RE: Request for Information on Pension Assets

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Karen,

This looks like it responds fully to our request. So.. thanks very much!

My one initial question would be that the pension cost (expense less contributions) is now about $1.2b lower than estimated in the 2016 FES for 2018-19.

I assume this is just a reflection of the updated accounting calculations, but we'd be interested to understand the main factor(s) behind this change.

Regards,

David W.

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As requested, the response is attached here to the original correspondence.

Happy to discuss tomorrow if you have additional questions.

Karen

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Hi Cindy, Karen:

Thanks for this. We'll review and let you know if we would like to meet to discuss any follow-up questions.

Additionally, as we discussed on Friday, will you be able to provide updated estimates for the pension adjustment values over the outlook (consistent with upcoming budget plan)? That is, estimates for pension expense and pension contributions.

As I indicated on Friday, we will require this information for our work. I can begin the process of providing a formal information request from our Officer to the Deputy, if you think that will be necessary.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks again.

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Hi David,

Attached is a briefing deck that explains the valuation allowances taken on OTPP and OPSEUPP in connection with the 2016 FES. I believe this will be helpful in further explaining how the change in a pension asset is calculated.

Let me know if you would like someone to walk you and/or your team through it.

Regards,

Cindy