trading investments sold during the year          | 50             | -              |
|                                                   | 282,283        | 292,822        |

## 3. Administration expenses

|                     | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Employment benefits | 6,892          | 7,488          |
| Depreciation        | 456            | 461            |
| Other               | 3,757          | 3,613          |
|                     | 11,105         | 11,562         |

**4. Income tax expense**

|                                                                                         | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| (a) Reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable:                    |                |                |
| Profit before income tax expense                                                        | 284,461        | 278,266        |
| Prima facie tax expense calculated at 30% (2025: 30%)                                   | 85,338         | 83,480         |
| Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income: |                |                |
| Tax offset for franked dividends                                                        | (57,489)       | (62,399)       |
| Other                                                                                   | (2,971)        | (1,476)        |
| Over provision in previous year                                                         | (595)          | (1,171)        |
| Income tax expense                                                                      | <b>24,283</b>  | <b>18,434</b>  |
| (b) Income tax expense composition:                                                     |                |                |
| Charge for tax payable relating to current year                                         | 23,980         | 20,734         |
| Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities                                         | 898            | (1,129)        |
| Over provision in previous year                                                         | (595)          | (1,171)        |
|                                                                                         | <b>24,283</b>  | <b>18,434</b>  |
| (c) Amounts recognised directly in other comprehensive income:                          |                |                |
| Increase in deferred tax liabilities                                                    | <b>111,025</b> | <b>208,095</b> |

**5. Earnings per share**

|                                                                                                   | 2026<br>number<br>'000 | 2025<br>number<br>'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in the calculation of earnings per share | 758,824                | 762,852                |
|                                                                                                   | <b>\$'000</b>          | <b>\$'000</b>          |
| Profit for the year                                                                               | 260,178                | 259,832                |
|                                                                                                   | <b>cents</b>           | <b>cents</b>           |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share                                                              | <b>34.3</b>            | <b>34.1</b>            |

## 6. Cash and cash equivalents

|                                          | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank deposits and cash management trusts | 75,277         | 119,323        |

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on deposit with banks (floating interest rate of 4.35% at 30 June 2026; 2025: 3.85%), fixed term deposits with banks maturing within three months from date of deposit (nil at 30 June 2026; 2025: nil), and cash management trusts.

## 7. Investments

|                                                  | 2026<br>\$'000   | 2025<br>\$'000   |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Current</b>                                   |                  |                  |
| Listed securities at fair value <sup>(1)</sup>   | 13,336           | 18,677           |
| <b>Non-Current</b>                               |                  |                  |
| Listed securities at fair value <sup>(1)</sup>   | 8,054,002        | 7,832,737        |
| Unlisted securities at fair value <sup>(2)</sup> | 51,656           | 19,301           |
|                                                  | <b>8,105,658</b> | <b>7,852,038</b> |

(1) The fair value of listed securities is established from the quoted prices (unadjusted) in the active market of the ASX for identical assets in accordance with Level 1 of the fair value measurement hierarchy.

(2) The fair value of unlisted securities is not based on observable market data in accordance with Level 3 of the fair value measurement hierarchy. The Directors have made valuation judgements to determine the fair value of these securities based on inputs which include the cost and the net tangible asset values provided by the investee company for which the unlisted security holding relates.

Reconciliation of changes in unlisted securities valued in accordance with Level 3 of the fair value measurement hierarchy:

|                                                          | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Carrying amount at beginning of year                     | 19,301         | 17,666         |
| Additions                                                | 20,000         | -              |
| Fair value gain recognised in other comprehensive income | 12,355         | 1,635          |
| Carrying amount at end of year                           | <b>51,656</b>  | <b>19,301</b>  |

There were 659 investment transactions during the financial year. The total brokerage paid on these transactions was \$2.4 million.

**8. Deferred tax liabilities**

|                                                                     | 2026<br>\$'000   | 2025<br>\$'000   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| The balance comprises temporary differences attributed to:          |                  |                  |
| Deferred tax liability on unrealised gains on long-term investments | 1,218,406        | 1,157,586        |
| Income receivable which is not assessable for tax until receipt     | 3,555            | 3,225            |
|                                                                     | 1,221,961        | 1,160,811        |
| Offset by deferred tax assets:                                      |                  |                  |
| Provisions and payables                                             | (3,375)          | (3,065)          |
| Deferred tax on unrealised losses on trading investments            | (323)            | (1,203)          |
| Deferred tax on cost of share issues                                | (178)            | (143)            |
|                                                                     | (3,876)          | (4,411)          |
| <b>Net deferred tax liabilities</b>                                 | <b>1,218,085</b> | <b>1,156,400</b> |
| <b>Movements</b>                                                    |                  |                  |
| Balance at beginning of year                                        | 1,156,400        | 992,539          |
| Debited/(credited) to profit or loss                                | 898              | (1,130)          |
| Charged to other comprehensive income                               | 111,025          | 208,095          |
| Changes to the tax base of investments                              | (50,238)         | (43,104)         |
| <b>Balance at end of year</b>                                       | <b>1,218,085</b> | <b>1,156,400</b> |

The amount of net deferred tax liabilities expected to be settled in the next 12 months is \$1.2 million (2025: deferred tax assets \$0.1 million).

## 9. Contributed equity

Ordinary shares rank pari passu, have no par value and entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of the shares held. The Company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital.

|                                                 | 2026<br>No. of shares | 2025<br>No. of shares | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Issued and fully paid ordinary shares:          |                       |                       |                |                |
| Opening balance                                 | 760,996,574           | 761,242,265           | 3,250,587      | 3,253,652      |
| Dividend Reinvestment Plan <sup>(a)</sup>       | -                     | 2,843,587             | -              | 24,995         |
| Dividend Substitution Share Plan <sup>(b)</sup> | 34,244                | 11,474                | -              | -              |
| Buy-back of shares <sup>(c)</sup>               | (8,587,424)           | (3,100,752)           | (76,015)       | (27,850)       |
| Cost of share issues net of tax                 |                       |                       | (292)          | (210)          |
| Closing balance                                 | 752,443,394           | 760,996,574           | 3,174,280      | 3,250,587      |

(a) In September 2025 and March 2026, the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) was neutralised by purchasing the shares required for participants on-market, and therefore did not impact the number of shares on issue (2025: September 2024, new shares were issued; March 2025, DRP was neutralised).

(b) In September 2025, the Dividend Substitution Share Plan (DSSP) was neutralised by purchasing the shares required for participants on-market, and therefore did not impact the number of shares on issue (2025: September 2024, new shares were issued).

In March 2026, 34,244 shares were allotted at \$8.99 per share pursuant to the DSSP in operation for the interim dividend paid for the year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: March 2025, DSSP was neutralised).

Shareholders who elect to be in the DSSP forgo their dividend and receive shares instead.

(c) During the period the company purchased and cancelled shares on-market. The shares were acquired at an average price of \$8.83 per share with prices ranging from \$8.55 to \$9.17 per share (2025: average price of \$8.98 per share, ranging from \$8.79 to \$9.12 per share).

## 10. Reserves

|                                                                                        | 2026<br>\$'000   | 2025<br>\$'000   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Executive Performance Rights Reserve                                                   | (484)            | (346)            |
| Investment Revaluation Reserve                                                         | 2,724,220        | 2,497,157        |
| Capital Profits Reserve                                                                | 280,004          | 309,443          |
|                                                                                        | <b>3,003,740</b> | <b>2,806,254</b> |
| <b>Movements in reserves during the year</b>                                           |                  |                  |
| <b>Executive Performance Rights Reserve</b>                                            |                  |                  |
| Balance at beginning of year                                                           | (346)            | 348              |
| Accrued entitlement for unvested rights                                                | 872              | 1,655            |
| Executive performance shares purchased                                                 | (1,010)          | (2,349)          |
| Balance at end of year                                                                 | (484)            | (346)            |
| <b>Investment Revaluation Reserve</b>                                                  |                  |                  |
| Balance at beginning of year                                                           | 2,497,157        | 2,124,060        |
| Revaluation of long-term investments                                                   | 361,919          | 675,241          |
| Provision for deferred tax expense on revaluation of long-term investments             | (111,025)        | (208,095)        |
| Realised gains on sale of long-term investments transferred to capital profits reserve | (54,796)         | (138,781)        |
| Income tax expense thereon                                                             | 30,965           | 44,732           |
| Balance at end of year                                                                 | 2,724,220        | 2,497,157        |
| <b>Capital Profits Reserve</b>                                                         |                  |                  |
| Balance at beginning of year                                                           | 309,443          | 238,231          |
| Dividend paid                                                                          | (53,270)         | (22,837)         |
| Transfer from investment revaluation reserve                                           | 23,831           | 94,049           |
| Balance at end of year                                                                 | 280,004          | 309,443          |
| <b>Total Reserves</b>                                                                  | <b>3,003,740</b> | <b>2,806,254</b> |

Long-term investments were sold in the normal course of the Company's operations as a listed investment company or as a result of corporate actions, such as takeovers. The fair value of the investments sold during this period was \$368.2 million (2025: \$370.5 million). The cumulative gain after tax on these disposals was \$23.8 million (2025: \$94.0 million), which has been transferred from the investment revaluation reserve to the capital profits reserve.

## Nature and purpose of reserves

### Executive performance rights reserve

This reserve contains the fair value of the short-term incentive (STI) and long-term incentive (LTI) performance rights pursuant to the Argo Investments Limited Executive Performance Rights Plan. When rights are exercised, shares are purchased on market and issued to the executive.

#### *STI performance rights*

The values of the STI performance rights are calculated and allocated to each reporting period from the commencement of the performance periods to the vesting dates. The value of the STI performance rights for the current reporting period, which are issued to participants on 3 September 2026, has been estimated.

#### *LTI performance rights*

The values of the LTI performance rights are calculated at grant dates and allocated to each reporting period from the service commencement dates to the vesting dates.

### Investment revaluation reserve

Increments or decrements on the revaluation of long-term investments after provision for deferred capital gains tax are recorded in this reserve.

### Capital profits reserve

Gains or losses arising from the sale of long-term investments, net of any tax expense or benefit, are recorded in this reserve.

## 11. Capital management

The Company's objective in managing its capital is to maximise long-term returns to shareholders through a balance of capital and dividend growth from a diversified Australian investment portfolio. This is achieved by the process of providing shareholders with a steady stream of fully franked dividends and enhancement of capital invested, with the goal of paying an increasing level of dividends and providing attractive total returns over the long term.

The Company recognises that its capital will fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and in order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, it may be necessary to vary the amount of dividends paid, issue new shares from time to time or buy back its own shares.

The Company's capital consists of its shareholders' equity and the changes to this capital are shown in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

## 12. Dividends

|                                                                                                                                                                    | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>(a) Dividends paid during the year</b>                                                                                                                          |                |                |
| Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2025 of 20.0 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate paid 12 September 2025 (2024: 20.0 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate) | 151,932        | 136,923        |
| Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2026 of 18.5 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate paid 20 March 2026 (2025: 17.0 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate)   | 140,068        | 129,535        |
| <b>Total dividends paid</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>292,000</b> | <b>266,458</b> |
| Dividends paid in cash                                                                                                                                             | 240,846        | 218,186        |
| Dividends reinvested - neutralised                                                                                                                                 | 51,154         | 23,277         |
| Dividends reinvested - new shares issued                                                                                                                           | -              | 24,995         |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>292,000</b> | <b>266,458</b> |
| Dividends forgone via DSSP                                                                                                                                         | 576            | 319            |

The final dividend contained a listed investment company (LIC) capital gain component of 7.0 cents per share (2024: 3.0 cents per share) and a New Zealand (NZ) imputation credit of NZ3.0 cents per share (2024: nil).

The interim dividend paid did not contain a LIC capital gain component (2025: nil) or a NZ imputation credit (2025: nil).

|                                                                                                                                                                        | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>(b) Dividend declared after balance date</b>                                                                                                                        |                |                |
| Since the end of the financial year, the Directors have declared the following dividend which has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year: |                |                |
| Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2026 of 20.0 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate payable 18 September 2026 (2025: 20.0 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate)  | 150,489        | 152,199        |

The final dividend declared will contain a LIC capital gain component of 5.0 cents per share (2025: 7.0 cents per share).

The final dividend will not contain a NZ imputation credit (2025: NZ3.0 cents per share).

**13. Franking account**

|                                                                                                                               | 2026<br>\$'000   | 2025<br>\$'000   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Opening balance                                                                                                               | 200,147          | 176,149          |
| Net change in franking credits-received/(paid)                                                                                | (43,262)         | (25,185)         |
| Net change in income tax -(refunded)/paid                                                                                     | 71,770           | 49,183           |
| Closing balance                                                                                                               | 228,655          | 200,147          |
| Balance of the franking account after allowing for tax payable and the receipt of franked dividends recognised as receivables | 276,114          | 245,535          |
| Impact on the franking account of the dividend declared but not recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year    | (64,495)         | (65,228)         |
|                                                                                                                               | 211,619          | 180,307          |
| The franking account balance would allow the Company to fully frank additional dividend payments up to an amount of           | 493,778<br>cents | 420,717<br>cents |
| This equates to a per share amount of                                                                                         | 65.6             | 55.3             |

The Company's ability to continue to pay franked dividends is dependent upon the receipt of franked dividends from the investment portfolio and the Company paying tax.

**14. New Zealand (NZ) imputation account**

|                                                                                                                                 | 2026<br>NZ\$'000 | 2025<br>NZ\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance of the imputation account after allowing for the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables                         | 6,340            | 23,084           |
| Impact on the NZ imputation account of the dividend declared but not recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year | -                | (22,830)         |
|                                                                                                                                 | 6,340            | 254              |

NZ imputation credits available for distribution are dependent upon the receipt of NZ imputation credits from the investment portfolio.

**15. Listed Investment Company (LIC) capital gain account**

|                                                                                                                                    | 2026<br>\$'000 | 2025<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance of the LIC capital gain account                                                                                            | 40,334         | 54,886         |
| Impact on the LIC capital gain account of the dividend declared but not recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year | (37,622)       | (53,270)       |
|                                                                                                                                    | 2,712          | 1,616          |
| This equates to an attributable amount of                                                                                          | 3,874          | 2,309          |

LIC capital gains available for distribution are dependent upon the disposal of investment portfolio holdings which qualify for LIC capital gains and the receipt of LIC capital gain distributions from LIC securities held in the investment portfolio.

**16. Financial reporting by segments**

The Company operates in the investment industry predominately within Australia.

The Company is managed as a whole and is considered to have a single operating segment. There is no further division of the Company or internal segment reporting used by the Directors when making strategic, investment or resource allocation decisions.

The Company is domiciled in Australia and derives its income from the investment portfolio through the receipt of dividends, distributions, interest and other income. Argo has a diversified portfolio of investments, with no single investment accounting for more than 10% of income.

There has been no change to the operating segments during the year.

**17. Events occurring after the reporting period**

No matters or circumstances have occurred subsequent to the financial year end that have significantly affected, or may affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

**18. Contingencies**

At balance date the Company is not aware of any material contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

**Audit of Accounts**

The accounts for the year ended 30 June 2026 are in the process of being audited.