

Note 22 - Pension

Defined benefit scheme

This pension scheme is administered by a pension fund conferring entitlement to specific future pension benefits from age 67. The schemes include children's pension and disability pension under further rules. The Group's defined benefit pension scheme assures the majority of employees a pension of 68 percent of final salary up to 12G. The defined benefit scheme is closed to new members.

It was decided to terminate the defined benefit scheme at a board meeting on 21 October 2016. Employees on this scheme will transfer to the defined contribution scheme as from 1 January 2017, and will receive a paid-up policy showing rights accumulated under the defined benefit scheme. The termination resulted in reduced pension obligations, which has been treated as a settlement gain and reduced the pension expense for 2016.

Paid-up policies are managed by the pension fund, which becomes a paid-up pension fund as from 1 January 2017. A framework agreement has been established between SpareBank 1 SMN and the pension fund which covers funding, asset management etc. In view of the responsibility still held by SpareBank 1 SMN, future liabilities will need to be incorporated in the accounts. At yearend 2019 the scheme is overfunded by NOK 148 million.

The board of the pension fund is required to be composed of representatives from the Group and participants in the pension schemes in accordance with the articles of association of the pension fund. In addition to the pension obligations covered by the pension fund, the group has unfunded pension liabilities which can not be funded by the assets in the collective arrangements. The obligations entails employees not registered as member of the pension fund, additional pensions above 12 G, early retirement pension schemes and contractual early retirement schemes in new arrangement (AFP Subsidies Act).

For further details of the Group's pension schemes see Note 2 on accounting principles and Note 21 on personnel expenses and emoluments to senior employees and elected officers.

Actuarial assumptions	2020		2019	
	Costs	Commitment	Costs	Commitment
Discount rate	2.3%	1.5%	2.6%	2.3%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	2.3%	1.5%	2.6%	2.3%
Expected future wage and salary growth	2.00 %	2 %	2.5%	2.00 %
Expected adjustment of basic amount (G)	2.00 %	2 %	2.5%	2.00 %
Expected increase in current pension	0%/2.0%	0%/2.0%	0%/2.5%	0%/2.0%
Employers contribution	19.1%	19.1%	19.1%	19.1%
Expected voluntary exit before/after 50 yrs	2/0 %	2/0 %	2/0 %	2/0 %
Estimated early retirement outtake at age 62/64	25/50 %	25/50 %	25/50 %	25/50 %
Mortality base table	K2013BE			
Disability	IR73			

Parent Bank			Group	
2019	2020	Net pension liability in the balance sheet (NOK million). Financial position 1 January	2020	2019
588	608	Net present value of pension liabilities in funded schemes	608	588
-749	-743	Estimated value of pension assets	-743	-749
		- Opening balance adjustment	-	-
-161	-135	Net pension liability in funded schemes	-135	-161
3	3	Employer's contribution	3	3
-	-	Settlement	-	-
-158	-132	Net pension liability in the balance sheet	-132	-158

Distribution of liability between unfunded and funded pension scheme, Group 1 January

Group	2020			2019		
	Funded	Unfunded	Total	Funded	Unfunded	Total
Present value of pension liability in funded schemes	595	13	608	570	17	588
Fair value of pension assets	-743	-	-743	-749	-	-749
Opening balance adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net pension liability in the balance sheet before employer's contribution	-148	13	-135	-179	17	-161
Employer's contribution	-	3	3	-	3	3
Settlement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net pension liability in the balance sheet after employer's contribution	-148	16	-132	-179	21	-158

2019	2020	Pension cost for the year	2020	2019
0	0	Present value of pension accumulated in the year	0	0
-4	-3	Interest cost of pension liabilities	-3	-4
-4	-3	Net defined-benefit pension cost without employer's contribution	-3	-4
0	0	Employer's contribution - subject to accrual accounting	0	0
-4	-3	Net pension cost related to defined benefit plans	-3	-4
7	8	Early retirement pension scheme, new arrangement	12	12
43	48	Cost of defined contribution pension	95	96
46	53	Total pension cost	105	105

Other comprehensive income for the period	2020			2019		
	Unfunded	Funded	Total	Unfunded	Funded	Total
Change in discount rate	1	74	75	0	26	26
Change in other economic assumptions	-	-	-	0	-	0
Change in mortality table	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in other demographic assumptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Changing other factors, DBO	-7	-18	-25	-3	14	12
Change in other factors, pension assets	-	-16	-16	-	-3	-3
Other comprehensive income for the period	-6	40	34	-3	37	34

2019	2020	Movement in net pension liability in the balance sheet	2020	2019
-158	-132	Net pension liability in the balance sheet 1 January	-132	-94
33	34	Actuarial gains and losses for the year	34	24
-4	-3	Net defined-benefit costs in profit and loss account incl. Curtailment/settlement	-3	-63
-3	-1	Paid-in pension premium, defined-benefit schemes	-1	-1
-132	-102	Net pension liability in the balance sheet 31 December	-102	-182

2019	2020	Financial status 31 December	2020	2019
608	640	Pension liability	640	641
-743	-743	Value of pension assets	-743	-827
-135	-104	Net pension liability before employer's contribution	-104	-186
3	2	Employer's contribution	2	4
-132	-102	Net pension liability after employer's contribution	-102	-182

* Presented gross in the Group accounts

Distribution of financial status between unfunded and funded pension scheme, Group

Group	31 Dec 2020			31 Dec 2019		
	Funded	Unfunded	Total	Funded	Unfunded	Total
Pension liability	631	8	640	595	13	608
Value of pension assets	-743	-	-743	-743	-	-743
Net pension liability before employer's contribution	-112	8	-104	-148	13	-135
Employer's contribution	-	2	2	-	3	3
Net pension liability after employer's contribution	-112	10	-102	-148	16	-132

Fair value of pension liability, Group

	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2019
OB pension liability (PBO)	608	588
Present value of pension accumulated in the year	0	0
Payout/release from scheme	-27	-29
Interes costs of pension liability	14	15
Curtailment/ Settlement	-	-
Actuarial gain or loss	45	34
CB pension liability (PBO)	640	608

Fair value of pension assets, Group

	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2019
OB pension assets	743	749
Paid in	1	3
Payout/release from fund	-27	-29
Expected retur	17	19
Curtailment/ Settlement	-	-
Actuarial changes	10	1
CB market value of pension assets	743	743

Sensitivity, Group	Discount rate		Salary adjustment		Pension adjustment
	+ 1 pp	- 1 pp	+ 1 pp	- 1 pp	+ 1 pp
2020					
Change in accumulated pension rights in course of year	-	-	-	-	-
Change in pension liability	-93	117	1	-1	116
2019					
Change in accumulated pension rights in course of year	-	-	-	-	-
Change in pension liability	-81	101	0	0	103

2019	2020	Members	2020	2019
749	740	Numbers of persons included in pension scheme	740	740
242	233	of which active	233	233
507	507	of which retirees and disabled	507	507

Investment and pension assets in the pension fund

	2020	2019
Current bonds	40 %	38 %
Bonds held to maturity	5 %	5 %
Money market	18 %	24 %
Equities	28 %	27 %
Real estate	7 %	6 %
Other	1 %	0 %
Total	100 %	100 %

The pension scheme arrangement is located in its own pension fund, which has a long-term horizon on the management of its capital. The pension fund seeks to achieve as high a rate of return as possible by composing an investment portfolio that provides the maximum risk-adjusted return. The pension fund seeks to spread its investments on various issuers and asset classes in order to reduce company-specific and market-specific risk. The portfolio thus comprises equity investments in Norwegian and foreign shares. The bond portfolio is essentially invested in Norwegian bonds. Bank deposits are placed in Norwegian Banks.