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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF**  
**REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-5078

**MFS GOVERNMENT MARKETS INCOME TRUST**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Susan S. Newton**

**Massachusetts Financial Services Company**

**500 Boylston Street**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02116**

(Name and address of agents for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 954-5000

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2008

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Annual report

# MFS® Government Markets Income Trust

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## LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Shareholders:

The global economy is not a very welcoming place these days. Headlines tell the story of slowing growth, accelerating inflation, and credit collapse. We have watched the rampant selling that has typified equity and credit markets since the strains in the financial system first became apparent last year.

The volatility in commodity and currency markets has further complicated investment choices. There are so many parts moving in so many directions; it has become very easy to get overwhelmed.

At MFS® we remind investors to keep their eye on the long term and not become panicked by the uncertainty of the day to day.

Remember that what goes down could very easily come back up. And that is where we as money managers like to turn our focus.

Investment opportunities may arise in declining markets. When markets experience substantial selloffs, assets often become undervalued. At MFS, we have a team of global sector analysts located in Boston, London, Mexico City, Singapore, Sydney, and Tokyo working together to do the kind of bottom-up research that will root out these investment opportunities.

In times like these, we encourage our investors to check in with their advisors to ensure they have an investment plan in place that will pay heed to the present, but that is firmly tailored to the future.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Manning

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer

MFS Investment Management®

January 15, 2009

The opinions expressed in this letter are subject to change, may not be relied upon for investment advice, and no forecasts can be guaranteed.

**Table of Contents****PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION****Portfolio structure (i)****Fixed income sectors (i)**

Mortgage-Backed Securities	66.5%
U.S. Government Agencies	19.4%
Municipal Bonds	3.6%
High Grade Corporates	3.3%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	2.1%
Emerging Markets Bonds	1.9%
U.S. Treasury Securities	(0.9)%

**Credit quality of bonds (r)**

AAA	92.6%
AA	1.9%
A	2.1%
BBB	3.4%

**Portfolio facts**

Average Duration (d)(i)	4.0
Average Life (i)(m)	6.1 yrs.
Average Maturity (i)(m)	18.0 yrs.
Average Credit Quality of Rated Securities (long-term) (a)	AAA
Average Credit Quality of Rated Securities (short-term) (a)	A-1

(a) The average credit quality of rated securities is based upon a market weighted average of portfolio holdings that are rated by public rating agencies.

(d) Duration is a measure of how much a bond's price is likely to fluctuate with general changes in interest rates, e.g., if rates rise 1.00%, a bond with a 5-year duration is likely to lose about 5.00% of its value.

(i) For purposes of this presentation, the bond component includes accrued interest amounts and may be positively or negatively impacted by the equivalent exposure from any derivative holdings, if applicable, and may result in the investment in a sector of less than 0%.

(m) The average maturity shown is calculated using the final stated maturity on the portfolio's holdings without taking into account any holdings which have been pre-refunded or pre-paid to an earlier date or which have a mandatory put date prior to the stated maturity. The average life shown takes into account these earlier dates.

(r) Each security is assigned a rating from Moody's Investors Service. If not rated by Moody's, the rating will be that assigned by Standard & Poor's. Likewise, if not assigned a rating by Standard & Poor's, it will be based on the rating assigned by Fitch, Inc. For those portfolios that hold a security which is not rated by any of the three agencies, the security is considered Not Rated. Holdings in U.S. Treasuries and

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government agency mortgage-backed securities, if any, are included in the AAA -rating category. Percentages are based on the total market value of investments as of 11/30/08.  
Percentages are based on net assets as of 11/30/08, unless otherwise noted.

The portfolio is actively managed and current holdings may be different.

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## MANAGEMENT REVIEW

### Summary of Results

The MFS Government Markets Income Trust (the fund) is a closed-end fund and maintains a portfolio that includes investments in U.S. government securities, mortgage-backed securities, international and emerging markets debt securities, and U.S. investment grade corporate bonds.

For the twelve months ended November 30, 2008, the MFS Government Markets Income Trust provided a total return of 2.83%, at net asset value. This compares with a return of 7.78% for the fund's benchmark, the Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Mortgage Bond Index (formerly the Lehman Brothers U.S. Government/Mortgage Bond Index).

### Market Environment

The U.S. economy and financial markets experienced significant deterioration and extraordinary volatility over the reporting period. U.S. economic growth slowed significantly, despite the short-term bounce from the second quarter fiscal stimulus. Strong domestic headwinds included accelerated deterioration in the housing market, anemic corporate investment, a markedly weaker job market, and a much tighter credit environment. During the second half of the period, a seemingly continuous series of tumultuous financial events hammered markets, including: the distressed sale of failing Bear Stearns to JPMorgan, the conservatorship of Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the bankruptcy of investment bank Lehman Brothers, the Federal Reserve Bank's complex intervention of insurance company American International Group (AIG), the nationalization of several large European banks, the failure of Washington Mutual, and the distressed sale of Wachovia. As a result of this barrage of turbulent news, global equity markets pushed significantly lower and credit markets witnessed the worst dislocation since the beginning of the credit crisis.

While reasonably resilient during the first half of the period, the global economy and financial system increasingly experienced considerable negative spillovers from the U.S. slowdown. Not only did Europe and Japan show obvious signs of economic softening, the more powerful engine of global growth—emerging markets—also began to display weakening dynamics.

During the reporting period, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board cut interest rates aggressively and introduced a multitude of new lending facilities to alleviate ever-tightening credit markets, while the U.S. federal government moved quickly to design and implement a meaningful fiscal stimulus package. Although several other global central banks also cut rates, the dilemma of rising energy and food prices heightened concerns among central bankers that inflationary expectations might become unhinged despite weaker growth. Only



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late in the reporting period did slowing global growth result in a precipitous decline in commodity prices, which began to ease inflation and inflationary expectations. As inflationary concerns diminished in the face of global deleveraging, and equity and credit markets deteriorated more sharply, a coordinated rate cut marked the beginning of much more aggressive easing by the major global central banks.

### **Detractors from Performance**

Relative to the Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Mortgage Bond Index, the fund's exposure to the *financial* sector held back performance as holdings of some finance companies suffered amid the global credit crisis. The fund's benchmark does not hold corporate debt of banks and financial companies.

Holdings of government agency securities also detracted from relative returns as spreads on agency debt widened over the reporting period. A greater relative exposure to Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) mortgage backed securities was another factor that detracted from results.

The fund's positioning along the yield curve (y) further dampened relative returns. A greater exposure to BBB rated (s) securities also held back relative returns.

### **Contributors to Performance**

The fund's underweighted exposure to Federal Home Loan Mortgage (Freddie Mac) mortgage-backed securities, which underperformed the benchmark over the reporting period, was a contributor to relative performance. Yield was also a positive factor for relative results as holdings in the fund generated a higher level of income than those in the benchmark.

Respectfully,

Geoffrey Schechter

Portfolio Manager

(s) Bonds rated BBB, Baa, or higher are considered investment grade; bonds rated BB, Ba, or below are considered non-investment grade. The primary source for bond quality ratings is Moody's Investors Service. If not available, ratings by Standard & Poor's are used, else ratings by Fitch, Inc. For securities which are not rated by any of the three agencies, the security is considered Not Rated.

(y) A yield curve graphically depicts the yields of different maturity bonds of the same credit quality and type; a normal yield curve is upward sloping, with short-term rates lower than long-term rates.

The views expressed in this report are those of the portfolio manager only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover and do not necessarily reflect the views of MFS or any other person in the MFS organization. These views are subject to change at any time based on market or other conditions, and MFS disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied upon as investment advice or an indication of trading intent on behalf of any MFS portfolio. References to specific securities are not recommendations of such securities, and may not be representative of any MFS portfolio's current or future investments.

**Table of Contents****PERFORMANCE SUMMARY** THROUGH 11/30/08

The following chart represents the fund's historical performance in comparison to its benchmark(s). Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost; current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. The performance shown does not reflect the deduction of taxes, if any, that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the sale of fund shares.

**Price Summary**

Year Ended 11/30/08	Date	Price
Net Asset Value	11/30/08	\$7.01
	11/30/07	\$7.35
New York Stock Exchange Price	11/30/08	\$7.21
	9/08/08 (high) (t)	\$7.33
	10/10/08 (low) (t)	\$5.67
	11/30/07	\$6.59

**Total Returns vs Benchmark**

Year Ended 11/30/08

New York Stock Exchange Price (r)	17.96%
Net Asset Value (r)	2.83%
Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Mortgage Bond Index (f)	7.78%

(f) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

(r) Includes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions.

(t) For the period December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008.

**Benchmark Definition**

Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Mortgage Bond Index (formerly known as Lehman Brothers U.S. Government/Mortgage Bond Index) measures debt issued by the U.S. Government, and its agencies, as well as mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

**Notes to Performance Summary**

The fund's shares may trade at a discount or premium to net asset value. Shareholders do not have the right to cause the fund to repurchase their shares at net asset value. When fund shares trade at a premium, buyers pay more than the net asset value underlying fund shares, and shares purchased at a

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*Performance Summary continued*

premium would receive less than the amount paid for them in the event of the fund's liquidation. As a result, the total return that is calculated based on the net asset value and New York Stock Exchange price can be different.

The fund's target annual distribution rate is calculated based on an annual rate of 7.25% of the fund's average monthly net asset value, not a fixed share price. The fund's dividend amount will fluctuate with changes in the fund's average monthly net assets.

The fund's monthly distributions may include a return of capital to shareholders. Distributions that are treated for federal income tax purposes as a return of capital will reduce each shareholder's basis in his or her shares and, to the extent the return of capital exceeds such basis, will be treated as gain to the shareholder from a sale of shares. The target annual distribution rate may also result in a recharacterization of what economically represents a return of capital to ordinary income in those situations where a fund has current year long-term capital gains and a capital loss carryforward. Returns of shareholder capital have the effect of reducing the fund's assets and may increase the fund's expense ratio.

From time to time the fund may receive proceeds from litigation settlements, without which performance would be lower.

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the fund hereby gives notice that it may from time to time repurchase shares of the fund in the open market at the option of the Board of Trustees and on such terms as the Trustees shall determine.

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# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS OF THE FUND

## **Investment Objective**

The fund's investment objective is to seek high current income, but may also consider capital appreciation. The fund's objective may be changed without shareholder approval.

## **Principal Investment Strategies**

MFS normally invests at least 80% of the fund's net assets in U.S. and foreign government securities.

MFS may invest the fund's assets in other types of debt instruments.

MFS generally invests substantially all of the fund's assets in investment grade debt instruments.

MFS may invest the fund's assets in U.S. and foreign securities, including emerging market securities.

MFS may invest a relatively high percentage of the fund's assets in a single country, a small number of countries, or a particular geographic region.

MFS may invest a relatively high percentage of the fund's assets in the debt instruments of a single issuer or a small number of issuers.

The fund seeks to make a monthly distribution at an annual fixed rate of 7.25% of the fund's average monthly net asset value.

MFS may invest the fund's assets in mortgage dollar rolls.

MFS may use derivatives for different purposes, including to earn income and enhance returns, to increase or decrease exposure to a particular market, to manage or adjust the risk profile of the fund, or as alternatives to direct investments.

MFS uses a bottom-up investment approach in buying and selling investments for the fund. Investments are selected primarily based on fundamental analysis of instruments and their issuers in light of current market, economic, political, and regulatory conditions. Factors considered may include the instrument's credit quality, collateral characteristics, and indenture provisions, and the issuer's management ability, capital structure, leverage, and ability to meet its current obligations. Quantitative analysis of the structure of the instrument and its features may also be considered.

If approved by the fund's Board of Trustees, the fund may use leverage through the issuance of preferred shares, borrowing from banks, and/or other methods of creating leverage, and investing the proceeds pursuant to its investment strategies.

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*Investment Objective, Principal Investment Strategies and Risks of the Fund* continued

MFS may engage in active and frequent trading in pursuing the fund's principal investment strategies.

In response to market, economic, political, or other conditions, MFS may depart from the fund's principal investment strategies by temporarily investing for defensive purposes.

## **Principal Risks**

The portfolio's yield and share prices change daily based on the credit quality of its investments and changes in interest rates. In general, the value of debt securities will decline when interest rates rise and will increase when interest rates fall. Debt securities with longer maturity dates will generally be subject to greater price fluctuations than those with shorter maturities. Mortgage securities are subject to prepayment risk which can offer less potential for gains in a declining interest rate environment and greater potential for loss in a rising interest rate environment. The fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in mortgage-backed securities. The value of mortgage-backed securities may depend, in part, on the issuer's or borrower's credit quality or ability to pay principal and interest when due and may fall if an issuer or borrower defaults on its obligation to pay principal or interest or if the instrument's credit rating is downgraded by a credit rating agency. U.S. Government securities not supported as to the payment of principal or interest by the U.S. Treasury, such as those issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks, are subject to greater credit risk than are U.S. Government securities supported by the U.S. Treasury, such as those issued by Ginnie Mae. Derivatives can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to those of the underlying indicator's in whose value the derivative is based. Gains or losses from derivatives can be substantially greater than the derivatives' original cost. Interest payments on inflation adjusted debt instruments can be unpredictable and vary based on the level of inflation. Foreign investments can be more volatile than U.S. investments. Changes in currency exchange rates can affect the U.S. dollar rate of foreign currency investments and investments denominated in foreign currency. Investing in emerging markets can involve risks in addition to those generally associated with investing in more developed foreign markets. When you sell your shares, they may be worth more or less than the amount you paid for them. Please see the fund's registration statement for further information regarding these and other risk considerations. A copy of the fund's registration statement on Form N-2 is available on the EDGAR database on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Internet Web site at <http://sec.gov>.

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER S PROFILE

Geoffrey Schechter

Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment area of MFS since 1993. Manager of the fund since April 2006.

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## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

The fund offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the Plan) that allows common shareholders to reinvest either all of the distributions paid by the fund or only the long-term capital gains. Purchases are made at the market price unless that price exceeds the net asset value (the shares are trading at a premium). If the shares are trading at a premium, purchases will be made at a discounted price of either the net asset value or 95% of the market price, whichever is greater. Four times each year you can also buy shares. Investments may be made in any amount of \$100 or more in January, April, July and October on the 15th of the month or shortly thereafter.

If shares are registered in your own name, new shareholders will automatically participate in the Plan, unless you have indicated that you do not wish to participate. If your shares are in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee, you can ask the firm or nominee to participate in the Plan on your behalf. If the nominee does not offer the Plan, you may wish to request that your shares be re-registered in your own name so that you can participate. There is no service charge to reinvest distributions, nor are there brokerage charges for shares issued directly by the fund. However, when shares are bought on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market, each participant pays a pro rata share of the transaction expenses, including commissions. The automatic reinvestment of distributions does not relieve you of any income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on the distributions.

You may withdraw from the Plan at any time by going to the Plan Agent's website at [www.computershare.com](http://www.computershare.com), by calling 1-800-637-2304 any business day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time or by writing to the Plan Agent at P.O. Box 43078, Providence, RI 02940-3078. Please have available the name of the fund and your account number. For certain types of registrations, such as corporate accounts, instructions must be submitted in writing. Please call for additional details. When you withdraw from the Plan, you can receive the value of the reinvested shares in one of three ways: your full shares will be held in your account and a check will be issued for the value of any fractional shares, the Plan Agent will sell your shares and send the proceeds to you, or you may sell your shares through your investment professional.

If you have any questions or for further information or a copy of the Plan, contact the Plan Agent Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the Transfer Agent for the fund) at 1-800-637-2304, at the Plan Agent's website at [www.computershare.com](http://www.computershare.com), or by writing to the Plan Agent at P.O. Box 43078, Providence, RI 02940-3078.

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The Portfolio of Investments is a complete list of all securities owned by your fund. It is categorized by broad-based asset classes.

<b>Bonds - 99.3%</b>		
<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Shares/Par</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>U.S. Bonds - 96.3%</b>		
<b>Agency - Other - 13.4%</b>		
Financing Corp., 10.7%, 2017	\$ 4,095,000	\$ 6,004,707
Financing Corp., 9.4%, 2018	3,085,000	4,284,868
Financing Corp., 9.8%, 2018	4,350,000	6,198,611
Financing Corp., 10.35%, 2018	6,820,000	10,092,686
Financing Corp., STRIPS, 0%, 2017	5,000,000	3,500,250
		\$ 30,081,122
<b>Asset Backed &amp; Securitized - 2.0%</b>		
Banc of America Commercial Mortgage, Inc., FRN, 5.837%, 2017	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 646,901
Citigroup/Deutsche Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, 5.322%, 2049	1,200,000	766,389
CWCapital Cobalt Ltd., CDO, C1, 5.223%, 2048	1,000,000	652,487
GS Mortgage Securities Corp., GG8, 5.56%, 2039	1,000,000	680,838
JPMorgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., 5.42%, 2049	1,000,000	605,094
Merrill Lynch Mortgage Trust, FRN, 6.022%, 2050	750,000	134,397
Prudential Securities Secured Financing Corp., FRN, 7.283%, 2013 (z)	1,819,000	647,898
Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 6.099%, 2051	1,000,000	444,891
		\$ 4,578,895
<b>Brokerage &amp; Asset Managers - 0.3%</b>		
Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., 6.05%, 2016	\$ 750,000	\$ 644,719
<b>Building - 0.1%</b>		
CRH PLC, 8.125%, 2018	\$ 397,000	\$ 299,284
<b>Computer Software - Systems - 0.3%</b>		
International Business Machines Corp., 8%, 2038	\$ 500,000	\$ 555,424
<b>Food &amp; Beverages - 0.5%</b>		
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Inc., 6.82%, 2018 (n)	\$ 231,000	\$ 218,133
Kraft Foods, Inc., 6.125%, 2018	960,000	881,445
		\$ 1,099,578
<b>Mortgage Backed - 66.2%</b>		
Fannie Mae, 4.79%, 2012	\$ 3,522,804	\$ 3,563,236
Fannie Mae, 4.542%, 2013	822,815	817,550
Fannie Mae, 5%, 2013 - 2027	4,236,452	4,261,959
Fannie Mae, 5.06%, 2013	389,609	392,859

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**Table of Contents***Portfolio of Investments continued*

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Shares/Par</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Bonds - continued</b>		
U.S. Bonds - continued		
Mortgage Backed - continued		
Fannie Mae, 5.37%, 2013	\$ 1,014,769	\$ 1,036,206
Fannie Mae, 4.589%, 2014	726,088	717,649
Fannie Mae, 4.61%, 2014	1,866,582	1,847,059
Fannie Mae, 4.77%, 2014	478,672	475,875
Fannie Mae, 4.84%, 2014	2,773,082	2,768,904
Fannie Mae, 4.872%, 2014	1,756,169	1,759,220
Fannie Mae, 5.1%, 2014	514,199	518,102
Fannie Mae, 4.7%, 2015	470,090	463,868
Fannie Mae, 4.74%, 2015	380,901	376,462
Fannie Mae, 4.78%, 2015	533,299	527,055
Fannie Mae, 4.815%, 2015	543,000	538,123
Fannie Mae, 4.82%, 2015	1,428,385	1,417,434
Fannie Mae, 4.85%, 2015	335,153	333,344
Fannie Mae, 4.86%, 2015	157,770	157,208
Fannie Mae, 4.87%, 2015	355,040	353,045
Fannie Mae, 4.89%, 2015	397,902	396,398
Fannie Mae, 4.921%, 2015	1,182,790	1,181,134
Fannie Mae, 5.466%, 2015	879,279	900,921
Fannie Mae, 5.09%, 2016	500,000	499,269
Fannie Mae, 5.423%, 2016	784,579	801,413
Fannie Mae, 5.845%, 2016	442,138	458,626
Fannie Mae, 6.5%, 2016 - 2037	6,938,433	7,169,438
Fannie Mae, 5.05%, 2017	525,300	523,243
Fannie Mae, 5.3%, 2017	588,822	594,524
Fannie Mae, 5.5%, 2017 - 2037	55,349,723	56,386,071
Fannie Mae, 6%, 2017 - 2037	15,040,361	15,402,570
Fannie Mae, 4.88%, 2020	321,018	318,499
Freddie Mac, 4.5%, 2015 - 2021	346,566	347,843
Freddie Mac, 5%, 2016 - 2027	5,944,558	5,997,757
Freddie Mac, 6%, 2021 - 2038	6,982,465	7,136,582
Freddie Mac, 5.5%, 2022 - 2038	14,589,095	14,820,244
Freddie Mac, 3.75%, 2024	388,913	387,889
Freddie Mac, 4%, 2024	404,306	404,324
Freddie Mac, 6.5%, 2037	2,535,797	2,611,814
Ginnie Mae, 5.5%, 2033 - 2038	7,960,229	8,121,269
Ginnie Mae, 5.612%, 2058	1,158,905	1,194,034
Ginnie Mae, 6.36%, 2058	1,037,198	1,110,571
		\$ 149,089,591

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*Portfolio of Investments continued*

Issuer	Shares/Par	Value (\$)
<b>Bonds - continued</b>		
<b>U.S. Bonds - continued</b>		
<b>Municipals - 3.5%</b>		
California Educational Facilities Authority Rev. (Stanford University), T-1, 5%, 2039	\$ 3,075,000	\$ 2,914,239
Illinois Regional Transportation Authority, A, FSA, 5.75%, 2034	1,125,000	1,041,368
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Sales Tax Rev., A-1, 5.25%, 2028	1,045,000	1,033,620
Massachusetts Health & Educational Facilities Authority Rev. (Boston College), 5.5%, 2027	755,000	778,971
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Rev., B, FSA, 5.25%, 2035	1,310,000	1,255,543
Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, Water Pollution Control Rev., B, 5%, 2018	895,000	958,536
		\$ 7,982,277
<b>Network &amp; Telecom - 0.2%</b>		
Verizon Communications, Inc., 8.75%, 2018	\$ 449,000	\$ 449,115
<b>Other Banks &amp; Diversified Financials - 0.3%</b>		
UBS Preferred Funding Trust V, 6.243% to 2016, FRN to 2049	\$ 750,000	\$ 563,122
<b>Real Estate - 0.2%</b>		
Simon Property Group, Inc., REIT, 5.875%, 2017	\$ 750,000	\$ 462,716
<b>Tobacco - 0.2%</b>		
Altria Group, Inc., 9.7%, 2018	\$ 500,000	\$ 505,958
<b>U.S. Government Agencies - 5.8%</b>		
Aid-Egypt, 4.45%, 2015	1,755,000	\$ 1,827,885
Farmer Mac, 5.5%, 2011 (n)	3,010,000	3,229,357
Small Business Administration, 8.875%, 2011	89,616	91,207
Small Business Administration, 6.34%, 2021	717,609	742,918
Small Business Administration, 6.35%, 2021	825,345	854,444
Small Business Administration, 6.44%, 2021	776,804	806,446
Small Business Administration, 6.625%, 2021	921,198	960,359
Small Business Administration, 5.52%, 2024	1,086,568	1,110,021
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 6.36%, 2016	1,580,000	1,685,887
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 6.59%, 2016	1,676,000	1,688,039
		\$ 12,996,563
<b>U.S. Treasury Obligations - 3.3%</b>		
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 11.25%, 2015	\$ 499,000	\$ 741,171
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4.75%, 2037	2,000,000	2,428,750

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Issuer	Shares/Par	Value (\$)
<b>Bonds - continued</b>		
U.S. Bonds - continued		
U.S. Treasury Obligations - continued		
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4.375%, 2038	\$ 3,225,000	\$ 3,736,214
U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.125%, 2012 (f)	513,000	566,304
		\$ 7,472,439
<b>Total U.S. Bonds</b>		<b>\$ 216,780,803</b>
Foreign Bonds - 3.0%		
Canada - 0.7%		
Canadian Pacific Railway Co., 6.5%, 2018	\$ 830,000	\$ 721,446
Rogers Communications, Inc., 6.8%, 2018	1,000,000	896,077
		\$ 1,617,523
Chile - 0.7%		
Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile, 6.15%, 2036	\$ 1,092,000	\$ 873,050
HQI Transelec Chile S.A., 7.875%, 2011	680,000	666,947
		\$ 1,539,997
Italy - 0.1%		
UniCredito Luxembourg Finance S.A., 6%, 2017 (n)	\$ 200,000	\$ 158,960
Luxembourg - 0.0%		
ArcelorMittal, 6.125%, 2018	\$ 91,000	\$ 62,918
Malaysia - 0.2%		
Petronas Capital Ltd., 7.875%, 2022	\$ 433,000	\$ 451,685
Mexico - 0.7%		
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 9.375%, 2008	\$ 541,000	\$ 541,000
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 5.75%, 2018 (n)	528,000	431,006
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 6.625%, 2035	552,000	415,000
United Mexican States, 8.3%, 2031	128,000	131,046
		\$ 1,518,052
Portugal - 0.0%		
EDP Finance B.V., 6%, 2018 (n)	\$ 100,000	\$ 85,062
Russia - 0.2%		
Gazprom International S.A., 7.201%, 2020	\$ 630,322	\$ 453,740
TransCapitalInvest Ltd., 5.67%, 2014	215,000	126,044
		\$ 579,784

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*Portfolio of Investments continued*

Issuer	Shares/Par	Value (\$)
<b>Bonds - continued</b>		
Foreign Bonds - continued		
United Kingdom - 0.4%		
Diageo Capital PLC, 5.75%, 2017	\$ 520,000	\$ 469,935
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 6.99% to 2017, FRN to 2049 (n)	750,000	413,524
		\$ 883,459
<b>Total Foreign Bonds</b>		<b>\$ 6,897,440</b>
<b>Total Bonds (Identified Cost, \$222,877,417)</b>		<b>\$ 223,678,243</b>
<b>Repurchase Agreements - 0.0%</b>		
Merrill Lynch, 0.18%, dated 11/28/08, due 12/01/08, total to be received \$28,000 (secured by various U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency obligations and Mortgage Backed securities in a jointly traded account), at Cost		
	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
<b>Total Investments (Identified Cost, \$222,905,417)</b>		<b>\$ 223,706,243</b>
<b>Other Assets, Less Liabilities - 0.7%</b>		1,473,138
<b>Net Assets - 100.0%</b>		<b>\$ 225,179,381</b>

(f) All or a portion of the security has been segregated as collateral for open futures contracts.

(n) Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be sold in the ordinary course of business in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At period end, the aggregate value of these securities was \$4,536,042, representing 2.0% of net assets.

(z) Restricted securities are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and are subject to legal restrictions on resale. These securities generally may be resold in transactions exempt from registration or to the public if the securities are subsequently registered. Disposal of these securities may involve time-consuming negotiations and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult. The fund holds the following restricted securities:

Restricted Securities	Acquisition Date	Cost	Current Market Value
Prudential Securities Secured Financing Corp., FRN, 7.283%, 2013	12/06/04	\$2,019,445	\$647,898
% of Net Assets			0.3%

The following abbreviations are used in this report and are defined:

- CDO Collateralized Debt Obligation
- FRN Floating Rate Note. Interest rate resets periodically and may not be the rate reported at period end.
- REIT Real Estate Investment Trust
- STRIPS Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities

**Insurers**

FSA Financial Security Assurance Inc.



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<b>Description</b>	<b>Contracts</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b>
U.S. Treasury Note 5 yr (Long)	96	\$11,204,250	Mar-09	\$158,664
U.S. Treasury Bond 30 yr (Short)	50	6,374,219	Mar-09	(154,081)
U.S. Treasury Note 10 yr (Short)	120	14,516,250	Mar-09	(427,920)
				\$(423,337)

At November 30, 2008, the fund had sufficient cash and/or other liquid securities to cover any commitments under these derivative contracts.

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At 11/30/08

This statement represents your fund's balance sheet, which details the assets and liabilities comprising the total value of the fund.

<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at value (identified cost, \$222,905,417)	\$223,706,243	
Cash	724	
Receivable for investments sold	7,546,842	
Interest receivable	1,839,340	
Receivable from investment adviser	32,311	
Other assets	8,830	
Total assets		\$233,134,290
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable for daily variation margin on open futures contracts	\$48,094	
Payable for investments purchased	7,570,337	
Payable to affiliates		
Management fee	19,604	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	23,758	
Administrative services fee	849	
Payable for independent trustees' compensation	158,505	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	133,762	
Total liabilities		\$7,954,909
Net assets		\$225,179,381
<b>Net assets consist of</b>		
Paid-in capital	\$240,172,717	
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	377,489	
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(15,120,252)	
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(250,573)	
Net assets		\$225,179,381
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding		32,111,575
Net asset value per share (net assets of \$225,179,381 / 32,111,575 shares of beneficial interest outstanding)		\$7.01

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Year ended 11/30/08

This statement describes how much your fund earned in investment income and accrued in expenses. It also describes any gains and/or losses generated by fund operations.

<b>Net investment income</b>		
Interest income		\$12,285,434
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fee	\$1,423,439	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	143,939	
Administrative services fee	42,626	
Independent trustees' compensation	43,786	
Stock exchange fee	31,815	
Custodian fee	59,983	
Shareholder communications	206,228	
Auditing fees	66,530	
Legal fees	25,328	
Miscellaneous	116,926	
Total expenses		\$2,160,600
Fees paid indirectly	(4,097)	
Reduction of expenses by investment adviser	(319,623)	
Net expenses		\$1,836,880
Net investment income		\$10,448,554
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions</b>		
Realized gain (loss) (identified cost basis)		
Investment transactions	\$387,945	
Futures contracts	(985,887)	
Foreign currency transactions	(92,617)	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions		\$(690,559)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		
Investments	\$(3,403,032)	
Futures contracts	(390,826)	
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	82,764	
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation		\$(3,711,094)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency		\$(4,401,653)
Change in net assets from operations		\$6,046,901
<b>See Notes to Financial Statements</b>		



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These statements describe the increases and/or decreases in net assets resulting from operations, any distributions, and any shareholder transactions.

	<b>Years ended 11/30</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>		
<b>From operations</b>		
Net investment income	\$10,448,554	\$15,710,955
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(690,559)	(1,567,468)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation	(3,711,094)	4,812,865
Change in net assets from operations	\$6,046,901	\$18,956,352
<b>Distributions declared to shareholders</b>		
From net investment income	\$(11,031,448)	\$(18,505,397)
From tax return of capital	(5,695,208)	(1,244,254)
Total distributions declared to shareholders	\$(16,726,656)	\$(19,749,651)
Change in net assets from fund share transactions	\$205,607	\$(137,057,928)
Total change in net assets	\$(10,474,148)	\$(137,851,227)
<b>Net assets</b>		
At beginning of period	235,653,529	373,504,756
At end of period (including accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income of \$250,573 and \$201,640, respectively)	\$225,179,381	\$235,653,529
<b>See Notes to Financial Statements</b>		

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The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the fund's financial performance for the past 5 years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate by which an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the fund share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions) held for the entire period.

	Years ended 11/30				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$7.35	\$7.28	\$7.27	\$7.43	\$7.44
<b>Income (loss) from investment operations</b>					
Net investment income (d)	\$0.33	\$0.32	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.31
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency	(0.15)	0.09	0.04	(0.17)	(0.02)
Total from investment operations	\$0.18	\$0.41	\$0.35	\$0.14	\$0.29
<b>Less distributions declared to shareholders</b>					
From net investment income	\$(0.34)	\$(0.36)	\$(0.35)	\$(0.32)	\$(0.33)
From tax return of capital	(0.18)	(0.02)			
Total distributions declared to shareholders	\$(0.52)	\$(0.38)	\$(0.35)	\$(0.32)	\$(0.33)
Net increase from repurchase of capital shares	\$	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.03
Net asset value, end of period	\$7.01	\$7.35	\$7.28	\$7.27	\$7.43
Per share market value, end of period	\$7.21	\$6.59	\$6.60	\$6.39	\$6.55
Total return at market value (%)	17.96	5.73	9.06	2.36	2.49
Total return at net asset value (%)	2.83	6.91	5.74	2.67	4.86
<b>Ratios (%) (to average net assets) and Supplemental data:</b>					
Expenses before expense reductions (f)	0.94	0.89	0.80	0.83	0.81
Expenses after expense reductions (f)	0.80	0.89	0.80	0.83	0.81
Net investment income	4.55	4.33	4.29	4.20	4.12
Portfolio turnover	31	28	26	68	71
Net assets at end of period (000 Omitted)	\$225,179	\$235,654	\$373,505	\$378,714	\$399,061

(d) Per share data is based on average shares outstanding.

(f) Ratios do not reflect reductions from fees paid indirectly, if applicable.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### (1) Business and Organization

MFS Government Markets Income Trust (the fund) is organized as a Massachusetts business trust and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end management investment company.

### (2) Significant Accounting Policies

**General** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in mortgage-backed securities. The value of mortgage-backed securities may depend, in part, on the issuer's or borrower's credit quality or ability to pay principal and interest when due and may fall if an issuer or borrower defaults on its obligation to pay principal or interest or if the instrument's credit rating is downgraded by a credit rating agency. U.S. Government securities not supported as to the payment of principal or interest by the U.S. Treasury, such as those issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks, are subject to greater credit risk than are U.S. Government securities supported by the U.S. Treasury, such as those issued by Ginnie Mae. The fund can invest in foreign securities, including securities of emerging market issuers. Investments in foreign securities are vulnerable to the effects of changes in the relative values of the local currency and the U.S. dollar and to the effects of changes in each country's legal, political, and economic environment. The markets of emerging markets countries are generally more volatile than the markets of developed countries with more mature economies. All of the risks of investing in foreign securities previously described are heightened when investing in emerging markets countries.

**Investment Valuations** Debt instruments and floating rate loans (other than short-term instruments), including restricted debt instruments, are generally valued at an evaluated or composite bid as reported by a third party pricing service. Short-term instruments with a maturity at issuance of 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Exchange-traded options are generally valued at the last sale or official closing price as reported by a third party pricing service on the exchange on which such options are primarily traded. Exchange-traded options for which there were no sales reported that day are generally valued at the last daily bid quotation as reported by a third party pricing service on the exchange on

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which such options are primarily traded. Options not traded on an exchange are generally valued at a broker-dealer bid quotation. Foreign currency options are generally valued using an external pricing model that uses market data from a third party source. Futures contracts are generally valued at last posted settlement price as reported by a third party pricing service on the market on which they are primarily traded. Futures contracts for which there were no trades that day for a particular position are generally valued at the closing bid quotation as reported by a third party pricing service on the market on which such futures contracts are primarily traded. Forward foreign currency contracts are generally valued at the mean of bid and asked prices for the time period interpolated from rates reported by a third party pricing service for proximate time periods. Securities and other assets generally valued on the basis of information from a third party pricing service may also be valued at a broker-dealer bid quotation. Values obtained from pricing services can utilize both dealer-supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques, which take into account factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics, and other market data. The values of foreign securities and other assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using the mean of bid and asked prices for rates reported by a third party pricing service.

The Board of Trustees has delegated primary responsibility for determining or causing to be determined the value of the fund's investments (including any fair valuation) to the adviser pursuant to valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board. If the adviser determines that reliable market quotations are not readily available, investments are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the adviser in accordance with such procedures under the oversight of the Board of Trustees. Under the fund's valuation policies and procedures, market quotations are not considered to be readily available for most types of debt instruments and floating rate loans and many types of derivatives. These investments are generally valued at fair value based on information from third party pricing services. In addition, investments may be valued at fair value if the adviser determines that an investment's value has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the investment is principally traded (such as foreign exchange or market) and prior to the determination of the fund's net asset value, or after the halting of trading of a specific security where trading does not resume prior to the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded. The adviser may rely on third party pricing services or other information (such as the correlation with price movements of similar securities in the same or other markets; the type, cost and investment characteristics of the security; the business and financial condition of the issuer; and trading and other market data) to assist in

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determining whether to fair value and at what value to fair value an investment. The value of an investment for purposes of calculating the fund's net asset value can differ depending on the source and method used to determine value. When fair valuation is used, the value of investments used to determine the fund's net asset value may differ from quoted or published prices for the same investments.

The fund adopted FASB Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (the Statement). This Statement provides a single definition of fair value, a hierarchy for measuring fair value and expanded disclosures about fair value measurements.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund's assets or liabilities carried at market value. These inputs are categorized into three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 includes other significant observable market-based inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speed, and credit risk). Level 3 includes unobservable inputs, which may include the adviser's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Other financial instruments are derivative instruments not reflected in total investments, such as futures, forwards, swap contracts and written options, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the instrument. The following is a summary of the levels used as of November 30, 2008 in valuing the fund's assets or liabilities carried at market value:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments in Securities	\$	\$223,706,243	\$	\$223,706,243
Other Financial Instruments	\$(423,337)	\$	\$	\$(423,337)

**Repurchase Agreements** The fund may enter into repurchase agreements with approved counterparties. Each repurchase agreement is recorded at cost. The fund requires that the securities collateral in a repurchase transaction be transferred to a custodian. The fund monitors, on a daily basis, the value of the collateral to ensure that its value, including accrued interest, is greater than amounts owed to the fund under each such repurchase agreement. The fund and other funds managed by Massachusetts Financial Services Company (MFS), may utilize a joint trading account for the purpose of entering into one or more repurchase agreements.

**Foreign Currency Translation** Purchases and sales of foreign investments, income, and expenses are converted into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions or on the reporting date for foreign denominated receivables and payables. Gains and losses attributable to foreign currency exchange rates on sales of securities are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. Gains and losses attributable to foreign exchange rate movements on receivables, payables, income and expenses are recorded for financial statement purposes as foreign currency transaction gains and

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losses. That portion of both realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that results from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed.

**Derivative Risk** The fund may invest in derivatives for hedging or non-hedging purposes. While hedging can reduce or eliminate losses, it can also reduce or eliminate gains. When the fund uses derivatives as an investment to gain market exposure, or for hedging purposes, gains and losses from derivative instruments may be substantially greater than the derivative's original cost. Cash that has been segregated on behalf of certain derivative contracts will be reported separately on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as restricted cash. On some over-the-counter derivatives, the fund attempts to reduce its exposure to counterparty credit risk by entering into an ISDA Master Agreement on a bilateral basis with each of the counterparties with whom it undertakes a significant volume of transactions. The ISDA Master Agreement gives the fund the right, upon an event of default by the applicable counterparty, to close out all transactions traded under such agreement and to net amounts owed under each transaction to one net amount payable by one party to the other. This right to close out and net payments across all transactions traded under the ISDA Master Agreement could result in a reduction of the fund's credit risk to such counterparty equal to any amounts payable by the fund under the applicable transactions, if any. However, absent an event of default by the counterparty, the ISDA Master Agreement does not result in an offset of reported balance sheet assets and liabilities across transactions between the fund and the applicable counterparty. Derivative instruments include futures contracts and forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

In March 2008, FASB Statement No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (the Standard) was issued, and is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. This Standard provides enhanced disclosures about the fund's use of and accounting for derivative instruments and the effect of derivative instruments on the fund's results of operations and financial position. Management is evaluating the application of the Standard to the fund, and has not at this time determined the impact, if any, resulting from the adoption of this Standard on the fund's financial statements.

**Purchased Options** The fund may purchase call or put options for a premium. Purchasing call options may be a hedge against an anticipated increase in the dollar cost of securities to be acquired or to increase the fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Purchasing put options may hedge against a decline in the value of portfolio securities. The premium paid is included as an investment in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and is

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subsequently adjusted to the current value of the option. Premiums paid for purchased options which have expired are treated as realized losses on investments in the Statement of Operations. Premiums paid for purchased options which are exercised or closed are added to the amount paid or offset against the proceeds on the underlying security or financial instrument to determine the realized gain or loss. The risk of loss associated with purchased options is limited to the premium paid.

**Futures Contracts** The fund may enter into futures contracts for the delayed delivery of securities or currency, or contracts based on financial indices at a fixed price on a future date. In entering such contracts, the fund is required to deposit with the broker either in cash or securities an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. Subsequent payments are made or received by the fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are recorded for financial statement purposes as unrealized gains or losses by the fund. Upon entering into such contracts, the fund bears the risk of interest or exchange rates or securities prices moving unexpectedly, in which case, the fund may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contracts and may realize a loss.

**Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts** The fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date. Risks may arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of the contract. The fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes as well as for non-hedging purposes. For hedging purposes, the fund may enter into contracts to deliver or receive foreign currency it will receive from or require for its normal investment activities. The fund may also use contracts in a manner intended to protect foreign currency denominated securities from declines in value due to unfavorable exchange rate movements. For non-hedging purposes, the fund may enter into contracts with the intent of changing the relative exposure of the fund's portfolio of securities to different currencies to take advantage of anticipated changes. The forward foreign currency exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded as unrealized until the contract settlement date. On contract settlement date, the gains or losses are recorded as realized gains or losses on foreign currency transactions.

**Indemnifications** Under the fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees may be indemnified against certain liabilities and expenses arising out of the performance of their duties to the fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the fund enters into agreements with service providers that

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may contain indemnification clauses. The fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the fund that have not yet occurred.

**Investment Transactions and Income** Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. All premium and discount is amortized or accreted for financial statement purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The fund may receive proceeds from litigation settlements. Any proceeds received from litigation involving portfolio holdings are reflected in the Statement of Operations in realized gain/loss if the security has been disposed of by the fund or in unrealized gain/loss if the security is still held by the fund. Any other proceeds from litigation not related to portfolio holdings are reflected as other income in the Statement of Operations.

**Fees Paid Indirectly** The fund's custody fee may be reduced according to an arrangement that measures the value of cash deposited with the custodian by the fund. This amount, for the year ended November 30, 2008, is shown as a reduction of total expenses on the Statement of Operations.

**Tax Matters and Distributions** The fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company, as defined under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, and to distribute all of its taxable income, including realized capital gains. As a result, no provision for federal income tax is required. The fund adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (the Interpretation) on the first day of the fund's fiscal year. The Interpretation prescribes a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. There was no impact resulting from the adoption of this Interpretation on the fund's financial statements. Each of the fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Foreign taxes, if any, have been accrued by the fund in the accompanying financial statements.

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The fund seeks to pay monthly distributions based on an annual rate of 7.25% of the fund's average monthly net asset value. As a result, distributions may exceed actual earnings which may result in a tax return of capital or, to the extent the fund has long-term gains, may be recharacterized as ordinary income. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Certain capital accounts in the financial statements are periodically adjusted for permanent differences in order to reflect their tax character. These adjustments have no impact on net assets or net asset value per share. Temporary differences which arise from recognizing certain items



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of income, expense, gain or loss in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes will reverse at some time in the future. Distributions in excess of net investment income or net realized gains are temporary overdistributions for financial statement purposes resulting from differences in the recognition or classification of income or distributions for financial statement and tax purposes.

Book/tax differences primarily relate to expiration of capital loss carryforwards, amortization and accretion of debt securities, straddle loss deferrals, and derivative transactions.

The tax character of distributions declared to shareholders for the last two fiscal years is as follows:

	11/30/08	11/30/07
Ordinary income (including any short-term capital gains)	\$11,031,448	\$18,505,397
Tax return of capital (b)	5,695,208	1,244,254
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>\$16,726,656</b>	<b>\$19,749,651</b>

(b) Distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits are reported in the financial statements as a tax return of capital. The federal tax cost and the tax basis components of distributable earnings were as follows:

**As of 11/30/08**

Cost of investments	\$226,575,234
Gross appreciation	4,230,378
Gross depreciation	(7,099,369)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$(2,868,991)
Capital loss carryforwards	(11,379,720)
Other temporary differences	(744,625)

As of November 30, 2008, the fund had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future realized gains. Such losses expire as follows:

11/30/12	\$(3,637,025)
11/30/14	(1,612,467)
11/30/15	(5,364,143)
11/30/16	(766,085)
	<b>\$(11,379,720)</b>

**(3) Transactions with Affiliates**

**Investment Adviser** The fund has an investment advisory agreement with MFS to provide overall investment management and related administrative services and facilities to the fund. The management fee is computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.32% of the fund's average daily net assets

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and 5.33% of gross income. Gross income is calculated based on tax elections that generally include the accretion of discount and exclude the amortization of premium, which may differ from investment income reported in the Statement of Operations. MFS has agreed to reduce its management fee to the lesser of the contractual management fee as set forth above or 0.85% of the average daily net assets. The management fee, from net assets and gross income, incurred for the year ended November 30, 2008 was equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.62% of the fund's average daily net assets.

The investment adviser has agreed in writing to pay a portion of the fund's total annual fund operating expenses excluding interest, taxes, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and transaction costs, and investment related expenses such that total annual fund operating expenses do not exceed 0.80% annually of the fund's average daily net assets. This written agreement will continue until modified by the fund's Board of Trustees, but such agreement will continue at least until November 30, 2009. For the year ended November 30, 2008, this reduction amounted to \$318,515 and is reflected as a reduction of total expenses in the Statement of Operations.

**Transfer Agent** The fund engages Computershare Trust Company, N.A. ( Computershare ) as the sole transfer agent for the fund. MFS Service Center, Inc. (MFSC) monitors and supervises the activities of Computershare for an agreed upon fee approved by the Board of Trustees. For the year ended November 30, 2008, these fees paid to MFSC amounted to \$51,098. MFSC also receives payment from the fund for out-of-pocket expenses paid by MFSC on behalf of the fund. For the year ended November 30, 2008, the fund did not pay any out-of-pocket expenses to MFSC.

**Administrator** MFS provides certain financial, legal, shareholder communications, compliance, and other administrative services to the fund. Under an administrative services agreement, the fund partially reimburses MFS the costs incurred to provide these services. The fund is charged a fixed amount plus a fee based on average daily net assets. The fund's annual fixed amount is \$17,500.

The administrative services fee incurred for the year ended November 30, 2008 was equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.0186% of the fund's average daily net assets.

**Trustees and Officers Compensation** The fund pays compensation to independent trustees in the form of a retainer, attendance fees, and additional compensation to Board and Committee chairpersons. The fund does not pay compensation directly to trustees or to officers of the fund who are also officers of the investment adviser, all of whom receive remuneration for their services to the fund from MFS. Certain officers and trustees of the fund are

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officers or directors of MFS and MFSC. The fund has an unfunded, defined benefit plan for certain retired independent trustees which resulted in a pension expense of \$7,684. The fund also has an unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for certain independent trustees which resulted in a net decrease in expense of \$3,368. Both amounts are included in independent trustees' compensation for the year ended November 30, 2008. The liability for deferred retirement benefits payable to certain independent trustees under both plans amounted to \$150,333 at November 30, 2008, and is included in payable for independent trustees' compensation.

**Deferred Trustee Compensation** Under a Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan) independent trustees previously were allowed to elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of their annual compensation. Effective January 1, 2005, the trustees are no longer allowed to defer compensation under the Plan. Amounts previously deferred are treated as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in shares of certain MFS funds selected by the trustee. Deferred amounts represent an unsecured obligation of the fund until distributed in accordance with the Plan. Included in other assets and payable for independent trustees' compensation is \$8,172 of deferred trustees' compensation.

**Other** This fund and certain other MFS funds (the funds) have entered into services agreements (the Agreements) which provide for payment of fees by the funds to Tarantino LLC and Griffin Compliance LLC in return for the provision of services of an Independent Chief Compliance Officer (ICCO) and Assistant ICCO, respectively, for the funds. The ICCO and Assistant ICCO are officers of the funds and the sole members of Tarantino LLC and Griffin Compliance LLC, respectively. The funds can terminate the Agreements with Tarantino LLC and Griffin Compliance LLC at any time under the terms of the Agreements. For the year ended November 30, 2008, the aggregate fees paid by the fund to Tarantino LLC and Griffin Compliance LLC were \$1,888 and are included in miscellaneous expense on the Statement of Operations. MFS has agreed to reimburse the fund for a portion of the payments made by the fund in the amount of \$1,108, which is shown as a reduction of total expenses in the Statement of Operations. Additionally, MFS has agreed to bear all expenses associated with office space, other administrative support, and supplies provided to the ICCO and Assistant ICCO.

**(4) Portfolio Securities**

Purchases and sales of investments, other than purchased option transactions and short-term obligations, were as follows:

	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales</b>
U.S. Government securities	\$46,707,201	\$59,203,895
Investments (non-U.S. Government securities)	\$23,809,889	\$18,393,871

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The fund's Declaration of Trust permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional shares of beneficial interest. The Trustees have authorized the repurchase by the fund of up to 10% annually of its own shares of beneficial interest. During the year ended November 30, 2008, the fund did not repurchase any shares. The fund repurchased 19,249,709 common shares pursuant to an issuer tender offer commenced on October 17, 2007, at \$7.12 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$137,057,928. A summary of transactions in shares of beneficial interest is as follows:

	Year ended 11/30/08		Year ended 11/30/07	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	28,729	\$205,607		\$
Shares reacquired			(19,249,709)	(137,057,928)

**(6) Line of Credit**

The fund and other funds managed by MFS participate in a \$1 billion unsecured committed line of credit provided by a syndication of banks under a credit agreement. In addition, the fund and other funds managed by MFS have established uncommitted borrowing arrangements with certain banks. Borrowings may be made for temporary financing needs. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, generally at a rate equal to the Federal Reserve funds rate plus 0.30%. In addition, a commitment fee, based on the average daily, unused portion of the committed line of credit, is allocated among the participating funds at the end of each calendar quarter. For the year ended November 30, 2008, the fund's commitment fee and interest expense were \$920 and \$0, respectively, and are included in miscellaneous expense on the Statement of Operations.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Trustees and the Shareholders of MFS Government Markets Income Trust:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of MFS Government Markets Income Trust (the Fund) as of November 30, 2008, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2008, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; where replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of MFS Government Markets Income Trust as of November 30, 2008, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

January 20, 2009

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## RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER MEETING

(unaudited)

At the annual meeting of shareholders of MFS Government Markets Income Trust, which was held on October 9, 2008, the following actions were taken:

**Item 1.** To elect the following individuals as Trustees:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Withhold Authority</b>
J. Atwood Ives	28,165,898.52	569,034.50
William R. Gutow	28,181,094.35	553,838.67
Michael Hegarty	28,198,169.77	536,763.25
Robert W. Uek	28,209,830.21	525,102.81

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## TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

### IDENTIFICATION AND BACKGROUND

The Trustees and officers of the Trust, as of January 1, 2009, are listed below, together with their principal occupations during the past five years. (Their titles may have varied during that period.) The address of each Trustee and officer is 500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

<b>Name, Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Trustee/Officer Since (h)</b>	<b>Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years &amp; Other Directorships (j)</b>
<b>INTERESTED TRUSTEES</b>			
Robert J. Manning (k) (born 10/20/63)	Trustee	February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Investment Officer and Director
Robert C. Pozen (k)  (born 8/08/46)	Trustee	February 2004	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Chairman (since February 2004); Harvard Business School (education), Senior Lecturer (since 2008); Bell Canada Enterprises (telecommunications), Director (since March 2002); The Bank of New York, Director (finance), (March 2004 to May 2005); The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of Economic Affairs (January 2002 to December 2002); Fidelity Investments, (investment advisor), Vice Chairman (until December 2001); Fidelity Management & Research Company (investment adviser), President (until July 2001); Telesat (satellite communications), Director (until November 2007)
<b>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES</b>			
David H. Gunning (born 5/30/42)	Trustee and Chair of Trustees	January 2004	Retired; Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. (mining products and service provider), Vice Chairman/Director (until May 2007); Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (welding equipment manufacturer), Director; Development Alternatives, Inc. (consulting), Director/Non Executive Chairman; Portman Limited (mining), Director (since 2005); Southwest Gas Corp. (natural gas distribution), Director (until May 2004)

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<b>Name, Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Trustee/Officer Since (h)</b>	<b>Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years &amp; Other Directorships (j)</b>
Robert E. Butler (n)  (born 11/29/41)	Trustee	January 2006	Consultant regulatory and compliance matters (since July 2002); PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (professional services firm), Partner (until 2002)
Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D.  (born 3/11/37)	Trustee	August 1993	Brigham and Women's Hospital, Senior Cardiac Surgeon (since 2005); Harvard Medical School, Professor of Cardiac Surgery; Partners HealthCare, Physician Director of Medical Device Technology (since 2006); Brigham and Women's Hospital, Chief of Cardiac Surgery (until 2005)
Maureen R. Goldfarb  (born 4/06/55)	Trustee	January 2009	Private investor; John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., Executive Vice President (until 2004); John Hancock Mutual Funds, Trustee and Chief Executive Officer (until 2004)
William R. Gutow (born 9/27/41)	Trustee	December 1993	Private investor and real estate consultant; Capital Entertainment Management Company (video franchise), Vice Chairman; Texas Donuts (donut franchise), Vice Chairman (since 2007); Atlantic Coast Tan (tanning salons), Vice Chairman (until 2007)
Michael Hegarty (born 12/21/44)	Trustee	December 2004	Retired; AXA Financial (financial services and insurance), Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer (until 2001); The Equitable Life Assurance Society (insurance), President and Chief Operating Officer (until 2001)
J. Atwood Ives  (born 5/01/36)	Trustee	February 1992	Private investor; KeySpan Corporation (energy related services), Director until 2004; Woodstock Corporation (investment advisory firm), Director until 2003



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<b>Name, Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Trustee/Officer Since (h)</b>	<b>Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years &amp; Other Directorships (j)</b>
John P. Kavanaugh (born 11/04/54)	Trustee	January 2009	Private investor; The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc., Vice President and Chief Investment Officer (until 2006); Allmerica Investment Trust, Allmerica Securities Trust and Opus Investment Trust (investment companies), Chairman, President and Trustee (until 2006)
J. Dale Sherratt (born 9/23/38)	Trustee	August 1993	Insight Resources, Inc. (acquisition planning specialists), President; Wellfleet Investments (investor in health care companies), Managing General Partner
Laurie J. Thomsen (born 8/05/57)	Trustee	March 2005	New Profit, Inc. (venture philanthropy), Partner (since 2006); Private investor; Prism Venture Partners (venture capital), Co-founder and General Partner (until June 2004); The Travelers Companies (commercial property liability insurance), Director
Robert W. Uek (born 5/18/41)	Trustee	January 2006	Consultant to investment company industry; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (professional services firm), Partner (until 1999); TT International Funds (mutual fund complex), Trustee (until 2005); Hillview Investment Trust II Funds (mutual fund complex), Trustee (until 2005)
<b>OFFICERS</b>			
Maria F. Dwyer (k) (born 12/01/58)	President	November 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Executive Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer (since March 2004) Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2006); Fidelity Management & Research Company, Vice President (prior to March 2004); Fidelity Group of Funds, President and Treasurer (until March 2004)

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<b>Name, Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Trustee/Officer Since (h)</b>	<b>Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years &amp; Other Directorships (j)</b>
Christopher R. Bohane (k) (born 1/18/74)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	July 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President and Senior Counsel
John M. Corcoran (k)  (born 4/13/65)	Treasurer	October 2008	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior Vice President (since October 2008); State Street Bank and Trust (financial services provider), Senior Vice President, (until September 2008)
Ethan D. Corey (k) (born 11/21/63)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	July 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel (since 2004); Dechert LLP (law firm), Counsel (prior to December 2004)
David L. DiLorenzo (k) (born 8/10/68)	Assistant Treasurer	July 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President (since June 2005); JP Morgan Investor Services, Vice President (until June 2005)
Timothy M. Fagan (k) (born 7/10/68)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	September 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President and Senior Counsel (since September 2005); John Hancock Advisers, LLC, Vice President, Senior Attorney and Chief Compliance Officer (until August 2005)
Mark D. Fischer (k) (born 10/27/70)	Assistant Treasurer	July 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President (since May 2005); JP Morgan Investment Management Company, Vice President (until May 2005)
Robyn L. Griffin (born 7/04/75)	Assistant Independent Chief Compliance Officer	August 2008	Griffin Compliance LLC (provider of compliance services), Principal (since August 2008); State Street Corporation (financial services provider), Mutual Fund Administration Assistant Vice President (October 2006 – July 2008); Liberty Mutual Group (insurance), Personal Market Assistant Controller (April 2006 – October 2006); Deloitte & Touche LLP (professional services firm), Senior Manager (prior to April 2006)

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<b>Name, Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Trustee/Officer Since (h)</b>	<b>Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years &amp; Other Directorships (j)</b>
Brian E. Langenfeld (k) (born 3/07/73)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	June 2006	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President and Senior Counsel (since May 2006); John Hancock Advisers, LLC, Assistant Vice President and Counsel (until April 2006)
Ellen Moynihan (k) (born 11/13/57)	Assistant Treasurer	April 1997	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior Vice President
Susan S. Newton (k) (born 3/07/50)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	May 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel (since April 2005); John Hancock Advisers, LLC, Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer (until April 2005)
Susan A. Pereira (k) (born 11/05/70)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	July 2005	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President and Senior Counsel (since June 2004); Bingham McCutchen LLP (law firm), Associate (until June 2004)
Mark N. Polebaum (k) (born 5/01/52)	Secretary and Clerk	January 2006	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary (since January 2006); Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (law firm), Partner (until January 2006)
Frank L. Tarantino (born 3/07/44)	Independent Chief Compliance Officer	June 2004	Tarantino LLC (provider of compliance services), Principal (since June 2004); CRA Business Strategies Group (consulting services), Executive Vice President (until June 2004)
Richard S. Weitzel (k) (born 7/16/70)	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Clerk	October 2007	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel (since 2004); Massachusetts Department of Business and Technology, General Counsel (until April 2004)
James O. Yost (k) (born 6/12/60)	Assistant Treasurer	September 1990	Massachusetts Financial Services Company, Senior Vice President

(h) Date first appointed to serve as Trustee/officer of an MFS fund. Each Trustee has served continuously since appointment unless indicated otherwise. For the period from December 15, 2004 until February 22, 2005, Messrs. Pozen and Manning served as Advisory Trustees. For the period March 2008 until October 2008, Ms. Dwyer served as Treasurer of the Funds.

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- (j) Directorships or trusteeships of companies required to report to the Securities and Exchange Commission (i.e., public companies).
- (k) Interested person of the Trust within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (referred to as the 1940 Act), which is the principal federal law governing investment companies like the fund, as a result of position with MFS. The address of MFS is 500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.
- (n) In 2004 and 2005, Mr. Butler provided consulting services to the independent compliance consultant retained by MFS pursuant to its settlement with the SEC concerning market timing and related matters. The terms of that settlement required that compensation and expenses related to the independent compliance consultant be borne exclusively by MFS and, therefore, MFS paid Mr. Butler for the services he rendered to the independent compliance consultant. In 2004 and 2005, MFS paid Mr. Butler a total of \$351,119.29.

The Trust holds annual shareholder meetings for the purpose of electing Trustees, and Trustees are elected for fixed terms. The Board of Trustees is currently divided into three classes, each having a term of three years which term expires on the date of the third annual meeting following the election to office of the Trustee's class. Each year the term of one class expires. Each Trustee and officer will serve until next elected or his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement or removal.

Messrs. Butler, Kavanaugh, Sherratt and Uek and Ms. Thomsen are members of the Fund's Audit Committee.

Each of the Fund's Trustees and officers holds comparable positions with certain other funds of which MFS or a subsidiary is the investment adviser or distributor, and, in the case of the officers, with certain affiliates of MFS. As of January 1, 2009, the Trustees served as board members of 105 funds within the MFS Family of Funds.

The Statement of Additional Information for the Fund and further information about the Trustees are available without charge upon request by calling 1-800-225-2606.

On November 5, 2008, Maria F. Dwyer, as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, certified to the New York Stock Exchange that as of the date of her certification she was not aware of any violation by the Trust of the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Fund filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the certifications of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2003 as an exhibit to the Fund's Form N-CSR for the period covered by this report.

**Investment Adviser**

Massachusetts Financial Services Company  
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**Portfolio Manager**

Geoffrey Schechter

**Custodian**

State Street Bank and Trust Company  
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**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

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## BOARD REVIEW OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

The Investment Company Act of 1940 requires that both the full Board of Trustees and a majority of the non-interested ( independent ) Trustees, voting separately, annually approve the continuation of the Fund s investment advisory agreement with MFS. The Trustees consider matters bearing on the Fund and its advisory arrangements at their meetings throughout the year, including a review of performance data at each regular meeting. In addition, the independent Trustees met several times over the course of three months beginning in May and ending in July, 2008 ( contract review meetings ) for the specific purpose of considering whether to approve the continuation of the investment advisory agreement for the Fund and the other investment companies that the Board oversees (the MFS Funds ). The independent Trustees were assisted in their evaluation of the Fund s investment advisory agreement by independent legal counsel, from whom they received separate legal advice and with whom they met separately from MFS during various contract review meetings. The independent Trustees were also assisted in this process by the MFS Funds Independent Chief Compliance Officer, a full-time senior officer appointed by and reporting to the independent Trustees.

In connection with their deliberations regarding the continuation of the investment advisory agreement, the Trustees, including the independent Trustees, considered such information and factors as they believed, in light of the legal advice furnished to them and their own business judgment, to be relevant. The investment advisory agreement for the Fund was considered separately, although the Trustees also took into account the common interests of all MFS Funds in their review. As described below, the Trustees considered the nature, quality, and extent of the various investment advisory, administrative, and shareholder services performed by MFS under the existing investment advisory agreement and other arrangements with the Fund.

In connection with their contract review meetings, the Trustees received and relied upon materials that included, among other items: (i) information provided by Lipper Inc., an independent third party, on the investment performance (based on net asset value) of the Fund for various time periods ended December 31, 2007 and the investment performance (based on net asset value) of a group of funds with substantially similar investment classifications/objectives (the Lipper performance universe ), (ii) information provided by Lipper Inc. on the Fund s advisory fees and other expenses and the advisory fees and other expenses of comparable funds identified by Lipper Inc. (the Lipper expense group ), (iii) information provided by MFS on the advisory fees of comparable portfolios of other clients of MFS, including institutional separate accounts and other clients, (iv) information as to whether and to what extent applicable expense waivers, reimbursements or fee breakpoints are

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observed for the Fund, (v) information regarding MFS' financial results and financial condition, including MFS' and certain of its affiliates' estimated profitability from services performed for the Fund and the MFS Funds as a whole, (vi) MFS' views regarding the outlook for the mutual fund industry and the strategic business plans of MFS, (vii) descriptions of various functions performed by MFS for the Funds, such as compliance monitoring and portfolio trading practices, and (viii) information regarding the overall organization of MFS, including information about MFS' senior management and other personnel providing investment advisory, administrative and other services to the Fund and the other MFS Funds. The comparative performance, fee and expense information prepared and provided by Lipper Inc. was not independently verified and the independent Trustees did not independently verify any information provided to them by MFS.

The Trustees' conclusion as to the continuation of the investment advisory agreement was based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Trustees and not the result of any single factor. Some of the factors that figured particularly in the Trustees' deliberations are described below, although individual Trustees may have evaluated the information presented differently from one another, giving different weights to various factors. It is also important to recognize that the fee arrangements for the Fund and other MFS Funds are the result of years of review and discussion between the independent Trustees and MFS, that certain aspects of such arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than in others, and that the Trustees' conclusions may be based, in part, on their consideration of these same arrangements during the course of the year and in prior years.

Based on information provided by Lipper Inc. and MFS, the Trustees reviewed the Fund's total return investment performance as well as the performance of peer groups of funds over various time periods. The Trustees reviewed the Fund's performance in comparison to the Lehman Brothers US Government/Mortgage Bond Index. The Fund matched the Lehman Brothers US Government/Mortgage Bond Index for the one-year period ended December 31, 2007 (one-year: 7.72% total return for the Fund versus 7.72% total return for the benchmark), under-performed the Lehman Brothers US Government/Mortgage Bond Index for the three-year period ended December 31, 2007 (three-year: 4.85% total return for the Fund versus 4.88% total return for the benchmark), and out-performed the Lehman Brothers US Government/Mortgage Bond Index for the five-year period ended December 31, 2007 (five-year: 4.59% total return for the Fund versus 4.28% total return for the benchmark). The Trustees noted that the total return performance of the Fund's common shares ranked 1st out of a total of 2 Funds in the Lipper performance universe for the one-year period ended December 31, 2007. The Trustees also noted that the Fund was the only fund in its Lipper performance

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universe for the three- and five-year periods ended December 31, 2007. Because of the passage of time, these performance results may differ from the performance results for more recent periods, including those shown elsewhere in this report.

In the course of their deliberations, the Trustees took into account information provided by MFS in connection with the contract review meetings, as well as during investment review meetings conducted with portfolio management personnel during the course of the year regarding the Fund's performance. After reviewing these and related factors, the Trustees concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions regarding the investment advisory agreement, that they were satisfied with MFS' responses and efforts relating to investment performance.

In assessing the reasonableness of the Fund's advisory fee, the Trustees considered, among other information, the Fund's advisory fee and the total expense ratio of the Fund's common shares as a percentage of average daily net assets and the advisory fee and total expense ratios of peer groups of funds based on information provided by Lipper Inc. The Trustees noted that MFS currently observes an expense limitation for the Fund. The Trustees considered that, according to the Lipper data, the Fund's effective advisory fee rate and total expense ratio were each ranked 1st out of a total of 2 funds in the Lipper expense group.

The Trustees also considered the advisory fees charged by MFS to institutional accounts. In comparing these fees, the Trustees considered information provided by MFS as to the generally broader scope of services provided by MFS to the Fund in comparison to institutional accounts and the impact on MFS and expenses associated with the more extensive regulatory regime to which the Fund is subject in comparison to institutional accounts.

The Trustees considered that, as a closed-end fund, the Fund is unlikely to experience meaningful asset growth. As a result, the Trustees did not view the potential for realization of economies of scale as the Fund's assets grow to be a material factor in their deliberations. The Trustees noted that they would consider economies of scale in the future in the event the Fund experiences significant asset growth, such as through an offering of preferred shares (which is not currently contemplated) or a material increase in the market value of the Fund's portfolio securities.

The Trustees also considered information prepared by MFS relating to MFS' costs and profits with respect to the Fund, the MFS Funds considered as a group, and other investment companies and accounts advised by MFS, as well as MFS' methodologies used to determine and allocate its costs to the MFS Funds, the Fund and other accounts and products for purposes of estimating profitability.

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After reviewing these and other factors described herein, the Trustees concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions regarding the investment advisory agreement, that the advisory fees charged to the Fund represent reasonable compensation in light of the services being provided by MFS to the Fund.

In addition, the Trustees considered MFS resources and related efforts to continue to retain, attract and motivate capable personnel to serve the Fund. The Trustees also considered current and developing conditions in the financial services industry, including the entry into the industry of large and well-capitalized companies which are spending, and appear to be prepared to continue to spend, substantial sums to engage personnel and to provide services to competing investment companies. In this regard, the Trustees also considered the financial resources of MFS and its ultimate parent, Sun Life Financial Inc. The Trustees also considered the advantages and possible disadvantages to the Fund of having an adviser that also serves other investment companies as well as other accounts.

The Trustees also considered the nature, quality, cost, and extent of administrative services provided to the Fund by MFS under agreements other than the investment advisory agreement. The Trustees also considered the nature, extent and quality of certain other services MFS performs or arranges for on the Fund's behalf, which may include securities lending programs, directed expense payment programs, class action recovery programs, and MFS interaction with third-party service providers, principally custodians and sub-custodians. The Trustees concluded that the various non-advisory services provided by MFS and its affiliates on behalf of the Funds were satisfactory.

The Trustees also considered benefits to MFS from the use of the Fund's portfolio brokerage commissions, if applicable, to pay for investment research (excluding third-party research, for which MFS pays directly) and various other factors. Additionally, the Trustees considered so-called fall-out benefits to MFS such as reputational value derived from serving as investment manager to the Fund.

Based on their evaluation of factors that they deemed to be material, including those factors described above, the Board of Trustees, including a majority of the independent Trustees, concluded that the Fund's investment advisory agreement with MFS should be continued for an additional one-year period, commencing August 1, 2008.

A discussion regarding the Board's most recent review and renewal of the fund's Investment Advisory Agreement with MFS is available by clicking on the fund's name under Closed End Funds in the Products and Performance section on the MFS Web site (*mfs.com*).



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**PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

A general description of the MFS funds' proxy voting policies and procedures is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-225-2606, by visiting the Proxy Voting section of *mfs.com* or by visiting the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Information regarding how the fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is available without charge by visiting the Proxy Voting section of *mfs.com* or by visiting the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO DISCLOSURE**

The fund will file a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The fund's Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the:

Public Reference Room

Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F Street, NE, Room 1580

Washington, D.C. 20549

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A shareholder can also obtain the quarterly portfolio holdings report at *mfs.com*.

**FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (unaudited)**

The fund will notify shareholders of amounts for use in preparing 2008 income tax forms in January 2009.

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## MFS® PRIVACY NOTICE

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.**

The Registrant has adopted a Code of Ethics pursuant to Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and as defined in Form N-CSR that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer. The Registrant has not amended any provision in its Code of Ethics (the Code) that relates to an element of the Code's definitions enumerated in paragraph (b) of Item 2 of this Form N-CSR.

**ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.**

Messrs. Robert E. Butler, John P. Kavanaugh and Robert W. Uek and Ms. Laurie J. Thomsen, members of the Audit Committee, have been determined by the Board of Trustees in their reasonable business judgment to meet the definition of audit committee financial expert as such term is defined in Form N-CSR. In addition, Messrs. Butler, and Uek and Ms. Thomsen are independent members of the Audit Committee (as such term has been defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in regulations implementing Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002). The Securities and Exchange Commission has stated that the designation of a person as an audit committee financial expert pursuant to this Item 3 on the Form N-CSR does not impose on such a person any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than the duties, obligations or liability imposed on such person as a member of the Audit Committee and the Board of Trustees in the absence of such designation or identification.

**ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.**

**Items 4(a) through 4(d) and 4(g):**

The Board of Trustees has appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte) to serve as independent accountants to the Registrant (hereinafter the Registrant or the Fund). The tables below set forth the audit fees billed to the Fund as well as fees for non-audit services provided to the Fund and/or to the Fund's investment adviser, Massachusetts Financial Services Company (MFS), and to various entities either controlling, controlled by, or under common control with MFS that provide ongoing services to the Fund (MFS Related Entities).

For the fiscal years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007, audit fees billed to the Fund by Deloitte were as follows:

	Audit Fees	
	2008	2007
<b>Fees billed by Deloitte:</b>		
MFS Government Markets Income Trust	49,697	48,294

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For the fiscal years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007, fees billed by Deloitte for audit-related, tax and other services provided to the Fund and for audit-related, tax and other services provided to MFS and MFS Related Entities were as follows:

	Audit-Related Fees <sup>1</sup>		Tax Fees <sup>2</sup>		All Other Fees <sup>3</sup>	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
<b>Fees billed by Deloitte:</b>						
To MFS Government Markets Income Trust	10,000	10,000	5,574	6,006	1,580	765
To MFS and MFS Related Entities of MFS Government Markets Income Trust <sup>*</sup>	1,275,504	1,177,035	0	0	189,730	364,988
<b>Aggregate fees for non-audit services:</b>						
To MFS Government Markets Income Trust, MFS and MFS Related Entities <sup>#</sup>			2008	2007		
			1,532,213	1,771,169		

\* This amount reflects the fees billed to MFS and MFS Related Entities for non-audit services relating directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund (portions of which services also related to the operations and financial reporting of other funds within the MFS Funds complex).

# This amount reflects the aggregate fees billed by Deloitte for non-audit services rendered to the Fund and for non-audit services rendered to MFS and the MFS Related Entities.

<sup>1</sup> The fees included under Audit-Related Fees are fees related to assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of financial statements, but not reported under Audit Fees, including accounting consultations, agreed-upon procedure reports, attestation reports, comfort letters and internal control reviews.

<sup>2</sup> The fees included under Tax Fees are fees associated with tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, including services relating to the filing or amendment of federal, state or local income tax returns, regulated investment company qualification reviews and tax distribution and analysis.

<sup>3</sup> The fees included under All Other Fees are fees for products and services provided by Deloitte other than those reported under Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees and Tax Fees, including fees for services related to sales tax refunds, consultation on internal cost allocations, consultation on allocation of monies pursuant to an administrative proceeding regarding disclosure of brokerage allocation practices in connection with fund sales, and analysis of certain portfolio holdings verses investment styles.

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**Item 4(e)(1):**

Set forth below are the policies and procedures established by the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees relating to the pre-approval of audit and non-audit related services:

To the extent required by applicable law, pre-approval by the Audit Committee of the Board is needed for all audit and permissible non-audit services rendered to the Fund and all permissible non-audit services rendered to MFS or MFS Related Entities if the services relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Registrant. Pre-approval is currently on an engagement-by-engagement basis. In the event pre-approval of such services is necessary between regular meetings of the Audit Committee and it is not practical to wait to seek pre-approval at the next regular meeting of the Audit Committee, pre-approval of such services may be referred to the Chair of the Audit Committee for approval; provided that the Chair may not pre-approve any individual engagement for such services exceeding \$50,000 or multiple engagements for such services in the aggregate exceeding \$100,000 between such regular meetings of the Audit Committee. Any engagement pre-approved by the Chair between regular meetings of the Audit Committee shall be presented for ratification by the entire Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Item 4(e)(2):**

None, or 0%, of the services relating to the Audit-Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees paid by the Fund and MFS and MFS Related Entities relating directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Registrant disclosed above were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraphs (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X (which permits audit committee approval after the start of the engagement with respect to services other than audit, review or attest services, if certain conditions are satisfied).

**Item 4(f):** Not applicable.

**Item 4(h):** The Registrant's Audit Committee has considered whether the provision by a Registrant's independent registered public accounting firm of non-audit services to MFS and MFS Related Entities that were not pre-approved by the Committee (because such services were provided prior to the effectiveness of SEC rules requiring pre-approval or because such services did not relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Registrant) was compatible with maintaining the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm as the Registrant's principal auditors.

**ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.**

The Registrant has an Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Robert E. Butler, John P. Kavanaugh, J. Dale Sherratt and Robert W. Uek and Ms. Laurie J. Thomsen.

**ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

A schedule of investments of the Registrant is included as part of the report to shareholders of the Registrant under Item 1 of this Form N-CSR.

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**ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.**

**MASSACHUSETTS FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY**

**PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**January 1, 2009**

Massachusetts Financial Services Company, MFS Institutional Advisors, Inc., MFS International (UK) Limited, MFS Heritage Trust Company, and MFS other investment adviser subsidiaries (except Four Pillars Capital, Inc.) (collectively, "MFS") have adopted proxy voting policies and procedures, as set forth below ("MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures"), with respect to securities owned by the clients for which MFS serves as investment adviser and has the power to vote proxies, including the registered investment companies sponsored by MFS (the "MFS Funds"). References to "clients" in these policies and procedures include the MFS Funds and other clients of MFS, such as funds organized offshore, sub-advised funds and separate account clients, to the extent these clients have delegated to MFS the responsibility to vote proxies on their behalf under the MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures.

The MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures include:

- A. Voting Guidelines;
- B. Administrative Procedures;
- C. Monitoring System;
- D. Records Retention; and
- E. Reports.

**A. VOTING GUIDELINES**

**1. General Policy; Potential Conflicts of Interest**

MFS policy is that proxy voting decisions are made in what MFS believes to be the best long-term economic interests of MFS clients, and not in the interests of any other party or in MFS corporate interests, including interests such as the distribution of MFS Fund shares, and institutional relationships.

In developing these proxy voting guidelines, MFS periodically reviews corporate governance issues and proxy voting matters that are presented for shareholder vote by

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either management or shareholders of public companies. Based on the overall principle that all votes cast by MFS on behalf of its clients must be in what MFS believes to be the best long-term economic interests of such clients, MFS has adopted proxy voting guidelines, set forth below, that govern how MFS generally will vote on specific matters presented for shareholder vote. In all cases, MFS will exercise its discretion in voting on these matters in accordance with this overall principle. In other words, the underlying guidelines are simply that guidelines. Proxy items of significance are often considered on a case-by-case basis, in light of all relevant facts and circumstances, and in certain cases MFS may vote proxies in a manner different from what otherwise would be dictated by these guidelines.

As a general matter, MFS maintains a consistent voting position on similar proxy proposals with respect to various issuers. In addition, MFS generally votes consistently on the same matter when securities of an issuer are held by multiple client accounts. However, MFS recognizes that there are gradations in certain types of proposals that might result in different voting positions being taken with respect to different proxy statements. There also may be situations involving matters presented for shareholder vote that are not governed by the guidelines or situations where MFS has received explicit voting instructions from a client for its own account. Some items that otherwise would be acceptable will be voted against the proponent when it is seeking extremely broad flexibility without offering a valid explanation. MFS reserves the right to override the guidelines with respect to a particular shareholder vote when such an override is, in MFS best judgment, consistent with the overall principle of voting proxies in the best long-term economic interests of MFS clients.

From time to time, MFS may receive comments on the MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures from its clients. These comments are carefully considered by MFS when it reviews these guidelines each year and revises them as appropriate.

These policies and procedures are intended to address any potential material conflicts of interest on the part of MFS or its subsidiaries that are likely to arise in connection with the voting of proxies on behalf of MFS clients. If such potential material conflicts of interest do arise, MFS will analyze, document and report on such potential material conflicts of interest (see Sections B.2 and E below), and shall ultimately vote the relevant proxies in what MFS believes to be the best long-term economic interests of its clients. The MFS Proxy Voting Committee is responsible for monitoring and reporting with respect to such potential material conflicts of interest.

## **2. MFS Policy on Specific Issues**

### **Election of Directors**

MFS believes that good governance should be based on a board with at least a simple majority of directors who are independent of management, and whose key committees (e.g., compensation, nominating, and audit committees) are comprised entirely



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of independent directors. While MFS generally supports the board's nominees in uncontested elections, we will not support a nominee to a board of a U.S. issuer if, as a result of such nominee being elected to the board, the board would be comprised of a majority of members who are not independent or, alternatively, the compensation, nominating (including instances in which the full board serves as the nominating committee) or audit committees would include members who are not independent.

MFS will also not support a nominee to a board if we can determine that he or she failed to attend at least 75% of the board and/or relevant committee meetings in the previous year without a valid reason stated in the proxy materials. In addition, MFS will not support all nominees standing for re-election to a board if we can determine: (1) since the last annual meeting of shareholders and without shareholder approval, the board or its compensation committee has re-priced underwater stock options; or (2) since the last annual meeting, the board has either implemented a poison pill without shareholder approval or has not taken responsive action to a majority shareholder approved resolution recommending that the poison pill be rescinded. Responsive action would include the rescission of the poison pill (without a broad reservation to reinstate the poison pill in the event of a hostile tender offer), or assurance in the proxy materials that the terms of the poison pill would be put to a binding shareholder vote within the next five to seven years.

MFS will also not support a nominee (other than a nominee who serves as the issuer's Chief Executive Officer) standing for re-election if such nominee participated (as a director or committee member) in the approval of senior executive compensation that MFS deems to be excessive due to pay for performance issues and/or poor pay practices. In the event that MFS determines that an issuer has adopted excessive executive compensation, MFS may also not support the re-election of the issuer's Chief Executive Officer as director regardless of whether the Chief Executive Officer participated in the approval of the package. MFS will determine whether senior executive compensation is excessive on a case by case basis. Examples of poor pay practices include, but are not limited to, egregious employment contract terms or pension payouts, backdated stock options, overly generous hiring bonuses for chief executive officers, or excessive perks.

MFS evaluates a contested or contentious election of directors on a case-by-case basis considering the long-term financial performance of the company relative to its industry, management's track record, the qualifications of the nominees for both slates, if applicable, and an evaluation of what each side is offering shareholders.

**Majority Voting and Director Elections**

MFS votes for reasonably crafted proposals calling for directors to be elected with an affirmative majority of votes cast and/or the elimination of the plurality standard for electing directors (including binding resolutions requesting that the board amend the company's bylaws), provided the proposal includes a carve-out for a plurality voting standard when there are more director nominees than board seats (e.g., contested elections) (Majority Vote Proposals). MFS considers voting against Majority Vote Proposals if the company has adopted, or has proposed to adopt in the proxy statement, formal corporate

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governance principles that present a meaningful alternative to the majority voting standard and provide an adequate response to both new nominees as well as incumbent nominees who fail to receive a majority of votes cast. MFS believes that a company's election policy should address the specific circumstances at that company. In determining whether the issuer has a meaningful alternative to the majority voting standard, MFS considers whether a company's election policy articulates the following elements to address each director nominee who fails to receive an affirmative majority of votes cast in an election:

Establish guidelines for the process by which the company determines the status of nominees who fail to receive an affirmative majority of votes cast and disclose the guidelines in the annual proxy statement;

Guidelines should include a reasonable timetable for resolution of the nominee's status and a requirement that the resolution be disclosed together with the reasons for the resolution;

Vest management of the process in the company's independent directors, other than the nominee in question; and

Outline the range of remedies that the independent directors may consider concerning the nominee.

**Classified Boards**

MFS opposes proposals to classify a board (e.g. a board in which only one-third of board members is elected each year). MFS supports proposals to declassify a board.

**Non-Salary Compensation Programs**

MFS votes against stock option programs for officers, employees or non-employee directors that do not require an investment by the optionee, that give free rides on the stock price, or that permit grants of stock options with an exercise price below fair market value on the date the options are granted.

MFS also opposes stock option programs that allow the board or the compensation committee, without shareholder approval, to reprice underwater options or to automatically replenish shares (i.e. evergreen plans). MFS will consider on a case-by-case basis proposals to exchange existing options for newly issued options (taking into account such factors as whether there is a reasonable value-for-value exchange).

MFS opposes stock option programs and restricted stock plans that provide unduly generous compensation for officers, directors or employees, or could result in excessive dilution to other shareholders. As a general guideline, MFS votes against restricted stock plans, stock option, non-employee director, omnibus stock plans and any other stock plan if all such plans for a particular company involve potential dilution, in the aggregate, of more than 15%. However, MFS will also vote against stock plans that involve potential dilution, in aggregate, of more than 10% at U.S. issuers that are listed in the Standard and Poor's 100 index as of December 31 of the previous year.

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**Expensing of Stock Options**

MFS supports shareholder proposals to expense stock options because we believe that the expensing of options presents a more accurate picture of the company's financial results to investors. We also believe that companies are likely to be more disciplined when granting options if the value of stock options were treated as an expense item on the company's income statements.

**Executive Compensation**

MFS believes that competitive compensation packages are necessary to attract, motivate and retain executives. Therefore, MFS opposes shareholder proposals that seek to set restrictions on executive compensation. We believe that the election of an issuer's compensation committee members is the appropriate mechanism to express our view on a company's compensation practices, as outlined above. MFS also opposes shareholder requests for disclosure on executive compensation beyond regulatory requirements because we believe that current regulatory requirements for disclosure of executive compensation are appropriate and that additional disclosure is often unwarranted and costly. Although we support linking executive stock option grants to a company's performance, MFS opposes shareholder proposals that mandate a link of performance-based options to a specific industry or peer group stock index. MFS believes that compensation committees should retain the flexibility to propose the appropriate index or other criteria by which performance-based options should be measured.

MFS will generally support management proposals on its executive compensation practices during the issuer's prior fiscal year. However, if MFS identifies excessive executive compensation practices during the issuer's prior fiscal year, then MFS will vote against such proposals.

MFS generally votes with management on shareholder proposals to include an annual advisory shareholder vote on the company's executive compensation practices in the issuer's proxy statement ( Say on Pay ). However, if MFS identifies excessive executive compensation practices at the issuer during the prior fiscal year, then MFS will support such Say on Pay shareholder proposals at those issuers. MFS also supports reasonably crafted shareholder proposals that (i) require the issuer to adopt a policy to recover the portion of performance-based bonuses and awards paid to senior executives that were not earned based upon a significant negative restatement of earnings unless the company already has adopted a clearly satisfactory policy on the matter, or (ii) expressly prohibit any future backdating of stock options.

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### **Employee Stock Purchase Plans**

MFS supports the use of a broad-based employee stock purchase plans to increase company stock ownership by employees, provided that shares purchased under the plan are acquired for no less than 85% of their market value and do not result in excessive dilution.

### **Golden Parachutes**

From time to time, shareholders of companies have submitted proxy proposals that would require shareholder approval of severance packages for executive officers that exceed certain predetermined thresholds. MFS votes in favor of such shareholder proposals when they would require shareholder approval of any severance package for an executive officer that exceeds a certain multiple of such officer's annual compensation that is not determined in MFS judgment to be excessive.

### **Anti-Takeover Measures**

In general, MFS votes against any measure that inhibits capital appreciation in a stock, including proposals that protect management from action by shareholders. These types of proposals take many forms, ranging from poison pills and shark repellents to super-majority requirements.

MFS generally votes for proposals to rescind existing poison pills and proposals that would require shareholder approval to adopt prospective poison pills, unless the company already has adopted a clearly satisfactory policy on the matter. MFS may consider the adoption of a prospective poison pill or the continuation of an existing poison pill if we can determine that the following two conditions are met: (1) the poison pill allows MFS clients to hold an aggregate position of up to 15% of a company's total voting securities (and of any class of voting securities); and (2) either (a) the poison pill has a term of not longer than five years, provided that MFS will consider voting in favor of the poison pill if the term does not exceed seven years and the poison pill is linked to a business strategy or purpose that MFS believes is likely to result in greater value for shareholders; or (b) the terms of the poison pill allow MFS clients the opportunity to accept a fairly structured and attractively priced tender offer (e.g. a chewable poison pill that automatically dissolves in the event of an all cash, all shares tender offer at a premium price). MFS will also consider on a case-by-case basis proposals designed to prevent tenders which are disadvantageous to shareholders such as tenders at below market prices and tenders for substantially less than all shares of an issuer.

### **Reincorporation and Reorganization Proposals**

When presented with a proposal to reincorporate a company under the laws of a different state, or to effect some other type of corporate reorganization, MFS considers the underlying purpose and ultimate effect of such a proposal in determining whether or not to support such a measure. MFS generally votes with management in regards to these types

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of proposals, however, if MFS believes the proposal is in the best long-term economic interests of its clients, then MFS may vote against management (e.g. the intent or effect would be to create additional inappropriate impediments to possible acquisitions or takeovers).

### **Issuance of Stock**

There are many legitimate reasons for the issuance of stock. Nevertheless, as noted above under Non-Salary Compensation Programs, when a stock option plan (either individually or when aggregated with other plans of the same company) would substantially dilute the existing equity (e.g. by approximately 10-15% as described above), MFS generally votes against the plan. In addition, MFS votes against proposals where management is asking for authorization to issue common or preferred stock with no reason stated (a blank check) because the unexplained authorization could work as a potential anti-takeover device. MFS may also vote against the authorization or issuance of common or preferred stock if MFS determines that the requested authorization is excessive and not warranted.

### **Repurchase Programs**

MFS supports proposals to institute share repurchase plans in which all shareholders have the opportunity to participate on an equal basis. Such plans may include a company acquiring its own shares on the open market, or a company making a tender offer to its own shareholders.

### **Confidential Voting**

MFS votes in favor of proposals to ensure that shareholder voting results are kept confidential. For example, MFS supports proposals that would prevent management from having access to shareholder voting information that is compiled by an independent proxy tabulation firm.

### **Cumulative Voting**

MFS opposes proposals that seek to introduce cumulative voting and for proposals that seek to eliminate cumulative voting. In either case, MFS will consider whether cumulative voting is likely to enhance the interests of MFS clients as minority shareholders. In our view, shareholders should provide names of qualified candidates to a company's nominating committee, which, in our view, should be comprised solely of independent directors.

### **Written Consent and Special Meetings**

Because the shareholder right to act by written consent (without calling a formal meeting of shareholders) can be a powerful tool for shareholders, MFS generally opposes

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proposals that would prevent shareholders from taking action without a formal meeting or would take away a shareholder's right to call a special meeting of company shareholders pursuant to relevant state law.

### **Independent Auditors**

MFS believes that the appointment of auditors for U.S. issuers is best left to the board of directors of the company and therefore supports the ratification of the board's selection of an auditor for the company. Some shareholder groups have submitted proposals to limit the non-audit activities of a company's audit firm or prohibit any non-audit services by a company's auditors to that company. MFS opposes proposals recommending the prohibition or limitation of the performance of non-audit services by an auditor, and proposals recommending the removal of a company's auditor due to the performance of non-audit work for the company by its auditor. MFS believes that the board, or its audit committee, should have the discretion to hire the company's auditor for specific pieces of non-audit work in the limited situations permitted under current law.

### **Other Environmental, Social and Governance Issues**

There are many groups advocating social change or changes to corporate governance or corporate responsibility standards, and many have chosen the publicly-held corporation as a vehicle for advancing their agenda. Generally, MFS votes with management on such proposals unless MFS can clearly determine that the benefit to shareholders will outweigh any costs or disruptions to the business if the proposal were adopted. Common among the shareholder proposals that MFS generally votes with management are proposals requiring the company to use corporate resources to further a particular social objective outside the business of the company, to refrain from investing or conducting business in certain countries, to adhere to some list of goals or principles (e.g., environmental standards), to permit shareholders access to the company's proxy statement in connection with the election of directors, to disclose political contributions made by the issuer, to separate the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions, or to promulgate special reports on various activities or proposals for which no discernible shareholder economic advantage is evident.

The laws of various states or countries may regulate how the interests of certain clients subject to those laws (e.g. state pension plans) are voted with respect to social issues. Thus, it may be necessary to cast ballots differently for certain clients than MFS might normally do for other clients.

### **Foreign Issuers**

Many of the items on foreign proxies involve repetitive, non-controversial matters that are mandated by local law. Accordingly, the items that are generally deemed routine and which do not require the exercise of judgment under these guidelines (and therefore voted with management) for foreign issuers include, but are not limited to, the following: (i)

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receiving financial statements or other reports from the board; (ii) approval of declarations of dividends; (iii) appointment of shareholders to sign board meeting minutes; (iv) discharge of management and supervisory boards; and (v) approval of share repurchase programs.

MFS generally supports the election of a director nominee standing for re-election in uncontested elections unless it can be determined that (1) he or she failed to attend at least 75% of the board and/or relevant committee meetings in the previous year without a valid reason given in the proxy materials; (2) since the last annual meeting of shareholders and without shareholder approval, the board or its compensation committee has re-priced underwater stock options; or (3) since the last annual meeting, the board has either implemented a poison pill without shareholder approval or has not taken responsive action to a majority shareholder approved resolution recommending that the poison pill be rescinded. MFS will also not support a director nominee standing for re-election of an issuer that has adopted an excessive compensation package for its senior executives as described above in the section entitled "Voting Guidelines-MFS Policy on Specific Issues-Election of Directors."

MFS generally supports the election of auditors, but may determine to vote against the election of a statutory auditor in certain markets if MFS reasonably believes that the statutory auditor is not truly independent. MFS will evaluate all other items on proxies for foreign companies in the context of the guidelines described above, but will generally vote against an item if there is not sufficient information disclosed in order to make an informed voting decision.

In accordance with local law or business practices, many foreign companies prevent the sales of shares that have been voted for a certain period beginning prior to the shareholder meeting and ending on the day following the meeting ( "share blocking" ). Depending on the country in which a company is domiciled, the blocking period may begin a stated number of days prior or subsequent to the meeting (e.g. one, three or five days) or on a date established by the company. While practices vary, in many countries the block period can be continued for a longer period if the shareholder meeting is adjourned and postponed to a later date. Similarly, practices vary widely as to the ability of a shareholder to have the "block" restriction lifted early (e.g. in some countries shares generally can be "unblocked" up to two days prior to the meeting whereas in other countries the removal of the block appears to be discretionary with the issuer's transfer agent). Due to these restrictions, MFS must balance the benefits to its clients of voting proxies against the potentially serious portfolio management consequences of a reduced flexibility to sell the underlying shares at the most advantageous time. For companies in countries with share blocking periods, the disadvantage of being unable to sell the stock regardless of changing conditions generally outweighs the advantages of voting at the shareholder meeting for routine items. Accordingly, MFS will not vote those proxies in the absence of an unusual, significant vote that outweighs the disadvantage of being unable to sell the stock.

In limited circumstances, other market specific impediments to voting shares may limit our ability to cast votes, including, but not limited to, late delivery of proxy materials,

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power of attorney and share re-registration requirements, or any other unusual voting requirements. In these limited instances, MFS votes securities on a best efforts basis in the context of the guidelines described above.

**B. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

**1. MFS Proxy Voting Committee**

The administration of these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures is overseen by the MFS Proxy Voting Committee, which includes senior personnel from the MFS Legal and Global Investment Support Departments. The Proxy Voting Committee does not include individuals whose primary duties relate to client relationship management, marketing, or sales. The MFS Proxy Voting Committee:

- a. Reviews these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures at least annually and recommends any amendments considered to be necessary or advisable;
- b. Determines whether any potential material conflict of interest exist with respect to instances in which MFS (i) seeks to override these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures; (ii) votes on ballot items not governed by these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures; (iii) evaluates an excessive executive compensation issue in relation to the election of directors; or (iv) requests a vote recommendation from an MFS portfolio manager or investment analyst (e.g. mergers and acquisitions); and
- c. Considers special proxy issues as they may arise from time to time.

**2. Potential Conflicts of Interest**

The MFS Proxy Voting Committee is responsible for monitoring potential material conflicts of interest on the part of MFS or its subsidiaries that could arise in connection with the voting of proxies on behalf of MFS clients. Due to the client focus of our investment management business, we believe that the potential for actual material conflict of interest issues is small. Nonetheless, we have developed precautions to assure that all proxy votes are cast in the best long-term economic interest of shareholders. Other MFS internal policies require all MFS employees to avoid actual and potential conflicts of interests between personal activities and MFS client activities. If an employee identifies an actual or potential conflict of interest with respect to any voting decision, then that employee must recuse himself/herself from participating in the voting process. Additionally, with respect to decisions concerning all Non Standard Votes, as defined below, MFS will review the securities holdings reported by the individuals that participate in such decision to determine whether such person has a direct economic interest in the decision, in which case such person shall not further participate in making the decision. Any significant attempt by an employee of MFS or its subsidiaries to influence MFS voting on a particular proxy matter should also be reported to the MFS Proxy Voting Committee.



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In cases where proxies are voted in accordance with these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, no material conflict of interest will be deemed to exist. In cases where (i) MFS is considering overriding these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, (ii) matters presented for vote are not clearly governed by these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, (iii) MFS evaluates an excessive executive compensation issue in relation to the election of directors, or (iv) a vote recommendation is requested from an MFS portfolio manager or investment analyst (e.g. mergers and acquisitions) (collectively, Non Standard Votes ); the MFS Proxy Voting Committee will follow these procedures:

- a. Compare the name of the issuer of such proxy against a list of significant current (i) distributors of MFS Fund shares, and (ii) MFS institutional clients (the MFS Significant Client List );
- b. If the name of the issuer does not appear on the MFS Significant Client List, then no material conflict of interest will be deemed to exist, and the proxy will be voted as otherwise determined by the MFS Proxy Voting Committee;
- c. If the name of the issuer appears on the MFS Significant Client List, then the MFS Proxy Voting Committee will be apprised of that fact and each member of the MFS Proxy Voting Committee will carefully evaluate the proposed vote in order to ensure that the proxy ultimately is voted in what MFS believes to be the best long-term economic interests of MFS clients, and not in MFS corporate interests; and
- d. For all potential material conflicts of interest identified under clause (c) above, the MFS Proxy Voting Committee will document: the name of the issuer, the issuer's relationship to MFS, the analysis of the matters submitted for proxy vote, the votes as to be cast and the reasons why the MFS Proxy Voting Committee determined that the votes were cast in the best long-term economic interests of MFS clients, and not in MFS corporate interests. A copy of the foregoing documentation will be provided to MFS Conflicts Officer.

The members of the MFS Proxy Voting Committee are responsible for creating and maintaining the MFS Significant Client List, in consultation with MFS distribution and institutional business units. The MFS Significant Client List will be reviewed and updated periodically, as appropriate.

From time to time, certain MFS Funds (the top tier fund ) may own shares of other MFS Funds (the underlying fund ). If an underlying fund submits a matter to a shareholder vote, the top tier fund will generally vote its shares in the same proportion as the other shareholders of the underlying fund.

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### **3. Gathering Proxies**

Most U.S. proxies received by MFS and its clients originate at Automatic Data Processing Corp. ( ADP ) although a few proxies are transmitted to investors by corporate issuers through their custodians or depositories. ADP and other service providers, on behalf of issuers, send proxy related material to the record holders of the shares beneficially owned by MFS clients, usually to the client's proxy voting administrator or, less commonly, to the client itself. This material will include proxy ballots reflecting the shareholdings of Funds and of clients on the record dates for such shareholder meetings, as well as proxy statements with the issuer's explanation of the items to be voted upon.

MFS, on behalf of itself and the Funds, has entered into an agreement with an independent proxy administration firm, RiskMetrics Group, Inc., Inc. (the Proxy Administrator ), pursuant to which the Proxy Administrator performs various proxy vote related administrative services, such as vote processing and recordkeeping functions for MFS Funds and institutional client accounts. The Proxy Administrator receives proxy statements and proxy ballots directly or indirectly from various custodians, logs these materials into its database and matches upcoming meetings with MFS Fund and client portfolio holdings, which are input into the Proxy Administrator's system by an MFS holdings datafeed. Through the use of the Proxy Administrator system, ballots and proxy material summaries for all upcoming shareholders' meetings are available on-line to certain MFS employees and members of the MFS Proxy Voting Committee.

### **4. Analyzing Proxies**

Proxies are voted in accordance with these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures. The Proxy Administrator, at the prior direction of MFS, automatically votes all proxy matters that do not require the particular exercise of discretion or judgment with respect to these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures as determined by the MFS Proxy Voting Committee. With respect to proxy matters that require the particular exercise of discretion or judgment, MFS considers and votes on those proxy matters. MFS also receives research from ISS which it may take into account in deciding how to vote. In addition, MFS expects to rely on ISS to identify circumstances in which a board may have approved excessive executive compensation. Representatives of the MFS Proxy Voting Committee review, as appropriate, votes cast to ensure conformity with these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures.

As a general matter, portfolio managers and investment analysts have little or no involvement in specific votes taken by MFS. This is designed to promote consistency in the application of MFS voting guidelines, to promote consistency in voting on the same or similar issues (for the same or for multiple issuers) across all client accounts, and to minimize the potential that proxy solicitors, issuers, or third parties might attempt to exert inappropriate influence on the vote. In limited types of votes (e.g., corporate actions, such as mergers and acquisitions), a representative of MFS Proxy Voting Committee may consult with or seek recommendations from MFS portfolio managers or investment analysts.<sup>1</sup> However, the MFS Proxy Voting Committee would ultimately determine the manner in which all proxies are voted.

<sup>1</sup> From time to time, due to travel schedules and other commitments, an appropriate portfolio manager or research analyst is not available to provide a recommendation on a merger or acquisition proposal. If such a recommendation cannot be obtained prior to the cut-off date of the shareholder meeting, certain members of the MFS Proxy Voting Committee may determine to abstain from voting.

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As noted above, MFS reserves the right to override the guidelines when such an override is, in MFS' best judgment, consistent with the overall principle of voting proxies in the best long-term economic interests of MFS' clients. Any such override of the guidelines shall be analyzed, documented and reported in accordance with the procedures set forth in these policies.

### **5. Voting Proxies**

In accordance with its contract with MFS, the Proxy Administrator also generates a variety of reports for the MFS Proxy Voting Committee, and makes available on-line various other types of information so that the MFS Proxy Voting Committee may review and monitor the votes cast by the Proxy Administrator on behalf of MFS' clients.

### **6. Securities Lending**

From time to time, the MFS Funds or other pooled investment vehicles sponsored by MFS may participate in a securities lending program. In the event MFS or its agent receives timely notice of a shareholder meeting for a U.S. security, MFS and its agent will attempt to recall any securities on loan before the meeting's record date so that MFS will be entitled to vote these shares. However, there may be instances in which MFS is unable to timely recall securities on loan for a U.S. security, in which cases MFS will not be able to vote these shares. MFS will report to the appropriate board of the MFS Funds those instances in which MFS is not able to timely recall the loaned securities. MFS generally does not recall non-U.S. securities on loan because there is generally insufficient advance notice of record or vote cut-off dates to allow MFS to timely recall the shares. As a result, non-U.S. securities that are on loan will not generally be voted. If MFS receives timely notice of what MFS determines to be an unusual, significant vote for a non-U.S. security whereas MFS shares are on loan, and determines that voting is in the best long-term economic interest of shareholders, then MFS will attempt to timely recall the loaned shares.

## **C. MONITORING SYSTEM**

It is the responsibility of the Proxy Administrator and MFS' Proxy Voting Committee to monitor the proxy voting process. When proxy materials for clients are received by the Proxy Administrator, they are input into the Proxy Administrator's system. Through an interface with the portfolio holdings database of MFS, the Proxy Administrator

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matches a list of all MFS Funds and clients who hold shares of a company's stock and the number of shares held on the record date with the Proxy Administrator's listing of any upcoming shareholder's meeting of that company.

When the Proxy Administrator's system tickler shows that the voting cut-off date of a shareholder's meeting is approaching, a Proxy Administrator representative checks that the vote for MFS Funds and clients holding that security has been recorded in the computer system. If a proxy ballot has not been received from the client's custodian, the Proxy Administrator contacts the custodian requesting that the materials be forwarded immediately. If it is not possible to receive the proxy ballot from the custodian in time to be voted at the meeting, then MFS may instruct the custodian to cast the vote in the manner specified and to mail the proxy directly to the issuer.

***D. RECORDS RETENTION***

MFS will retain copies of these MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures in effect from time to time and will retain all proxy voting reports submitted to the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers of the MFS Funds for the period required by applicable law. Proxy solicitation materials, including electronic versions of the proxy ballots completed by representatives of the MFS Proxy Voting Committee, together with their respective notes and comments, are maintained in an electronic format by the Proxy Administrator and are accessible on-line by the MFS Proxy Voting Committee. All proxy voting materials and supporting documentation, including records generated by the Proxy Administrator's system as to proxies processed, including the dates when proxy ballots were received and submitted, and the votes on each company's proxy issues, are retained as required by applicable law.

***E. REPORTS***

**MFS Funds**

MFS publicly discloses the proxy voting records of the MFS Funds on an annual basis, as required by law. MFS will also report the results of its voting to the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers of the MFS Funds. These reports will include: (i) a summary of how votes were cast; (ii) a summary of votes against management's recommendation; (iii) a review of situations where MFS did not vote in accordance with the guidelines and the rationale therefore; (iv) a review of the procedures used by MFS to identify material conflicts of interest and any matters identified as a material conflict of interest; (v) a review of these policies and the guidelines, (vi) a report and impact assessment of instances in which the recall of loaned securities of a U.S. issuer was unsuccessful, and, as necessary or appropriate, any proposed modifications thereto to reflect new developments in corporate governance and other issues. Based on these reviews, the Trustees and Managers of the MFS Funds will consider possible modifications to these policies to the extent necessary or advisable.

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**All MFS Advisory Clients**

At any time, a report can be printed by MFS for each client who has requested that MFS furnish a record of votes cast. The report specifies the proxy issues which have been voted for the client during the year and the position taken with respect to each issue and, upon request, may identify situations where MFS did not vote in accordance with the MFS Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures.

Except as described above, MFS generally will not divulge actual voting practices to any party other than the client or its representatives (unless required by applicable law) because we consider that information to be confidential and proprietary to the client.

**ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.**

**General.** Information regarding the portfolio manager(s) of the MFS Government Markets Income Trust (the Fund ) is set forth below.

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Primary Role</b>	<b>Since</b>	<b>Title and Five Year History</b>
Geoffrey L. Schechter	Portfolio Manager	2006	Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment area of MFS since 1993.

**Compensation.** Portfolio manager total cash compensation is a combination of base salary and performance bonus:

*Base Salary* Base salary represents a smaller percentage of portfolio manager total cash compensation (generally below 10%) than performance bonus.

*Performance Bonus* Generally, the performance bonus represents a majority of portfolio manager total cash compensation.

The performance bonus is based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors, with more weight given to the former (generally over 60%) and less weight given to the latter.

The quantitative portion is based on pre-tax performance of assets managed by the portfolio manager over one-, three- and five-year periods relative to peer group universes and/or indices ( benchmarks ). As of December 31, 2007, the following benchmarks were used:

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Benchmark(s)</b>
Geoffrey L. Schechter	Lipper General Municipal Debt Funds Lipper Short-Intermediate Municipal Debt Funds Lipper High Yield Municipal Debt Funds Lipper General US Government Funds Lehman Brothers Municipal Index Lehman Brothers Government Mortgage Index Morningstar Dollar Government Bond Funds

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Additional or different benchmarks, including versions of indices and custom indices may also be used. Primary weight is given to portfolio performance over a three-year time period with lesser consideration given to portfolio performance over one-year and five-year periods (adjusted as appropriate if the portfolio manager has served for less than five years).

The qualitative portion is based on the results of an annual internal peer review process (conducted by other portfolio managers, analysts and traders) and management's assessment of overall portfolio manager contributions to investor relations and the investment process (distinct from fund and other account performance).

Portfolio managers also typically benefit from the opportunity to participate in the MFS Equity Plan. Equity interests and/or options to acquire equity interests in MFS or its parent company are awarded by management, on a discretionary basis, taking into account tenure at MFS, contribution to the investment process, and other factors.

Finally, portfolio managers are provided with a benefits package including a defined contribution plan, health coverage and other insurance, which are available to other employees of MFS on substantially similar terms. The percentage such benefits represent of any portfolio manager's compensation depends upon the length of the individual's tenure at MFS and salary level, as well as other factors.

**Ownership of Fund Shares.** The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities of the Fund beneficially owned by the Fund's portfolio manager(s) as of the fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2008. The following dollar ranges apply:

- N. None
- A. \$1 - \$10,000
- B. \$10,001 - \$50,000
- C. \$50,001 - \$100,000
- D. \$100,001 - \$500,000
- E. \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- F. Over \$1,000,000

Name of Portfolio Manager	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in Fund
Geoffrey L. Schechter	N

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**Other Accounts.** In addition to the Fund, the Fund's portfolio manager is responsible (either individually or jointly) for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, the number and assets of which, as of the Fund's fiscal year ended November 30, 2008 were as follows:

Name	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts*	Total Assets*	Number of Accounts	Total Assets	Number of Accounts	Total Assets
Geoffrey L. Schechter	13	\$6.0 billion	1	\$443.4 million	0	N/A

\* Includes the Fund.

Advisory fees are not based upon performance of any of the accounts identified in the table above.

**Potential Conflicts of Interest.**

The Adviser seeks to identify potential conflicts of interest resulting from a portfolio manager's management of both the Fund and other accounts, and has adopted policies and procedures designed to address such potential conflicts.

The management of multiple funds and accounts (including proprietary accounts) may give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and accounts have different objectives and strategies, benchmarks, time horizons and fees as a portfolio manager must allocate his or her time and investment ideas across multiple funds and accounts. In certain instances there are securities which are suitable for the Fund's portfolio as well as for accounts of the Adviser or its subsidiaries with similar investment objectives. A Fund's trade allocation policies may give rise to conflicts of interest if the Fund's orders do not get fully executed or are delayed in getting executed due to being aggregated with those of other accounts of the Adviser or its subsidiaries. A portfolio manager may execute transactions for another fund or account that may adversely impact the value of the Fund's investments. Investments selected for funds or accounts other than the Fund may outperform investments selected for the Fund.

When two or more clients are simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the securities are allocated among clients in a manner believed by the Adviser to be fair and equitable to each. It is recognized that in some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or volume of the security as far as the Fund is concerned. In most cases, however, the Adviser believes that the Fund's ability to participate in volume transactions will produce better executions for the Fund.

The Adviser and/or a portfolio manager may have a financial incentive to allocate favorable or limited opportunity investments or structure the timing of investments to favor accounts other than the Fund, for instance, those that pay a higher advisory fee and/or have a performance adjustment.

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<b>Period</b>	<b>(a) Total number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>(b) Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs</b>
12/1/07-12/31/07	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
1/1/08-1/31/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
2/1/08-2/29/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
3/1/08-3/31/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
4/1/08-4/30/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
5/1/08-5/31/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
6/1/08-6/30/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
7/1/08-7/31/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
8/1/08-8/31/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
9/1/08-9/30/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
10/01/08-10/31/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
11/01/08-11/30/08	0	N/A	0	3,208,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	

Note: The Board of Trustees approves procedures to repurchase shares annually. The notification to shareholders of the program is part of the semi-annual and annual reports sent to shareholders. These annual programs begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The programs conform to the conditions of Rule 10b-18 of the securities Exchange Act of 1934 and limit the aggregate number of shares that may be purchased in each annual period (March 1 through the following February 28) to 10% of the Registrant's outstanding shares as of the first day of the plan year (March 1). The aggregate number of shares available for purchase for the March 1, 2008 plan year is 3,208,285.

**ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

There were no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may send recommendations to the Board for nominees to the Registrant's Board since the Registrant last provided disclosure as to such procedures in response to the requirements of Item 407 (c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K or this Item.



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**ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

- (a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act")) as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-CSR, the registrant's principal financial officer and principal executive officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.
  
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter covered by the report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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**ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.**

- (a) File the exhibits listed below as part of this form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.
- (1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Code of Ethics attached hereto.
  - (2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2): Attached hereto.
  - (3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Act sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the Registrant to 10 or more persons. Not applicable.
- (b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)), Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference: Attached hereto.

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**Notice**

A copy of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Registrant is on file with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and notice is hereby given that this instrument is executed on behalf of the Registrant by an officer of the Registrant as an officer and not individually and the obligations of or arising out of this instrument are not binding upon any of the Trustees or shareholders individually, but are binding only upon the assets and property of the respective constituent series of the Registrant.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant MFS GOVERNMENT MARKETS INCOME TRUST

By (Signature and Title)\* MARIA F. DWYER  
Maria F. Dwyer, President

Date: January 15, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* MARIA F. DWYER  
Maria F. Dwyer, President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: January 15, 2009

By (Signature and Title)\* JOHN M. CORCORAN  
John M. Corcoran, Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer

and Accounting Officer)

Date: January 15, 2009

\* Print name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.