

Independent Assurance statement to the Directors of Burberry Group PLC

Scope

We have been engaged by Burberry Group PLC (“the Group” and “Burberry”) to perform a ‘limited assurance engagement,’ as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or reviews of Historical Financial Information (ISAE3000 revised¹), here after referred to as the engagement, to report on the Group’s Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) (the “Subject Matter”) presented in the Group’s FY2021/22 Annual Report and Accounts (referred to as “the Report”).

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph, which sets out the scope of our engagement, under this limited assurance engagement we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the Report, and accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on that information.

In preparing the Group’s Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures, Burberry’s management applied the Basis of Reporting as defined on Burberrypc.com (the “Criteria”), which are:

- The TCFD Annex “Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures” (June 2017).
- TCFD Technical Supplement entitled “The Use of Scenario Analysis in Disclosure of Climate-Related Risks and Opportunities” (June 2017)
- The TCFD Fundamental Principles for Effective Disclosures. These seven principles include:
 - Disclosures should represent relevant information
 - Disclosures should be specific and complete
 - Disclosures should be clear, balanced and understandable
 - Disclosures should be consistent over time
 - Disclosures should be comparable among companies within a sector, industry or portfolio
 - Disclosures should be reliable, verifiable and objective
 - Disclosures should be provided on a timely basis.

Burberry’s responsibilities

Burberry’s management is responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the Group’s TCFD in accordance with that Criteria in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the subject matter, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

¹ International Federation of the Accountants’ International Standard for Assurance Engagements (ISAE3000) Revised, Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

EY's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the presentation of the Subject Matter based on the evidence we have obtained.

We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with the *International Federation of Accountants' International Standard for Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ('ISAE 3000 revised'), and the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with Burberry Ltd on 11 May 2022. Those standards require we plan and perform our engagement to obtain assurance with a view to expressing a conclusion that nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter has not been prepared in accordance with the Criteria defined below', in all material respects. We exercise professional judgement, maintain professional scepticism and identify areas where a material misstatement of the Subject Matter information is likely to arise and design and perform procedures to address those risks.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusions.

Description of procedures performed

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

A limited assurance engagement consists principally of applying analytical procedures (where appropriate), making enquiries of persons responsible for the Subject Matter, and performing such other appropriate procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgement and included the steps outlined below:

1. **Interviewed key personnel** within the organisation to understand the reporting process, including management's processes to identify Burberry's material climate-related risks and opportunities.
2. **Evaluated the suitability of the Basis of Reporting** used to prepare the TCFD disclosures and evaluated whether the reporting Criteria have been applied appropriately in relation to TCFD disclosures.
3. **Performed walkthroughs informed by analytical procedures to gain an understanding of the approach to Burberry's scenario analysis** considering the capability of the external specialists who performed the scenario analysis, Burberry inputs, key assumptions, and consistency with the principles and documents specified in the Criteria.

4. **Reviewed the Report** to understand how Burberry's identified material climate related risks and opportunities are reflected in the qualitative disclosures and for consistency of the Subject Matter with the Criteria.

5. For the **non-financial KPIs (Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emission KPIs)** within the TCFD disclosure we engaged with Burberry's non-financial assurance provider to understand the procedures performed and undertook limited additional analytical procedures.

6. **On a sample basis, based on professional judgement, agreed statements** within the disclosures to source information to check the accuracy and reasonableness of these. We also assessed that the sample gave appropriate coverage across Governance, Strategy, Risk Management and Metrics & Targets sections of the TCFD disclosure.

7. **Reviewed the report for the appropriate presentation of assumptions** and cross references to other parts of the Annual Report and Accounts.

Limitations to the procedures performed

A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement. The objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Subject Matter is presented in accordance with the Criteria in all material aspects, in order to express an opinion. Certain matters may not be identified during a limited assurance engagement which may be identified during a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we have not provided a reasonable assurance opinion as part of this engagement.

A limited assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE3000 (revised) in particular does not contemplate testing internal controls, assessing control risk or other procedures ordinarily performed during a reasonable assurance engagement (e.g., assessing fraud risk; testing company's records by obtaining sufficient appropriate evidence through inspection, observation, confirmation, or the review of source documents). Our procedures did not, for example, include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems. The disclosure includes climate-related scenario analysis that is subject to inherent uncertainties given incomplete and evolving scientific and socio-economic knowledge about the possible impact, timing, and likelihood of physical and transition climate-related risks.

Notwithstanding this context in which our assurance conclusion is given, the scenario analysis was performed in conjunction with a third-party provider, who together with Burberry developed modelling to assess the possible impact of the climate-related risks in relation to Burberry's business. EY did not re-perform an assessment of the physical and transition risk modelling used in the preparation and application of the scenario analysis and did not perform an assessment of the underlying IT systems used in their generation.

Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that suggests that the Group's TCFD disclosures for the year ended 2nd April 2022 have not been prepared and presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

Use of our Assurance Statement

We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this assurance report or its conclusions to any persons other than Burberry, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Accordingly, we accept no liability whatsoever, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, to any third party for any consequences of the use or misuse of this assurance report or its conclusions.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have maintained our independence and confirm that we have met the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and have the required competencies and experience to conduct this assurance engagement.

EY also applies International Standard on Quality Control 1, *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements*, and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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