

Re CP109

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In conjunction with our investment advisor, Davys, we submit the following findings.

	Projected impact on the average credit union's investment income	Projected weighted average return of your credit union
Current weighted average return		0.85%
Impact of senior non-preferred not being authorised	-23%	0.66%
Impact of senior non-preferred bonds not being authorised and supranational & corporate bonds added to the portfolio	-19%	0.69%
Impact of investments in social housing (AHB's)	There are no schemes currently available to assess the potential income so this has not been included in our testing	

Table: Assessing the impact of Davy's recommendations on your credit union's investment income

	Projected impact on the average credit union's investment income	Projected weighted average return of your credit union
Current weighted average return		0.85%
Impact of senior non-preferred being authorised	9%	0.93%
Impact of senior non-preferred bonds being authorised and supranational & corporate bonds added to the portfolio	-2%	0.84%
Impact of senior non-preferred bonds being authorised. Credit unions allocate to supranational and corporate bonds. Certain bonds may be treated as liquid for liquidity purposes.	13%	0.97%

Source: Davy with reference to Davy's Submission to CP109

Warning: Please note there is no assurance that the assumptions which our model and scenario analysis is based on will materialise. Our model is based on the average credit union's asset allocation and your credit union's portfolio may be materially different. Actual outcomes may differ significantly from the projections outlined above.

Findings:

- For the purpose of this analysis and to maintain consistency with the testing performed at sector level, income forecasting analysis completed earlier this year has been excluded from the testing model above.
- The figures in the table above outline that if the Central Bank proceeds with the proposed changes to bank bonds, we project that the average credit union's investment will decline by c. 23%. Applying this projection to your credit union's weighted average investment income, your income is expected to decline to c. 0.66%.
- In the event that the Central Bank proceeds with the proposed changes to bank bonds and a credit union allocates to the proposed additional asset classes of supranational and corporate bonds, we project that the average credit union's investment income may decline by up to 19%. Applying this projection to credit union's weighted average investment income, your income is projected to decline to c. 0.69%. It should be noted however that the yields on the additional asset classes of supranational and corporate bonds are at extremely low levels and are likely to normalise in the future; in addition, they may contribute diversification benefits to the portfolio.
- If senior non-preferred bonds are authorised, we project that the average credit union's investment income will be positively affected and may rise by up to 9%. Applying this to your credit union's weighted average investment income, your income is projected to increase to 0.93%. It should be noted however that this allocation will introduce additional credit risk into an investment portfolio which will require ongoing assessment by credit unions and investment adviser to monitor that it is in line with your investment policy.
- We project that income may fall by up to 2% for the average credit union in the event that senior non-preferred bonds are added and a credit union allocates to supranational and corporate bonds. This would reduce your weighted average income to 0.84%. Based on current pricing, the allocation to supranational and corporate bonds is likely to reduce average income in the portfolio due to the exceptionally low yields on these bonds at this time.
- In the event that certain bonds may be treated as liquid in line with proposals outlined in the Davy submission, certain credit unions may be able to reduce the proportion of funds placed in short term deposits which may be attracting negative yields and this may result in an improvement of investment income by up to c. 13% for the average credit union. Applying this forecast to your credit union would increase your weighted average income to 0.97%.

Liquidity

Davy has proposed that certain bonds should be treated as liquid for the purposes of regulatory liquidity ratios.

Regards



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