Background and Purpose of this Paper

1. In November 2009 the Board published the exposure draft *Financial Instruments: Amortised Cost and Impairment* (the ED). The 8-month comment period ended on 30 June 2010. Through 13 July 2010 we have received 177 letters. The staff along with some Board Members also undertook significant outreach activities during the comment period.

2. The outreach activities included the IASB (together with the FASB) setting up an Expert Advisory Panel (EAP) consisting of credit risk experts to consider the operational issues arising from the Expected Cash Flow Approach in the ED.

3. Also, the IASB outreach included targeted outreach with users of financial statements. This included individual meetings, group meetings and a user questionnaire. A separate paper will be brought to the Board at a later meeting to discuss the user feedback specifically.

4. The Staff has prepared two papers to present to the Board this meeting:
   
   (a) Agenda Paper 9A – Comment Letter Summary: This paper provides a summary analysis of the comment letters that were received by the comment letter deadline, and identifies the main themes in the comment letters. As the re-deliberations move forward, we will provide more detailed analysis of the comments received.
(b) Agenda Paper 9B – Amortised Cost and Impairment – Expert Advisory Panel: This paper and its appendix provide a summary and inform the Board of the EAP discussions. We will walk through each of the specific operational issues identified in the paper with the Board during this meeting.

5. Neither of the two papers asks the Board for any decisions, nor do they provide any quantitative review of responses received.