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Briefing Note

Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel Status Update

Issue:

Provide an update on the strategy to complete the HOOPP and CAATPP supplemental report.

Current Status:

- The Ministry is currently conducting research into the government's control/influence of HOOPP and CAATPP as the government is not a sponsor of these plans.
- The Chair advised that to complete the analysis for the supplemental report, she requires the full panel to be available for discussions.
- Panel member with legal expertise is not available until March 8th.
- One panel member is not available for two weeks starting the week of February 13th.
- The Chair believes that the supplemental report can be completed fairly quickly after March 8th. The main points regarding pension asset accounting have already been addressed in the Panel's OPSEUPP and OTPP report. The panel needs to discuss the "control" aspect of HOOPP and CAATPP.
- The risk is that the supplemental report will not be completed by March 31, 2017, the end of the appointments. The potential impacts are: (a) no budget allocation for the panel for 2017-2018, (b) approval by Treasury Board to extend the Panel's appointment, (c) the process to extend the appointment of the panel to 2017 – 2018, and (d) potential implications on the 5-year budgeting process (accounting treatment if the plans are in an asset position).
- An option, with Chair approval, is to obtain separate legal advice regarding HOOPP and CAATPP during the absence of the legal expert panel member. The advice would be discussed with the legal expert panel member after March 8 to confirm agreement with the recommendations.

Next Steps:

To obtain direction regarding the completion of the supplemental report.

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