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Standard-setting and Related Projects			
Management Commentary			
The project objective is to revise and update the IFRS Practice Statement <i>Management Commentary</i> .	The IPSASB should monitor progress on this project and consider any outputs in relation to RPG 2, <i>Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis</i> .	The expected output is an Exposure Draft. An ED is expected H1 2020.	
Primary Financial Statements			
The Board is developing targeted improvements to the structure and content of the primary financial statements, with a focus on the statement(s) of financial performance.	The IPSASB should monitor progress on this project and consider any outputs in relation to IPSAS 1, <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> .	The expected output is a Discussion Paper or Exposure Draft. A DP or ED is expected H1 2019.	

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Rate-regulated Activities			
An IASB project to consider whether IFRSs should require entities operating in rate-regulated environments to recognize assets and liabilities arising from the effects of rate regulation.	There is no direct impact on current IPSASs.	<p>Interim IFRS: An ED was issued on 25 April 2013 with a consultation period to 4 September 2013.</p> <p><i>IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts</i> was issued in January 2014. This standard allows first-time adopters to continue to account for regulatory deferral accounts in its first IFRS financial statements in accordance with its previous GAAP, with limited changes primarily related to presentation.</p> <p>Comprehensive Project: A DP was issued on 17 September 2014 with a comment period to 15 January 2015. A DP or ED is expected H2 2019.</p>	

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Business Combinations under Common Control			
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Disclosure Initiative: Principles of Disclosure			
Amendments to IAS 1 The project is part of the disclosure initiative that looks to address the concerns expressed about existing presentation and disclosure requirements and to ensure entities are able to use judgement when preparing their financial statements. This project has multiple streams looking at different disclosure issues, at different stages of development.	Potential implications for IPSAS 1, <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> .	An ED, <i>Disclosure Initiative: Proposed Amendments to IAS 1</i> was issued on 25 March 2014 with a consultation period to 23 July 2014. A DP was issued in March 2017 with a consultation period to 2 October 2017. The discussion paper feedback is expected in Q1 2018. An ED regarding changes in accounting policies and estimates is expected after 6 months. An ED, <i>Application of Materiality to Financial Statements</i> was issued on 28 October 2015 with a consultation period to 26 February 2016. A Project Summary is expected Q1 2019	
Discount Rates			
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Dynamic Risk Management			
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Extractive Activities			
<p>The Board is gathering evidence to help decide whether to start a project to develop proposals to replace IFRS 6 <i>Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i>.</p>	<p>There is no equivalent IPSAS.</p>	<p>A Review Research is expected, but no expected date has been communicated.</p>	

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Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity			
The IASB research is currently investigating potential improvements to the classification of liabilities and equity in IAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i> , including investigating potential amendments to the definitions of liabilities and equity in the <i>Conceptual Framework</i> ; and to the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments with characteristics of equity, irrespective of whether they are classified as liabilities or equity.	The IASB research is currently investigating potential improvements to the classification of liabilities and equity in IAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i> , including investigating potential amendments to the definitions of liabilities and equity in the <i>Conceptual Framework</i> ; and to the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments with characteristics of equity, irrespective of whether they are classified as liabilities or equity.	<p>The IASB research is currently investigating potential improvements to the classification of liabilities and equity in IAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i>, including investigating potential amendments to the definitions of liabilities and equity in the <i>Conceptual Framework</i>; and to the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments with characteristics of equity, irrespective of whether they are classified as liabilities or equity.</p> <p>A DP was published in June 2018.</p> <p>A DP Feedback is expected Q1 2019.</p>	The IASB research is currently investigating potential improvements to the classification of liabilities and equity in IAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i> , including investigating potential amendments to the definitions of liabilities and equity in the <i>Conceptual Framework</i> ; and to the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments with characteristics of equity, irrespective of whether they are classified as liabilities or equity.

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Goodwill and Impairment			
<p>The objective of this research project is to consider how to address the following three areas of focus identified in the Post-implementation Review of IFRS 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether changes should be made to the existing impairment test for goodwill and other non-current, non-financial assets; - Subsequent accounting for goodwill (including the relative merits of an impairment-only approach and an amortization and impairment approach); and - The extent to which other intangible assets should be separated from goodwill. 	<p>The objective of this research project is to consider how to address the following three areas of focus identified in the Post-implementation Review of IFRS 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether changes should be made to the existing impairment test for goodwill and other non-current, non-financial assets; - Subsequent accounting for goodwill (including the relative merits of an impairment-only approach and an amortization and impairment approach); and - The extent to which other intangible assets should be separated from goodwill. 	<p>The objective of this research project is to consider how to address the following three areas of focus identified in the Post-implementation Review of IFRS 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether changes should be made to the existing impairment test for goodwill and other non-current, non-financial assets; - Subsequent accounting for goodwill (including the relative merits of an impairment-only approach and an amortization and impairment approach); and - The extent to which other intangible assets should be separated from goodwill. <p>A DP or ED is expected, but no expected date has been communicated.</p>	<p>The objective of this research project is to consider how to address the following three areas of focus identified in the Post-implementation Review of IFRS 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether changes should be made to the existing impairment test for goodwill and other non-current, non-financial assets; - Subsequent accounting for goodwill (including the relative merits of an impairment-only approach and an amortization and impairment approach); and - The extent to which other intangible assets should be separated from goodwill.

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IBOR Reform and the Effects on Financial Reporting			
The objective of this project is to monitor developments in discontinuing interest rate benchmarks (such as LIBOR, EURIBOR and TIBOR) and determine whether there are any implications for the existing accounting requirements and whether that the Board might want to take any actions.	It could have impact in IPSAS 41, <i>Financial Instruments</i>	The IASB added this project to its active research agenda in June 2018. The IASB will decide on project direction in December 2018.	
Pension Benefits that Depend on Asset Returns			
The Board is gathering evidence to help decide whether to start a project to develop proposals for targeted amendments to the requirements for defined benefit plans in IAS 19 Employee Benefits. The amendments would relate to employee benefits that depend on the return on a specified pool of assets.	It could have impact in IPSAS 39, <i>Employee Benefits</i> .	The IASB added this project to its active research agenda in September 2018. A Review Research is expected H2 2019.	

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Implementation—Narrow Scope Amendments			
Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8)			
A project to make narrow-focus amendments to IAS 8, <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> .	Potential impact on IPSAS 3, <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> .	An ED was issued in September 2017 with a consultation period to 15 January 2018. Feedback to the ED is expected in March 2018. The IASB will decide on project direction in December 2018.	
Accounting Policy Changes (Amendments to IAS 8)			
A project to make narrow-focus amendments to IAS 8, <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> to address challenges posed by the requirements for voluntary changes, particularly those that result from agenda decisions by the IFRS Interpretations Committee.	Potential impact on IPSAS 3, <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> .	An ED was published on 27 March 2018 with a consultation period to 27 July 2018. An ED Feedback is expected in December 2018.	

Availability of a Refund (Amendments to IFRIC 14)			
<p>In some circumstances, a company with a defined benefit plan can recognize an asset if the plan has a surplus. The recognition and measurement of that asset depends on whether any economic benefits from the plan are available to the company.</p> <p>The proposed amendments to IFRIC 14 <i>IAS 19 The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction</i> clarify how a company determines the economic benefits available in the form of a refund from a plan when other parties (such as trustees) have rights to make particular decisions about the plan.</p>	<p>IPSAS 39, <i>Employee Benefits</i></p>	<p>The IASB has proposed amending IFRIC 14 to clarify the accounting when other parties have rights to make particular decisions about a company's defined benefit plan.</p> <p>An IFRS amendment is expected. However, an expected date has not been communicated.</p>	

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1)			
A project to identify the information requirements of users regarding the reporting of debt.	A project to identify the information requirements of users regarding the reporting of debt.	A project to identify the information requirements of users regarding the reporting of debt. An IFRS Amendment is expected, but no expected date has been communicated.	
Costs Considered in Assessing whether a Contract is Onerous (Amendments to IAS 37)			
In July 2018 the Board decided to undertake narrow-scope standard-setting to clarify the meaning of the term 'unavoidable costs' in the IAS 37 definition of an onerous contract.		An ED is expected December 2018.	
Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction (Amendments to IAS 12)			
The Board decided to propose a narrow-scope amendment that would narrow the initial recognition exemption in paragraphs 15 and 24 of IAS 12 so that it would not apply to transactions that give rise to both taxable and deductible temporary differences, to the extent the amounts recognised for the temporary differences are the same.	There is no equivalent IPSAS to IAS 12 <i>Income Taxes</i> .	An ED is expected H1 2019.	

Disclosure Initiative—Accounting Policies			
On 18 July 2018, the Board added a project to its agenda to develop guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosure. The Board added this project in response to feedback on the Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper.	On 18 July 2018, the Board added a project to its agenda to develop guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosure. The Board added this project in response to feedback on the Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper.	On 18 July 2018, the Board added a project to its agenda to develop guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosure. The Board added this project in response to feedback on the Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper. As ED is expected, but no expected date has been communicated.	
Disclosure Initiative—Targeted Standards-level Review of Disclosures			
On 21 March 2018, the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) added a project to its agenda to perform a targeted Standards-level review of disclosure requirements. The Board added this project in response to feedback on the Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper.	On 21 March 2018, the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) added a project to its agenda to perform a targeted Standards-level review of disclosure requirements. The Board added this project in response to feedback on the Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper.	On 21 March 2018, the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) added a project to its agenda to perform a targeted Standards-level review of disclosure requirements. The Board added this project in response to feedback on the Disclosure Initiative—Principles of Disclosure Discussion Paper. As ED is expected, but no expected date has been communicated.	

Improvements to IFRS 8 Operating Segments (Amendments to IFRS 8 and IAS 34)			
Post-implementation review of IFRS 8, <i>Operating Segments</i> .	Post-implementation review of IFRS 8, <i>Operating Segments</i> .	Post-implementation review of IFRS 8, <i>Operating Segments</i> . The Board decided not to amend IFRS 8. A Feedback Statement is in December 2018	
Property, Plant and Equity: Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)			
A project to deal with proceeds from selling items produced while bringing an item of property, plant and equipment (PPE) to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management (i.e. while making an item of PPE available for use).	Potential Impact on IPSAS 17, <i>Property, Plant, and Equipment</i> .	Decisions on the project will be deliberated at a future meeting. An IFRS amendment is expected, but no expected date has been communicated.	
Updating a Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)			
The Board is considering whether and how to update a reference to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS 3 Business Combinations. It is currently researching possible unintended consequences of replacing a reference to an old version of the Conceptual Framework with a reference to the revised version issued in 2018.		The Project Direction will be decided in November 2018.	

Annual Improvements			
<p>Annual improvements are part of the process for maintaining IFRS Standards and contain Interpretations that are minor or narrow in scope.</p> <p>Amendments made as part of this process either clarify the wording in an IFRS Standard or correct relatively minor oversights or conflicts between existing requirements of IFRS Standards.</p>	<p>The IPSASB improvements project will pick up appropriate IFRS improvements to work to maintain convergence when an IPSAS is based on an IFRS.</p>	<p>The IASB annually publishes an improvements standard. An ED is expected in December 2018.</p> <p>So far in 2018, the following amendments have been approved and will be issued in the next annual improvements cycle ED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees in the '10 per cent' test for Derecognition (Amendments to IFRS 9) • Lease Incentives (Amendment to Illustrative Example 13 accompanying IFRS 16) • Subsidiary as a First-time Adopter (IFRS 1) • Taxation in Fair Value Measurements (IAS 41) 	

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Post Implementation Reviews			
IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement			
<p>A post-implementation review is being carried out as the requirements in IFRS 13 to assess the effect of the requirements of the standard on investors, preparers and auditors.</p> <p>Related project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRS Taxonomy Update—Common Practice (IFRS 13) 	<p>The work on this review may impact those IPSASs with fair value measurement and also may be applicable to the Public Sector Measurement project.</p>	<p>The post-implementation review has been initiated, a published request for information was issued in May 2017 with a consultation period to 22 September 2017. A Feedback Statement is expected December 2018.</p>	<p>The IPSASB should monitor this review through as it has an active public sector measurement project.</p>

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Amendments to the definition of Material.	IPSAS 1, <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> and IPSAS 3, <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i>	IFRS Amendments published in October 2018	
<i>Definition of Business (Amendments to IFRS 3)</i>			
Amendments to the definition of Business.	IPSAS 41, <i>Public Sector Combinations</i>	IFRS Amendments published in October 2018	