RE: Pension asset accounting

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Thanks Karen….that's what I meant to say with my question (sorry if I wasn't clear)…. That they were looking for the potential for it to change forecast to forecast (i.e. Budget – interim) over the past few years.

Don't think the data we got from Cindy does that but we'll build the data she did provide into the deck, and await the analysis once OPCD has a chance to run those numbers (maybe a backpocket for Monday if not ready tomorrow).

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From: Hughes, Karen (TBS)
Sent: October-20-16 8:39 PM
To: Schuurman, Tim (MOF); Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
Subject: Re: Pension asset accounting

Hi, just to clarify I think the question was about the variability in the expense over the last 5 years. Tim, I think everyone is aware there are a lot of factors go into the calculation. I think Mike is looking for the estimate of how much it might vary once it is recalculated come December or January.

Thanks

Karen

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Schuurman, Tim (MOF)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 7:27 PM
To: Veinot, Cindy (TBS); Hughes, Karen (TBS)
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Not sure we have the data….Pauline would have all that data.

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From: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
Sent: October-20-16 7:04 PM
To: Schuurman, Tim (MOF); Hughes, Karen (TBS)
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OK – If you have data, send it along and I'll see if I can find someone to look at it.

From: Schuurman, Tim (MOF)
Sent: October-20-16 7:03 PM
To: Veinot, Cindy (TBS); Hughes, Karen (TBS)
Subject: Re: Pension asset accounting

OK thanks Cindy. If you didn't hear what I heard then I may not have understood the question. We have too much on the go with the deck right now so we won't be able to do any analysis of this ourselves.

Tim

From: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 6:53 PM
To: Schuurman, Tim (MOF); Hughes, Karen (TBS)
Subject: RE: Pension asset accounting

Just thinking about this – I think for Teachers', this comparison is available in the budget data – looks like table 3.23 in the 2016 budget. That has a separate line for the Teachers' pension expense. I'm not sure how you keep that information for prior years, but if you have the prior year excel files, it shouldn't be too much work for Teachers.

Cindy

From: Schuurman, Tim (MOF)
Sent: October-20-16 6:03 PM
To: Hughes, Karen (TBS); Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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Thanks Cindy for helping us with this information, but I also heard a request for abit of a different set of numbers as well.

Wasn't one of the questions getting at the variation from forecast to actual when it comes to the pension piece? I.e., the numbers we are carrying right now could change due to a variety of factors, not simply because of accounting changes, but because the performance in the funds, etc., that will change from forecast to actual. This just shows what happens if we took on the accounting change historically - -but doesn't speak to the variability of the forecast.

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From: Birks, Ryan (MOF)
Sent: October-20-16 5:46 PM
To: McGrath, Tara (MOF); Lindquist, Emma (MOF)
Cc: Esmail, Selena (MOF); Schuurman, Tim (MOF)
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FYI, OPCD table on the fiscal impact of pension assets.

From: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Sent: October-20-16 5:36 PM
To: Esmail, Selena (MOF)
Cc: Laughton, Patrick (TBS); Arbabzadeh, Nina (TBS); Birks, Ryan (MOF); Fong, Pauline (TBS)
Subject: RE: Pension asset accounting

Hi Selena

Please see attached for the information requested on pension assets.

Any questions please let us know.

Thanks,
Sarah

From: Laughton, Patrick (TBS)
Sent: October-20-16 2:11 PM
To: Fong, Pauline (TBS)
Cc: Hosick, Sarah (TBS); Arbabzadeh, Nina (TBS); Birks, Ryan (MOF); Esmail, Selena (MOF)
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And this would be pension expense I believe, consistent with approach on Slide 5.

From: Laughton, Patrick (TBS)
Sent: October-20-16 2:07 PM
To: Fong, Pauline (TBS)
Cc: Hosick, Sarah (TBS); Arbabzadeh, Nina (TBS); Birks, Ryan (MOF); Esmail, Selena (MOF)
Subject: FW: Pension asset accounting

Hi Pauline –

There's been a bit of back and forth on this so just copying everyone here to make sure we're on the same page.

My understanding is that a table on pension asset variance over the years was requested as back pocket but not for inclusion in the deck itself. For the deck there would be a foot note/bullet that explains the range over that duration of time per Selena's note below. Others please jump in if I've mischaracterized.

Hope this helps.

P.

From: Laughton, Patrick (TBS)

Sent: October-20-16 1:55 PM
To: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Cc: Arbabzadeh, Nina (TBS); Birks, Ryan (MOF)
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This is further to the note Nina sent via Maria.

As you can see, Office of the Budget keen to get this soon – thanks for your help!

From: Esmail, Selena (MOF)
Sent: October-20-16 1:47 PM
To: Laughton, Patrick (TBS)
Cc: Birks, Ryan (MOF)
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Hi P – in the regroup just now MJ asked that we include a note on the pension asset valuation variation over the last 5-10 years just so that there is clarity that there has been a range of swings in the past and its not like a linear increase.

We would include the note in slide 5 of the deck (which I reattached). Cindy mentioned that this information was available. Could you pls send it along to us asap so that we can include?

Thanks so much and pls let me know if you have any questions.