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Washington, D.C. 20549

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF  
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-5078

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MFS GOVERNMENT MARKETS INCOME TRUST

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Susan S. Newton  
Massachusetts Financial Services Company  
500 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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(Name and address of agents for service)

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

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Date of fiscal year end: November 30

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Date of reporting period: May 31, 2005

ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

MFS(R) Mutual Funds

SEMIANNUAL REPORT 5/31/05

MFS(R) GOVERNMENT MARKETS  
INCOME TRUST

A path for pursuing opportunity

M F S (SM)  
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (R)



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As a professional investor for more than 20 years, I've often been asked to name the single most important factor in investment success. My answer is always the same: diversification. At MFS we talk about applying a disciplined diversification(SM) strategy to a portfolio as a three step process: allocate among the major asset classes; diversify within each asset class; and rebalance regularly to avoid unnecessary risk.

Individual investors sometimes assume that the amount they're putting away is too small to allow for diversification. My response would be that a good investment plan, developed with the help of an investment professional, should provide a way to properly diversify your contributions.

Remember that the purpose of diversification is to own investments that historically have not moved in sync with each other - in the hope that, in any given period, underperforming holdings will be somewhat counteracted by other outperforming holdings. If none of your asset classes did badly in the past year or so, you're probably not properly diversified.

Americans today have more of their wealth tied up in the markets than in any previous period of our history, but we are not yet making the most of our opportunities. While neither asset allocation nor diversification can guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, I would voice the opinion that, to a large extent, a failure to have a plan, diversify contributions, and rebalance a portfolio annually has been behind many U.S. investors' failure to reach their long-term financial goals.

For more information on how to apply a disciplined diversification(SM) strategy to your portfolio, I would urge you to contact your own investment professional. You may also want to refer to information on the subject on our Website, MFS.COM.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert J. Manning

Robert J. Manning  
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer  
MFS Investment Management (R)

July 15, 2005

The opinions expressed in this letter are those of MFS, and no forecasts can be guaranteed.

MFS ORIGINAL RESEARCH (R)

A DISCIPLINED INVESTMENT PROCESS

Since 1932 we have built our firm on the philosophy that fundamental, bottom-up Original Research(SM) is the most effective process to take advantage of investment opportunities in capital markets across all asset classes around the world.

From start to finish, here is how the investment process at MFS(R) works:

- o ANALYZE: Our analysts uncover investments one opportunity at a time by developing in-depth, firsthand knowledge of companies.
- o COLLABORATE: Constant communication enables our analysts and portfolio managers to exchange opinions and challenge ideas in a spirit of collaboration.

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- o RECOMMEND: The analysts give "buy" ratings to the securities they believe offer the greatest long-term opportunities.
- o INVEST: Our portfolio managers construct diversified portfolios by taking the analysts' recommendations, drawing on their own experience, and using that combined knowledge to select securities that they believe match their portfolios' investment discipline.
- o ASSESS RISK: MFS' quantitative teams help the managers in their efforts to ensure that the risk levels they assume are appropriate for their portfolios' objectives.
- o MONITOR: The analysts and portfolio managers continue to review the fundamentals of every security in a portfolio in their efforts to ensure it remains a right fit for that particular portfolio.

### FOCUSED ON YOUR GOALS

We believe that bottom-up research is the best way to uncover the factors that drive security prices over the long term and the best way to help investors pursue their long-term financial goals.

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

#### PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE\*

Bonds	91.5%
Cash & Other Net Assets	8.5%

#### BOND MARKET SECTORS\*

Mortgage-Backed Securities	54.0%
U.S. Government Agencies	16.7%
International Bonds	10.5%
Cash and Other Net Assets	8.5%
U.S. Treasury Securities	6.4%
Emerging Market Bonds	3.3%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.5%
Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.1%

#### CREDIT QUALITY OF BONDS\*\*

AAA	94.6%
A	0.4%
BBB	2.0%
BB	1.1%
B	0.4%

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Not Rated 1.5%

### PORTFOLIO FACTS

Average Duration 3.7

Average Life 6.0 yrs.

Average Maturity\*\*\* 14.8 yrs.

Average Credit Quality\*\*\*\* AAA

Average Short-Term Credit Quality A-1

\* For purposes of this graphical presentation, the bond component includes both accrued interest amounts and the equivalent exposure from any derivative holdings, if applicable.

\*\* Each security is assigned a rating from Moody's Investors Service. If not rated by Moody's, the rating will be that assigned by Standard & Poor's. Likewise, if not assigned a rating by Standard & Poor's, it will be based on the rating assigned by Fitch, Inc. For those portfolios that hold a security which is not rated by any of the three agencies, the security is considered Not Rated. Holdings in U.S. Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities, if any, are included in a "AAA"-rating category. Percentages are based on the total market value of investments as of 5/31/05.

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

\*\*\*\* The Portfolio Average Credit Quality rating is based upon a market weighted average of portfolio holdings.

Percentages are based on net assets as of 5/31/05, unless otherwise noted. The portfolio is actively managed, and current holdings may be different.

### MANAGEMENT REVIEW

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

For the six months ended May 31, 2005, the MFS Government Markets Income Trust provided a total return of 2.96%, at net asset value. In comparison, the trust's benchmark, the Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage Index, returned 2.89%. The trust's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income. The trust will attempt to achieve this objective by investing at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. and non-U.S. government securities.

#### MARKET ENVIRONMENT

The U.S. fixed-income market experienced a flattening of the yield curve during the six-month period. (A yield curve for bonds shows the relationship between yield and time to maturity.) The U.S. Federal Reserve Board raised its target federal funds rate four times, continuing its steady drumbeat of quarter-point rate hikes that began on June 30, 2004. But while the Fed seemed committed to a course of gradually raising short-term rates, several factors caused long-term rates to stagnate or retreat.

Job growth, which had shot up in the spring of 2004, ebbed and flowed during the period; uncertainty about the employment situation helped to push down

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yields on longer-dated bonds. Another factor that held long-term rates down was overseas demand for U.S. Treasuries, especially from foreign central banks. However, moderate GDP growth and inflation concerns kept shorter-term interest rates moving up. For the period as a whole, the net effect was a substantial flattening of the yield curve as short-term rates rose significantly while long-term rates were generally flat to down.

### TRUST POSITIONING

MFS Government Markets Income Trust, a closed-end trust, maintains a portfolio primarily consisting of U.S. government and foreign government securities.

A significant portion of the portfolio was invested in U.S. government securities while the remainder was invested in emerging market debt and sovereign debt of foreign governments. The majority of our U.S. holdings were split amongst agencies, mortgage-backed and government securities. Our foreign holdings were allocated across Europe and Pacific Rim nations, excluding Japan. We emphasized European government bonds while avoiding Japan, because we felt that interest rates there were extremely low and the environment provided little potential for growth. Alternatively, we invested in Australia, New Zealand and the U.K.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE

The trust's yield curve exposure aided results relative to the benchmark. Over the period interest rates increased on the short-end of the yield curve (3 months to 5 years) while decreasing on the longer end (10 years to 30 years). In comparison to the index, the trust had a smaller concentration of bonds with maturities less than five years, while a greater portion of the portfolio was invested in bonds with maturities greater than ten years. In this environment, having greater exposure to long term bonds and less exposure to short term bonds contributed to the trust's outperformance over the period. Our positioning in agency related securities and mortgages issued by Fannie Mae generated strong results. Our holdings in European sovereign debt and emerging markets contributed over the period as well.

### DETRACTORS FROM PERFORMANCE

The trust's Japanese and Swedish currency exposure acted as a drag on performance. Over the period, the dollar appreciated against the euro, British pound, and Pacific Rim currencies, which hurt returns of our unhedged foreign denominated bond holdings. During the period, the benchmark benefited from a yield advantage over the trust. The benchmark generated a higher level of income over the period, which negatively impacted performance. Additionally, the trust's positioning in TIPS (treasury inflation protection securities) dampened results.

Respectfully,

/s/ Peter C. Vaream

Peter C. Vaream  
Portfolio Manager

On behalf of the MFS Fixed Income Strategy Group

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indication of trading intent on behalf of any MFS fund. References to specific securities are not recommendations of such securities and may not be representative of any MFS fund's current or future investments.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S PROFILE

Peter C. Vaream is Senior Vice President of MFS Investment Management (R) (MFS(R)) and manages the investment-grade bond, government securities and global governments portfolios of our mutual funds, variable annuities and institutional accounts. He is a member of the MFS Fixed Income Strategy Group.

Peter joined MFS in 1992 and became a portfolio manager in 1993. Previously, he was Vice President in the Fixed Income Department at The First Boston Corp. from 1986 to 1992. Prior to that, he served as a corporate financial analyst.

Peter earned a bachelor's degree in finance from New York University.

All portfolio managers at MFS are supported by an investment staff of over 160 professionals utilizing MFS Original Research(R), a global, company-oriented, bottom-up process of selecting securities.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05

All results are historical. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. More recent returns may be more or less than those shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

### PRICE SUMMARY

	Date	Price
Net asset value	11/30/2004	\$7.43
	5/31/2005	\$7.48
New York Stock Exchange	11/30/2004	\$6.55
	2/04/2005 (high)*	\$6.77
	3/29/2005 (low)*	\$6.40
	5/31/2005	\$6.69

\* For the period from December 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005.

### TOTAL RETURNS VS BENCHMARKS

New York Stock Exchange price**	4.46%
Net asset value**	2.96%
Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage Index	2.89%

\*\* Includes reinvestments of dividends and capital distributions.

### INDEX DEFINITIONS

Lehman Brothers Government/Mortgage Index - measures debt issued by the U.S.

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government as well as mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

### NOTES TO PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The trust's shares may trade at a discount to net asset value. Shareholders do not have the right to cause the trust to repurchase their shares at net asset value. The trust's shares also may trade at a premium to their net asset value.

When trust shares trade at a premium, buyers pay more than the asset value of the underlying trust shares, and shares purchased at a premium would receive less than the amount paid for them in the event of the trust's liquidation. As a result, the total return that is calculated based on the net asset value and New York Stock Exchange price can be different.

The trust's monthly distributions may include a return of capital to shareholders. Distributions that are treated for federal income tax purposes as a return of capital will reduce each shareholder's basis in his or her shares and, to the extent the return of capital exceeds such basis, will be treated as gain to the shareholder from a sale of shares. Returns of shareholder capital have the effect of reducing the trust's assets and increasing the trust's expense ratio.

### KEY RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The portfolio may invest in derivative securities, which may include futures and options. These types of instruments can increase share price fluctuation.

The portfolio invests in foreign and/or emerging markets securities, which are more susceptible to interest rates, currency exchange rates, economic, and political risks.

The portfolio invests in government-guaranteed securities. These guarantees apply to the underlying securities only and not to the prices and yields of the portfolio.

The portfolio can invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in one or more issuers, thereby making it more susceptible to any single economic, political or regulatory occurrence.

Because the portfolio invests in interest bearing securities, its value will be affected by changes in interest rates.

These risks can increase share price volatility.

### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

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

If your shares are in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee,



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you can ask the firm or nominee to participate in the plan on your behalf. If the nominee does not offer the plan, you may wish to request that your shares be re-registered in your own name so that you can participate.

There is no service charge to reinvest distributions, nor are there brokerage charges for shares issued directly by the trust. However, when shares are bought on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise on the open market, each participant pays a pro rata share of the commissions. The automatic reinvestment of distributions does not relieve you of any income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on the distributions.

To enroll in or withdraw from the plan, or if you have any questions, call 1-800-637-2304 any business day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time. Please have available the name of the trust and your account and Social Security numbers. For certain types of registrations, such as corporate accounts, instructions must be submitted in writing. Please call for additional details. When you withdraw from the plan, you can receive the value of the reinvested shares in one of two ways: a check for the value of the full and fractional shares, or a certificate for the full shares and a check for the fractional shares.

### PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (unaudited) - 5/31/05

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

Bonds - 98.7%

ISSUER	PAR AMOUNT	\$ VAL
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U.S. Bonds - 85.2%		
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Agency - Other - 6.0%		
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Financing Corp., 10.7%, 2017	\$ 4,095,000	\$ 6,441,1
Financing Corp., 9.8%, 2018	4,350,000	6,517,7
Financing Corp., 10.35%, 2018	6,820,000	10,648,8
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		\$ 23,607,7
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Asset Backed & Securitized - 0.6%		
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Freddie Mac, 3.108%, 2035	\$ 501,433	\$ 498,7
Prudential Securities Secured Financing Corp., 7.348%, 2013##	1,819,000	2,008,5
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		\$ 2,507,3
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Mortgage Backed - 55.9%		
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Fannie Mae, 6.956%, 2007	\$ 948,671	\$993,2
Fannie Mae, 4.79%, 2012	3,522,804	3,509,7
Fannie Mae, 5%, 2013 - 2019	43,118,454	43,667,2
Fannie Mae, 4.8%, 2013	353,677	360,8
Fannie Mae, 4.845%, 2013	1,034,441	1,059,0
Fannie Mae, 5.06%, 2013	414,084	428,3
Fannie Mae, 4.65%, 2013	975,917	981,1
Fannie Mae, 4.45%, 2014	1,241,327	1,238,5

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Fannie Mae, 4.771%, 2014	2,471,285	2,523,3
Fannie Mae, 4.6%, 2014	496,207	499,7
Fannie Mae, 4.667%, 2014	3,049,329	3,091,6
Fannie Mae, 4.846%, 2014	3,511,490	3,601,1
Fannie Mae, 5.1%, 2014	538,410	559,6
Fannie Mae, 4.62%, 2015	712,083	717,4
Fannie Mae, 4.82%, 2015	967,824	988,5
Fannie Mae, 4.69%, 2015	352,722	357,0
Fannie Mae, 4.85%, 2015	351,952	360,1
Fannie Mae, 4.56%, 2015	640,083	641,9
Fannie Mae, 4.665%, 2015	431,513	435,9
Fannie Mae, 4.7%, 2015	494,932	501,2
Fannie Mae, 4.89%, 2015	347,281	356,3
Fannie Mae, 4.74%, 2015	390,000	393,0
Fannie Mae, 4.375%, 2015	2,742,176	2,735,9
Fannie Mae, 4.925%, 2015	1,387,034	1,430,3
Fannie Mae, 6.5%, 2016 - 2032	15,353,301	15,989,3
Fannie Mae, 6%, 2016 - 2034	18,985,609	19,583,5
Fannie Mae, 5.5%, 2017 - 2034	55,686,163	56,737,0
Fannie Mae, 4.5%, 2019	23,206,648	23,125,4
Fannie Mae, 4.88%, 2020	387,146	396,2
Fannie Mae TBA, 5.5%, 2035	19,408,000	19,668,8
Freddie Mac, 7.5%, 2028	86,746	93,3
Ginnie Mae, 5.5%, 2033	8,634,856	8,829,0
Ginnie Mae, 5%, 2034	3,918,547	3,939,9

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\$219,794,3

### U.S. Government Agencies - 10.4%

Aid to Israel, 0%, 2024	\$ 5,452,000	\$2,190,7
Fannie Mae, 3.41%, 2007	3,945,000	3,898,4
Freddie Mac, 5.05%, 2015	3,680,000	3,728,4
Overseas Private Investment Corp., 0%, 2007	1,747,425	1,752,7
Small Business Administration, 8.875%, 2011	303,396	322,4
Small Business Administration, 6.35%, 2021	1,620,794	1,737,0
Small Business Administration, 6.34%, 2021	1,455,042	1,559,9
Small Business Administration, 6.44%, 2021	1,484,728	1,594,2
Small Business Administration, 6.625%, 2021	1,512,404	1,644,4
Small Business Administration, 4.98%, 2023	925,483	945,2
Small Business Administration, 4.72%, 2024	2,542,157	2,564,1
Small Business Administration, 4.34%, 2024	1,346,029	1,329,4
Small Business Administration, 4.77%, 2024	2,421,964	2,447,6
Small Business Administration, 5.52%, 2024	1,505,395	1,575,6
Small Business Administration, 4.86%, 2024 - 2025	2,889,465	2,929,6
Small Business Administration, 4.87%, 2024	1,591,000	1,614,0
Small Business Administration, 5.11%, 2025	1,427,000	1,464,3
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 6.36%, 2016	1,580,000	1,747,8
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 6.59%, 2016	5,612,000	5,991,8

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\$ 41,038,5

### U.S. Treasury Obligations - 12.3%

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.375%, 2012	\$ 8,400,000	\$9,708,2
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 12%, 2013	3,036,000	3,792,9
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 8.875%, 2017	6,000,000	8,673,0
U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.375%, 2007	7,886,904	8,207,0
U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.625%, 2008###	7,430,794	7,923,3
U.S. Treasury Notes, 2%, 2014	7,674,667	7,941,7
U.S. Treasury STRIPS, 0%, 2016	3,504,000	2,208,0

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			\$ 48,454,4
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Total U.S. Bonds			\$335,402,4
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Foreign Bonds - 13.5%			
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Australia - 0.1%			
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Commonwealth of Australia, 6%, 2017	AUD	640,000	\$ 517,9
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Brazil - 0.4%			
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Federal Republic of Brazil, 8%, 2014		\$ 1,384,803	\$ 1,414,2
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Canada - 1.0%			
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Canada Housing Trust, 4.65%, 2009	CAD	95,000	\$ 79,4
Government of Canada, 5.25%, 2008		\$ 2,735,000	2,862,5
Government of Canada, 5.25%, 2012	CAD	1,170,000	1,018,6
Government of Canada, 4.5%, 2015	CAD	103,000	85,6
			\$ 4,046,3
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Chile - 0.1%			
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HQI Transelec Chile S.A., 7.875%, 2011		\$ 314,000	\$ 359,2
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Finland - 0.9%			
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Republic of Finland, 3%, 2008	EUR	1,804,000	\$2,263,3
Republic of Finland, 5.375%, 2013	EUR	956,000	1,369,3
			\$ 3,632,6
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France - 0.8%			
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Republic of France, 4.75%, 2007	EUR	2,187,000	\$ 2,833,6
Republic of France, 6%, 2025	EUR	106,000	172,5
			\$ 3,006,1
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Germany - 1.8%			
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Federal Republic of Germany, 3.5%, 2008	EUR	4,687,000	\$ 5,973,1
Federal Republic of Germany, 3.75%, 2015	EUR	380,000	487,9
Federal Republic of Germany, 6.25%, 2030	EUR	227,000	388,8
			\$ 6,849,9
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Ireland - 1.0%			
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Republic of Ireland, 4.25%, 2007	EUR	2,520,000	\$ 3,245,5
Republic of Ireland, 4.6%, 2016	EUR	514,000	706,6
			\$ 3,952,2
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Malaysia - 0.2%			
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Petroliam Nasional Berhad, 7.75%, 2015		\$ 537,000	\$ 657,7
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Mexico - 0.7%			
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Petroleos Mexicanos, 9.375%, 2008	\$ 1,072,000	\$ 1,224,2
United Mexican States, 8.125%, 2019	1,040,000	1,269,8
United Mexican States, 8.3%, 2031	128,000	158,0
		\$ 2,652,1
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Netherlands - 0.9%		
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Kingdom of Netherlands, 5.75%, 2007	EUR 1,213,000	\$ 1,583,8
Kingdom of Netherlands, 3.75%, 2009	EUR 1,601,000	2,061,7
		\$ 3,645,6
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New Zealand - 0.8%		
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Government of New Zealand, 7%, 2009	NZD 477,000	\$ 350,7
Government of New Zealand, 6.5%, 2013	NZD 3,668,000	2,713,0
Government of New Zealand, 6%, 2015	NZD 311,000	224,3
		\$ 3,288,1
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Norway - 0.1%		
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Kingdom of Norway, 6.5%, 2013	NOK 1,786,000	\$ 334,8
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Panama - 0.2%		
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Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2023	\$ 38,000	\$ 45,9
Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2029	677,000	825,9
		\$ 871,9
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Qatar - 0.4%		
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State of Qatar, 9.75%, 2030	\$ 990,000	\$ 1,517,1
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Russia - 0.8%		
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Russian Federation, 3%, 2008	\$ 1,474,000	\$ 1,380,2
Russian Federation, 11%, 2018	640,000	939,7
Russian Ministry of Finance, 12.75%, 2028	443,000	787,7
		\$ 3,107,7
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South Africa - 0.5%		
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Republic of South Africa, 9.125%, 2009	\$ 855,000	\$ 992,8
Republic of South Africa, 8.5%, 2017	843,000	1,077,9
		\$ 2,070,8
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Spain - 2.0%		
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Kingdom of Spain, 7%, 2005	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,618,0
Kingdom of Spain, 6%, 2008	EUR 1,166,000	1,572,2
Kingdom of Spain, 5.35%, 2011	EUR 1,899,000	2,672,4
		\$ 7,862,8
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United Kingdom - 0.8%		
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United Kingdom Treasury, 5.75%, 2009	GBP 725,000	\$ 1,399,7

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United Kingdom Treasury, 8%, 2015	GBP	778,000		1,853,4
				\$ 3,253,2
Total Foreign Bonds				\$ 53,041,2
Total Bonds (Identified Cost, \$380,660,293)				\$388,443,6

Repurchase Agreement - 5.5%

ISSUER	PAR AMOUNT	\$ VAL
Morgan Stanley, 3.05%, dated 5/31/05, due 6/01/05, total to be received \$21,446,817 (secured by U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency obligations in a jointly traded account), at Cost	\$21,445,000	\$ 21,445,0
Total Investments (Identified Cost, \$402,105,293) (S)		\$409,888,6

Other Assets, Less Liabilities - (4.2%) (16,385,5

Net Assets - 100.0% \$393,503,0

## SEC Rule 144A restriction.

### All or a portion of the security has been segregated as collateral for an open futures contract  
 (S) As of May 31, 2005, the trust had one security representing \$396,204 and 0.1% of net assets that was fair valued in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees.

TBA = To Be Announced

Abbreviations have been used throughout this report to indicate amounts shown in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. All amounts are stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated. A list of abbreviations is shown below:

- AUD = Australian Dollar
- CAD = Canadian Dollar
- CHF = Swiss Franc
- DKK = Danish Krone
- EUR = Euro
- GBP = British Pound
- NOK = Norwegian Krone
- NZD = New Zealand Dollar
- SEK = Swedish Krona

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

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

AT 5/31/05

ASSETS

Investments, at value (identified cost, \$402,105,293)	\$409,888,622
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Cash	803	
Receivable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts	1,416,012	
Interest receivable	3,579,069	
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Total assets		\$414,884,506
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LIABILITIES		
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Payable for investments purchased	\$20,428,273	
Payable to dividend disbursing agent	78,933	
Payable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts	250,355	
Payable for forward foreign currency exchange contracts subject to master netting agreements	230,548	
Payable for daily variation margin on open futures contracts	34,219	
Payable for treasury shares reacquired	41,033	
Payable to affiliates		
Management fee	23,149	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	23,993	
Administrative fee	682	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	270,240	
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Total liabilities		\$21,381,425
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Net assets		\$393,503,081
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### NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

Paid-in capital	\$416,574,544	
Unrealized appreciation on investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	8,678,418	
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(30,427,640)	
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(1,322,241)	
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Net assets		\$393,503,081
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Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (57,708,786 issued, less 5,104,331 treasury shares)		52,604,455
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Net asset value per share (net assets of \$393,503,081 / 52,604,455 shares of beneficial interest outstanding)		\$7.48
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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Statement of Operations (unaudited)

This statement describes how much your trust received in investment income and paid in expenses. It also describes any gains and/or losses generated by trust operations.

SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05

NET INVESTMENT INCOME

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Interest income	\$9,822,129	
Foreign taxes withheld	(2,449)	
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Total investment income		\$9,819,680
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Expenses		
Management fee	\$1,177,866	
Trustees' compensation	67,625	
Transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs	114,526	
Administrative fee	23,272	
Custodian fee	95,360	
Printing	18,255	
Postage	52,099	
Auditing fees	36,123	
Legal fees	4,523	
Miscellaneous	67,135	
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Total expenses		\$1,656,784
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Fees paid indirectly	(8,507)	
Reduction of expenses by investment adviser	(886)	
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Net expenses		\$1,647,391
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Net investment income		\$8,172,289
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS		
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Realized gain (loss) (identified cost basis)		
Investment transactions	\$2,452,861	
Futures contracts	111,094	
Foreign currency transactions	(377,205)	
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Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions		\$2,186,750
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Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		
Investments	\$ (2,295,720)	
Futures contracts	(100,360)	
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	1,671,478	
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Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation		\$ (724,602)
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Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency		\$1,462,148
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Change in net assets from operations		\$9,634,437
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

This statement describes the increases and/or decreases in net assets resulting from operations, any distributions, and any shareholder transactions.

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	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05 (UNAUDITED)	YEAR 11
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
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FROM OPERATIONS		
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Net investment income	\$8,172,289	\$16,7
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	2,186,750	1,1
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency translation	(724,602)	(1,6
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Change in net assets from operations	\$9,634,437	\$16,1
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DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED TO SHAREHOLDERS		
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From net investment income	\$(8,005,500)	\$(17,9
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TRUST SHARE (PRINCIPAL) TRANSACTIONS		
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Cost of shares reacquired	\$(7,186,637)	\$(13,2
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Total change in net assets	\$(5,557,700)	\$(15,0
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NET ASSETS		
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At beginning of period	\$399,060,781	\$414,0
At end of period (including accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income of \$1,322,241 and \$1,489,030, respectively)	\$393,503,081	\$399,0
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Highlights

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

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05 (UNAUDITED)	YEARS ENDED 11/30		
		2004	2003	2002
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$7.43	\$7.44	\$7.49	\$7.32
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INCOME FROM INVESTMENT



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### OPERATIONS# (S) (S)

Net investment income(S)	\$0.15	\$0.31	\$0.26	\$0.37
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency	0.03	(0.02)	0.02	0.20
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>\$0.18</b>	<b>\$0.29</b>	<b>\$0.28</b>	<b>\$0.57</b>
<b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED TO SHAREHOLDERS</b>				
From net investment income	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.33)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.42)
From paid-in capital	--	--	--	--
<b>Total distributions declared to shareholders</b>	<b>\$ (0.15)</b>	<b>\$ (0.33)</b>	<b>\$ (0.36)</b>	<b>\$ (0.42)</b>
Net increase from repurchase of capital shares	\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.02
Net asset value, end of year	\$7.48	\$7.43	\$7.44	\$7.49
Per share market value, end of year	\$6.69	\$6.55	\$6.71	\$6.77
<b>Total return at market value (%)</b>	<b>4.46++</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>9.31</b>

### Financial Highlights - continued

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 5/31/05 (UNAUDITED)	2004	2003	YEARS ENDED 11/30 2002
<b>RATIOS (%) TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA(S):</b>				
Expenses##	0.85+	0.81	0.79	0.87
Net investment income(S) (S)	4.19+	4.12	3.41	4.98
Portfolio turnover	24	71	108	123
Net assets at end of year (000 Omitted)	\$393,503	\$399,061	\$414,095	\$433,624

(S) Effective June 7, 2004, the investment adviser has voluntarily agreed to reimburse the trust substantially all of Independent Chief Compliance Officer services paid to Tarantino LLC. If the trust, the net investment income per share and the ratios would have been:

Net investment income	\$0.15^	\$0.31^	\$--	\$--
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### RATIOS (%) (TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS):

Expenses##	0.85^+	0.81^	--	--
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Net investment income	4.19 <sup>+</sup>	4.12 <sup>^</sup>	--	--
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(S) (S) As required, effective December 1, 2001, the trust has adopted the provisions of the AICPA for Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on debt securities. The effect of the November 30, 2002 was to decrease net investment income per share by \$0.02, increase net revenues and losses per share by \$0.02, and decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net investment per share, ratios, and supplemental data for periods prior to December 1, 2001 have not been included in presentation.

+ Annualized.

++ Not annualized.

# Per share data are based on average shares outstanding.

## Ratios do not reflect reductions from fees paid indirectly.

^ The reimbursement impact per share amount and the ratios were less than \$0.01 and 0.01%, respectively.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

### (1) BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION

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

### (2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The trust can invest in foreign securities. Investments in foreign securities are vulnerable to the effects of changes in the relative values of the local currency and the U.S. dollar and to the effects of changes in each country's legal, political, and economic environment.

INVESTMENT VALUATIONS - Bonds and other fixed income securities (other than short-term obligations) in the trust's portfolio are valued at an evaluated bid price as reported by an independent pricing service, or to the extent a valuation is not reported by a pricing service, such securities are valued on the basis of quotes from brokers and dealers. Prices obtained from pricing services utilize both dealer-supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data without exclusive reliance upon quoted prices or exchange or over-the-counter prices, since such valuations are believed to reflect more accurately the fair value of such securities. Listed options are valued at the closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the principal exchange on which they are traded. Unlisted options are valued by an independent pricing service or on the basis of quotations obtained from brokers and dealers. Futures contracts are valued at the settlement price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary exchange on which they are traded. Forward foreign currency contracts are valued using spot rates and forward points as reported by an independent pricing source. Short-term obligations with a remaining maturity in excess of 60 days will be valued upon dealer-supplied valuations. All other short-term obligations in the trust's

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portfolio are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value as determined by the Board of Trustees. Investment valuations, other assets, and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are converted each business day into U.S. dollars based upon current exchange rates. When pricing service information or market quotations are not readily available, securities are priced at fair value as determined under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

**REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS** - The trust may enter into repurchase agreements with institutions that the trust's investment adviser has determined are creditworthy. Each repurchase agreement is recorded at cost. The trust requires that the securities collateral in a repurchase transaction be transferred to the custodian in a manner sufficient to enable the trust to obtain those securities in the event of a default under the repurchase agreement. The trust monitors, on a daily basis, the value of the collateral to ensure that its value, including accrued interest, is greater than amounts owed to the trust under each such repurchase agreement. The trust, along with other affiliated entities of Massachusetts Financial Services Company (MFS), may utilize a joint trading account for the purpose of entering into one or more repurchase agreements.

**FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION** - Purchases and sales of foreign investments, income, and expenses are converted into U.S. dollars based upon currency exchange rates prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Gains and losses attributable to foreign currency exchange rates on sales of securities are recorded for financial statement purposes as net realized gains and losses on investments. Gains and losses attributable to foreign exchange rate movements on 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.

**FUTURES CONTRACTS** - The trust may enter into futures contracts for the delayed delivery of securities or currency, or contracts based on financial indices at a fixed price on a future date. In entering such contracts, the trust is required to deposit with the broker, either in cash or securities, an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. Subsequent payments are made or received by the trust each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are recorded for financial statement purposes as unrealized gains or losses by the trust. The trust's investment in futures contracts is designed to hedge against anticipated future changes in interest or exchange rates or securities prices. Investments in interest rate futures for purposes other than hedging may be made to modify the duration of the portfolio without incurring the additional transaction costs involved in buying and selling the underlying securities. Investments in currency futures for purposes other than hedging may be made to change the trust's relative position in one or more currencies without buying and selling portfolio assets. Investments in equity index contracts or contracts on related options for purposes other than hedging, may be made when the trust has cash on hand and wishes to participate in anticipated market appreciation while the cash is being invested. Should interest or exchange rates or securities prices move unexpectedly, the trust may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contracts and may realize a loss.

**FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS** - The trust may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date. Risks may arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar. The trust may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes as well as for non-hedging purposes. For hedging purposes, the trust may enter into

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contracts to deliver or receive foreign currency it will receive from or require for its normal investment activities. The trust may also use contracts in a manner intended to protect foreign currency-denominated securities from declines in value due to unfavorable exchange rate movements. For non-hedging purposes, the trust may enter into contracts with the intent of changing the relative exposure of the trust's portfolio of securities to different currencies to take advantage of anticipated changes. The forward foreign currency exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded as unrealized until the contract settlement date. On contract settlement date, the gains or losses are recorded as realized gains or losses on foreign currency transactions.

**DOLLAR ROLL TRANSACTIONS** - The trust enters into dollar roll transactions, with respect to mortgage backed securities issued by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac, in which the trust sells mortgage backed securities to financial institutions and simultaneously agrees to accept substantially similar (same type, coupon, and maturity) securities at a later date at an agreed-upon price. During the period between the sale and repurchase in a dollar roll transaction the trust 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 trust's total return. The trust accounts for dollar roll transactions as purchases and sales. If certain criteria are met these dollar roll transactions may be considered a financing transaction whereby the difference in the sales price and the future purchase price is recorded as an adjustment to interest income.

**INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INCOME** - Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Some securities may be purchased on a "when-issued" or "forward delivery" basis, which means that the securities will be delivered to the trust at a future date, usually beyond customary settlement time. 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. All discount is accreted for tax reporting purposes as required by federal income tax regulations. Dividends received in cash are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend and interest payments received in additional securities are recorded on the ex-dividend or ex-interest date in an amount equal to the value of the security on such date.

The trust may receive proceeds from litigation settlements involving its portfolio holdings. Any proceeds received are reflected in realized gain/loss in the statement of operations, or in unrealized gain/loss if the security is still held by the trust.

The trust may enter into "TBA" (to be announced) purchase commitments to purchase securities for a fixed unit price at a future date. Although the unit price has been established, the principal value has not been finalized. However, the principal amount of the commitments will not fluctuate more than 0.01%. The trust holds, and maintains until settlement date, cash or high-grade debt obligations in an amount sufficient to meet the purchase price, or the trust may enter into offsetting contracts for the forward sale of other securities it owns. Income on the securities will not be earned until settlement date. TBA purchase commitments may be considered securities in themselves, and involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to settlement date, which is in addition to the risk of decline in the value of the trust's other assets. Unsettled TBA purchase commitments are valued at the current market value of the underlying securities.

The trust may enter into "TBA" (to be announced) sale commitments to hedge its portfolio positions or to sell mortgage-backed securities it owns under delayed delivery arrangements. Proceeds of TBA sale commitments are not

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received until the contractual settlement date. During the time a TBA sale commitment is outstanding, equivalent deliverable securities, or an offsetting TBA purchase commitment deliverable on or before the sale commitment date, are held as "cover" for the transaction.

Legal fees and other related expenses incurred to preserve and protect the value of a security owned are added to the cost of the security; other legal fees are expensed. Capital infusions made directly to the security issuer, which are generally non-recurring, incurred to protect or enhance the value of high-yield debt securities, are reported as additions to the cost basis of the security. Costs that are incurred to negotiate the terms or conditions of capital infusions or that are expected to result in a plan of reorganization are reported as realized losses. Ongoing costs incurred to protect or enhance an investment, or costs incurred to pursue other claims or legal actions, are expensed.

FEES PAID INDIRECTLY - The trust's custody fee is reduced according to an arrangement that measures the value of cash deposited with the custodian by the trust. This amount, for the six months ended May 31, 2005, is shown as a reduction of total expenses on the Statement of Operations.

TAX MATTERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS - The trust's policy is to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute to shareholders all of its net taxable income, including any net realized gain on investments. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is provided.

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The trust distinguishes between distributions on a tax basis and a financial reporting basis and only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits are reported in the financial statements as distributions from paid-in capital. Differences in the recognition or classification of income between the financial statements and tax earnings and profits, which result in temporary over-distributions for financial statement purposes, are classified as distributions in excess of net investment income or net realized gains. Common types of book and tax differences that could occur include differences in accounting for foreign currency transactions, amortization and accretion on debt securities, straddle loss deferrals and wash sales.

The tax character of distributions declared for the years ended November 30, 2004 and November 30, 2003 was as follows:

	11/30/04	11/30/03
Distributions declared from:		
Ordinary income	\$17,946,379	\$20,675,908

As of November 30, 2004, the components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$1,417,714
Capital loss carryforward	(28,360,010)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	5,922,320
Other temporary differences	(3,680,424)

For federal income tax purposes, the capital loss carryforward may be applied against any net taxable realized gains of each succeeding year until the earlier of its utilization or expiration as follows:

### EXPIRATION DATE

November 30, 2005	\$ (7,140,598)
November 30, 2007	(11,594,208)

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November 30, 2008	(5,988,179)
November 30, 2012	(3,637,025)
Total	\$ (28,360,010)

### (3) TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

INVESTMENT ADVISER - The trust has an investment advisory agreement with Massachusetts Financial Services Company (MFS) to provide overall investment advisory and administrative services, and general office facilities. The management fee is computed daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.32% of the trust's average daily net assets and 5.33% of gross investment income. Management fees, from net assets and gross investment income, incurred for the six months ended May 31, 2005 were at an effective rate of 0.60% of average daily net assets on an annualized basis.

The trust pays compensation to its Independent Trustees in the form of a retainer, attendance fees, and additional compensation to Board and Committee chairpersons, and pays no compensation directly to its Trustees who are officers of the investment adviser, or to officers of the trust, all of whom receive remuneration for their services to the trust from MFS. Certain officers and Trustees of the trust are officers or directors of MFS and MFS Service Center, Inc. (MFSC). The trust has an unfunded, defined benefit plan for retired Independent Trustees and an unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for current Independent Trustees. Included in Trustees' compensation is \$967 as a result of the change in the trust's unfunded retirement benefit deferral plan for certain current Independent Trustees and a pension expense of \$33,776 for retired Independent Trustees for the six months ended May 31, 2005.

This trust and certain other MFS funds (the "funds") have entered into a services agreement (the "Agreement") which provides for payment of fees by the funds to Tarantino LLC in return for the provision of services of an Independent Chief Compliance Officer (ICCO) for the funds. The ICCO is an officer of the funds and the sole member of Tarantino LLC. MFS has agreed to reimburse each of the funds for a proportional share of substantially all of the payments made by the funds to Tarantino LLC and also to provide office space and other administrative support and supplies to the ICCO. The funds can terminate the Agreement with Tarantino LLC at any time under the terms of the Agreement.

ADMINISTRATOR - MFS provides certain financial, legal, shareholder communications, compliance, and other administrative services to certain funds for which MFS acts as investment adviser. Under an administrative services agreement between the funds and MFS, MFS is entitled to partial reimbursement of the costs MFS incurs to provide these services, subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees. Each fund is allocated a portion of these administrative costs based on its size and relative average net assets. The trust paid MFS an administrative fee up to the following annual percentage rates of the trust's average daily net assets:

EFFECTIVE DATE	BEGINNING OF PERIOD THROUGH 2/28/05	3/01/05
First \$2 billion	0.01120%	0.01626%
Next \$2.5 billion	0.00832%	0.01206%
Next \$2.5 billion	0.00032%	0.00056%
In excess of \$7 billion	0.00000%	0.00000%

For the six months ended May 31, 2005, the trust paid MFS \$23,272, equivalent to 0.0119% of average daily net assets, to partially reimburse MFS for the costs of providing administrative services.

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TRANSFER AGENT - Included in transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs is a fee paid to MFSC, a wholly owned subsidiary of MFS, for its services as registrar and dividend disbursing agent for the trust. The agreement provides that the trust will pay MFSC an account maintenance fee of no more than \$9.00 and a dividend services fee of \$0.75 per reinvestment. These fees amounted to \$55,536 for the six months ended May 31, 2005. Also included in transfer agent and dividend disbursing costs are out-of-pocket expenses, paid to MFSC, which amounted to \$50,302 for the six months ended May 31, 2005, as well as other expenses paid to unaffiliated vendors.

#### (4) PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

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

	PURCHASES	SALES
U.S. government securities	\$80,444,397	\$63,332,526
Investments (non-U.S. government securities)	\$23,913,351	\$26,805,440

The cost and unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the investments owned by the trust, as computed on a federal income tax basis, are as follows:

Aggregate cost	\$406,731,990
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$6,970,135
Gross unrealized depreciation	(3,813,503)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$3,156,632

#### (5) SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The trust'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 trust of up to 10% annually of its own shares of beneficial interest. The trust repurchased and retired 1,089,600 shares of beneficial interest during the six months ended May 31, 2005 at an average price per share of \$6.60 and a weighted average discount of 11.09% per share.

The trust repurchased and retired 1,993,000 shares of beneficial interest during the year ended November 30, 2004 at an average price per share of \$6.66 and a weighted average discount of 10.38% per share. Transactions in trust shares were as follows:

	Period ended 5/31/05		Year ended 11/30/04	
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT
Treasury shares reacquired	(1,089,600)	\$(7,186,637)	(1,993,000)	\$(13,273,004)

#### (6) LINE OF CREDIT

The trust and other affiliated funds participate in a \$1 billion unsecured line of credit 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, at a rate equal to the Federal Reserve funds rate plus 0.35%. In addition, a commitment fee, based on the average daily, unused portion of the line of credit, is allocated among the participating funds at the end of each calendar quarter. The commitment fee

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allocated to the trust for the six months ended May 31, 2005 was \$1,515, and is included in miscellaneous expense. The trust had no significant borrowings during the six months ended May 31, 2005.

### (7) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The trust trades financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of its investing activities in order to manage exposure to market risks such as interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. These financial instruments include forward foreign currency exchange contracts and futures contracts. The notional or contractual amounts of these instruments represent the investment the trust has in particular classes of financial instruments and does not necessarily represent the amounts potentially subject to risk. The measurement of the risks associated with these instruments is meaningful only when all related and offsetting transactions are considered.

#### Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

SETTLEMENT DATE	CONTRACTS TO DELIVER/RECEIVE	IN EXCHANGE FOR	CONTRACTS AT VALUE	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)
<b>SALES</b>				
6/07/05	AUD	652,204	\$496,847	\$493,134
6/08/05-6/27/05	EUR	21,193,843	27,340,138	26,097,083
7/06/05	GBP	1,719,058	3,261,053	3,121,099
6/08/05	NOK	2,233,378	347,995	346,401
6/08/05	NZD	4,613,594	3,276,349	3,248,653
			-----	-----
			\$34,722,382	\$33,306,370
			=====	\$1,416,012
				=====
<b>PURCHASES</b>				
6/08/05	CHF	1,162,135	\$966,863	\$931,551
7/11/05	DKK	391,346	68,181	64,807
6/08/05-6/27/05	EUR	1,372,531	1,785,325	1,690,370
6/08/05	NOK	6,220,000	986,957	964,732
6/14/05	SEK	15,587,218	2,190,637	2,096,148
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			\$5,997,963	\$5,747,608
			=====	\$(250,355)
				=====

At May 31, 2005 forward foreign currency purchases and sales under master netting agreements excluded above amounted to a net payable of \$230,548 with Merrill Lynch International.

At May 31, 2005, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any commitments under these contracts.

#### Futures Contracts

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRATION	CONTRACTS	POSITION	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)
U.S. Treasury Note 2 Year	September 2005	87	Short	\$(1,718)
U.S. Treasury Note 5 Year	September 2005	54	Short	(1,066)
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				\$ (2,784)
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At May 31, 2005, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any margin requirements under these contracts.

### (8) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On March 31, 2004, MFS settled an administrative proceeding with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regarding disclosure of brokerage allocation practices in connection with MFS fund sales (the term "MFS funds" means the open-end registered management investment companies sponsored by MFS). Under the terms of the settlement, in which MFS neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing, MFS agreed to pay (one dollar) \$1.00 in disgorgement and \$50 million in penalty to certain MFS funds, pursuant to a plan developed by an independent distribution consultant. The brokerage allocation practices which were the subject of this proceeding were discontinued by MFS in November 2003. The agreement with the SEC is reflected in an order of the SEC. The SEC settlement order states that MFS failed to adequately disclose to the Boards of Trustees and to shareholders of the MFS funds the specifics of its preferred arrangements with certain brokerage firms selling MFS fund shares. The SEC settlement order states that MFS had in place policies designed to obtain best execution of all MFS fund trades. As part of the settlement, MFS retained an independent compliance consultant to review the completeness of its current policies and practices regarding disclosure to MFS fund trustees and to MFS fund shareholders of strategic alliances between MFS or its affiliates and broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries who support the sale of MFS fund shares. Pursuant to the SEC order, on July 28, 2004, MFS transferred these settlement amounts to the SEC, and those MFS funds entitled to these settlement amounts accrued an estimate of their pro rata portion of these amounts. The final distribution plan was approved by the SEC on January 21, 2005, and the affected MFS funds received the payment on February 16, 2005.

In addition, in February 2004, MFS reached agreement with the SEC, the New York Attorney General ("NYAG") and the Bureau of Securities Regulation of the State of New Hampshire ("NH") to settle administrative proceedings alleging false and misleading information in certain MFS open-end retail fund ("MFS retail funds") prospectuses regarding market timing and related matters (the "February Settlements"). These regulators alleged that prospectus language for certain MFS retail funds was false and misleading because, although the prospectuses for those funds in the regulators' view indicated that they prohibited market timing, MFS did not limit trading activity in 11 domestic large cap stock, high grade bond and money market retail funds. MFS' former Chief Executive Officer and former President also reached agreement with the SEC in which they agreed to, among other terms, monetary fines and temporary suspensions from association with any investment adviser or registered investment company. These individuals have resigned their positions with, and will not be returning to, MFS and the MFS funds. Under the terms of the February Settlements, MFS and the executives neither admit nor deny wrongdoing.

Under the terms of the February Settlements, a \$225 million pool has been established for distribution to shareholders in certain MFS retail funds, which has been funded by MFS and of which \$50 million is characterized as a penalty. This pool will be distributed in accordance with a methodology developed by an independent distribution consultant in consultation with MFS and the Board of Trustees of the MFS retail funds, and acceptable to the SEC. MFS has further agreed with NYAG to reduce its management fees in the aggregate amount of approximately \$25 million annually over the next five years, and not to increase certain management fees during this period. MFS has also paid an administrative fine to NH in the amount of \$1 million, which will be used for investor education purposes (NH retained \$250,000 and \$750,000 was contributed to the North American Securities Administrators Association's

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Investor Protection Trust). In addition, under the terms of the February Settlements, MFS is in the process of adopting certain governance changes and reviewing its policies and procedures.

Since December 2003, MFS, MFS Fund Distributors, Inc., MFS Service Center, Inc., MFS Corporation Retirement Committee, Sun Life Financial Inc., various MFS funds, certain current and/or former Trustees of these MFS funds, and certain officers of MFS have been named as defendants in multiple lawsuits filed in federal and state courts. The lawsuits variously have been commenced as class actions or individual actions on behalf of investors who purchased, held or redeemed shares of the MFS funds during specified periods, as ERISA actions by participants in certain retirement plan accounts on behalf of those accounts, or as derivative actions on behalf of the MFS funds. The lawsuits relating to market timing and related matters have been transferred to, and consolidated before, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, as part of a multi-district litigation of market timing and related claims involving several other fund complexes (In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation (Alger, Columbia, Janus, MFS, One Group, Putnam, Allianz Dresdner), No. 1:04-md-15863 (transfer began March 19, 2004)). The market timing cases related to the MFS complex are Riggs v. MFS et al., Case No. 04-cv-01162-JFM (direct), Hammerslough v. MFS et al., Case No. 04-md-01620 (derivative) and Anita Walker v. MFS et al., Case No. 1:04-CV-01758 (ERISA). The plaintiffs in these consolidated lawsuits generally seek injunctive relief including removal of the named Trustees, adviser and distributor, rescission of contracts and 12b-1 Plans, disgorgement of fees and profits, monetary damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs and other equitable and declaratory relief. Two lawsuits alleging improper brokerage allocation practices and excessive compensation are pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Forsythe v. Sun Life Financial Inc., et al., No. 04cv10584 (GAO) (a consolidated action) and Marcus Dumond, et al. v. Massachusetts Financial Servs. Co., et al., No. 04cv11458 (GAO)). The plaintiffs in these lawsuits generally seek compensatory damages, punitive damages, recovery of fees, rescission of contracts, an accounting, restitution, declaratory relief, equitable and/or injunctive relief and attorney's fees and costs. The various lawsuits generally allege that some or all of the defendants (i) permitted or acquiesced in market timing and/or late trading in some of the MFS funds, inadequately disclosed MFS' internal policies concerning market timing and such matters (ii) received excessive compensation as fiduciaries to the MFS funds, or (iii) permitted or acquiesced in the improper use of fund assets by MFS to support the distribution of MFS fund shares and inadequately disclosed MFS' use of fund assets in this manner. The actions assert that some or all of the defendants violated the federal securities laws, including the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as well as fiduciary duties and other violations of common law. Insofar as any of the actions is appropriately brought derivatively on behalf of any of the MFS funds, any recovery will inure to the benefit of the MFS funds. In February, March, and April 2005, the defendants filed separate motions to dismiss all claims of the various lawsuits. The parties continue to brief the issues for the courts and various hearing dates have been scheduled. Additional lawsuits based on similar allegations may be filed in the future.

Any potential resolution of these matters may include, but not be limited to, judgments or settlements for damages against MFS, the MFS funds, or any other named defendant. As noted above, as part of the regulatory settlements, MFS has established a restitution pool in the amount of \$225 million to compensate certain shareholders of certain MFS retail funds for damages that they allegedly sustained as a result of market timing or late trading in certain of the MFS retail funds, and distributed \$50 million to affected MFS funds to compensate those funds based upon the amount of brokerage commissions allocated in recognition of MFS fund sales. It is not clear whether these

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amounts will be sufficient to compensate shareholders for all of the damage they allegedly sustained, whether certain shareholders or putative class members may have additional claims to compensation, or whether the damages that may be awarded in any of the actions will exceed these amounts. In the event the MFS funds incur any losses, costs or expenses in connection with such lawsuits, the Boards of Trustees of the affected MFS funds may pursue claims on behalf of such funds against any party that may have liability to the funds in respect thereof.

Review of these matters by the independent Trustees of the MFS funds and their counsel is continuing. There can be no assurance that these regulatory actions and lawsuits, or the adverse publicity associated with these developments, will not result in increased fund redemptions, reduced sales of fund shares, or other adverse consequences to the MFS funds.

While these developments relate to MFS and the MFS' open-end funds, there can be no assurance that these developments, or the adverse publicity associated with these developments, will not result in an increase to the market discount of the MFS closed-end fund shares or other adverse consequences.

### 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 "Trust"), including the portfolio of investments, as of May 31, 2005, and the related statement of operations, changes in net assets, and financial highlights for the six-month period ended May 31, 2005. These interim financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Trust'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 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, 2004, and financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended November 30, 2004, and in our report dated January 21, 2005, we expressed an unqualified opinion on such statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts

July 25, 2005

### RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER MEETING (unaudited) - 5/31/05

At a special meeting of shareholders of MFS Government Markets Income Trust,

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which was held on March 23, 2005, the following actions were taken:

ITEM 1. To elect a Board of Trustees:

NOMINEE	NUMBER OF SHARES	
	AFFIRMATIVE	WITHHOLD AUTHORITY
Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D.	43,737,265.161	1,741,484.164
David H. Gunning	43,798,236.826	1,680,512.499
William R. Gutow	43,718,184.446	1,760,564.879
Michael Hegarty	43,772,030.008	1,706,719.317
J. Atwood Ives	43,728,076.991	1,750,672.334
Amy B. Lane	43,769,581.032	1,709,168.293
Robert J. Manning	43,799,702.404	1,679,046.921
Lawrence T. Perara	43,786,374.766	1,692,374.559
Robert C. Pozen	43,784,322.522	1,694,426.803
J. Dale Sherratt	43,776,155.566	1,702,593.759
Laurie J. Thomsen	43,772,997.643	1,705,751.682

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND INFORMATION

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

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

### QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO DISCLOSURE

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

Public Reference Room  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549-0102

Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. The trust's Form N-Q is available on the EDGAR database on the Commission's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov>, and copies of this information 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.

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION AND NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### INVESTOR INFORMATION

Transfer Agent, Registrar and Dividend Disbursing Agent

Call 1-800-637-2304 any business day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time

Write to: State Street Bank and Trust Company  
c/o MFS Service Center, Inc.  
P.O. Box 55024  
Boston, MA 02205-5024

#### NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS

As of May 31, 2005, our records indicate that there are 5,199 registered shareholders and approximately 20,944 shareholders owning trust shares in "street" name, such as through brokers, banks, and other financial intermediaries.

If you are a "street" name shareholder and wish to directly receive our reports, which contain important information about the trust, please write or call:

State Street Bank and Trust Company  
c/o MFS Service Center, Inc.  
P.O. Box 55024  
Boston, MA 02205-5024  
1-800-637-2304

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (R)

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#### ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

The Registrant has amended its Code of Ethics to reflect that the Registrant's Principal Financial Officer has changed.

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

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

Not applicable for semi-annual reports.

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

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

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PERIOD	(A) TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED	(B) AVERAGE PRICE PAID PER SHARE	(C) TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED AS PART OF PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PLANS OR PROGRAMS	(D) MAXIMUM (OR APPROXIMATE) DOLLAR VALUE OF SHARES THAT MAY BE PURCHASED UNDER THE PLANS
12/1/04-12/31/04	212,400	\$6.60	212,400	3,850,000
1/1/05-1/31/05	152,900	\$6.69	152,900	3,700,000
2/1/05-2/28/05	60,000	\$6.73	60,000	3,640,000
3/1/05-3/31/05	291,600	\$6.53	291,600	5,030,000
4/1/05-4/30/05	251,400	\$6.54	251,400	4,780,000
5/1/05-5/31/05	121,300	\$6.67	121,300	4,660,000
TOTAL	1,089,600	\$6.60	1,089,600	

Note: The Board of Trustees approves procedures to repurchase shares annually. The notification to shareholders of the program is part of the semi-annual and annual reports sent to shareholders. These annual programs begin on March 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 (March 1 through the following February 28) to 10% of the Registrant's outstanding shares as of the first day of the plan year (March 1). The aggregate number of shares available for purchase for the March 1, 2005 plan year are 5,326,876.

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 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14A.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

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

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.

(1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Code of Ethics attached hereto.

(2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2): Attached hereto.

(3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the Act sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the Registrant to 10 or more persons. Not applicable.

(b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)), Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference: Attached hereto.

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)\* ROBERT J. MANNING

Robert J. Manning, President

Date: July 25, 2005

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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)\* ROBERT J. MANNING

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Robert J. Manning, President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: July 25, 2005

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By (Signature and Title)\* MARIA F. DWYER

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Maria F. Dwyer, Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer)

Date: July 25, 2005

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