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Project	Matters arising from the IFRS Interpretations Committee		
Paper topic	Cover note		
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## Introduction

1. This paper provides an overview of the matters arising from the IFRS Interpretations Committee (the Interpretations Committee) that seek the IASB's guidance for the way going forward. The IASB will discuss three issues at this meeting.

## Overview of each issue

2. **Agenda Paper 9A: IAS 19 *Employee Benefits*—Discount rate.**
  - (a) The Interpretations Committee requested the staff to consult with the IASB:
    - (i) to confirm that the underlying principle for the determination of the discount rate is set out in paragraph 84 of IAS 19 (2011), and is described as “the discount rate reflects the time value of money but not the actuarial or investment risk”;
    - (ii) to provide clarity about this sentence in paragraph 84;
    - (iii) to ask whether this sentence in paragraph 84 means that the objective for the discount rate for post-employment benefit obligations should be a risk-free rate; and

- (iv) to confirm that IAS 19 should be amended to clarify that when government bonds are used to establish the discount rate in the absence of HQCBs, those government bonds used must themselves be high quality.

3. **Agenda Paper 9B:** IAS 19—Narrow scope amendment—Measurement of the net DBO for post-employment benefit plans with employee contributions

- (a) The Interpretations Committee proposes a narrow scope amendment to IAS 19 to clarify that:

- (i) contributions from employees or third parties that are linked solely to the employee's service rendered in the same period in which they are paid (eg if the contributions are a fixed percentage of salary throughout the entire period of the employment) are treated as a reduction in short-term employee benefit cost and accounted for in that same period.

4. **Agenda Paper 9C:** *Disclosures—Transfers of Financial Assets* (Amendments to IFRS 7)—Continuing Involvement

- (a) The Interpretations Committee would like the IASB to consider clarifying the requirements for continuing involvement in paragraphs 42C of IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.