

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

March 10, 2017

Mail Stop 4720

Via E-mail
Kenneth A. Lewis
Chief Financial Officer
Franklin Resources, Inc.
One Franklin Parkway
San Mateo, CA 94403

**Re:** Franklin Resources, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Filed November 14, 2016

File No. 001-09318

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hugh West

Hugh West Accounting Branch Chief Office of Financial Services