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INFORMATION FOR OBSERVERS

Board Meeting: 18 September 2008, London
Project: Insurance Contracts
Subject: Cover note (Agenda paper 14)

Agenda papers for this meeting

1 We have prepared the following agenda papers for this meeting:

Agenda Paper No.	Title	Objective
14	Cover note	Outlines objectives for this meeting and the next steps.
14A	Fulfilment value	Provides an overview of input by respondents to give the Board more understanding of what constituents are aiming for with fulfilment value.
14B	Comparison between current exit value, current fulfilment value and value in use	Provides a tabular comparison between the key features of current exit value, current fulfilment value and value in use.
14C	Project planning	Outlines the items to be discussed and the time line for discussing those items.

Objective of this meeting

- 2 In February 2008, staff presented an overview of high-level responses to the discussion paper (DP) *Preliminary Views on Insurance Contracts* and also discussed an overview of two issues identified in many of the responses:
 - (a) Accounting for the whole contract
 - (b) Settlement value as a candidate measurement attribute
- 3 In agenda paper 14A staff provides an overview of input from respondents to give the Board, by means of an Education Session, more understanding of what constituents are aiming for with fulfilment value and how respondents would define such a notion. Agenda paper 14A explains why the staff prefers the term ‘fulfilment value’ over ‘settlement value’ as a label for what constituents are probably aiming for.
- 4 The overview in agenda paper 14A is supported by a tabular comparison between current exit value, current fulfilment value and value in use in agenda paper 14B.

Next steps

- 5 In October 2008, we plan to present a list of measurement attribute candidates to the Board and discuss what the main features of those measurement attributes are as part of an Education Session. We will then seek feedback from the Insurance Working Group meeting in November 2008.
- 6 At a subsequent meeting, we will ask the Board to reach a conclusion on the measurement attribute and the main features of the selected measurement attribute.
- 7 In November 2008, staff intends to start discussing policyholder behaviour and policyholder participation, with at the centre of the debate the question whether an insurer should account for individual rights and obligations under the contract or account for the whole contract (unit of account).
- 8 This timing is consistent with the tech plan presented at the June IASB meeting.