NOTE 16. CONTINGENCIES

Various parties have made claims against the State in amounts, which in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements of the State. The State recognized $5.7 million as General Government accrued liabilities in the General Fund for pending litigation settlements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. In the opinion of the Attorney General of the State however, the remaining cases are either subject to a valid defense or are not expected to result in an impairment of the State’s financial position. Management believes the settlement in aggregate of claims outstanding will not result in amounts material to the financial statements of the State.

The State receives significant financial assistance from the Federal Government in the form of grants and entitlements. The right to these resources is generally conditioned upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of the resources for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Any disallowances as a result of these audits become a liability of the State. The State does not believe that the liabilities that may result from such audits for periods through June 30, 2003 would have a material effect on its financial position or the results of operations.

The State Lottery has discharged its primary responsibility for payment of annual installments (generally 14 to 20 years) to winners of jackpots greater than $150,000 by purchasing annuities from private insurance companies. The Lottery remains liable for future periodic payments of deferred prize obligations (approximately $18.9 million at June 30, 2003) in the event that the annuity issuers default on their obligations.

NOTE 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On August 14, 2003, the State issued $121.0 million of general obligation bonds. These serial bonds mature between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2023 and bear average interest rates of 3.86%. Proceeds were used to provide funds for capital improvements to various State facilities.

NOTE 18. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

DELDOT Fund

A prior period adjustment was made to record $2,366,000 net bond premium/discount for DELDOT 2001 and 2002 bond issues, restating net assets at June 30, 2002 from $2,803,953,000 to $2,806,319,000.
Component Units

Delaware State Housing Authority

Beginning net assets of the Authority as of June 30, 2002 were restated for prior period adjustments. The adjustments principally relate to reclassification of investments to mortgages receivable and the related write-off of unrealized gains and the write-off of prior year developers contributions. Net assets of the Authority as of June 30, 2002 have been restated from $223,855,000 to $219,131,000.

Delaware Charter Schools

Beginning net assets of the Delaware Charter Schools as of June 30, 2002 were restated for a prior period adjustment. Net assets increased by $5,130,000, resulting from adjustments as the entities were audited for the first time. The majority of the adjustments related to recording capital assets net of related debt. Net assets of the Delaware Charter Schools as of June 30, 2002 were restated from $3,563,000 to $8,693,000.