



LEA 02	Discretionary Mandate	Gateway
<p><b>Type of engagement</b></p> <p>Individual/ internal staff engagements</p> <p>Collaborative engagements</p> <p>Service provider engagements</p>	<p><b>Reason for Interaction</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional or more comprehensive ESG disclosure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional or more comprehensive ESG disclosure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional or more comprehensive ESG disclosure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers</p>	

# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2017

Société d'assurance-vie inc. (SSQ)

## 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 2017 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	Fixed income AUM breakdown	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
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	✓	n/a							✓
OO End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Strategy and Governance				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SG 01	RI policy and coverage	✓	Public							✓
SG 02	Publicly available RI policy or guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
SG 03	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
SG 04		✓	Private							✓
SG 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
SG 06	Main goals/objectives this year	-	n/a							✓
SG 07	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
SG 08	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
SG 09	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
SG 10	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
SG 11	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
SG 12	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Public	✓						
SG 13	Long term investment risks and opportunity	✓	Private	✓						
SG 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
SG 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
SG 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Public							✓
SG 17	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
SG End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct - Fixed Income				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Breakdown by passive,active strategies	✓	Private							✓
FI 02	Option to report on <10% assets	🔒	n/a							✓
FI 03	Breakdown by market and credit quality	✓	Private							✓
FI 04	Incorporation strategies applied	✓	Public	✓						
FI 05	ESG issues and issuer research	✓	Private	✓						
FI 06	Processes to ensure analysis is robust	✓	Public	✓						
FI 07	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
FI 08	Negative screening - overview and rationale	✓	Public	✓						
FI 09	Examples of ESG factors in screening process	✓	Private	✓						
FI 10	Screening - ensuring criteria are met	✓	Public	✓						
FI 11	Thematic investing - overview	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 12	Thematic investing - themed bond processes	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 13	Thematic investing - assessing impact	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 14	Integration overview	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 15	Integration - ESG information in investment processes	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 16	Integration - E,S and G issues reviewed	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 17	ESG incorporation in passive funds	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 18	Engagement overview and coverage	✓	Private		✓					
FI 19	Engagement method	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
FI 20	Engagement policy disclosure	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
FI 21	Financial/ESG performance	✓	Private							✓
FI 22	Examples - ESG incorporation or engagement	-	n/a	✓	✓					
FI 23	Communications	✓	Public		✓				✓	
FI End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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### Organisational Overview

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## Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Public

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the type that best describes your organisation or the services you provide.

- 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
- Endowment
- Development finance institution
- Reserve - sovereign or government controlled fund
- Family office
- Other, specify

OO 02

Mandatory

Public

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

Canada

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

2000

OO 03

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

General

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

Public

Gateway/Peering

General

**OO 04.1** Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2016

**OO 04.2** Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		4	269	859	611
Currency	CAD				
Assets in USD		3	217	203	497

**OO 06**

**Mandatory**

**Public**

**Descriptive**

**General**

**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

**OO 06.1** How you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- as percentage breakdown
- as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	0	<10%
Fixed income	>50%	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	<10%	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	<10%	0



Other (1), specify	10-50%	0
Other (2), specify	<10%	0

'Other (1)' specified

Mortgage loans

'Other (2)' specified

Derivatives

**OO 06.2** Publish our asset class mix as per attached image [Optional].

### Gateway asset class implementation indicators

<b>OO 10</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>General</b>
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**OO 10.1** Select the direct or indirect ESG incorporation activities your organisation implemented for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We address ESG incorporation in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- We do not incorporate ESG in our directly managed listed equity and/or we do not address ESG incorporation in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes.

**OO 10.2** Select the direct or indirect engagement activities your organisation implemented for listed equity in the reporting year.

- We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We require our external managers to engage with companies on ESG issues on our behalf
- We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors.

Please explain why you do not.

In 2016 our investment in listed equity represents under 6% of our total investments.

**OO 10.3** Select the direct or indirect voting activities your organisation implemented for listed equity in the reporting year

- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via dedicated voting providers
- We require our external managers to vote on our behalf
- We do not cast our (proxy) votes directly and do not require external managers to vote on our behalf

<b>OO 11</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>General</b>
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**OO 11.1**

Select the internally managed asset classes in which you addressed ESG incorporation into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices (during the reporting year).

- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - corporate (financial)
- Fixed income - corporate (non-financial)
- Property
- Cash
- Other (1)
- Other (2)
- None of the above

'Other (1)' [as defined in OO 05]

**Mortgage loans**

'Other (2)' [as defined in OO 05]

**Derivatives**

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### Strategy and Governance

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## Investment policy

SG 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

General

**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

SG 01.1

Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

Yes

SG 01.2

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your policy.

Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on environmental factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on social factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific RI guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Sector specific RI guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Screening / exclusions policy <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement policy <input type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify(2)	<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

SG 01.3

Indicate if the investment policy covers any of the following

- Your organisation's definition of ESG and/or responsible investment and it's relation to investments
- Your investment objectives that take ESG factors/real economy influence into account
- Processes / approaches to incorporating ESG
- Time horizon of your investment
- Governance structure of organisational ESG responsibilities
- ESG incorporation approaches
- Active ownership approaches
- Reporting
- Other RI considerations, specify (1)
- Other RI considerations, specify (2)

**SG 01.4**

Indicate what norms you have used to develop your investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

- UN Global Compact Principles
- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Bill of Human Rights
- International Labour Organization Conventions
- United Nations Convention Against Corruption
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- Other, specify (1)
- Other, specify (2)
- Other, specify (3)
- None of the above

**SG 01.5**

Describe your organisation's investment principles, and overall investment strategy, and how they consider ESG factors and real economy impact.

SSQ Financial Group has a socially responsible investment policy, which it has expanded for the purpose of endorsing the principles of socially responsible investments established by the United Nations. Accordingly, SSQ Financial Group complies with the established environmental, social and governance (ESG) guidelines in its investment practices and reporting.

Our principles consider that it is unacceptable to invest directly or indirectly in issuers who favour the exploitation of children, discrimination, non-respect of human rights, including freedom of association, behaviour that does not comply with industry standards related to the environment, unequitable salary policies, unacceptable manager compensation practices and policies and procedures of internal governance that don't exclude favouritism.

We hire an external source to analyze ESG factors of our portfolios' corporate issuers and we take the results into consideration in our decision making process.

We consider ESG issues in the portfolio management process.

Please click on the link below to see SSQ's responsible investments policy

<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development/socially-responsible-investments>

No

**SG 02****Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 6**

**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

**SG 02.1**

Indicate which of your investment policy documents (if any) are publicly available. Provide a URL and an attachment of the document.

- Formalised guidelines on environmental factors

URL/Attachment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> URL

- URL

URL

<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development/socially-responsible-investments>

- Attachment (will be made public)
- Formalised guidelines on social factors

URL/Attachment

- URL

URL

<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development/socially-responsible-investments?inheritRedirect=true>

- Attachment (will be made public)
- Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors

URL/Attachment

- URL

URL

<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development/socially-responsible-investments?inheritRedirect=true>

- Attachment (will be made public)
- We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents

**SG 02.2**

Indicate if any of your investment policy components are publicly available. Provide URL and an attachment of the document.

- Your investment objectives that take ESG factors/real economy influence into account
- Processes / approaches to incorporating ESG
- Governance structure of organisational ESG responsibilities

URL/Attachment

- URL

URL

<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development/socially-responsible-investments?inheritRedirect=true>

- Attachment
- ESG incorporation approaches

URL/Attachment

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<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development/socially-responsible-investments?inheritRedirect=true>

Attachment

Active ownership approaches

URL/Attachment

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Reporting

URL/Attachment

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Attachment

We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

**SG 02.3** Indicate if your organisation's investment principles, and overall investment strategy is publicly available

Yes

No

<b>SG 03</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>General</b>
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**SG 03.1** Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

Yes

**SG 03.2**

Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

There is a Conflict of interest and Gifts policy stated in the employee Code of Professional Conduct. It states that an employee must avoid conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest and must act in the best interest of the firm in when dealing with colleagues, clients, suppliers, consultants and competitors. If a conflict of interest arises, an employee must provide all details to the immediate superior.

It also states that an employee cannot accept gifts, invitations nor services or benefits if such gifts affect the employees objectivity, goes against laws and commercial practices or raises controversy if it were to become public knowledge. If in doubt, an immediate superior must be consulted.

Our investment policy also addresses issues regarding conflicts of interest.

No

**Objectives and strategies****SG 05****Mandatory****Public****Gateway/Core Assessed****General****SG 05.1**

Indicate if and how frequently your organisation sets and reviews objectives for its responsible investment activities.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad-hoc basis
- It is not reviewed

**Governance and human resources****SG 07****Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****General****SG 07.1**

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  
VP Investments, Director Investments



- Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
- Implementation of responsible investment
- No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Portfolio managers
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers or service providers
- Investor relations
- Other role, specify (1)
- Other role, specify (2)

**SG 07.3**

Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has.

Number

0

## Promoting responsible investment

**SG 09**

**Mandatory**

**Public**

**Core Assessed**

**PRI 4,5**

**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

**SG 09.1**

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
- AFIC – La Commission ESG
- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- BVCA – Responsible Investment Advisory Board
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
- Code for Responsible Finance in the 21st Century
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- ESG Research Australia
- Eumedion
- EVCA – Responsible Investment Roundtable
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Green Bond Principles
- 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)
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Principles for Sustainable Insurance
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Responsible Finance Principles in Inclusive Finance
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify  
**PRI Québec**

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

Attendance at all PRI Quebec meetings in 2016

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

SG 10	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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**SG 10.1** Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Yes

**SG 10.2** Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- 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
- Wrote articles on responsible investment in the media.
- Other, specify

specify description

SSQ's Sustainable Development and Societal Responsibility plan and its Responsible Investment Policy are published on its website.

- No

**Implementation not in other modules**

SG 12	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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**New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.**

**SG 12.1**

Indicate if your organisation executes scenario analysis and/or modelling in which the risk profile of future ESG trends at portfolio level is calculated.

- We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future environmental trends
- We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future social trends
- We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future governance trends
- We execute other scenario analysis, specify
- We do not execute such scenario analysis and/or modelling

**SG 12.2**

Indicate if your organisation considers ESG issues in strategic asset allocation and/or allocation of assets between sectors or geographic markets.

- We do the following
  - Allocation between asset classes
  - Determining fixed income duration
  - Allocation of assets between geographic markets
  - Sector weightings
  - Other, specify
- We do not consider ESG issues in strategic asset allocation

**SG 16****Mandatory****Public****Descriptive****General****SG 16.1**

Describe how you address ESG issues for externally managed assets for which a specific PRI asset class module has yet to be developed or for which you are not required to report because your assets are below the minimum threshold.

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Describe what processes are in place and the outputs or outcomes achieved</b>
Listed equities - ESG incorporation	When selecting managers, we ask if they are PRI Signatories. If they are not, we ask if they have any policies regarding Responsible Investments. We take this into consideration in our decision making process.
Listed equities - (proxy) voting	Voting is done by the external manager

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## ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

### Implementation processes

FI 04	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
FI 04.1	Indicate 1) Which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed fixed income investments; and 2) The proportion (+/- 5%) of your total actively managed fixed income investments each strategy applies to.			

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	Thematic + integration strategies	0
	Screening + thematic strategies	0
	All three strategies combined	0
	No incorporation strategies applied	0
		100%

**FI 04.2** Describe your reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy and how combinations of strategies are used.

This strategy is best adapted to ensure compliance with our responsible investment policy.

<b>FI 06</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Additional Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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**FI 06.1** Indicate how you ensure that your ESG research process is robust:

- Issuers are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- Issuer information and/or ESG ratings are updated regularly to ensure ESG research is accurate
- Internal audits of ESG research are undertaken in a systematic way
- ESG analysis is benchmarked for quality against other providers
- Other, specify
- None of the above

**FI 06.2** Describe how your ESG information or analysis is shared among your investment team.

- ESG information is held within a centralised database and is accessible to all investment staff
- ESG information is a standard item on all individual issuer summaries, 'tear sheets', 'dashboards' or similar documents
- Investment staff are required to discuss ESG information on issuers as a standard item during investment committee meetings
- Records capture how ESG information and research was incorporated into investment decisions
- Other, specify
- None of the above



**(A) Implementation: Screening**

FI 07	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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**FI 07.1** Indicate the type of screening you conduct.

Select all that apply

	Corporate (financial)	Corporate (non-financial)	
Negative/exclusionary screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Positive/best-in-class screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Norms-based screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**FI 07.2** Describe your approach to screening for internally managed active fixed income

Twice a year we have our corporate bond issuers assessed by a firm who specializes in analyzing corporate ESG issues. This firm offers us research services on ESG matters for our corporate bond issuers. This assessment will provide us with the information we need to judge if an issuer needs to be excluded for ESG purposes

FI 08	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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**Corporate (financial)**

Corporate (fin)

- For legal reasons
- For non-legal reasons

**Corporate (non-financial)**

Corporate (non-fin)

- For legal reasons
- For non-legal reasons

<b>FI 08.2</b>	Describe your approach to ESG-based negative screening of issuers from your investable universe.
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Twice a year we have our corporate bond issuers assessed by a firm who specializes in analyzing corporate ESG issues. This firm offers us research services on ESG matters for our corporate bond issuers. This assessment will provide us with the information we need to judge if an issuer needs to be excluded for ESG purposes

<b>FI 10</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>FI 10.1</b>	Indicate which systems your organisation has to ensure that fund screening criteria are not breached in fixed income investments.
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Type of screening	Checks
<b>Negative/exclusionary screening?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks are performed to ensure that issuers meet screening criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data used for the screening criteria is updated at least every 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Audits of fund holdings are undertaken regularly by internal audit or compliance functions <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above

## Communication

<b>FI 23</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 2,6</b>
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<b>FI 23.1</b>	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to RI across all of your fixed income investments.
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We disclose it publicly

	Provide URL
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<https://ssq.ca/documents/10674/521114/SSQ-RA2015-EN-TAP-Web.pdf/cda98d46-2caf-45a1-be6b-f9e88a9acffb>

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<https://ssq.ca/about-us/sustainable-development?inheritRedirect=true>

<b>FI 23.2</b>	Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.
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Yes

**FI 23.3**

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to the public regarding your approach to RI incorporation.

- Broad approach to RI incorporation
- Detailed explanation of RI incorporation strategy used

**FI 23.4**

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad-hoc/when requested
- No
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries