



LEA 02	Disclosures	Monetary	Principles
<p>By providing investors the most up-to-date and comprehensive information for use in their investment decisions, we are committed to transparency and accountability. We will continue to improve our disclosure practices and ensure that our reporting is clear, concise, and easy to understand. We will also ensure that our reporting is consistent with the standards and practices of the industry.</p>	<p>LEA 02</p>	<p>Monetary</p>	<p>Principles PRI 1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Type of engagement</p> <p>Individual/internal staff engagements</p> <p>Collaborative engagements</p> <p>Service provider engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage investor ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p>	<p>Individual/internal staff engagements</p> <p>Collaborative engagements</p> <p>Service provider engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage investor ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's interests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate transition or identify the need for additional action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p>

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2014/15

State Universities Retirement System (of Illinois)

About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Public							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Public							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	-	n/a							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	-	n/a							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	-	n/a							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	-	n/a				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	-	n/a	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	-	n/a	✓						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	-	n/a							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	-	n/a							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	-	n/a							✓

Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SAM 01	Description of RI considerations	-	n/a	✓					✓	
SAM 02	Role of investment consultants	✓	Public				✓			
SAM 03	RI factors in selection, appointment and monitoring across asset classes	✓	Public							✓
SAM 04	Breakdown of passive, active quant and active fundamental	✓	Public							✓
SAM 05	ESG incorporation strategies	✓	Public	✓	✓					
SAM 06	Selection processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						✓
SAM 07	Appointment considerations (listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 08	Monitoring processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						
SAM 09	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
SAM 10	Selection processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 11	Appointment considerations (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 12	Monitoring processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 13	Description of RI considerations in 'other' asset classes	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Public	✓						✓
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	-	n/a		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public							✓

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	🔒	n/a		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	-	n/a	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 16	Description of approach to (proxy) voting	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 19	Confirmation of votes	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 20	Securities lending programme	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 21	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 22	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 23	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 24	Shareholder resolutions	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 01.1 Select the category which best represents your primary activity.

- Non-corporate pension or superannuation or retirement or provident fund or plan
- Corporate pension or superannuation or retirement or provident fund or plan
- Insurance company
- Foundation or endowment
- Development finance institution
- Reserve - sovereign or government controlled fund
- Other, specify

OO 01.2 Additional information. [Optional]

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) is the administrator of a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system established by the State of Illinois on July 21, 1941, to provide retirement annuities and other benefits for employees, survivors and other beneficiaries of those employees of the state universities, community colleges, and certain other state educational and scientific agencies. SURS services 65 employers and over 227,000 members and annuitants worldwide.

OO 02	Mandatory	Peering	General
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OO 02.1 Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United States

OO 02.2 Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3 Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

120

OO 03	Mandatory	Descriptive	General
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OO 03.1

Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

- Yes
- No

OO 04

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 04.1

Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2014

OO 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		17	000	591	591
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		17	000	591	591

OO 04.5

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- Publish our asset class mix as percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	0	61
Fixed income – corporate	0	10
Fixed income – government	0	15
Fixed income – other	0	2
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	6

Property	0	5
Infrastructure	0	1
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .bmp and .gif)

OO 07	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Peering	General
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OO 07.1	Provide a breakdown of your organisation's externally managed assets between segregated mandates and pooled funds.
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	% of externally managed assets
Segregated mandate(s)	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >50 %
Pooled fund(s)	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50 %
<i>Total externally managed assets</i>	100%

OO 07.2	Indicate the proportion of your externally managed assets in fund-of-funds.
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	% of externally managed assets
Fund-of-funds	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input checked="" type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50 %

OO 08	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Peering	General
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OO 08.1 Indicate the breakdown of your organisation's AUM by market.

Market breakdown	% of AUM
Developed Markets	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >50 %
Emerging, Frontier and Other Markets	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input checked="" type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50 %

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 10.1 Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- None of the above

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 11.2

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Fixed Income – other
- Private equity
- Property
- Infrastructure
- None of the above

OO 12**Mandatory****Gateway****General****OO 12.1**

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

RI implementation via external managers

Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

- Listed Equities
- Fixed Income - Corporate
- Fixed Income - Government
- Fixed Income - Other
- Private Equity
- Property
- Infrastructure

Closing module

- Closing module

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Overarching Approach

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Responsible investment policy

OA 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 01.1 Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy.

- Yes
- No

OA 01.2 Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible investment.

- Yes
- No

OA 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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OA 02.1 Indicate if your responsible investment policy is publicly available.

- Yes

OA 02.2 Provide a URL to your responsible investment policy.

URL

<http://www.surs.org/pdfs/invinfo/policy.pdf>

- No

OA 02.3 Indicate if your other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment are publicly available.

- Yes
 - Yes, all
 - Yes, some

OA 02.4 List these other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment that are publicly available and their URLs.

Policy or document name	URL
SURS Proxy Policy Statement	http://www.surs.org/pdfs/invinfo/ProxyPolicy.pdf
Illinois Public Act 095-0521	http://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=095-0521&GA=95
Illinois Public Act 095-0616	http://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=095-0616&GA=95

No

OA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2
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OA 03.1	Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.
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Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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OA 04.1	Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.
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- Yes
 No

Objectives and strategies

OA 05	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 05.1

Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.

- Yes
- No

Governance and human resources

OA 08

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 08.1

Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles present in your organisation

- Board members or trustees
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
 - Chief Investment Officer**
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Portfolio managers
- Investment analysts
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- External managers or service providers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10.1

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

- Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
 Moderate
 Advanced
- Asian Corporate Governance Association
 Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
 Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
 CDP Climate Change
 CDP Forests
 CDP Water
 CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
 Council of Institutional Investors (CII)

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
 Moderate
 Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

SURS is a longstanding member of the Council of Institutional Investors (CII) and both trustees and staff members regularly attend the organization's educational conferences.

- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

OA 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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OA 11.1	Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.
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Yes

OA 11.2	Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.
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- Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- Other, specify

No

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Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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Overview

SAM 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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SAM 02.1 Indicate if your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers.

Yes

SAM 02.2 Indicate how your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers. [Optional]

We use investment consultants in our selection and appointment of external managers

Asset class

Listed Equity (LE)

We use investment consultants in our monitoring of external managers

Asset class

Listed Equity (LE)

We use fiduciary managers

SAM 02.3 Indicate if your organisation considers responsible investment in the selection, appointment and/or review processes for investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers.

Responsible investment is included in the selection process for investment consultants

Consultants' responsibilities in relation to responsible investment in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes are included in our contractual agreements with them

Responsible investment is considered when reviewing investment consultants' advice on manager selection and performance monitoring

We do not consider responsible investment in the selection, appointment and/or review processes for investment consultants.

No

SAM 03	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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SAM 03.1 Indicate for which of the following externally managed asset classes your organisation, and/or your investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

Asset classes	(a) Selection	(b) Appointment	(c) Monitoring
Listed equity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Listed equity (LE), fixed income corporate (FIC) and fixed income government (FIG)

Overview

SAM 04	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Gateway/Peering	General
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SAM 04.1	Provide a breakdown of your externally managed listed equities, corporate fixed income and government fixed income by passive, active quant, active fundamental and other active strategies.
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Listed equity (LE)

Type of strategy	As % of externally managed listed equity
Passive	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Active - quantitative (quant)	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Active - fundamental and other active	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%

SAM 05	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2
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SAM 05.1	Indicate which of the following ESG incorporation strategies you encourage or require your external manager(s) to implement on your behalf:
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Active investment strategies

Active investment strategies	LE		
Screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Thematic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Passive investment strategies

Passive investment strategies	LE		
Screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Thematic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

SAM 05.2 Indicate if - on your externally managed assets - you engage directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.

	LE	
We engage directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
We require our external managers to engage on our behalf	<input type="checkbox"/>	
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SAM 05.3 Indicate if - on your externally managed listed equities - you cast your (proxy) votes directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.

	LE
We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We require our external managers to cast our (proxy) votes on our behalf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAM 05.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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Currently, proxies for domestic companies and those for foreign companies whose securities are held in the form of American Depositary Receipts are voted by a third-party proxy voting service provider whereas proxies for other foreign company holdings are voted by SURS' external investment managers.

Selection

SAM 06	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1-6
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SAM 06.1	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the manager selection process for listed assets, typically do any of the following:
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	General
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	LE		
Review the manager's responsible investment policies	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss managers' governance and management of responsible investment activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Meet staff with responsible investment responsibilities to assess their skills and competence	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss minimum responsible investment expectations that managers must meet	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the role managers have played in collaborative initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ask whether the organisation is a signatory to the PRI and/or other relevant organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting to clients and/or the public, including PRI reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the type of ESG reporting you expect	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

ESG incorporation

	LE		
Evaluate the quality and coverage of ESG research used by managers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Assess how the manager incentivises brokers to provide ESG research	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Assess managers' ESG incorporation strategies and ability to identify and manage ESG issues	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss with managers how ESG issues have impacted specific investment decisions and, where relevant, stock or portfolio performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Evaluate index providers' ESG incorporation when designing the index	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other ESG incorporation issues in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

(Proxy) voting

	LE
Discuss the managers' voting processes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss how information gained through research for (proxy) voting is used in investment-decision making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (proxy) voting issues in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Monitoring

SAM 08	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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SAM 08.1 Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the dialogue and monitoring of your external manager typically do any of the following:

General

	LE		
Include responsible investment as a standard agenda item at performance review meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Highlight examples of good responsible investment practice by other managers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting, for example PRI-generated responsible investment reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage your managers to consider joining responsible investment initiatives/organisations or participate in collaborative projects with other investors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Include responsible investment criteria as a formal component of overall manager performance evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted financial performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted risk or volatility	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted ESG performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects of your monitoring, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

ESG incorporation

	LE		
Request information on ESG incorporation in specific investment decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other ways you monitor ESG incorporation, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

(Proxy) voting

	LE
Review the number or percentage of votes cast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Request an explanation of reasons for votes cast	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss whether companies were informed of the reasons for votes against management recommendations or abstentions/withheld votes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review the number of resolutions on ESG issues filed or co-filed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discuss the changes in company practice (outcomes) that have been achieved from voting activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ways you monitor (proxy) voting activities, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you select any 'Other' option(s), specify

On an annual basis, SURS requests report from its public markets equity managers estimating the impact that the exclusion of Sudan and Iran restricted companies has had on investment performance.

SAM 09	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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SAM 09.1	For the listed equities where you have given your external managers a (proxy) voting mandate, indicate the approximate percentage (+/- 5%) of votes that were cast during the reporting year.
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We track or collect this information

	Votes cast (to the nearest 5%)
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	%
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94

	Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated
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- Of the total number of ballot items on which they could have issued instructions
- Of the total number of company meetings at which they could have voted
- Of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which they could have voted
- We do not track or collect this information

Outputs and outcomes

SAM 14	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Descriptive	PRI 1-6
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SAM 14.1	Indicate approximately what percentage (+/- 10%) of your externally managed assets are managed by PRI signatories.
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	%
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56

Communication

SAM 16	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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SAM 16.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.
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Yes, we disclose information publicly

	provide URL
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<http://surs.org/investment-policies>

SAM 16.2	Indicate if the level of information you disclose to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients and/or beneficiaries.
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Yes

SAM 16.3	Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and clients and/or beneficiaries about your indirect investments.
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- How responsible investment considerations are included in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes
- Details of the responsible investment activities carried out by managers on your behalf
- E, S and/or G impacts and outcomes that have resulted from your managers' investments and active ownership
- Other, specify

The Defined Benefit Investment Policy on the SURS website sets forth proxy voting policies for proxies voted by external investment managers on behalf of SURS.

No

Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only

We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

State Universities Retirement System (of Illinois)

Reported Information

Public version

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership

PRI disclaimer

This document presents information reported directly by signatories. This information has not been audited by the PRI Secretariat or any other party acting on their behalf. While this information is believed to be reliable, no representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of the information presented, and no responsibility or liability can be accepted for any error or omission.

Engagement

Overview

LEA 02	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2,3
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LEA 02.1

Indicate your reasons for interacting with companies on ESG issues and indicate who carries out these interactions.

Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff
Collaborative engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements
Service provider engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers

Process

Process for engagements run internally

LEA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 03.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

☉ Yes

LEA 03.2

Describe how you identify and prioritise engagements.

SURS engages with publicly-traded companies that have been identified by an independent research provider as having operations in or ties to Iran's petroleum-energy sector as defined in Illinois Public Act 95-616.

No

LEA 04**Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 04.1**

Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.

- Yes
 - Yes, for all engagement activities
 - Yes, for the majority of engagement activities
 - Yes, for a minority of engagement activities
- No

LEA 04.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.

- Yes
 - Yes, in all cases
 - Yes, in the majority of cases
 - Yes, in the minority of cases

LEA 04.3

Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your engagement activities.

SURS tracks all correspondence and contacts received during the course of an engagement and in the case of Iran scrutinized companies, this information is forwarded to its independent research provider for further evaluation. The progress of engagements with scrutinized companies is evaluated based on the monthly revisions to the list of Iran scrutinized companies compiled by the research provider.

No

Process for engagements conducted via collaborations**LEA 05****Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 05.1**

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagements.

Yes

LEA 05.2

Describe how you identify and prioritise collaborative engagements.

Collaborative engagements are selectively undertaken following evaluation of issues and approval by the Corporate Governance Committee of the SURS Board of Trustees.

No

LEA 06	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 06.1

Indicate if the collaborative engagements in which you are involved have defined objectives.

- Yes
 - Yes, for all collaborative engagement activities
 - Yes, for the majority of collaborative engagement activities
 - Yes, for a minority of collaborative engagement activities
- No

LEA 06.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions companies take following your collaborative engagements.

- Yes
 - Yes, in all cases
 - Yes, in the majority of cases
 - Yes, in the minority of cases

LEA 06.3

Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your collaborative engagement activities.

The progress of engagements is monitored and evaluated according to the dialogue, feedback and actions taken by the companies involved.

No

General processes for all three groups of engagers

LEA 10	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 10.1

Indicate if you track the number of engagements your organisation participates in.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

Communication

LEA 15	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 15.1 Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.

- We disclose it publicly

provide URL

http://surs.org/pdfs/minutes/IC_Jun_2014.pdf

provide URL

http://www.surs.org/pdfs/minutes/CoG_Oct_2014.pdf

LEA 15.2 Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes

LEA 15.3 Indicate what engagement information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries and/or the public.

Engagement information disclosed

- Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement
- Number of engagements
- Breakdown of engagements by type/topic
- Breakdown of engagements by region
- An assessment of the current status of the engagement
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Other information

LEA 15.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report engagements information.

- Disclosed continuously (prior to and post engagements)
- Disclosed quarterly
- Disclosed annually
- Disclosed every two years or less
- Other, specify
- No
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries.

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

Process

LEA 17

Mandatory

Descriptive

PRI 2

LEA 17.1

Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.

Approach

- We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf.

Based primarily on

- the service provider voting policy signed off by us
- our own voting policy
- our clients requests or policy
- other, explain

LEA 21	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 21.1 Indicate if you ensure that companies are informed of the rationale when you and/or the service providers acting on your behalf abstain or vote against management recommendations.

- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- No
- Not applicable as we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

Outputs and outcomes

LEA 22	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 22.1 For listed equities where you and/or your service provider has the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.

- We do track or collect this information

Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)

%

99

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

- of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted
- We do not track or collect this information

Communication

LEA 26	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 26.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities.

- We disclose it publicly

provide URL

<http://surs.org/corporate-governance>

LEA 26.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes

LEA 26.3

Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries.

Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose

- All voting decisions
- Some voting decisions
- Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions
- Summary of votes only

Indicate what level of explanation you provide

- Explain all voting decisions
- Explain some voting decisions
- Only explain abstentions and votes against management
- No explanations provided

LEA 26.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information.

- Continuously (primarily before meetings)
- Continuously (soon after votes are cast)
- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify
- No
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries