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Project	Primary Financial Statements		
Paper topic	Cover note and summary of feedback and redeliberations		
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## Purpose of this meeting

- 1. At this meeting we will continue redeliberating the proposals from the Exposure Draft *General Presentation and Disclosures* relating to:
  - (a) entities with specified main business activities; and
  - (b) the location of disclosures and the use of cross-referencing for management performance measures.
- 2. We will discuss the following papers:
  - (a) Agenda Paper 21A: Entities with specified main business activities—general issues; and
  - (b) Agenda Paper 21B: *Management performance measures—location and cross-referencing*.

### **IASB Next steps**

- 3. At future IASB meetings, we will continue redeliberating the project proposals. Over the next few months, we plan to bring the IASB papers discussing a number of project topics, including:
  - (a) further discussion relating to subtotals in the statement of profit or loss and entities with specified main business activities;

- (b) disclosure of information about operating expenses by nature when an entity presents an analysis of expenses by function in the statement of profit or loss; and
- (c) proposals relating to unusual income and expenses.

### Summary of proposals discussed and proposals yet to be redeliberated

4. Appendix A gives an overview of project status, listing the proposals in the Exposure Draft that have been discussed and proposals that are yet to be redeliberated by the IASB.

### Summary of proposals and feedback

5. Appendix B summarises proposals in the Exposure Draft, feedback received and the IASB's tentative decisions made so far. As the IASB redeliberates the proposals, we will be updating Appendix B to include the latest tentative decisions.

# Diagram summarising the proposals for the structure of the statement of profit or loss

6. Appendix C provides a diagram summarising the proposals in the Exposure Draft and the changes tentatively agreed by the IASB in the redeliberations to date on the structure of the statement of profit or loss for entities applying the general model.

# Appendix A—Project status summary

Topic	Proposals discussed	Proposals yet to be redeliberated
Subtotals	<ul> <li>Required subtotals</li> <li>Classification in categories, general model</li> <li>Associates and joint ventures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Remaining issues relating to classification by entities with specified main business activities</li> <li>Remaining issues related to investing and financing categories</li> </ul>
Management performance measures	<ul><li> Scope and definition</li><li> Disclosure of reconciliation</li></ul>	Disclosure of tax and NCI     Changes in management performance measures, use of columns, relationship with segments and other
Disaggregation and other	<ul> <li>Roles of primary financial statements and notes</li> <li>General principles of aggregation and disaggregation</li> <li>Direction for unusual income and expenses</li> <li>Presentation of operating expenses</li> <li>Direction for disclosure of operating expenses</li> <li>Statement of cash flows</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Definition of unusual income and expenses, related disclosures</li> <li>Disclosure of operating expenses</li> <li>Proposals relating to items labelled 'other' and other remaining general disaggregation topics</li> <li>Remaining proposals for statement of cash flows</li> <li>Consequential amendments</li> </ul>

# Appendix B—Summary of proposals, feedback and tentative decisions

Topic and ref	Summary of proposals	Summary of feedback	Tentative decisions
December 2020  AP21B Subtotals and categories – general model  March 2021  AP21A Subtotals in the statement of profit or loss-	Subtotals  A1. The Exposure Draft proposed that an entity presents the following new subtotals in the statement of profit or loss (paragraph 60 of the Exposure Draft):  a) operating profit or loss (operating profit);  b) operating profit or loss and income and expenses from integral associates and joint ventures; and  c) profit or loss before financing and income tax.	Subtotals  B1. Most respondents agreed with the proposals to introduce defined subtotals in the statement of profit or loss. They think the proposals have the potential to result in useful information and improve comparability between entities.  B2. Many respondents agreed with the proposals to define the operating category as a residual category. However, some respondents disagreed with defining the operating category as a residual category and preferred a 'positive' or 'direct' definition because they disagreed with the content of operating profit.	Subtotals-operating profit  Confirmed proposals  C1. The IASB tentatively confirmed that entities would be required to present an operating profit subtotal in the statement of profit or loss and not to develop a direct definition of operating profit.  Subtotals-profit before financing and income tax  Confirmed proposals  C2. The IASB tentatively confirmed to retain the proposal to define the 'profit before financing and income tax' subtotal and require it to be presented in the statement of profit or loss.
operating profit  May 2021	Categories  A2. In applying these proposed new subtotals, an entity would present in the statement of profit or loss income and expenses	B3. Most respondents agreed with the proposals to introduce categories in the statement of profit or loss. They think the proposals have the potential	Categories  Confirmed proposals  C3. The IASB tentatively confirmed to retain the proposal to
AP21A Subtotals and categories— financing category	classified in the following categories (paragraph 45 of the Exposure Draft):  a) operating;  b) integral associates and joint ventures;	to result in useful information and improve comparability between entities.  B4. However, some respondents said additional guidance would be needed to achieve consistent application and comparability, including guidance	introduce separate investing and financing categories in the statement of profit or loss.  C4. See below for the confirmed proposals and changes to the proposals related to derivatives and hedging instruments, foreign exchange differences and alignment of the investing

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AP21B Subtotals and	<ul><li>c) investing; and</li><li>d) financing.</li></ul>	on the definitions of the categories and the term 'main business activities'.	categories in the statement of profit or loss and statement of cash flows.
categories— profit before financing and income tax  July 2021		B5. Many respondents expressed concerns about:     a) the proposed classification of foreign exchange differences and of fair value gains and losses on derivatives and hedging instruments—they question whether the benefits of such	
AP21A Classification of income and expenses in the financing category of		b) the proposed labels for the categories in the statement of profit or loss—they say it is confusing that the labels are similar to the labels of the categories in the statement of cash flows, although the content of the categories is different.	
statement of profit or loss	Operating category	Operating category	Operating category
AP21B Classification	A3. The operating category would include income or expenses not classified in the	B6. Some respondents expressed concerns about defining the operating category as a residual	Confirmed proposals
of fair value gains or losses on derivatives and hedging instruments	other categories such as the investing category or the financing category. In other words, the operating category would be the default category (paragraph 46 of the Exposure Draft). <sup>1</sup>	category—mainly because they disagree with including in operating profit some income and expenses that are unusual, volatile or do not arise from an entity's main business activities.	<ul> <li>C5. The IASB tentatively confirmed that:</li> <li>a) these types of income and expenses shall not be classified in the operating category: investing, financing, income tax, and discontinued operations.</li> <li>b) the operating category comprises all income and expenses</li> </ul>
AP21C Classification of foreign exchange differences in profit or loss	A4. The Exposure Draft proposed specific requirements for entities with specified main business activities, to ensure that the operating category includes all income and expenses from their main business activities. These requirements and related		arising from an entity's operations, including volatile and unusual income and expenses arising from an entity's operations; and includes, but is not limited to, income and expenses from an entity's main business activities.

<sup>1</sup> Also see paragraphs BC53–BC57 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

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December 2021	feedback are discussed in Agenda Paper  21C of the December 2020 IASB meeting.		
AP21B	Investing category	Investing category	Investing category
Income and expenses classified in the investing category	A5. The investing category would include returns from investments, that is, income and expenses from assets that generate a return individually and largely independently of other resources held by an entity. The investing category would also include related incremental expenses (paragraph 47 of the Exposure Draft). <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>B7. Many respondents agreed with the proposal for the investing category. However, some respondents said the definition is insufficiently robust.</li> <li>B8. A few respondents expressed concerns about including incremental expenses in the investing category.</li> </ul>	Confirmed proposals  C6. The IASB tentatively decided:  a) to retain the proposal for entities to classify in the investing category income and expenses from assets that generate returns individually and largely independently of other resources held by an entity;  b) to retain the proposed application guidance in the Exposure Draft; and  c) to retain the label 'investing category' for that category.  Changes to the proposals  C7. The IASB tentatively decided:  a) to add further application guidance stating that income and expenses arising from individual assets and disposal groups held for sale and income and expenses arising from business combinations would not be classified in investing category, and negative returns are classified in the same category as positive returns;  b) to classify income and expenses from associates and joint ventures in the investing category;  c) to remove the discussion of the objective from the requirements in the Standard and explain in the Basis for Conclusions the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Also see paragraphs B32–B33 of the Exposure Draft and BC48–BC52 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

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			reasons for including specific items in the investing category; and
			d) not to proceed with the proposed use of the defined term 'income and expenses from investments'.
			C8. The IASB will discuss other aspects of proposals at a future meeting.
	Financing category	Financing category	Financing category
	A6. The financing category would include (paragraph 49 of the Exposure Draft): <sup>3</sup>	B9. Some respondents expressed concerns about the	Changes to the proposals
	a) income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents;	proposed classification of income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents and other investments held as part of treasury activities.	C9. The IASB tentatively decided not to proceed with the proposed addition to the definition of 'financing activities' in IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows.
	b) income and expenses on liabilities arising from financing activities; and		C10. The IASB tentatively decided to require an entity to classify income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents in the investing category rather than the financing category.
	c) interest income and expenses on other liabilities, for example, the unwinding of discounts on pension liabilities and		C11. The IASB tentatively decided in relation to the classification in categories of statement of profit or loss to:
	provisions.		<ul> <li>a) require an entity to classify in the financing category:</li> <li>i) for liabilities that arise from transactions that involve only the raising of finance—all income and expenses;</li> <li>ii) from other liabilities—specified income and expenses (see C13);</li> </ul>
			b) describe transactions that involve only the raising of finance as transactions that involve:  i) the receipt by the entity of cash, a reduction in a financial liability or an entity's own equity;  ii) the return by the entity of cash or an entity's own equity;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Also see paragraphs B34–B37 of the Exposure Draft and BC33–BC47 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

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			c) require an entity, in relation to hybrid contracts with host liabilities and embedded derivatives, to classify:  i) income and expenses relating to separated host liabilities in the same way as income and expenses on other liabilities;  ii) income and expenses relating to separated embedded derivatives in the same way as income and expenses on stand-alone derivatives; and  iii) income and expenses related to contracts that are not separated in the same way as income and expenses on other liabilities.
			C12. In addition, the IASB tentatively decided to develop disclosure requirements for the situation in which an entity designates an entire hybrid contract as at fair value through profit or loss and as a result does not separate from the host financial liability an embedded derivative that is otherwise required to be separated by IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The objective of these disclosure requirements would be to give users of financial statements information about when the use of the fair value option changes the classification of income and expenses.
			C13. For liabilities that arise from transactions that do not involve only the raising of finance, except some such liabilities specified by the IASB, the IASB tentatively decided to require an entity to classify in the financing category of the statement of profit or loss interest expense and the effect of changes in interest rates, when such amounts are identified applying the requirements of IFRS Accounting Standards.
			C14. The IASB specified that this tentative decision does not apply to liabilities that arise from transactions that do not involve only the raising of finance and that:
			are hybrid contracts in the scope of IFRS 9 measured at amortised cost; and

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			<ul> <li>b) include an embedded derivative the economic characteristics and risks of which are closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract.</li> <li>C15. In relation to these specified liabilities, the IASB decided to explore an approach that would classify all income and expenses in the financing category of the statement of profit or loss.</li> </ul>
	Derivatives and hedging instruments  A7. The IASB's proposals for the classification of gains or losses on derivatives and hedging instruments can be summarised as follows:	Derivatives and hedging instruments and foreign exchange differences  B10. Many respondents expressed concerns about the proposed classification of foreign exchange differences and of fair value gains and losses on derivatives and hedging instruments—they question whether the benefits of such classification would outweigh the costs.	Derivatives and hedging instruments  Confirmed proposals  C16. The IASB tentatively confirmed that fair value gains or losses on financial instruments used for risk management that are designated or used for risk management but are not designated as hedging instruments should be classified in the category affected by the risk the entity manages, except when doing so would involve:  a) grossing up of fair value gains or losses (derivatives designated as hedging instruments); or  b) undue cost or effort (derivatives not designated as hedging instruments).  Changes to the proposals  C17. The IASB tentatively decided in cases where classifying fair value gains or losses in the category of the statement of profit or loss affected by the risk the entity manages involves grossing up of fair value gains or losses (derivatives designated as hedging instruments) or undue cost or effort (derivatives not designated as hedging instruments) an entity would classify all fair value gains or losses in the operating category.

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	classi include catego as the items	ASB propo fy foreign edded in proficory of the sincome an	ses that an entite exchange differ t or loss in the statement of pro d expenses fror ise to the foreig	Non- derivative financial instruments ory affected by amages, except we grossing up a classify in the tegory.  Apply requirements for classification in paragraphs 45–55 of the Exposure Draft.  Not relevant for this paper		C18. The IASB tentatively decided to require an entity to classify fair value gains or losses on derivatives not used for risk management in the operating category, unless a derivative relates to financing activities and is not used in the course of the entity's main business activities. In such cases, an entity classifies all fair value gains or losses on the derivative in the financing category.  Foreign exchange differences  Confirmed proposals  C19. The IASB tentatively confirmed to require an entity to classify foreign exchange differences included in the statement of profit or loss in the same category of the statement of profit or loss as the income and expenses from the items that gave rise to the foreign exchange differences, except when doing so would involve undue cost or effort.  Changes to the proposals  C20. The IASB tentatively decided in cases that involve undue cost or effort in classifying the items, an entity would classify the foreign exchange differences on the item in the operating category.
December 2020	A9. In addition to the general model, the Exposure Draft proposed specific requirements for entities with specified		ic	Operating category	C21. The IASB will begin to discuss these proposals at the March 2022 meeting	

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AP21C Subtotals and categories – entities with particular main business activities	main business activities to ensure that the operating category includes all income and expenses from their main business activities. The Exposure Draft proposed that the operating category would include:  a) income and expenses from investments made in the course of an entity's main business activities (paragraph 48 of the Exposure Draft). For example, this proposal would apply to insurers and investment entities. An entity would assess on an asset-by-asset basis whether investments are made in the course of its main business activities.  b) some or all income and expenses from financing activities and income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents if the entity provides financing to customers as a main business activity (paragraph 51 of the Exposure Draft). For example, this proposal would apply to banks and entities that provide financing to customers purchasing their products. The choice of whether some or all such income and expenses is included in the operating category would be an accounting policy choice.  5	B11. Most respondents agreed with the proposals to require entities to classify in the operating category:  a) income and expenses from investments made in the course of an entity's main business activities; and  b) income and expenses from financing activities and income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents if the entity provides financing to customers as a main business activity.  Main business activities  B12. However, many respondents said additional guidance would be needed to achieve consistent application and comparability, including guidance on the terms 'main business activities' and 'in the course of main business activities'.  Accounting policy choice  B13. Many respondents disagreed with the proposed accounting policy choice for entities that provide financing to customers as a main business activity. Some respondents suggest that, to improve comparability between entities, the accounting policy choice should be restricted or replaced with a practical expedient.	

<sup>4</sup> Also see paragraphs B27 of the Exposure Draft and BC58–BC61 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Also see paragraphs B28–B29 of the Exposure Draft and BC62–BC69 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

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	c) income and expenses from cash and cash equivalents if the entity, in the course of its main business activities, invests in financial assets that generate a return individually and largely independently of other resources held by the entity (paragraph 52(a) of the Exposure Draft). <sup>6</sup> d) income and expenses on liabilities arising from issued investment contracts with participation features recognised applying IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> (paragraph 52(b) of the Exposure Draft). <sup>7</sup> e) insurance finance income and expenses included in profit or loss (paragraph 52(c) of the Exposure Draft). <sup>8</sup>		
December 2020  AP21D Subtotals and categories – Integral and non-integral associates and JVs	A10. The Exposure Draft proposed to require an entity to classify its equity-accounted associates and joint ventures as either integral or non-integral to the entity's main business activities, and proposed definitions of integral and non-integral associates and joint ventures. The Exposure Draft also proposed to require an entity to provide information about integral associates and joint ventures	B14. Respondents expressed diverse opinions across various aspects of the proposals in the Exposure Draft. Many respondents did not express an overall view, commenting instead on specific aspects of the proposals. However, of those that expressed an overall view, more disagreed with the proposals than agreed.  B15. Most respondents highlighted concerns with the proposals. These respondents included respondents that agreed with the proposals,	Confirmed proposals  C22. The IASB tentatively confirmed to require an entity to classify income and expenses from equity-accounted associates and joint ventures outside the operating category.  Changes to the proposals  C23. The IASB tentatively decided:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Also see paragraphs B30 of the Exposure Draft and BC70–BC72 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Also see paragraphs BC74–BC76 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Also see paragraphs BC73 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft.

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	and joint ventures (proposed new paragraph 20E of IFRS 12).		
	A11. The proposed new paragraphs 20A–20E of IFRS 12 and 38A of IAS 7, the proposed requirements are set out in paragraphs 60(b), 53, 75(a), 82(g)–82(h) of the Exposure Draft and paragraphs BC77–BC89 and BC205–BC213 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft describe the IASB's reasons for these proposals and discuss approaches that were considered but rejected by the IASB.		
December 2020	Principles of aggregation and disaggregation	Principles of aggregation and disaggregation	Principles of aggregation and disaggregation
AP21E Disaggregati on – general	A12. The Exposure Draft also proposed principles and general requirements on the aggregation and disaggregation of information—the principles would be	B18. Most respondents commented on the principles of aggregation and disaggregation and the proposals relating to disaggregation and labelling of items described as 'other'. Of these many agreed with	Changes to the proposals  C25. The IASB tentatively decided in relation to the principles of aggregation and disaggregation to:
proposals and minimum line items	applicable to both presentation in the primary financial statements and disclosures in the notes. The principles	the proposals but some disagreed, mostly expressing disagreement with proposals relating to items labelled as 'other'. Many did not express	a) state the purpose of disaggregation more clearly—items shall be disaggregated if the resulting disaggregated information is material.
April 2021 AP21A	would require an entity to classify identified assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses into groups based on shared characteristics and to separate	agreement or disagreement and instead commented on the need for additional guidance or clarifications, particularly on the proposal relating to items labelled as 'other'.	b) strengthen the application of that principle by emphasising that a single dissimilar (non-shared) characteristic between items would be sufficient to require an entity to disaggregate information about those items if that information were material.
Principles of aggregation and	those items based on further characteristics. The Exposure Draft also proposed to require an entity to use meaningful labels for the group of		c) explore developing guidance for entities on how to use characteristics to identify when to aggregate or disaggregate items.
disaggregation n and roles of	immaterial items that are not similar and		C26. The IASB tentatively decided to set out the relationship between the general presentation and disclosure requirements

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the primary financial statements	to consider whether it is appropriate to use non-descriptive labels such as 'other'.		and the principles of aggregation and disaggregation, subject to considering whether 'class' is the best term to use in all situations.
and the notes			C27. The IASB tentatively decided to require an entity to explain how a disclosed class of items is included in line items in the primary financial statements.
September 2021			C28. The IASB tentatively decided to include application guidance summarising characteristics that:
AP21D Principles of aggregation and			if shared, might form the basis for aggregating items that comprise a class that enhances the understandability of information provided in the financial statements.
disaggregatio n and their application in			b) if not shared, might form the basis for disaggregating a single class of items into separate classes that provide material information.
the primary financial			Aggregation and disaggregation in the notes
statements and the notes  February 2022  AP21A			C29. The IASB tentatively decided to provide application guidance that states that, in general, the more diverse the items in a class (that is, the more dissimilar characteristics the items have in addition to the shared characteristics that form the basis for the class) the more likely it would be that disaggregation based on some of those dissimilar characteristics would result in material information.
Principles for presentation and required line items in primary financial			C30. The IASB also discussed whether to provide cost relief for the general requirement to provide information about classes. The IASB decided to continue that discussion after it has considered cost relief for specific disclosure requirements at a future IASB meeting.
statements			Aggregation and disaggregation in the primary financial statements

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			C31. The IASB tentatively decided to provide application guidance that states that, in general, the more diverse the items in a class (that is, the more dissimilar characteristics the items have in addition to the shared characteristics that form the basis for the class) the more likely it would be that disaggregation based on some of those dissimilar characteristics would result in a more understandable overview.
	Roles of the primary financial statements and the notes	Roles of the primary financial statements and the notes	Roles of the primary financial statements and the notes  Confirmed proposals
	A13. The Exposure Draft proposed to describe the roles of the primary financial statements and the notes.	B19. Many respondents commented on the roles of primary financial statements and notes. Of these, most agreed with the proposals and a few disagreed.	C32. The IASB tentatively confirmed that in relation to the roles of primary financial statements to not reinstate paragraph 29 of IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> in the new IFRS Accounting Standard.
			Changes to the proposals
			C33. The IASB tentatively decided to include a reference to understandability in the description of the role of the primary financial statements.
	Minimum line items	Minimum line items	Minimum line items
	A14. The Exposure Draft proposed some additional minimum line items to be presented in the statement of profit or loss (expenses from financing activities and share of profit or loss from integral and non-integral associates and joint ventures) and in the statement of financial position (goodwill and integral and non-integral associates and joint ventures).	B20. Some respondents commented on the requirements for minimum line items. Of those, some agreed with the proposals and some disagreed. Most respondents that commented on the proposals said further guidance or clarification is needed.	Confirmed proposals  C34. The IASB tentatively decided:  a) not to revisit the requirements for specified line items brought forward from IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;  b) not to add a specific requirement to present impairments of non-financial assets;  c) to proceed with the proposed requirement to present goodwill separately from intangible assets; and

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	A15. The proposed requirements, including those proposed to be carried over from IAS 1, are set out in paragraphs 20–21, 25–28, and B5–B15 of the Exposure Draft		d) to proceed with the proposed requirement for required line items to be presented in each affected category in the statement of profit or loss.  Changes to the proposals
	and paragraphs BC19–BC27 of the Basis		C35. The IASB tentatively decided:
	for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft describe the IASB's reasons for these proposals.		a) to revise the general principle for the presentation of line items in the primary financial statements set out in paragraph 42 of the Exposure Draft by removing the term 'relevant' and instead including a reference to an understandable overview of an entity's income and expenses or assets, liabilities and equity;
			b) to require all presentation requirements to apply only when the resulting presentation does not detract from the primary financial statement providing an understandable overview;
			c) to add application guidance that indicates that in the operating category it is unlikely that the presentation of items set out in paragraph 65 of the Exposure Draft would reduce how useful the statement is in providing an understandable overview of the entity's income and expenses;
			d) to remove the term 'minimum' from paragraph 42 of the Exposure Draft; and
			e) not to specify any required line items to be presented in the financing category in the statement of profit or loss.
			C36. The IASB will discuss other aspects of proposals at a future IASB meeting.
December	A16. The Exposure Draft proposed to continue to require entities to present in the statement of profit or loss an analysis of	require entities to present in the proposals relating to the presentation of operating	Confirmed proposals
2020			C37. The IASB tentatively decided:
AP21F Disaggregati	operating expenses using either the nature	respondents had mixed views.	a) not to develop a definition of the term 'cost of sales' as part of this project.

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		b) some of those who disagreed said that in some instances, the mixed method provides the most useful information, and the proposals will not enhance comparability, especially with companies applying US GAAP.	
	Total operating expenses by nature in a single note  A18. An entity that presents an analysis of operating expenses using the function of expense method in the statement of profit or loss would also be required to disclose in a single note an analysis of its total operating expenses using the nature of expense method.  A19. The proposed requirements are set out in paragraphs 68, 72 and B45–B48 of the Exposure Draft and paragraphs BC109–BC114 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft describe the IASB's reasons for the proposals.	Total operating expenses by nature in a single note  B24. Many respondents (mainly users, standard-setters and accountancy bodies) agreed and many (mainly preparers and their representative bodies) disagreed with the proposal to require an entity to disclose an analysis of expenses by nature in the notes if they present analysis of expenses by function;  a) some of those who agreed said that the analysis: will provide comprehensive information and help users make forecasts, will help reconcile the statement of cash flows with the income statement, and will enhance comparability, because it is less judgmental than analysis by functions.  b) some of those who disagreed with the proposals said that both methods are equally relevant, but the proposals seem to favour by-nature analysis, and the costs of providing the analysis by nature will be higher than the benefits, including some entities that may not be able to provide the analysis with their existing systems.  B25. Feedback from fieldwork identified practical difficulties with the proposed requirements.	Total operating expenses by nature in a single note  Confirmed proposals  C40. The IASB tentatively decided not to explore providing an undue cost relief for the disclosure of information about operating expenses by nature when an entity presents in the statement of profit or loss an analysis of expenses by function.  C41. The IASB will continue discussing these proposals at a future meeting.

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December 2020  AP21G Disaggregati on – unusual income and expenses December 2021  AP21A Unusual income and expenses	Definition of unusual items and disclosures  A20. The Exposure Draft proposed introducing a definition of 'unusual income and expenses'; and proposed requiring all entities to disclose unusual income and expenses in a single note. The Exposure Draft also proposed application guidance to help an entity to identify its unusual income and expenses.  A21. The proposed requirements are set out in paragraphs 100–102, B67–B75 of the Exposure Draft and paragraphs BC122–BC144 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft describe the IASB's reasons for the proposals and discuss approaches that were considered but rejected by the IASB.	Definition of unusual items  B26. The key messages from the feedback on the proposals relating to unusual items are:  a) most respondents who commented on this question, including almost all users of financial statements, agreed with the IASB defining unusual items. Users explained that they wish to identify recurring or normalised earnings but have to rely on voluntary disclosures by an entity to do so. Defining unusual items and requiring their disclosure would provide consistent input for users' analysis. Other respondents also indicated they expected defining unusual items would provide useful information. A few respondents specifically supported the discipline that they expected a definition would provide, thus reducing opportunistic classification of items as unusual; and  b) however, most of these respondents, including some users, did not agree with the IASB's definition of unusual items. They said important aspects of the definition were unclear and suggested various clarifications and changes. Those suggestions did not lead to a clear consensus on what an alternative definition should be.  Disclosures  B27. Respondents were split evenly on whether or not they supported the proposed disclosure in a single note; some preferred presentation in the statement	Definition of unusual items  Changes to the proposals  C42. The IASB tentatively decided:  a) to explore how to proceed with a definition of 'unusual income and expenses';  b) to remove the reference to 'limited predictive value' from the definition of 'unusual income and expenses', and clarify in the Accounting Standard that it is a necessary characteristic of unusual income and expenses, not the sole characteristic; and  c) to develop the application guidance accompanying the definition of 'unusual income and expenses':  i) to clarify that the definition means that 'unusual income and expenses' can be dissimilar in type or amount from income and expenses expected in the future;  ii) to help an entity to assess whether similar income or expenses will arise in the future, based on guidance on the assessment of future transactions and other events in other IFRS Accounting Standards; and  iii) to explain that in considering whether income or expenses are similar to expected future income or expenses, an entity would consider characteristics of the income and expenses, including the underlying event or transaction that gives rise to income or expenses.  C43. The IASB will continue to discuss other aspects of proposals at a future meeting.

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subtotals of income and expenses	<ul> <li>b) gross profit or loss (revenue less cost of sales) and similar subtotals;</li> <li>c) operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation;</li> </ul>	a) in their view non-GAAP measures are either outside the scope of financial statements or do not achieve the objective of financial statements in IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> or in the Exposure Draft;	<ul> <li>a) measures based on line items presented in the statements of financial performance;</li> <li>b) measures based on the cash flow statement;</li> <li>c) measures based on the statement of financial position; and</li> </ul>
June 2021  AP21A Scope of management performance measures  September 2021  AP21A Management performance measure and the scope of public communicati ons  AP21B Management performance	d) profit or loss from continuing operations; and e) profit or loss before income tax.  A24. When disclosing management performance measures the Exposure Draft proposed an entity would also be required to comply with the general requirements in IFRS Accounting Standards for information included in financial statements. For example, each management performance measure must faithfully represent an aspect of the financial performance of the entity and be described in a clear and understandable manner that does not mislead users.  A25. However, the Exposure Draft did not propose additional restrictions on management performance measures, such as only allowing an entity's management to provide measures based on amounts recognised and measured in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.	the Exposure Draft;  b) including management performance measures in the financial statements would increase the costs of preparing financial statements; or  c) it may be challenging to audit such measures.  B30. A few respondents disagreed with including management performance measures in the financial statements because many of these measures are subjective.	d) ratios.  Changes to the proposals  C46. The IASB tentatively decided to include in the scope of its requirements for management performance measures the numerator or denominator of a ratio, if that numerator or denominator meets the definition of a management performance measure.
other aspects of definition October 2021	Definition of management performance measures	Definition of management performance measures  B31. However, most respondents, including users, that agreed with requiring management performance	Definition of management performance measures  Confirmed proposals

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AP21D Operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation November 2021 AP21A Management performance measures- management's view of an aspect of performance AP21B Management performance measures and the scope of public communicati ons AP21C Management performance measures- faithful	A26. The Exposure Draft defined management performance measures as subtotals of income and expenses that:  a) are used in public communications outside financial statements;  b) complement totals or subtotals specified by IFRS Accounting Standards; and  c) communicate to users of financial statements management's view of an aspect of an entity's financial performance.	measures in the financial statements, raised concerns about the definition of management performance measures. The two most significant concerns of respondents were:  a) requiring disclosure of all management performance measures used in 'public communications' is too wide in scope. Most respondents that raised this concern requested additional guidance or suggested a narrower definition of public communications.  b) management performance measures do not include measures that would, in their view, equally benefit from being disclosed in the financial statements. Most respondents that raised this concern suggested revising the definition to include other measures such as those based on items presented in the statement of financial position or the statement of cash flows. Many of these respondents said that in their opinion the full benefits of the proposals would not be realised without including these additional measures. However, some respondents, including some users, said the proposals had significant benefits, even if they did not include additional measures.	<ul> <li>C47. The IASB tentatively confirmed to retain: <ul> <li>a) 'providing management's view of an aspect of an entity's financial performance' as the objective of management performance measures; and</li> <li>b) 'communicate to users of financial statements management's view of an aspect of an entity's financial performance' in the definition of management performance measures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Changes to the proposals</li> <li>C48. The IASB tentatively decided to amend the definition of management performance measures: <ul> <li>a) to remove the reference to complementing totals or subtotals specified by IFRS Accounting Standards; and</li> <li>b) to state that totals and subtotals specified by IFRS Accounting Standards are not management performance measures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C49. The IASB tentatively decided to establish a rebuttable presumption that a subtotal of income and expenses included in public communications outside financial statements represents management's view of an aspect of the entity's financial performance. In addition, the IASB tentatively decided to provide high-level application guidance on how to assess whether the entity has reasonable and supportable information to support the rebuttal.</li> <li>C50. The IASB tentatively decided to narrow the scope of public communications considered for the purposes of applying the definition of management performance measures, by excluding oral communications, transcripts and social media posts.</li> <li>C51. The IASB also tentatively decided to add application guidance, but remove the specific requirement about faithful representation.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>b) disclose the reasons for the change, addition or removal; and</li> <li>c) restate its comparative information, including in the required note disclosures, to reflect the change, addition or removal.</li> <li>A29. The Exposure Draft also proposed that an entity be prohibited from using columns to present management performance measures in the statement(s) of financial performance.</li> <li>A30. The proposed requirements are set out in paragraphs 103–110 of the Exposure Draft and paragraphs BC145–BC180 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft describe the IASB's reasons for the proposals and discuss approaches that were considered but rejected by the IASB.</li> </ul>	information about tax and non-controlling interest effects is not always used by management.	C54. The IASB discussed feedback on the proposal to require an entity to disclose the effects of tax and non-controlling interests for individual items in the reconciliation between a management performance measure and the most directly comparable subtotal or total specified in IFRS Accounting Standards. The IASB asked for further information about entities that already disclose the tax effects of such reconciling items; in particular, how they calculate the tax effect.  C55. The IASB will discuss other aspects of proposals at a future meeting.
	Operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation  A31. The Exposure Draft did not propose defining EBITDA. However, the IASB proposed to exempt from the disclosure requirements for management performance measures a subtotal calculated as operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation. The IASB considered, but rejected, describing the subtotal operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation as EBITDA.	Operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation  B34. Most respondents, including most users, agreed with the IASB's proposal not to define earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA). These respondents said they agreed that there was no consensus on what EBITDA represents, that its use varies widely and that it is not applicable to some industries.  B35. Some respondents, including some users, disagreed saying the IASB should define	Operating profit or loss before depreciation, amortisation, and specified impairments  Changes to the proposals  C56. The IASB tentatively decided:  a) to specify an operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation subtotal that excludes impairments of assets within the scope of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets;  b) to do this by amending the specified subtotal 'operating profit or loss before depreciation and amortisation', rather than adding an additional subtotal to the list of specified subtotals;

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	A32. Paragraphs BC172–BC173 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft explain why the IASB has not proposed requirements relating to EBITDA.	EBITDA because it is a widely used measure that would benefit from a consistent definition.	c) to label the amended specified subtotal as 'operating profit or loss before depreciation, amortisation, and specified impairments';
	requirements retaining to EBTTB1.		d) not explicitly to prohibit 'EBITDA' as a label for an 'operating profit or loss before depreciation, amortisation and specified impairments' subtotal, but to explain in the Basis for Conclusions that such a label would rarely be a faithful representation for the subtotal; and
			e) to include no further specific requirements in relation to this subtotal.
December	Starting point for indirect method	Starting point for indirect method	Starting point for indirect method
2020/ January 2021  AP21I Statement of cash flows  March 2021  AP21C Statement of cash flows	A33. The Exposure Draft proposed requiring an entity to use the operating profit or loss subtotal as the starting point for the indirect method of reporting cash flows from operating activities.	B36. The key messages from the feedback on the proposals relating to the statement of cash flows are:  a) many respondents did not comment on the proposals; and  b) of those respondents that did comment, many agreed with the proposals saying that the proposals would result in a consistent presentation that would enhance comparability between entities.	Confirmed proposals  C57. The IASB tentatively confirmed to require an entity to use the operating profit or loss subtotal as the starting point for the indirect method of reporting cash flows from operating activities.
	Classification of interest and dividend cash flows  A34. The Exposure Draft also proposed reducing the presentation alternatives currently permitted by IAS 7 and requiring that, in the statement of cash	Classification of interest and dividend cash flows  B37. The main concern of those that did not agree was the lack of alignment between the statement of cash flows and the statement of profit or loss, which was also raised as a concern by some fieldwork participants.	Classification of interest and dividend cash flows  Confirmed proposals  C58. The IASB tentatively confirmed proposals relating to the classification of interest paid and dividend cash flows for entities other than those for which investing and financing are main business activities. Accordingly, interest and dividends

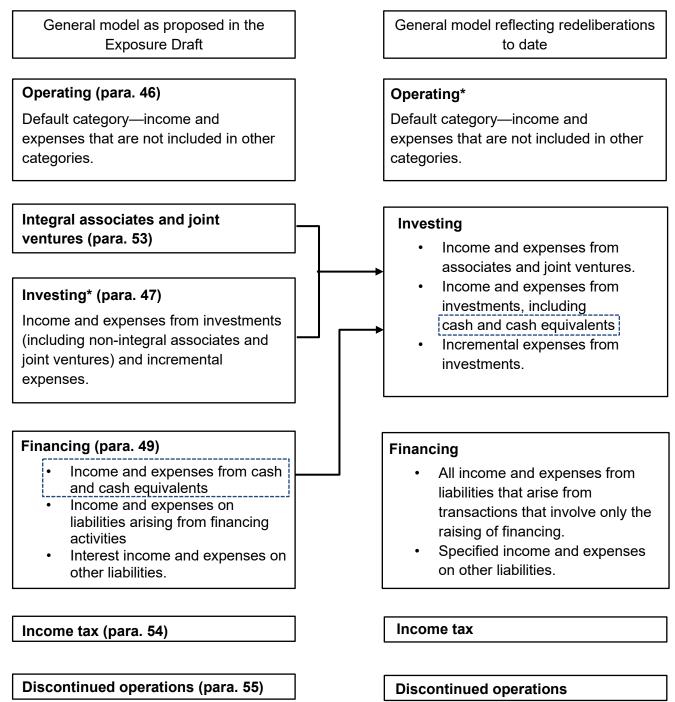
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		•	fies interest and s shown in the table.	B38. Some respondents requested a comprehensive review of IAS 7 <i>Statement of Cash Flows</i> .	paid would be classified as financing activities, and dividends received would be classified as investing activities.
	Cash flow item	Most entities	Specified entities <sup>9</sup>		C59. The IASB will discuss the classification of interest received at a future IASB meeting.
	Interest Financing Accounting paid policy choice,				
	Interest received	Investing	possible location depends on the		
	Dividends received	Investing	classification of the related income and expenses in the statement of profit or loss		
	Dividends paid	]	Financing		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> An entity that provides financing to customers as a main business activity or in the course of its main business activities invests in assets that generate a return individually and largely independently of the entity's other resources.

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December 2020/ January 2021 AP21J Other topics	A36. Other comments on the proposals in the Exposure Draft, including the analysis of the effects (paragraphs BC232–BC312 of the Basis for Conclusions on the Exposure Draft, including Appendix) and Illustrative Examples accompanying the Exposure Draft.	B39. Most of the comments not responding to specific question related to additional work respondents would like the IASB to undertake, mostly as separate projects. Respondents also provided feedback on proposals relating to other comprehensive income and interim financial reporting and comments on the proposed implementation period.	C60. The IASB will discuss these proposals at a future IASB meeting.

# Appendix C—Diagram summarising the proposals for the structure of the statement of profit or loss

C1. The following diagram summarises the proposals in the Exposure Draft and the changes tentatively agreed by the IASB in the redeliberations on the structure of the statement of profit and loss for entities applying the general model.



<sup>\*</sup> Default category for gains and losses on derivatives and hedging instruments.