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Fair Value Calculations

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Agenda

Fair Value - setting the scene

What we know from the Draft Statement of Practice

• Setting the Actuarial Basis

How can your model will handle this for :

- Non Profit Business
- Unit Linked Business
- With Profit Business

Conclusions

Background

- Insurance is an increasingly global business and insurance accounting varies considerably across jurisdictions.
- A number of jurisdictions have little or no guidance on the accounting for insurance contracts in generalpurpose financial statements.
- IASC Board started a project on Insurance Accounting in 1997.
- Issues paper published in December 1999. Steering Committee of the IASC project met in September and November 2000 to review comments. Develop report to the IASC in the form of the Draft Statement of Principles (DSOP).

Background

- In April 2001 a new International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) appointed to replace IASC.
- IASB decided to allow the IASC Steering Committee to complete its work on the DSOP.
- Portions of DSOP published in November 2001. With additional portions in December 2001 and January 2002

 Chapters on Performance linked insurance contracts, Presentation and Disclosure yet to be made public
- May 2002 split in to Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 addresses the application of existing IFRSs to companies that issue insurance contracts and disclosures.

Timetable



Balance Sheet as at 31.12.200x						
Assets		Liabilities				
Investments	9,000	Fair Value of Insurance Liabilities	8,500			
Current Assets	700	Current Liabilities	200			
Other Assets	300	Other Liabilities	400			
		Shareholder's Funds	900			
	10,000		10,000			

Policyholder Cashflows									
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007+			
Premiums	100	99	98	97	96	95			
Surrender Benefits	-7	-8	-8	-9	-10	-11			
Death Benefits	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3			
Maturity Benefits	-50	-76	-200	-115	-45	-70			
Expenses	-25	-27	-29	-32	-34	-37			
Total Policyholder cashflows	16	-14	-141	-61	4	-26			

What we know from the DSOP

Draft Statement of Practice

- Entity Specific Values
 - Demographic and expenses assumptions set with reference to each company's own experience
- Fair Value
 - Point of reference for valuing cashflows is the terms on which they are traded in the open market
- Allowing for future premiums
 - Can only be taken into account if "the policyholder has a potentially valuable option in the future"
- Investment Risk
 - Cashflows must be adjusted for the inherent investment risk within them
- Setting the Market Value Margins
 - Adjustments required for other risks inherent in the cashflows



Specific Issues for Non Profit Business



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Investment Return & Risk Discount Rate



Summary of Issues for Non Profit Business

- DETERMINISTIC for example, using policy by policy projections
- Demographic and Expenses Assumptions
 - Best estimate perhaps with market value margins
- Investment Assumptions
 - Not required
- Discount Rates
 - Based on risk free returns



Specific Issues for Unit Linked Business

- DETERMINISTIC for example, policy by policy projections
- Demographic Assumptions
 - Best estimate perhaps with market value margins
- Investment Assumptions
 - Change in approach required so that earned rates are based on risk free returns
- Discount Rates
 - Similarly based on risk free returns
- Treatment of fund related charges
 - Addressed through the use of the same rate to roll forward and to discount



Specific Issues for With Profit Business

- STOCHASTIC projections required
- Grouped data acceptable and likely to be a practical requirement
- Demographic Assumptions
 - Best estimate perhaps with market value margins
- Bonus assumptions
 - Will need to be simple or complex formula which models the way your company declares bonus
- Investment Assumptions
 - Created from a credible economic model, e.g. TSM, and read in to Model in the form of a stochastic table
- Discount Rates
 - Become deflators output from economic model

Specific Issues for With Profit Business

Stochastic approach using deflators



Repeat for each simulation and take the average

Bonus decision for With Profits Business







Bonus decision for With Profits business and use of Deflators





Conclusions

Development required

All of this is change is sensible and not just being driven by the IASB

"We recommend that financial guarantees and onerous options in life insurance policies should be valued stochastically, and consistently with traded option prices in the market." Report of the FSA on the Review of the Regulation of Equitable Life (ordered by the House of Commons)

- Preparing your Model Office for Fair Value aligns your projection techniques with Economic Value techniques
- Biggest impact will be for With Profits business where stochastic and dynamic modules will be utilised

Conclusions

Development required

- The framework for Fair Value has not been fully decided upon
- All of the current thinking of what Fair Value will look like is possible now in Model
- Whatever direction the DSOP takes the Model team will react if further development is required
- What it means for YOU ??

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