

RE: Change on the Horizon: Ontario Pension Plan Funding Reform is Coming Soon

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Attachments: Ontario Prepares an Overhaul of Pension Funding Obligations - Bloomberg.pdf (110.22 kB)

Hi Marianne,

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you! The team has prepared the following response:

The reform of the framework for defined benefit plans will not change funding rules for jointly sponsored pension plans that have a solvency funding exemption. This includes all public sector JSPPs. This was explicitly noted in the May JEP deck.

Statements to this effect were included in Q&As prepared for the May announcement of the new framework, but statements regarding JSPPs were neither referenced in the government's news release or backgrounder released on May 19 nor on the Ministry's website on the solvency funding review.

The information was communicated verbally to stakeholders by phone including calls made as part of the pre-announcement outreach. This included calls to the SFR Stakeholder Reference Group members that participated on the call (including representatives from Hicks Morley and Koskie Minsky), Allan Shapira and Cameron Hunter.

- o The assertion that the province has not provided information originated with Hicks Morley.
- o Elizabeth Brown of Hicks Morley (at the time) participated on the May 18, 2017 call to Stakeholder Reference Group members and asked whether the reforms would apply to JSPPs. She was told that they would not. She left Hicks Morley in August 2017.

Ministry representatives informed BPS plans such as HOOP and OTPP at meetings.

At least one news organization, Bloomberg (see attached), reported that these plans would not be affected, stating, "UNAFFECTED: Jointly funded defined-benefit giants like Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan, Ontario Public Service Employees Union".

Please let us know if you need anything further.

Thanks!
Catherine

From: Nguyen, Marianne (MOF)
Sent: September 19, 2017 6:12 PM
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No worries, thanks!

From: Mah, Catherine (MOF)
Sent: September-19-17 6:07 PM

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Hi Marianne,

Apologies for the delay, we will provide a formal response tomorrow (we were looking around for materials to confirm!)

Thanks for your patience,
Catherine

From: Nguyen, Marianne (MOF)
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Hit send too soon.

“The government has not provided any details regarding potential changes to jointly sponsored pension plans, nor has the government conclusively confirmed that there will be no changes to the funding rules applicable to such plans.”

My understanding is we have confirmed no changes to JSPPs at least verbally and there are no plans for amendments. Correct?

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<https://hicksmorley.com/2017/09/19/change-on-the-horizon-ontario-pension-plan-funding-reform-is-coming-soon/>

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