Net vs. Total Debt QA

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Here's a Q&A based on Gadi's email yesterday. Let me know if you'd like to add to it, otherwise I can flip to Kyle for inclusion with the bigger package.

Q: How can the accumulated deficit and net debt increase by $10.7B without causing an increase in total debt?

A: **Total debt** is cash based – it is how much money we've borrowed and is owed to our creditors. **Net debt** takes into account the difference between our financial assets and liabilities, whether they are cash or not. The province has changed the valuation of a financial asset by reducing the pension asset by $10.7 billion, but because there is no cash involved in that valuation, the total debt does not change.

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