To the Chief Investment Officer,

Via the listed holdings published on the website, I noticed the following exposure as at 30 June 2022:

(Example below of Australian Super Holdings in Balanced and Growth options)

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| **Investment Option** | **Company Name** | **Amount Invested** |
| **Balanced** | Bank Hapoalim B.M. | $ 680,000 |
| **Balanced** | Bank Leumi Le Israel B.M. | $ 1,125,889 |
| **Balanced** | Bezeq The Israeli Telecommunication Corp Ltd | $ 172,497 |
| **Balanced** | Electra Ltd | $ 37,717 |
| **Balanced** | First International Bank Of Israel Ltd. | $ 163,875 |
| **Balanced** | Israel Discount Bank Limited | $ 11,731,724 |
| **Balanced** | Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd | $ 364,712 |
| **Balanced** | Shapir Engineering And Industry Ltd | $ 126,271 |
|  | **Total Balanced Exposure** | **$ 14,402,685** |
| **High Growth** | Bank Hapoalim B.M. | $ 112,425 |
| **High Growth** | Bank Leumi Le Israel B.M. | $ 186,144 |
| **High Growth** | Bezeq The Israeli Telecommunication Corp Ltd | $ 28,519 |
| **High Growth** | Electra Ltd | $ 6,236 |
| **High Growth** | First International Bank Of Israel Ltd. | $ 27,094 |
| **High Growth** | Israel Discount Bank Limited | $ 1,939,613 |
| **High Growth** | Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd | $ 60,298 |
| **High Growth** | Shapir Engineering And Industry Ltd | $ 20,876 |
|  | **Total Growth Exposure** | **$ 2,381,205** |
|  | **Total Exposure** | **$ 16,783,890** |

These companies have been published by the United Nations with business activities related to Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territories, which are regarded as illegal under international law. The UN Human Rights Office held widespread discussions with numerous States, civil society organisations, think tanks, academics and the companies themselves in formulating this list of companies.

One of Australian Super core investment beliefs is to be "...aware of our responsibility to the broader community". ESG factors quoted on the Australian Super website include "Modern Slavery ", "Human rights", "labour supply chain", "Workforce" (which includes fair pay, health and safety, wellbeing), "Diversity and equal opportunity".

Furthermore, Australian Super is a signatory to the United Nation’s Principles of Responsible Investment (UNPRI) since 2008. The website states that “…membership of the PRI means we have agreed to implement these principles, work collaboratively with other signatories on responsible investment issues and be reviewed on an annual basis on our progress on ESG activities”.

As an individual, I am mostly aligned to these values and principles.

**My initial request from you:**

Pertinent to where my funds as a member are placed and the respective exposure to companies with illegal business activities (Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territories), please explain with specific detail as to how these companies have passed your ESG criteria especially considering the list of companies are noted for their illegal activities by the United Nations and Australian Super is a signatory to the UNPRI.

**My follow-on request from you:**

Given the obvious misalignment with the Australian Super responsible investment principles and underlying investments as noted in the listed holdings, I am now intrigued about the private equity exposure. As such, please provide me with the underlying Israeli company exposure for the private equity asset class.

Your thorough response is sincerely appreciated.

Kind Regard,

\*Member Name\*

\*Member Number\*