

MFS GOVERNMENT MARKETS INCOME TRUST

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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 811-05078

**MFS GOVERNMENT MARKETS INCOME TRUST**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**111 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02199**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Christopher R. Bohane**

**Massachusetts Financial Services Company**

**111 Huntington Avenue**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02199**

(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: May 31, 2017

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**SEMIANNUAL REPORT**

May 31, 2017

**MFS® GOVERNMENT MARKETS INCOME TRUST**

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### **MANAGED DISTRIBUTION POLICY DISCLOSURE**

The MFS Government Markets Income Trust's (the fund) Board of Trustees adopted a managed distribution policy. The fund seeks to pay monthly distributions based on an annual rate of 7.25% of the fund's average monthly net asset value. The primary purpose of the managed distribution policy is to provide shareholders with a constant, but not guaranteed, fixed minimum rate of distribution each month. You should not draw any conclusions about the fund's investment performance from the amount of the current distribution or from the terms of the fund's managed distribution policy. The Board may amend or terminate the managed distribution policy at any time without prior notice to fund shareholders. The amendment or termination of the managed distribution policy could have an adverse effect on the market price of the fund's shares.

With each distribution, the fund will issue a notice to shareholders and an accompanying press release which will provide detailed information regarding the amount and composition of the distribution and other related information. The amounts and sources of distributions reported in the notice to shareholders are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the amounts for tax reporting purposes will depend upon the fund's investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The fund will send you a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes. Please refer to Tax Matters and Distributions under Note 2 of the Notes to Financial Statements for information regarding the tax character of the fund's distributions.

Under a managed distribution policy the fund may at times distribute more than its net investment income and net realized capital gains; therefore, a portion of your distribution may result in a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the money that you invested in the fund is paid back to you. Any such returns of capital will decrease the fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make the level of distributions called for under its managed distribution policy, the fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time. A return of capital does not necessarily reflect the fund's investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income. The fund's total return in relation to changes in net asset value is presented in the Financial Highlights.

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New York Stock Exchange Symbol: **MGF**

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**LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Shareholders:

Despite policy uncertainty accompanying a new presidential administration in the United States and unease over looming Brexit negotiations, most markets have proved

resilient. U.S. share prices have reached new highs, and U.S. bond yields rose on hopes surrounding President Trump's proposed fiscal policies and indications that the U.S. Federal Reserve will continue to gradually hike interest rates. However, interest rates in most developed markets remain very low, with central banks maintaining accommodative monetary policies in hopes of reinvigorating slow-growing economies and lifting inflation.

Globally, economic growth has shown signs of recovery, led by China, the U.S. and the eurozone. Despite better growth, there are few immediate signs of worrisome inflation, as wage growth remains muted. Emerging market economies are recovering at a

somewhat slower pace amid fears that restrictive U.S. trade policies could further hamper the restrained pace of global trade growth. Looking ahead, markets will have to contend with elections in the United Kingdom and Germany in the months ahead, as well as geopolitical hot spots on the Korean peninsula and in the Middle East.

At MFS®, we believe time is an asset. A patient, long-term approach to investing can have a powerful impact on decision making and outcomes. Time arbitrage, as we call it, simply comes down to having the conviction and discipline to allow enough time for good investment ideas to play out. In our view, such an approach, along with the professional guidance of a financial advisor, will help you reach your investment objectives.

Respectfully,

**Robert J. Manning**

Executive Chairman

MFS Investment Management

July 14, 2017

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

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|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Mortgage-Backed Securities            | 49.8% |
| U.S. Treasury Securities              | 24.7% |
| U.S. Government Agencies              | 9.7%  |
| Investment Grade Corporates           | 8.5%  |
| Emerging Markets Bonds                | 3.6%  |
| Collateralized Debt Obligations       | 1.7%  |
| Municipal Bonds                       | 1.2%  |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities | 0.6%  |
| High Yield Corporates                 | 0.4%  |
| Non-U.S. Government Bonds             | 0.1%  |
| Asset-Backed Securities (o)           | 0.0%  |

**Composition including fixed income credit quality (a)(i)**

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| AAA                     | 1.9%   |
| AA                      | 1.5%   |
| A                       | 3.1%   |
| BBB                     | 9.1%   |
| BB                      | 0.4%   |
| B                       | 0.1%   |
| U.S. Government         | 22.7%  |
| Federal Agencies        | 59.5%  |
| Not Rated               | 2.0%   |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 1.7%   |
| Other                   | (2.0)% |

**Portfolio facts (i)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Average Duration (d)           | 5.6      |
| Average Effective Maturity (m) | 8.2 yrs. |

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*Portfolio Composition continued*

- (a) For all securities other than those specifically described below, ratings are assigned to underlying securities utilizing ratings from Moody's, Fitch, and Standard & Poor's rating agencies and applying the following hierarchy: If all three agencies provide a rating, the middle rating (after dropping the highest and lowest ratings) is assigned; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the lower of the two is assigned. Ratings are shown in the S&P and Fitch scale (e.g., AAA). Securities rated BBB or higher are considered investment grade. All ratings are subject to change. U.S. Government includes securities issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Federal Agencies includes rated and unrated U.S. Agency fixed-income securities, U.S. Agency mortgage-backed securities, and collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Agency mortgage-backed securities. Not Rated includes fixed income securities, including fixed income futures contracts, which have not been rated by any rating agency. The fund may or may not have held all of these instruments on this date. The fund is not rated by these 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 due to the interest rate move.
- (i) For purposes of this presentation, the components include the value of securities, and reflect the impact of the equivalent exposure of derivative positions, if any. These amounts may be negative from time to time. Equivalent exposure is a calculated amount that translates the derivative position into a reasonable approximation of the amount of the underlying asset that the portfolio would have to hold at a given point in time to have the same price sensitivity that results from the portfolio's ownership of the derivative contract. When dealing with derivatives, equivalent exposure is a more representative measure of the potential impact of a position on portfolio performance than value. The bond component will include any accrued interest amounts.
- (m) In determining an instrument's effective maturity for purposes of calculating the fund's dollar-weighted average effective maturity, MFS uses the instrument's stated maturity or, if applicable, an earlier date on which MFS believes it is probable that a maturity-shortening device (such as a put, pre-refunding or prepayment) will cause the instrument to be repaid. Such an earlier date can be substantially shorter than the instrument's stated maturity.
- (o) Less than 0.1%.

Where the fund holds convertible bonds, they are treated as part of the equity portion of the portfolio.

Cash & Cash Equivalents includes any cash, investments in money market funds, short-term securities, and other assets less liabilities. Please see the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for additional information related to the fund's cash position and other assets and liabilities.

Other includes equivalent exposure from currency derivatives and/or any offsets to derivative positions and may be negative.

Percentages are based on net assets as of May 31, 2017.

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



**Table of Contents****PORTFOLIO MANAGERS PROFILE**

| <b>Portfolio Manager</b> | <b>Primary Role</b>                                   | <b>Since</b> | <b>Title and Five Year History</b>   |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|--|
| Geoffrey Schechter       | Lead and U.S. Government Securities Portfolio Manager | 2006         | Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 1993. |
| Ward Brown               | Emerging Markets Debt Instruments Portfolio Manager   | 2012         | Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 2005. |
| Robert Persons           | Investment Grade Debt Instruments Portfolio Manager   | 2012         | Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 2000. |
| Matt Ryan                | Emerging Markets Debt Instruments Portfolio Manager   | 2012         | Investment Officer of MFS; employed in the investment management area of MFS since 1997. |

**OTHER NOTES**

The fund's shares may trade at a discount or premium to 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 premium would receive less than the amount paid for them in the event of the fund's concurrent liquidation.

The fund's monthly distributions may include a return of capital to shareholders to the extent that the fund's net investment income and net capital gains, determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, are insufficient to meet the fund's target annual distribution rate. 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. It may also result in a recharacterization of what economically represents a return of capital to ordinary income in those situations where a fund has long term capital gains and a capital loss carryforward. Returns of shareholder capital may have the effect of reducing the fund's assets and increasing the fund's expense ratio.

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, and the fund's dividend amount will fluctuate with changes in the fund's average monthly net assets.

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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5/31/17 (unaudited)

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 - 97.7%</b>   |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Issuer</b>  | <b>Shares/Par</b> | <b>Value (\$)</b> |
| <b>U.S. Bonds - 92.7%</b>  |                   |                   |
| <b>Agency - Other - 6.8%</b>   |                   |                   |
| Financing Corp., 10.7%, 10/06/2017   | \$ 4,095,000      | \$ 4,230,626      |
| Financing Corp., 9.4%, 2/08/2018   | 3,085,000         | 3,254,314         |
| Financing Corp., 10.35%, 8/03/2018   | 3,820,000         | 4,225,772         |
|  |                   | \$ 11,710,712     |
| <b>Asset-Backed &amp; Securitized - 2.3%</b>   |                   |                   |
| A Voce CLO Ltd., 2014-1A, A1R, FRN, 2.318%, 7/15/2026 (n)  | \$ 541,000        | \$ 540,819        |
| ALM Loan Funding CLO, 2014-14A, A1R, FRN, 2.321%, 7/28/2026 (z)  | 371,723           | 371,804           |
| Atrium CDO Corp., 2011-A, A1R, FRN, 2.293%, 10/23/2025 (n)   | 548,000           | 548,503           |
| Babson CLO Ltd., 2013-IIA, BR, FRN, 3.408%, 1/18/2025 (n)  | 583,669           | 585,019           |
| Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 5.701%, 12/10/2049   | 85,599            | 85,526            |
| CNH Equipment Trust, 2015-C, A2B, FRN, 1.459%, 12/17/2018  | 26,296            | 26,302            |
| Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2015-DC1, A5, 3.35%, 2/10/2048  | 327,000           | 334,498           |
| Credit Suisse Commercial Mortgage Trust, A4, FRN, 5.936%, 9/15/2039                                    | 111,919           | 111,826           |
| Credit Suisse Commercial Mortgage Trust, C4, FRN, 5.936%, 9/15/2039                                    | 378,313           | 379,027           |
| Fortress Credit BSL Ltd., 2013-1A, A, FRN, 2.338%, 1/19/2025 (n)                                       | 292,734           | 292,658           |
| JPMorgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., A4, FRN, 5.722%, 6/15/2049                        | 3,262             | 3,259             |
| Morgan Stanley Capital I Trust, AM, FRN, 5.744%, 4/15/2049   | 96,577            | 97,543            |
| TICP CLO Ltd., FRN, 2.336%, 1/20/2027 (n)  | 538,454           | 538,463           |
|  |                   | \$ 3,915,247      |
| <b>Automotive - 0.1%</b>   |                   |                   |
| Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, 2.551%, 10/05/2018  | \$ 241,000        | \$ 242,596        |
| <b>Building - 0.1%</b>   |                   |                   |
| Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., 4.25%, 7/02/2024  | \$ 82,000         | \$ 86,469         |
| <b>Business Services - 0.8%</b>  |                   |                   |
| Cisco Systems, Inc., 2.6%, 2/28/2023   | \$ 299,000        | \$ 301,866        |
| Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., 3.875%, 6/05/2024  | 1,000,000         | 1,045,980         |
|  |                   | \$ 1,347,846      |
| <b>Cable TV - 0.9%</b>   |                   |                   |
| Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., 4.908%, 7/23/2025 | \$ 242,000        | \$ 262,661        |

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*Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) continued*

| Issuer   | Shares/Par | Value (\$)   |
|--|------------|--------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>   |            |              |
| U.S. Bonds - continued   |            |              |
| <b>Cable TV - continued</b>  |            |              |
| Comcast Corp., 4.2%, 8/15/2034   | \$ 96,000  | \$ 101,305   |
| Time Warner Cable, Inc., 8.25%, 4/01/2019                                      | 1,000,000  | 1,109,458    |
| Time Warner Cable, Inc., 4.5%, 9/15/2042                                       | 100,000    | 95,487       |
|  |            | \$ 1,568,911 |
| <b>Chemicals - 0.2%</b>  |            |              |
| Sherwin Williams Co., 2.75%, 6/01/2022   | \$ 345,000 | \$ 347,298   |
| <b>Computer Software - 0.1%</b>  |            |              |
| Microsoft Corp., 3.125%, 11/03/2025  | \$ 124,000 | \$ 127,447   |
| <b>Computer Software - Systems - 0.3%</b>                                      |            |              |
| Apple, Inc., 3.25%, 2/23/2026  | \$ 400,000 | \$ 409,943   |
| Apple, Inc., 4.375%, 5/13/2045   | 121,000    | 129,717      |
|  |            | \$ 539,660   |
| <b>Consumer Products - 0.2%</b>  |            |              |
| Newell Rubbermaid, Inc., 3.15%, 4/01/2021                                      | \$ 369,000 | \$ 380,733   |
| <b>Food &amp; Beverages - 0.3%</b>   |            |              |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc., 3.3%, 2/01/2023                          | \$ 167,000 | \$ 172,110   |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc., 4.7%, 2/01/2036                          | 219,000    | 238,660      |
| Tyson Foods, Inc., 5.15%, 8/15/2044  | 38,000     | 42,056       |
|  |            | \$ 452,826   |
| <b>Food &amp; Drug Stores - 0.2%</b>   |            |              |
| CVS Health Corp., 5.125%, 7/20/2045  | \$ 270,000 | \$ 305,790   |
| <b>Insurance - 0.1%</b>  |            |              |
| American International Group, Inc., 4.7%, 7/10/2035                            | \$ 108,000 | \$ 114,176   |
| <b>Insurance - Health - 0.4%</b>   |            |              |
| UnitedHealth Group, Inc., 4.625%, 7/15/2035                                    | \$ 672,000 | \$ 751,735   |
| <b>Insurance - Property &amp; Casualty - 0.1%</b>                              |            |              |
| Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., 4.85%, 8/01/2044 (n)                               | \$ 99,000  | \$ 105,040   |
| <b>Local Authorities - 1.2%</b>  |            |              |
| New Jersey Turnpike Authority Rev. (Build America Bonds), F, 7.414%, 1/01/2040 | \$ 32,000  | \$ 47,086    |
| State of California (Build America Bonds), 7.6%, 11/01/2040                    | 925,000    | 1,418,682    |
| University of California Rev. (Build America Bonds), 5.77%, 5/15/2043          | 450,000    | 572,382      |
|  |            | \$ 2,038,150 |

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*Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) continued*

| Issuer   | Shares/Par | Value (\$)   |
|--|------------|--------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>                                     |            |              |
| <b>U.S. Bonds - continued</b>                                |            |              |
| <b>Major Banks - 0.4%</b>                                    |            |              |
| Bank of America Corp., 7.625%, 6/01/2019                     | \$ 170,000 | \$ 188,310   |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 3.625%, 1/22/2023                 | 446,000    | 461,934      |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 4.8%, 7/08/2044                   | 94,000     | 102,568      |
|  |            | \$ 752,812   |
| <b>Medical &amp; Health Technology &amp; Services - 0.2%</b> |            |              |
| Becton, Dickinson and Co., 4.685%, 12/15/2044                | \$ 179,000 | \$ 181,782   |
| Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings, 4.7%, 2/01/2045        | 106,000    | 108,808      |
|  |            | \$ 290,590   |
| <b>Medical Equipment - 0.1%</b>                              |            |              |
| Medtronic, Inc., 4.625%, 3/15/2045                           | \$ 237,000 | \$ 262,999   |
| <b>Metals &amp; Mining - 0.3%</b>                            |            |              |
| Freeport-McMoRan, Inc., 3.875%, 3/15/2023                    | \$ 500,000 | \$ 464,700   |
| <b>Midstream - 0.9%</b>                                      |            |              |
| Enterprise Products Operating LLC, 3.9%, 2/15/2024           | \$ 29,000  | \$ 30,470    |
| Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, 6.85%, 2/15/2020           | 1,000,000  | 1,117,554    |
| Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, 5.4%, 9/01/2044            | 358,000    | 367,730      |
|  |            | \$ 1,515,754 |
| <b>Mortgage-Backed - 49.6%</b>                               |            |              |
| Fannie Mae, 1.9%, 6/01/2017                                  | \$ 152,796 | \$ 152,652   |
| Fannie Mae, 6%, 8/01/2017 - 7/01/2037                        | 1,058,151  | 1,205,350    |
| Fannie Mae, 5.5%, 9/01/2017 - 3/01/2038                      | 3,441,554  | 3,854,149    |
| Fannie Mae, 4.88%, 3/01/2020                                 | 99,047     | 103,117      |
| Fannie Mae, 3.87%, 7/01/2022                                 | 182,427    | 194,581      |
| Fannie Mae, 2.152%, 1/25/2023                                | 401,000    | 398,160      |
| Fannie Mae, 2.41%, 5/01/2023                                 | 128,180    | 130,081      |
| Fannie Mae, 2.55%, 5/01/2023                                 | 110,309    | 112,754      |
| Fannie Mae, 2.59%, 5/01/2023                                 | 69,829     | 71,523       |
| Fannie Mae, 3.78%, 10/01/2023                                | 63,767     | 68,271       |
| Fannie Mae, 2.7%, 7/01/2025                                  | 200,000    | 202,014      |
| Fannie Mae, 3.43%, 6/01/2026                                 | 197,321    | 207,729      |
| Fannie Mae, 3.59%, 9/01/2026                                 | 73,098     | 77,852       |
| Fannie Mae, 2.597%, 12/25/2026                               | 729,000    | 718,507      |
| Fannie Mae, 3%, 4/01/2027 - 11/01/2046                       | 4,618,499  | 4,712,921    |
| Fannie Mae, 4.96%, 6/01/2030                                 | 128,278    | 147,216      |
| Fannie Mae, 6.5%, 5/01/2031 - 2/01/2037                      | 654,992    | 753,294      |
| Fannie Mae, 5%, 6/01/2035 - 3/01/2042                        | 672,447    | 740,794      |
| Fannie Mae, 4.5%, 1/01/2040 - 4/01/2044                      | 5,932,917  | 6,422,230    |
| Fannie Mae, 4%, 9/01/2040 - 2/01/2045                        | 11,313,598 | 12,005,164   |

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| <b>Issuer</b>                                 | <b>Shares/Par</b> | <b>Value (\$)</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>                      |                   |                   |
| <b>U.S. Bonds - continued</b>                 |                   |                   |
| <b>Mortgage-Backed - continued</b>            |                   |                   |
| Fannie Mae, 3.5%, 4/01/2043 - 1/01/2047       | \$ 8,910,085      | \$ 9,219,768      |
| Fannie Mae, TBA, 4%, 6/01/2047                | 1,012,800         | 1,070,089         |
| Freddie Mac, 2.699%, 5/25/2018                | 783,806           | 791,338           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.412%, 8/25/2018                | 1,125,498         | 1,135,710         |
| Freddie Mac, 2.303%, 9/25/2018                | 275,000           | 277,238           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.323%, 10/25/2018               | 493,309           | 498,409           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.13%, 1/25/2019                 | 1,549,734         | 1,563,919         |
| Freddie Mac, 5.085%, 3/25/2019                | 752,000           | 789,134           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.456%, 8/25/2019                | 383,000           | 388,705           |
| Freddie Mac, 4.186%, 8/25/2019                | 600,000           | 630,948           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.808%, 8/25/2020                | 219,000           | 231,932           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.034%, 10/25/2020               | 291,000           | 301,608           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.856%, 1/25/2021                | 400,000           | 413,153           |
| Freddie Mac, 6%, 5/01/2021 - 10/01/2038       | 546,232           | 625,371           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.791%, 1/25/2022                | 517,000           | 533,996           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.716%, 6/25/2022                | 399,000           | 410,402           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.355%, 7/25/2022                | 500,000           | 505,728           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.682%, 10/25/2022               | 189,000           | 193,879           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.51%, 11/25/2022                | 496,000           | 504,570           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.32%, 2/25/2023                 | 433,000           | 458,078           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.3%, 4/25/2023 - 10/25/2026     | 1,034,471         | 1,090,063         |
| Freddie Mac, 3.06%, 7/25/2023                 | 181,000           | 189,154           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.454%, 8/25/2023                | 379,000           | 382,158           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.458%, 8/25/2023                | 367,000           | 390,761           |
| Freddie Mac, 4.5%, 9/01/2024 - 5/01/2042      | 1,174,483         | 1,268,634         |
| Freddie Mac, 2.67%, 12/25/2024                | 827,000           | 839,208           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.811%, 1/25/2025                | 642,000           | 656,589           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.329%, 5/25/2025                | 928,000           | 980,707           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.01%, 7/25/2025                 | 225,000           | 232,359           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.745%, 1/25/2026                | 629,000           | 634,864           |
| Freddie Mac, 2.673%, 3/25/2026                | 900,000           | 902,131           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.224%, 3/25/2027                | 575,000           | 598,433           |
| Freddie Mac, 5.5%, 8/01/2035 - 6/01/2036      | 607,131           | 679,423           |
| Freddie Mac, 6.5%, 5/01/2037                  | 145,670           | 162,626           |
| Freddie Mac, 5%, 4/01/2040 - 7/01/2041        | 2,207,818         | 2,424,303         |
| Freddie Mac, 4%, 1/01/2041 - 4/01/2044        | 633,022           | 669,836           |
| Freddie Mac, 3.5%, 5/01/2042 - 1/01/2047      | 8,721,800         | 9,033,052         |
| Freddie Mac, 3%, 4/01/2043 - 11/01/2046       | 4,801,552         | 4,844,202         |
| Freddie Mac, TBA, 4.5%, 6/01/2047 - 7/01/2047 | 1,390,000         | 1,496,777         |
| Ginnie Mae, 5.5%, 7/15/2033 - 1/20/2042       | 1,143,147         | 1,291,303         |
| Ginnie Mae, 4%, 8/15/2040 - 4/20/2041         | 179,051           | 190,748           |
| Ginnie Mae, 4.5%, 9/20/2041                   | 211,538           | 228,948           |

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| Issuer  | Shares/Par   | Value (\$)    |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>                                |              |               |
| <b>U.S. Bonds - continued</b>                           |              |               |
| <b>Mortgage-Backed - continued</b>                      |              |               |
| Ginnie Mae, 3.5%, 4/15/2042 - 7/20/2043                 | \$ 2,833,090 | \$ 2,968,399  |
| Ginnie Mae, 6.157%, 4/20/2058                           | 10,981       | 12,144        |
|   |              | \$ 84,989,156 |
| <b>Network &amp; Telecom - 0.8%</b>                     |              |               |
| Verizon Communications, Inc., 5.05%, 3/15/2034          | \$ 750,000   | \$ 788,482    |
| Verizon Communications, Inc., A , 5.012%, 4/15/2049 (n) | 596,000      | 600,746       |
|   |              | \$ 1,389,228  |
| <b>Oils - 0.1%</b>                                      |              |               |
| Valero Energy Corp., 4.9%, 3/15/2045                    | \$ 130,000   | \$ 134,620    |
| <b>Pharmaceuticals - 0.1%</b>                           |              |               |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc., 4.5%, 2/01/2045                  | \$ 82,000    | \$ 83,983     |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc., 4.75%, 3/01/2046                 | 80,000       | 84,905        |
|   |              | \$ 168,888    |
| <b>Restaurants - 0.1%</b>                               |              |               |
| McDonald s Corp., 2.75%, 12/09/2020                     | \$ 134,000   | \$ 136,882    |
| <b>Supranational - 0.1%</b>                             |              |               |
| Inter-American Development Bank, 4.375%, 1/24/2044      | \$ 158,000   | \$ 189,529    |
| <b>Tobacco - 0.6%</b>                                   |              |               |
| Altria Group, Inc., 9.25%, 8/06/2019                    | \$ 55,000    | \$ 63,404     |
| Altria Group, Inc., 4%, 1/31/2024                       | 14,000       | 14,988        |
| Reynolds American, Inc., 8.125%, 6/23/2019              | 583,000      | 653,776       |
| Reynolds American, Inc., 4%, 6/12/2022                  | 79,000       | 84,137        |
| Reynolds American, Inc., 4.45%, 6/12/2025               | 217,000      | 233,836       |
|   |              | \$ 1,050,141  |
| <b>Transportation - Services - 0.0%</b>                 |              |               |
| ERAC USA Finance LLC, 3.85%, 11/15/2024 (n)             | \$ 34,000    | \$ 34,932     |
| <b>U.S. Government Agencies and Equivalents - 2.7%</b>  |              |               |
| AID-Tunisia, 2.452%, 7/24/2021                          | \$ 235,000   | \$ 240,190    |
| AID-Ukraine, 1.844%, 5/16/2019                          | 444,000      | 448,177       |
| AID-Ukraine, 1.847%, 5/29/2020                          | 330,000      | 330,877       |
| Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 1.945%, 6/23/2019          | 443,000      | 446,306       |
| Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2.503%, 10/30/2020         | 418,000      | 429,495       |
| Private Export Funding Corp., 2.25%, 3/15/2020          | 86,000       | 87,529        |
| Private Export Funding Corp., 2.3%, 9/15/2020           | 360,000      | 365,597       |
| Private Export Funding Corp., 1.875%, 7/15/2018         | 460,000      | 462,600       |

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| Issuer   | Shares/Par | Value (\$)            |
|--|------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>                             |            |                       |
| U.S. Bonds - continued                               |            |                       |
| U.S. Government Agencies and Equivalents - continued |            |                       |
| Small Business Administration, 6.35%, 4/01/2021      | \$ 40,242  | \$ 42,433             |
| Small Business Administration, 6.34%, 5/01/2021      | 40,260     | 42,404                |
| Small Business Administration, 6.44%, 6/01/2021      | 57,383     | 60,511                |
| Small Business Administration, 6.625%, 7/01/2021     | 61,321     | 64,720                |
| Small Business Administration, 5.52%, 6/01/2024      | 117,285    | 125,012               |
| Small Business Administration, 2.21%, 2/01/2033      | 224,844    | 222,080               |
| Small Business Administration, 2.22%, 3/01/2033      | 378,126    | 375,187               |
| Small Business Administration, 3.15%, 7/01/2033      | 327,812    | 340,239               |
| Small Business Administration, 3.62%, 9/01/2033      | 290,653    | 308,899               |
| Tennessee Valley Authority, 1.75%, 10/15/2018        | 292,000    | 293,912               |
|  |            | \$ 4,686,168          |
| U.S. Treasury Obligations - 22.6%                    |            |                       |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 5.25%, 2/15/2029                | \$ 48,000  | \$ 62,505             |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4.75%, 2/15/2037                | 336,000    | 449,361               |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4.375%, 2/15/2038               | 4,287,000  | 5,485,684             |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 4.5%, 8/15/2039 (f)             | 5,097,100  | 6,613,487             |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3.125%, 2/15/2043               | 453,700    | 477,697               |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2.875%, 5/15/2043               | 1,697,100  | 1,706,514             |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2.5%, 2/15/2045                 | 2,504,000  | 2,328,818             |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.75%, 8/15/2017                | 838,000    | 844,633               |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.125%, 5/15/2019               | 300,000    | 310,688               |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 1%, 6/30/2019                   | 3,593,000  | 3,572,509             |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 2.625%, 8/15/2020               | 162,000    | 167,708               |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.125%, 5/15/2021               | 5,026,000  | 5,312,442             |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.75%, 5/15/2022                | 2,208,000  | 2,207,311             |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 2.75%, 2/15/2024                | 577,000    | 604,791               |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 2.5%, 5/15/2024                 | 4,038,000  | 4,167,184             |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 2%, 8/15/2025                   | 98,000     | 97,035                |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 2%, 11/15/2026                  | 1,587,000  | 1,560,343             |
| U.S. Treasury Notes, 2.875%, 11/15/2046              | 2,766,000  | 2,771,294             |
|  |            | \$ 38,740,004         |
| <b>Total U.S. Bonds</b>                              |            | <b>\$ 158,841,039</b> |
| Foreign Bonds - 5.0%                                 |            |                       |
| Australia - 0.0%                                     |            |                       |
| APT Pipelines Ltd., 4.25%, 7/15/2027 (n)             | \$ 16,000  | \$ 16,526             |
| Brazil - 0.2%  |            |                       |
| Federative Republic of Brazil, 5.625%, 1/07/2041     | \$ 162,000 | \$ 157,950            |
| Vale Overseas Ltd., 6.875%, 11/10/2039               | 165,000    | 177,078               |
|  |            | \$ 335,028            |

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| Issuer  | Shares/Par | Value (\$)   |
|---|------------|--------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>  |            |              |
| <b>Foreign Bonds - continued</b>                                  |            |              |
| <b>Chile - 0.6%</b>   |            |              |
| Engie Energia Chile S.A., 5.625%, 1/15/2021                       | \$ 566,000 | \$ 620,729   |
| GNL Quintero S.A., 4.634%, 7/31/2029 (n)                          | 200,000    | 209,250      |
| Transelec S.A., 4.25%, 1/14/2025                                  | 200,000    | 206,136      |
|   |            | \$ 1,036,115 |
| <b>China - 0.7%</b>   |            |              |
| Baidu, Inc., 3.25%, 8/06/2018                                     | \$ 240,000 | \$ 243,173   |
| CNPC (HK) Overseas Capital Ltd., 4.5%, 4/28/2021 (n)              | 226,000    | 241,473      |
| State Grid Overseas Investment (2014) Ltd., 4.125%, 5/07/2024 (n) | 690,000    | 731,624      |
|   |            | \$ 1,216,270 |
| <b>France - 0.2%</b>  |            |              |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel S.A., 2.5%, 4/13/2021 (n)      | \$ 395,000 | \$ 395,071   |
| <b>Italy - 0.2%</b>   |            |              |
| Enel Finance International N.V., 2.875%, 5/25/2022 (n)            | \$ 366,000 | \$ 365,450   |
| <b>Kazakhstan - 0.1%</b>  |            |              |
| Republic of Kazakhstan, 5.125%, 7/21/2025 (n)                     | \$ 201,000 | \$ 219,928   |
| <b>Mexico - 1.3%</b>  |            |              |
| Comision Federal de Electricidad, 4.875%, 5/26/2021               | \$ 277,000 | \$ 294,659   |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 6%, 3/05/2020                                | 202,000    | 218,336      |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 5.5%, 1/21/2021                              | 130,000    | 138,274      |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 5.5%, 6/27/2044                              | 12,000     | 10,751       |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 4.875%, 1/18/2024                            | 95,000     | 96,900       |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 4.25%, 1/15/2025                             | 15,000     | 14,719       |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 5.625%, 1/23/2046                            | 23,000     | 20,746       |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 6.75%, 9/21/2047                             | 21,000     | 21,555       |
| Petroleos Mexicanos, 4.625%, 9/21/2023                            | 53,000     | 54,028       |
| Southern Copper Corp., 5.875%, 4/23/2045                          | 80,000     | 83,970       |
| United Mexican States, 3.625%, 3/15/2022                          | 1,164,000  | 1,203,576    |
|   |            | \$ 2,157,514 |
| <b>Netherlands - 0.7%</b>   |            |              |
| ING Bank N.V., 5.8%, 9/25/2023 (n)                                | \$ 769,000 | \$ 870,619   |
| ING Groep N.V., 3.15%, 3/29/2022                                  | 350,000    | 356,797      |
|   |            | \$ 1,227,416 |
| <b>Panama - 0.1%</b>  |            |              |
| Republic of Panama, 3.875%, 3/17/2028                             | \$ 213,000 | \$ 218,858   |



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| Issuer  | Shares/Par | Value (\$)            |
|---|------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bonds - continued</b>  |            |                       |
| <b>Foreign Bonds - continued</b>  |            |                       |
| <b>Peru - 0.3%</b>  |            |                       |
| El Fondo Mivivienda S.A., 3.5%, 1/31/2023   | \$ 226,000 | \$ 228,599            |
| Republic of Peru, 8.75%, 11/21/2033   | 180,000    | 277,974               |
|   |            | \$ 506,573            |
| <b>Romania - 0.1%</b>   |            |                       |
| Republic of Romania, 4.375%, 8/22/2023 (n)  | \$ 36,000  | \$ 38,269             |
| Republic of Romania, 4.875%, 1/22/2024 (n)  | 58,000     | 63,420                |
|   |            | \$ 101,689            |
| <b>Russia - 0.1%</b>  |            |                       |
| LUKOIL International Finance B.V., 4.563%, 4/24/2023                                  | \$ 213,000 | \$ 219,401            |
| <b>United Kingdom - 0.3%</b>  |            |                       |
| Imperial Tobacco Finance PLC, 3.75%, 7/21/2022 (n)                                    | \$ 266,000 | \$ 277,554            |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 6%, 12/19/2023                                      | 124,000    | 136,310               |
|   |            | \$ 413,864            |
| <b>Uruguay - 0.1%</b>   |            |                       |
| Oriental Republic of Uruguay, 4.5%, 8/14/2024   | \$ 26,762  | \$ 28,783             |
| Oriental Republic of Uruguay, 4.375%, 10/27/2027                                      | 47,300     | 49,996                |
|   |            | \$ 78,779             |
| <b>Total Foreign Bonds</b>  |            | <b>\$ 8,508,482</b>   |
| <b>Total Bonds (Identified Cost, \$161,380,410)</b>                                   |            | <b>\$ 167,349,521</b> |
| <b>Money Market Funds - 3.3%</b>  |            |                       |
| MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio, 0.87% (v)<br>(Identified Cost, \$5,599,265) | 5,599,527  | \$ 5,599,527          |
| <b>Total Investments (Identified Cost, \$166,979,675)</b>                             |            | <b>\$ 172,949,048</b> |
| <b>Other Assets, Less Liabilities - (1.0)%</b>  |            | <b>(1,681,225)</b>    |
| <b>Net Assets - 100.0%</b>  |            | <b>\$ 171,267,823</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 \$6,675,364, representing 3.9% of net assets.

(v) Underlying affiliated fund that is available only to investment companies managed by MFS. The rate quoted for the MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio is the annualized seven-day yield of the fund at period end.

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(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:

| <b>Restricted Securities</b>                                | <b>Acquisition Date</b> | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Value</b> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| ALM Loan Funding CLO, 2014-14A, A1R, FRN, 2.321%, 7/28/2026 | 4/5/17                  | \$371,723   | \$371,804    |
| % of Net assets   |                         |             | 0.2%         |

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

- CDO Collateralized Debt Obligation
- CLO Collateralized Loan Obligation
- FRN Floating Rate Note. Interest rate resets periodically and the current rate may not be the rate reported at period end.
- PLC Public Limited Company
- TBA To Be Announced

**Derivative Contracts at 5/31/17**

**Futures Contracts at 5/31/17**

| <b>Description</b>              | <b>Currency</b> | <b>Contracts</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Expiration Date</b> | <b>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Asset Derivatives</b>        |                 |                  |              |                        |   |
| <i>Interest Rate Futures</i>    |                 |                  |              |                        |   |
| U.S. Treasury Note 10 yr (Long) | USD             | 35               | \$4,420,391  | September - 2017       | \$15,245                                      |
| U.S. Treasury Note 5 yr (Long)  | USD             | 50               | 5,915,625    | September - 2017       | 11,055  |
|                                 |                 |                  |              |                        | \$26,300                                      |

| <b>Description</b>               | <b>Currency</b> | <b>Contracts</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Expiration Date</b> | <b>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Liability Derivatives</b>     |                 |                  |              |                        |   |
| <i>Interest Rate Futures</i>     |                 |                  |              |                        |   |
| U.S. Treasury Bond 30 yr (Short) | USD             | 45               | \$6,921,563  | September - 2017       | \$(69,088)                                    |

At May 31, 2017, the fund had liquid securities with an aggregate value of \$107,693 to cover any commitments for certain derivative contracts.

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At 5/31/17 (unaudited)

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  |               |
| Non-affiliated issuers, at value (identified cost, \$161,380,410)  | \$167,349,521 |
| Underlying affiliated funds, at value (identified cost, \$5,599,265)   | 5,599,527     |
| Total investments, at value (identified cost, \$166,979,675)   | \$172,949,048 |
| Interest   | 1,050,480     |
| Other assets   | 19,324        |
| Total assets   | \$174,018,852 |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |               |
| Payables for   |               |
| Distributions  | \$58,216      |
| Daily variation margin on open futures contracts   | 15,234        |
| TBA purchase commitments   | 2,554,372     |
| Payable to affiliates  |               |
| Investment adviser   | 5,075         |
| Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs   | 2,114         |
| Payable for independent Trustees' compensation   | 27,063        |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities   | 88,955        |
| Total liabilities  | \$2,751,029   |
| Net assets   | \$171,267,823 |
| <b>Net assets consist of</b>   |               |
| Paid-in capital  | \$177,956,740 |
| Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments  | 5,926,585     |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments  | (8,552,561)   |
| Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income   | (4,062,941)   |
| Net assets   | \$171,267,823 |
| Shares of beneficial interest outstanding  | 32,601,117    |
| Net asset value per share (net assets of \$171,267,823 / 32,601,117 shares of beneficial interest outstanding) | \$5.25        |

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Six months ended 5/31/17 (unaudited)

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>                              |             |
| Income  |             |
| Interest  | \$2,943,269 |
| Dividends from underlying affiliated funds                | 13,784      |
| Total investment income                                   | \$2,957,053 |
| Expenses  |             |
| Management fee  | \$452,248   |
| Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs              | 36,377      |
| Administrative services fee                               | 18,400      |
| Independent Trustees' compensation                        | 20,545      |
| Stock exchange fee  | 15,800      |
| Custodian fee   | 6,676       |
| Shareholder communications                                | 45,901      |
| Audit and tax fees  | 39,360      |
| Legal fees  | 2,566       |
| Miscellaneous   | 14,492      |
| Total expenses  | \$652,365   |
| Net investment income                                     | \$2,304,688 |
| <b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments</b> |             |
| Realized gain (loss) (identified cost basis)              |             |
| Investments:  |             |
| Non-affiliated issuers                                    | \$(81,069)  |
| Underlying affiliated funds                               | 4           |
| Futures contracts   | (39,255)    |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments                   | \$(120,320) |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)          |             |
| Investments   | \$999,743   |
| Futures contracts   | (36,466)    |
| Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments                 | \$963,277   |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments    | \$842,957   |
| Change in net assets from operations                      | \$3,147,645 |
| <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>Six months ended<br/>5/31/17<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>Year ended<br/>11/30/16</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Change in net assets</b>   |   |                                |
| <b>From operations</b>  |   |                                |
| Net investment income   | \$2,304,688   | \$5,098,196                    |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments   | (120,320)   | 875,861                        |
| Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments   | 963,277   | (3,057,169)                    |
| Change in net assets from operations  | \$3,147,645   | \$2,916,888                    |
| <b>Distributions declared to shareholders</b>   |   |                                |
| From net investment income  | \$(3,212,382)                                       | \$(6,599,348)                  |
| From tax return of capital  |   | (6,745,927)                    |
| From other sources  | (3,063,014)   |                                |
| Total distributions declared to shareholders  | \$(6,275,396)                                       | \$(13,345,275)                 |
| Total change in net assets  | \$(3,127,751)                                       | \$(10,428,387)                 |
| <b>Net assets</b>   |   |                                |
| At beginning of period  | 174,395,574   | 184,823,961                    |
| At end of period (including accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income of \$4,062,941 and \$92,233, respectively) | \$171,267,823                                       | \$174,395,574                  |
| <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 semiannual period and the past 5 fiscal years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that 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.

|  | Six months<br>ended<br>5/31/17 | 2016      | Years ended 11/30 |           | 2013      | 2012      |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | (unaudited)                    |           | 2015              | 2014      |           |           |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                             | \$5.35                         | \$5.67    | \$6.07            | \$6.24    | \$6.88    | \$7.01    |
| <b>Income (loss) from investment operations</b>                  |                                |           |                   |           |           |           |
| Net investment income (d)  | \$0.07                         | \$0.16(c) | \$0.17            | \$0.18    | \$0.20    | \$0.23    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments           | 0.02                           | (0.07)    | (0.14)            | 0.10      | (0.36)    | 0.15      |
| Total from investment operations                                 | \$0.09                         | \$0.09    | \$0.03            | \$0.28    | \$(0.16)  | \$0.38    |
| <b>Less distributions declared to shareholders</b>               |                                |           |                   |           |           |           |
| From net investment income                                       | \$(0.10)                       | \$(0.20)  | \$(0.20)          | \$(0.22)  | \$(0.23)  | \$(0.32)  |
| From tax return of capital                                       |                                | (0.21)    | (0.23)            | (0.23)    | (0.25)    | (0.19)    |
| From other sources   | (0.09)                         |           |                   |           |           |           |
| Total distributions declared to shareholders                     | \$(0.19)                       | \$(0.41)  | \$(0.43)          | \$(0.45)  | \$(0.48)  | \$(0.51)  |
| Net asset value, end of period (x)                               | \$5.25                         | \$5.35    | \$5.67            | \$6.07    | \$6.24    | \$6.88    |
| Market value, end of period                                      | \$4.94                         | \$5.06    | \$5.26            | \$5.80    | \$5.62    | \$6.76    |
| Total return at market value (%)                                 | 1.45(n)                        | 3.82      | (2.02)            | 11.46     | (10.19)   | 6.12      |
| Total return at net asset value (%) (j)(r)(s)(x)                 | 1.97(n)                        | 1.84(c)   | 0.92              | 5.06      | (2.02)    | 5.54      |
| <b>Ratios (%) (to average net assets) and Supplemental data:</b> |                                |           |                   |           |           |           |
| Expenses before expense reductions (f)                           | 0.76(a)                        | 0.72(c)   | 0.76              | 0.75      | 0.75      | 0.78      |
| Expenses after expense reductions (f)                            | N/A                            | N/A       | N/A               | 0.75      | 0.75      | 0.78      |
| Net investment income  | 2.69(a)                        | 2.78(c)   | 2.84              | 2.93      | 3.04      | 3.36      |
| Portfolio turnover   | 19(n)                          | 41        | 74                | 62        | 100       | 41        |
| Net assets at end of period (000 omitted)                        | \$171,268                      | \$174,396 | \$184,824         | \$197,831 | \$203,337 | \$223,942 |

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- (a) Annualized.
- (c) Amount reflects a one-time reimbursement of expenses by the custodian (or former custodian) without which net investment income and performance would be lower and expenses would be higher.
- (d) Per share data is based on average shares outstanding.
- (f) Ratios do not reflect reductions from fees paid indirectly, if applicable.
- (j) Total return at net asset value is calculated using the net asset value of the fund, not the publicly traded price and therefore may be different than the total return at market value.
- (n) Not annualized.
- (r) Certain expenses have been reduced without which performance would have been lower.
- (s) From time to time the fund may receive proceeds from litigation settlements, without which performance would be lower.
- (x) The net asset values and total returns at net asset value have been calculated on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes.

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**(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 diversified closed-end management investment company.

The fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 Financial Services – Investment Companies.

**(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 increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the preparation of these financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the date of the fund’s Statement of Assets and Liabilities through the date that the financial statements were issued.

In October 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) released its Final Rule on Investment Company Reporting Modernization (the Rule). The Rule, which introduces two new regulatory reporting forms for investment companies – Form N-PORT and Form N-CEN – also contains amendments to Regulation S-X which impact financial statement presentation, particularly the presentation of derivative investments. Although still evaluating the impacts of the Rule, management believes that many of the Regulation S-X amendments are consistent with the fund’s current financial statement presentation and expects that the fund will be able to comply with the Rule’s Regulation S-X amendments by the August 1, 2017 compliance date.

In March 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2017-08, Receivables – Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs (Subtopic 310-20) Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities (ASU 2017-08). For entities that hold callable debt securities at a premium, ASU 2017-08 requires that the premium be amortized to the earliest call date. ASU 2017-08 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Management is still evaluating the potential impacts of ASU 2017-08 but believes that adoption of ASU 2017-08 will not have a material effect on the fund’s overall financial position or its overall results of operations.

**Balance Sheet Offsetting** The fund’s accounting policy with respect to balance sheet offsetting is that, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement does not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the fund and the applicable counterparty. The fund’s right to setoff may be restricted or prohibited by the bankruptcy or insolvency laws of the particular jurisdiction to which a specific master netting agreement counterparty is subject. Balance sheet



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offsetting disclosures, to the extent applicable to the fund, have been included in the fund's Significant Accounting Policies note under the captions for each of the fund's in-scope financial instruments and transactions.

**Investment Valuations** Debt instruments and floating rate loans, including restricted debt instruments, are generally valued at an evaluated or composite bid as provided 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. Futures contracts are generally valued at last posted settlement price on their primary exchange as provided by a third-party pricing service. Futures contracts for which there were no trades that day for a particular position are generally valued at the closing bid quotation on their primary exchange as provided by a third-party pricing service. Open-end investment companies are generally valued at net asset value per share. 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 third-party pricing services can utilize both transaction data and market information such as 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 provided 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 generally relies 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 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 an investment used to determine the fund's net asset value may differ from quoted or published prices for the same investment. There can be no assurance that the fund could obtain the fair value assigned to an investment if it were to sell the investment at the same time at which the fund determines its net asset value per share.

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Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund's assets or liabilities. These inputs are categorized into three broad levels. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The fund's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment. Level 1 includes unadjusted 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 contracts. The following is a summary of the levels used as of May 31, 2017 in valuing the fund's assets or liabilities:

| <b>Investments at Value</b>                                | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| U.S. Treasury Bonds & U.S. Government Agency & Equivalents | \$             | \$55,136,884   | \$             | \$55,136,884  |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Debt                                    |                | 4,519,946      |                | 4,519,946     |
| Municipal Bonds  |                | 2,038,150      |                | 2,038,150     |
| U.S. Corporate Bonds                                       |                | 12,572,075     |                | 12,572,075    |
| Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities                     |                | 84,992,415     |                | 84,992,415    |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities                      |                | 1,008,421      |                | 1,008,421     |
| Asset-Backed Securities (including CDOs)                   |                | 2,903,568      |                | 2,903,568     |
| Foreign Bonds  |                | 4,178,062      |                | 4,178,062     |
| Mutual Funds   | 5,599,527      |                |                | 5,599,527     |
| Total Investments  | \$5,599,527    | \$167,349,521  | \$             | \$172,949,048 |
| <b>Other Financial Instruments</b>                         |                |                |                |               |
| Futures Contracts Assets                                   | \$26,300       | \$             | \$             | \$26,300      |
| Futures Contracts Liabilities                              | (69,088)       |                |                | (69,088)      |

For further information regarding security characteristics, see the Portfolio of Investments.

**Inflation-Adjusted Debt Securities** The fund invests in inflation-adjusted debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. The principal value of these debt securities is adjusted through income according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. These debt securities typically pay a fixed rate of interest, but this fixed rate is applied to the inflation-adjusted principal amount. The principal paid at maturity of the debt security is typically equal to the inflation-adjusted principal amount, or the security's original par value, whichever is greater. Other types of inflation-adjusted securities may use other methods to adjust for other measures of inflation.

**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

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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 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.

**Derivatives** The fund uses derivatives for different purposes, primarily to increase or decrease exposure to a particular market or segment of the market, or security, to increase or decrease interest rate or currency exposure, or as alternatives to direct investments. Derivatives are used 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 increase market exposure, or for hedging purposes, gains and losses from derivative instruments may be substantially greater than the derivative's original cost.

The derivative instruments used by the fund were futures contracts. The fund's period end derivatives, as presented in the Portfolio of Investments and the associated Derivative Contract tables, generally are indicative of the volume of its derivative activity during the period.

The following table presents, by major type of derivative contract, the fair value, on a gross basis, of the asset and liability components of derivatives held by the fund at May 31, 2017 as reported in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

| Risk          | Derivative Contracts  | Fair Value (a)    |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|               |                       | Asset Derivatives | Liability Derivatives |
| Interest Rate | Interest Rate Futures | \$26,300          | \$(69,088)            |

(a) The value of futures contracts includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) as reported in the fund's Portfolio of Investments. Only the current day net variation margin for futures contracts is separately reported within the fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The following table presents, by major type of derivative contract, the realized gain (loss) on derivatives held by the fund for the six months ended May 31, 2017 as reported in the Statement of Operations:

| Risk          | Futures Contracts |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Interest Rate | \$(39,255)        |

The following table presents, by major type of derivative contract, the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivatives held by the fund for the six months ended May 31, 2017 as reported in the Statement of Operations:

| Risk          | Futures Contracts |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Interest Rate | \$(36,466)        |

Derivative counterparty credit risk is managed through formal evaluation of the creditworthiness of all potential counterparties. On certain, but not all, uncleared derivatives, the fund attempts to reduce its exposure to counterparty credit risk whenever possible by entering into an ISDA Master Agreement on a bilateral basis. The ISDA Master Agreement gives each party to the agreement the right to terminate all transactions traded under such agreement if there is a certain deterioration in the

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credit quality of the other party. Upon an event of default or a termination of the ISDA Master Agreement, the non-defaulting party has the right to close out all transactions traded under such agreement and to net amounts owed under each agreement 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.

Collateral and margin requirements differ by type of derivative. Margin requirements are set by the clearing broker and the clearing house for cleared derivatives (e.g., futures contracts, cleared swaps, and exchange-traded options) while collateral terms are contract specific for uncleared derivatives (e.g., forward foreign currency exchange contracts, uncleared swap agreements, and uncleared options). For derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement, which contains a collateral support annex, the collateral requirements are netted across all transactions traded under such agreement and one amount is posted from one party to the other to collateralize such obligations. Cash that has been segregated to cover the fund's collateral or margin obligations under derivative contracts, if any, will be reported separately in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as

Restricted cash or Deposits with brokers. Securities pledged as collateral or margin for the same purpose, if any, are noted in the Portfolio of Investments. The fund may be required to make payments of interest on uncovered collateral or margin obligations with the broker. Any such payments are included in Miscellaneous expense in the Statement of Operations.

**Futures Contracts** The fund entered into futures contracts which may be used to hedge against or obtain broad market exposure, interest rate exposure, currency exposure, or to manage duration. A futures contract represents a commitment for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the fund is required to deposit with the broker, either in cash or securities, an initial margin in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the notional amount of the contract. Subsequent payments (variation margin) 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 gain or loss by the fund until the contract is closed or expires at which point the gain or loss on futures contracts is realized.

The fund bears the risk of interest rates, 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. While futures contracts may present less counterparty risk to the fund since the contracts are exchange traded and the exchange's clearinghouse guarantees payments to the broker, there is still counterparty credit risk due to the insolvency of the broker. The fund's maximum risk of loss due to counterparty credit risk is equal to the margin posted by the fund to the broker plus any gains or minus any losses on the outstanding futures contracts.

**Dollar Roll Transactions** The fund enters into dollar roll transactions, with respect to mortgage-backed securities issued by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac, in which the fund sells mortgage-backed securities to financial institutions and simultaneously agrees to purchase similar (same issuer, type and coupon) securities at a

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later date at an agreed-upon price. During the period between the sale and repurchase in a dollar roll transaction the fund will not be entitled to receive interest and principal payments on the securities sold but is compensated by interest earned on the proceeds of the initial sale and by a lower purchase price on the securities to be repurchased which enhances the fund's total return. The fund accounts for dollar roll transactions as purchases and sales and realizes gains and losses on these 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 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. Some securities may be purchased on a when-issued or forward delivery basis, which means that the securities will be delivered to the fund at a future date, usually beyond customary settlement time. Inflation-indexed bonds are fixed-income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted upward or downward based on the rate of inflation. Interest is accrued based on the principal value, which is adjusted for inflation. Any increase or decrease in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond is generally recorded as an increase or decrease in interest income, respectively, even though the adjusted principal is not received until maturity. Interest payments received in additional securities are recorded on the ex-interest date in an amount equal to the value of the security on such date.

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.

The fund invests a significant portion of its assets in asset-backed and/or mortgage-backed securities. The value of these securities may depend, in part, on the issuer's or borrower's credit quality or ability to pay principal and interest when due and that value 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 purchased or sold debt securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, or in a To Be Announced (TBA) or forward commitment transaction with delivery or payment to occur at a later date beyond the normal settlement period. At the time a fund enters into a commitment to purchase or sell a security, the transaction is

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recorded and the value of the security acquired is reflected in the fund's net asset value. The price of such security and the date that the security will be delivered and paid for are fixed at the time the transaction is negotiated. The value of the security may vary with market fluctuations. TBA securities resulting from these transactions are included in the Portfolio of Investments. TBA purchase commitments are held at carrying amount, which approximates fair value and are categorized as level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. No interest accrues to the fund until payment takes place. At the time that a fund enters into this type of transaction, the fund is required to have sufficient cash and/or liquid securities to cover its commitments. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the underlying securities or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract's terms, or if the issuer does not issue the securities due to political, economic or other factors. Additionally, losses may arise due to declines in the value of the securities prior to settlement date.

To mitigate this risk of loss on TBA securities and other types of forward settling mortgage-backed securities, the fund whenever possible enters into a Master Securities Forward Transaction Agreement (MSFTA) on a bilateral basis with each of the counterparties with whom it undertakes a significant volume of transactions. The MSFTA gives each party to the agreement the right to terminate all transactions traded under such agreement if there is a certain deterioration in the credit quality of the other party. Upon an event of default or a termination of the MSFTA, the non-defaulting party has the right 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 MSFTA 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.

For mortgage-backed securities traded under a MSFTA, the collateral and margining requirements are contract specific. Collateral amounts across all transactions traded under such agreement are netted and one amount is posted from one party to the other to collateralize such obligations. Cash that has been pledged to cover the fund's collateral or margin obligations under a MSFTA, if any, will be reported separately on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as restricted cash. Securities pledged as collateral or margin for the same purpose, if any, are noted in the Portfolio of Investments.

**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's federal tax returns, when filed, will remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a three year period. Management has analyzed the fund's tax positions taken on federal and state tax returns for all open tax years and does not believe that there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of a tax liability. Foreign taxes, if any, have been accrued by the fund in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with the applicable foreign tax law. Foreign income taxes may be withheld by certain countries in which the fund invests. Additionally, capital gains realized by the fund on securities issued in or by certain foreign countries may be subject to capital gains tax imposed by those countries.

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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, distributions of current year 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 of income, expense, gain or loss in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes will reverse at some time in the future.

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

For the six months ended May 31, 2017, the amount of distributions estimated to be a tax return of capital was approximately \$3,063,014 which are reported as distributions from other sources in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets. The tax character of distributions made during the current period will be determined at fiscal year end. The tax character of distributions declared to shareholders for the last fiscal year is as follows:

|  | <b>Year ended</b>   |
|--|---------------------|
|  | <b>11/30/16</b>     |
| Ordinary income (including any short-term capital gains) | \$6,599,348         |
| Tax return of capital (b)                                | 6,745,927           |
| <b>Total distributions</b>                               | <b>\$13,345,275</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:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| <b>As of 5/31/17</b>                       |               |
| Cost of investments                        | \$172,456,958 |
| Gross appreciation                         | 5,709,359     |
| Gross depreciation                         | (5,217,269)   |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | \$492,090     |
| <b>As of 11/30/16</b>                      |               |
| Capital loss carryforwards                 | (884,601)     |
| Other temporary differences                | (2,430,807)   |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | (245,758)     |

The aggregate cost above includes prior fiscal year end tax adjustments, if applicable.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the Act), net capital losses recognized for fund fiscal years beginning after November 30, 2011 may be carried forward indefinitely, and their character is retained as short-term and/or

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long-term losses ( post-enactment losses ). Previously, net capital losses were carried forward for eight years and treated as short-term losses ( pre-enactment losses ). As a transition rule, the Act requires that all post-enactment net capital losses be used before pre-enactment net capital losses. As of November 30, 2016, the fund had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future realized gains as follows:

**Pre-enactment losses which expire as follows:**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| 11/30/17 | \$(129,764) |
| 11/30/18 | (199,149)   |
| Total    | \$(328,913) |

**Post-enactment losses which are characterized as follows:**

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Short-Term | \$(104,117) |
| Long-Term  | (451,571)   |
| Total      | \$(555,688) |

**(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 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 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, 2018. For the six months ended May 31, 2017, the fund's average daily net assets and gross income fees did not meet the thresholds required to waive the management fee under this agreement. The management fee, from net assets and gross income, incurred for the six months ended May 31, 2017 was equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.53% 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 operating expenses, excluding interest, taxes, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and transaction costs, and investment-related expenses, such that total annual 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, 2018. For the six months ended May 31, 2017, the fund's actual operating expenses did not exceed the limit and therefore, the investment adviser did not pay any portion of the fund's expenses related to this agreement.

**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 six months ended May 31, 2017, these fees paid to MFSC amounted to \$10,630.



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**Administrator** MFS provides certain financial, legal, shareholder communications, compliance, and other administrative services to the fund. Under an administrative services agreement, the fund reimburses MFS the costs incurred to provide these services. The fund is charged an annual fixed amount of \$17,500 plus a fee based on average daily net assets. The administrative services fee incurred for the six months ended May 31, 2017 was equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.0215% 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 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 officers or directors of MFS and MFSC.

Prior to December 31, 2001, the fund had an unfunded defined benefit plan ( DB plan ) for independent Trustees. As of December 31, 2001, the Board took action to terminate the DB plan with respect to then-current and any future independent Trustees, such that the DB plan covers only certain of those former independent Trustees who retired on or before December 31, 2001. The DB plan resulted in a pension expense of \$2,178 and is included in Independent Trustees compensation in the Statement of Operations for the six months ended May 31, 2017. The liability for deferred retirement benefits payable to certain independent Trustees under the DB plan amounted to \$26,051 at May 31, 2017, and is included in Payable for independent Trustees compensation in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

**Other** This fund and certain other funds managed by MFS (the funds) have entered into a service agreement (the ISO Agreement) which provides for payment of fees solely by the funds to Tarantino LLC in return for the provision of services of an Independent Senior Officer (ISO) for the funds. Frank L. Tarantino serves as the ISO and is an officer of the funds and the sole member of Tarantino LLC. The funds can terminate the ISO Agreement with Tarantino LLC at any time under the terms of the ISO Agreement. For the six months ended May 31, 2017, the fee paid by the fund under this agreement was \$164 and is included in Miscellaneous expense in the Statement of Operations. MFS has agreed to bear all expenses associated with office space, other administrative support, and supplies provided to the ISO.

The fund invests in the MFS Institutional Money Market Portfolio which is managed by MFS and seeks current income consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity. This money market fund does not pay a management fee to MFS.

**(4) Portfolio Securities**

For the six months ended May 31, 2017, purchases and sales of investments, other than short-term obligations, were as follows:

|  | <b>Purchases</b> | <b>Sales</b> |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| U.S. Government securities                   | \$28,123,975     | \$28,895,313 |
| Investments (non-U.S. Government securities) | \$3,887,747      | \$8,549,420  |

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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 six months ended May 31, 2017 and the year ended November 30, 2016, there were no transactions in fund shares.

**(6) Line of Credit**

The fund and certain other funds managed by MFS participate in a \$1.25 billion unsecured committed line of credit, subject to a \$1 billion sublimit, provided by a syndication of banks under a credit agreement. 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 higher of the Overnight Federal Reserve funds rate or daily one month LIBOR plus an agreed upon spread. 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. In addition, the fund and other funds managed by MFS have established unsecured uncommitted borrowing arrangements with certain banks for temporary financing needs. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, at a rate equal to the Overnight Federal Reserve funds rate plus an agreed upon spread. For the six months ended May 31, 2017, the fund's commitment fee and interest expense were \$626 and \$0, respectively, and are included in Miscellaneous expense in the Statement of Operations.

**(7) Transactions in Underlying Affiliated Funds-Affiliated Issuers**

An affiliated issuer may be considered one in which the fund owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common control. For the purposes of this report, the fund assumes the following to be an affiliated issuer:

| <b>Underlying Affiliated Fund</b>           | <b>Beginning<br/>Shares/Par<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Acquisitions<br/>Shares/Par<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Dispositions<br/>Shares/Par<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Ending<br/>Shares/Par<br/>Amount</b> |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| MFS Institutional Money<br>Market Portfolio | 10,282,023                                 | 21,578,502                                    | (26,260,998)                                  | 5,599,527                               |
| <b>Underlying Affiliated Fund</b>           | <b>Realized<br/>Gain (Loss)</b>            | <b>Capital Gain<br/>Distributions</b>         | <b>Dividend<br/>Income</b>                    | <b>Ending<br/>Value</b>                 |
| MFS Institutional Money<br>Market Portfolio | \$4  | \$  | \$13,784                                      | \$5,599,527                             |

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

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

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of MFS Government Markets Income Trust (the Fund ), including the portfolio of investments, as of May 31, 2017, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets, and financial highlights for the six-month period ended May 31, 2017. These interim financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying interim financial statements and financial highlights referred to above for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the statement of changes in net assets for the year ended November 30, 2016, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended November 30, 2016, and in our report dated January 13, 2017, we expressed an unqualified opinion on such statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

July 14, 2017

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### **PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

MFS votes proxies on behalf of the fund pursuant to proxy voting policies and procedures that are available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-225-2606, by visiting *mfs.com* (once you have selected Individual Investor as your role, click on Individual Investor Home in the top navigation and then select Learn More About Proxy Voting under the I want to header on the left hand column of the page), 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 by August 31 of each year without charge by visiting *mfs.com* (once you have selected Individual Investor as your role, click on Individual Investor Home in the top navigation and then select Learn More About Proxy Voting under the I want to header on the left hand column of the page), 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. A shareholder can obtain the quarterly portfolio holdings report at *mfs.com*. The fund's Form N-Q is also available on the EDGAR database on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>, and may be reviewed and copied at the:

Public Reference Room

Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F Street, NE, Room 1580

Washington, D.C. 20549

Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. Copies of the fund's Form N-Q also may be obtained, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference Section at the above address.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

From time to time, MFS may post important information about the fund or the MFS funds on the MFS web site (*mfs.com*). This information is available by visiting the Market Commentary and Announcements sub sections in the Market Outlooks section of *mfs.com* or by clicking on the fund's name under Closed-End Funds in the Products section of *mfs.com*.

Additional information about the fund (e.g. performance, dividends and the fund's price history) is also available by clicking on the fund's name under Closed-End Funds in the Products section of *mfs.com*.

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INFORMATION ABOUT FUND CONTRACTS AND LEGAL CLAIMS

The fund has entered into contractual arrangements with an investment adviser, administrator, transfer agent, and custodian who each provide services to the fund. Unless expressly stated otherwise, shareholders are not parties to, or intended beneficiaries of these contractual arrangements, and these contractual arrangements are not intended to create any shareholder right to enforce them against the service providers or to seek any remedy under them against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the fund.

Under the Trust's By-Laws and Declaration of Trust, any claims asserted against or on behalf of the MFS Funds, including claims against Trustees and Officers, must be brought in state and federal courts located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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**CONTACT US**

**TRANSFER AGENT, REGISTRAR, AND**

**DIVIDEND DISBURSING AGENT**

**CALL**

1-800-637-2304

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time

**WRITE**

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

P.O. Box 43078

Providence, RI 02940-3078

New York Stock Exchange Symbol: **MGF**

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**ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.**

Effective January 1, 2017, the Code of Ethics (the Code) was amended to (i) clarify that the term for profit company as used in Section II.B of the Code excludes the investment adviser and its subsidiaries and pooled investment vehicles sponsored by the investment adviser or its subsidiaries, (ii) align the Code's provisions regarding receipt of gifts and entertainment in Section II.B of the Code with the gifts and entertainment policy of the Funds' investment adviser, and (iii) make other administrative changes. During the period covered by this report, the Registrant did not grant a waiver, including an implicit waiver, from any provision of the Code.

A copy of the amended Code effective as of January 1, 2017 is filed as an exhibit to this Form N-CSR.

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

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

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

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

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

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

**ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

A schedule of investments for MFS Government Markets Income Trust is included as part of the report to shareholders under Item 1 of this Form N-CSR.

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

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

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

There were no changes during this period.

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| <b>MFS Government Markets Income Trust</b> |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Period</b>                              | <b>(a) Total number<br/>of Shares<br/>Purchased</b> | <b>(b)<br/>Average<br/>Price<br/>Paid per<br/>Share</b> | <b>(c) Total<br/>Number of<br/>Shares<br/>Purchased as<br/>Part of Publicly<br/>Announced<br/>Plans or<br/>Programs</b> | <b>(d) Maximum<br/>Number (or<br/>Approximate<br/>Dollar Value) of<br/>Shares that May<br/>Yet Be Purchased<br/>under the Plans<br/>or Programs</b> |
| 12/01/16-12/31/16                          | 0   | N/A   | 0   | 3,260,111   |
| 1/01/17-1/31/17                            | 0   | N/A   | 0   | 3,260,111   |
| 2/01/17-2/28/17                            | 0   | N/A   | 0   | 3,260,111   |
| 3/01/17-3/31/17                            | 0   | N/A   | 0   | 3,260,111   |
| 4/01/17-4/30/17                            | 0   | N/A   | 0   | 3,260,111   |
| 5/01/17-5/31/17                            | 0   | N/A   | 0   | 3,260,111   |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>0</b>  |   | <b>0</b>  |   |

Note: The Board approved procedures to repurchase shares and reviews the results periodically. The notification to shareholders of the program is part of the semi-annual and annual reports sent to shareholders. These annual programs begin on October 1st 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 (October 1 through the following September 30) to 10% of the Registrant's outstanding shares as of the first day of the plan year (October 1). The aggregate number of shares available for purchase for the October 1, 2016 plan year is 3,260,111.

**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.

**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.



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- (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.

**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. Attached hereto.
  - (2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2): Attached hereto.
  - (3) Notices to Trust's common shareholders in accordance with Investment Company Act Section 19(a) and Rule 19a-1. Attached hereto.
- (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)\* DAVID L. DILORENZO  
David L. DiLorenzo, President

Date: July 14, 2017

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)\* DAVID L. DILORENZO  
David L. DiLorenzo, President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 14, 2017

By (Signature and Title)\* JAMES O. YOST  
James O. Yost, Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer  
and Accounting Officer)

Date: July 14, 2017

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