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International Public Sector Accounting Standard 20, *Related Party Disclosures*, is set out in the objective and paragraphs 1–43. All the paragraphs have equal authority. IPSAS 20 should be read in the context of its objective, the *Preface to IPSAS Accounting Standards and IPSASB SRS Standards*, and *The Conceptual Framework for General Purpose Financial Reporting by Public Sector Entities*. IPSAS 3, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, provides a basis for selecting and applying accounting policies in the absence of explicit guidance.

## Objective

The objective of this Standard is to require the disclosure of the existence of related party relationships where control exists, and the disclosure of information about transactions between the entity and its related parties in certain circumstances. This information is required for accountability purposes, and to facilitate a better understanding of the financial position and performance of the reporting entity. The principal issues in disclosing information about related parties are (a) identifying which parties control or significantly influence the reporting entity, and (b) determining what information should be disclosed about transactions with those parties.

## Scope

1. **An entity that prepares and presents financial statements under the accrual basis of accounting shall apply this Standard in disclosing information about related party relationships and certain transactions with related parties.**
2. [Deleted]
3. [Deleted]

## Definitions

4. **The following terms are used in this Standard with the meanings specified:**

**Close members of the family of an individual** are close relatives of the individual or members of the individual's immediate family who can be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that individual in their dealings with the entity.

**Key management personnel** are:

- (a) **All directors or members of the governing body of the entity; and**
- (b) **Other persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the reporting entity. Where they meet this requirement, key management personnel include:**
  - (i) **Where there is a member of the governing body of a whole-of-government entity who has the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the reporting entity, that member;**
  - (ii) **Any key advisors of that member; and**
  - (iii) **Unless already included in (a), the senior management group of the reporting entity, including the chief executive or permanent head of the reporting entity.**

**Oversight** means the supervision of the activities of an entity, with the authority and responsibility to control, or exercise significant influence over, the financial and operating decisions of the entity.

**Related party** means parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to (a) control the other party, or (b) exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions, or if the related party entity and another entity are subject to common control. Related parties include:

- (a) **Entities that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, or are controlled by, the reporting entity;**
- (b) **Associates (see IPSAS 36, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*);**



- (c) Individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the reporting entity that gives them significant influence over the entity, and close members of the family of any such individual;
- (d) Key management personnel, and close members of the family of key management personnel; and
- (e) Entities in which a substantial ownership interest is held, directly or indirectly, by any person described in (c) or (d), or over which such a person is able to exercise significant influence.

**Related party transaction** is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged. Related party transactions exclude transactions with any other entity that is a related party solely because of its economic dependence on the reporting entity or the government of which it forms part.

**Remuneration of key management personnel** is any consideration or benefit derived directly or indirectly by key management personnel from the reporting entity for services provided in their capacity as members of the governing body, or otherwise as employees of the reporting entity.

**Significant influence** (for the purpose of this Standard) is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of an entity, but not control those policies. Significant influence may be exercised in several ways, usually by representation on the board of directors or equivalent governing body but also by, for example, participation in (a) the policy making process, (b) material transactions between entities within an economic entity, (c) interchange of managerial personnel, or (d) dependence on technical information. Significant influence may be gained by an ownership interest, statute, or agreement. With regard to an ownership interest, significant influence is presumed in accordance with the definition contained in IPSAS 36.

Terms defined in other IPSAS are used in this Standard with the same meaning as in those Standards, and are reproduced in the *Glossary of Defined Terms* published separately.

The term **Material** is defined in IPSAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements* and is used in this Standard with the same meaning as in IPSAS 1.

#### **Close Member of the Family of an Individual**

5. Judgment will be necessary in determining whether an individual should be identified as a close member of the family of an individual for purposes of application of this Standard. In the absence of information to the contrary, such as that a spouse or other relative is estranged from the individual, the following immediate family members and close relatives are presumed to have, or be subject to, such influence as to satisfy the definition of close members of the family of an individual:
  - (a) A spouse, domestic partner, dependent child, or relative living in a common household;
  - (b) A grandparent, parent, nondependent child, grandchild, brother, or sister; and
  - (c) The spouse or domestic partner of a child, a parent-in-law, a brother-in-law, or a sister-in-law.

#### **Key Management Personnel**

6. Key management personnel include all directors or members of the governing body of the reporting entity, where that body has the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the entity. At the whole-of-government level, the governing body may consist of elected or appointed representatives (for example, a president or governor, ministers, councilors and aldermen or their nominees).
7. Where an entity is subject to the oversight of an elected or appointed representative of the governing body of the government to which the entity belongs, that person is included in key management personnel, if the oversight function includes the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities

of the entity. In many jurisdictions, key advisors of that person may not possess sufficient authority, legal or otherwise, to satisfy the definition of key management personnel. In other jurisdictions, key advisors of that person may be deemed to be key management personnel because they have a special working relationship with an individual who has control over an entity. They therefore have access to privileged information, and may also be able to exercise control or significant influence over an entity. Judgment is required in assessing whether an individual is a key advisor, and whether that advisor satisfies the definition of key management personnel, or is a related party.

8. The governing body, together with the chief executive and senior management group, has the authority and responsibility to plan and control the activities of the entity, to manage the resources of the entity and for the overall achievement of entity objectives. Therefore, key management personnel will include the chief executive and senior management group of the reporting entity. In some jurisdictions, civil servants will not have sufficient authority and responsibility to qualify as key management personnel (as defined by this Standard) of the whole-of-government reporting entity. In these cases, key management personnel will consist only of those elected members of the governing body who have the greatest responsibility for the government; often these persons are referred to as Cabinet Ministers.
9. The senior management group of an economic entity may comprise individuals from both the controlling entity and other entities that collectively make up the economic entity.

### **Related Parties**

10. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, and not merely the legal form.
11. Where two entities have a member of key management personnel in common, it is necessary to consider the possibility, and to assess the likelihood, that this person would be able to affect the policies of both entities in their mutual dealings. However, the mere fact that there is a member of key management personnel in common does not necessarily create a related party relationship.
12. In the context of this Standard, the following are deemed not to be related parties:
  - (a) Providers of finance in the course of their business in that regard; and
    - (i) Trade unions;
    - (ii) in the course of their normal dealings with an entity by virtue only of those dealings (although they may circumscribe the freedom of action of an entity or participate in its decision-making process); and
  - (b) An entity with which the relationship is solely that of an agency.
13. Related party relationships may arise when an individual is either a member of the governing body or is involved in the financial and operating decisions of the reporting entity. Related party relationships may also arise through external operating relationships between the reporting entity and the related party. Such relationships will often involve a degree of economic dependency.
14. Economic dependency, where one entity is dependent on another in that it relies on the latter for a significant volume of its funding or sale of its goods and services, would on its own be unlikely to lead to control or significant influence and is therefore unlikely to give rise to a related party relationship. As such, a single customer, supplier, franchisor, distributor, or general agent with whom a public sector entity transacts a significant volume of business will not be a related party merely by virtue of the resulting economic dependency. However, economic dependency, together with other factors, may give rise to significant influence, and therefore a related party relationship. Judgment is required in assessing the impact of

economic dependence on a relationship. Where the reporting entity is economically dependent on another entity, the reporting entity is encouraged to disclose the existence of that dependency.

15. The definition of related party includes entities owned by key management personnel, close family members of such individuals or major shareholders (or equivalent where the entity does not have a formal equity structure) of the reporting entity. The definition of related party also includes circumstances in which one party has the ability to exercise significant influence over the other party. In the public sector, an individual or entity may be given oversight responsibility for a reporting entity, which gives them significant influence, but not control, over the financial and operating decisions of the reporting entity. For the purposes of this Standard, significant influence is defined to encompass joint ventures.

### **Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

16. Remuneration of key management personnel includes remuneration derived by individuals from the reporting entity for services provided to the reporting entity in their capacity as members of the governing body or employees. Benefits derived directly or indirectly from the entity for services in any capacity, other than as an employee or a member of the governing body, do not satisfy the definition of remuneration of key management personnel in this Standard. However, paragraph 34 requires disclosures to be made about certain of these other benefits. Remuneration of key management personnel excludes any consideration provided solely as a reimbursement for expenditure incurred by those individuals for the benefit of the reporting entity, such as the reimbursement of accommodation costs associated with work-related travel.

### **Voting Power**

17. The definition of related party will include any individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the voting power of the reporting entity that gives them significant influence over the entity. The holding of an interest in the voting power of an entity can arise when a public sector entity has a corporate structure, and a minister or government agency holds shares in the entity.

### **The Related Party Issue**

18. Related party relationships exist throughout the public sector, because:
  - (a) Administrative units are subject to the overall direction of the executive government and, ultimately, the Parliament or similar body of elected or appointed officials, and operate together to achieve the policies of the government;
  - (b) Government departments and agencies frequently conduct activities necessary for the achievement of different components of their responsibilities and objectives through separate controlled entities, and through entities over which they have significant influence; and
  - (c) Ministers or other elected or appointed members of the government and senior management group can exert significant influence over the operations of a department or agency.
19. Disclosure of certain related party relationships and related party transactions and the relationship underlying those transactions is necessary for accountability purposes, and enables users to better understand the financial statements of the reporting entity because:
  - (a) Related party relationships can influence the way in which an entity operates with other entities in achieving its individual objectives, and the way in which it co-operates with other entities in achieving common or collective objectives;
  - (b) Related party relationships might expose an entity to risks, or provide opportunities that would not have existed in the absence of the relationship; and

- (c) Related parties may enter into transactions that unrelated parties would not enter into, or may agree to transactions on different terms and conditions than those that would normally be available to unrelated parties. This occurs frequently in government departments and agencies, where goods and services are transferred between departments at less than full cost recovery as a part of normal operating procedures consistent with the achievement of the objectives of the reporting entity and the government. Governments and individual public sector entities are expected to use resources efficiently, effectively, and in the manner intended, and to deal with public monies with the highest levels of integrity. The existence of related party relationships means that one party can control or significantly influence the activities of another party. This provides the opportunity for transactions to occur on a basis that may advantage one party inappropriately at the expense of another.

- 20. Disclosure of certain types of related party transactions that occur, and the terms and conditions on which they were conducted, allows users to assess the impact of those transactions on the financial position and performance of an entity, and its ability to deliver agreed services. This disclosure also ensures that the entity is transparent about its dealings with related parties.

### **Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

- 21. Key management personnel hold positions of responsibility within an entity. They are responsible for the strategic direction and operational management of an entity, and are entrusted with significant authority. Their salaries are often established by statute, or an independent tribunal or other body independent of the reporting entity. However, their responsibilities may enable them to influence the benefits of office that flow to them or their related parties. This Standard requires certain disclosures to be made about (a) the remuneration of key management personnel and close members of the family of key management personnel during the reporting period, (b) loans made to them, and (c) the consideration provided to them for services they provide to the entity other than as a member of the governing body or an employee. The disclosures required by this Standard will ensure that appropriate minimum levels of transparency are applied to the remuneration of key management personnel and close members of the family of key management personnel.

### **Materiality**

- 22. IPSAS 1 requires the separate disclosure of material items. The materiality of an item is determined with reference to the nature or amount of that item. When assessing the materiality of related party transactions, the nature of the relationship between the reporting entity and the related party, and the nature of the transaction, may mean that a transaction is material regardless of its amount.

### **Disclosure**

- 23. In many countries, the laws and other authoritative financial reporting rules require financial statements of private sector entities and commercial public sector entities to disclose information about certain categories of related parties and related party transactions. In particular, attention is focused on the entity's transactions with its directors or members of its governing body and with its senior management group, especially their remuneration and borrowings. This is (a) because of the fiduciary responsibilities of directors, members of the governing body, and senior management group, and (b) because they have extensive powers over the deployment of entity resources. In some jurisdictions, similar requirements are included in the statutes and regulations applicable to public sector entities.
- 24. Some IPSAS also require disclosure of transactions with related parties. For example, IPSAS 1 requires disclosure of amounts payable to and receivable from controlling entities, fellow controlled entities, associates, and other related parties. IPSAS 38, *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*, requires an entity to disclose information that enables users of its consolidated financial statements to understand the

composition of the economic entity and information about each joint arrangement and associate that is material to the reporting entity.

### Disclosure of Control

25. **Related party relationships where control exists shall be disclosed, irrespective of whether there have been transactions between the related parties.**
26. In order for a reader of financial statements to form a view about the effects of related party relationships on a reporting entity, it is appropriate to disclose related party relationships where control exists, irrespective of whether there have been transactions between the related parties. This would involve the disclosure of the names of any controlled entities, the name of the immediate controlling entity, and the name of the ultimate controlling entity, if any.

### Disclosure of Related Party Transactions

27. **In respect of transactions between related parties, other than transactions that would occur within a normal supplier or client/recipient relationship on terms and conditions no more or less favorable than those which it is reasonable to expect the entity would have adopted if dealing with that individual or entity at arm's length in the same circumstances, the reporting entity shall disclose:**
  - (a) **The nature of the related party relationships;**
  - (b) **The types of transactions that have occurred; and**
  - (c) **The elements of the transactions necessary to clarify the significance of these transactions to its operations and sufficient to enable the financial statements to provide relevant and faithfully representative information for decision making and accountability purposes.**
28. The following are examples of situations where related party transactions may lead to disclosures by a reporting entity:
  - (a) Rendering or receiving of services;
  - (b) Purchases or transfers/sales of goods (finished or unfinished);
  - (c) Purchases or transfers/sales of property and other assets;
  - (d) Agency arrangements;
  - (e) Leasing arrangements;
  - (f) Transfer of research and development;
  - (g) License agreements;
  - (h) Finance (including loans, capital contributions, grants whether in cash or in kind, and other financial support, including cost-sharing arrangements); and
  - (i) Guarantees and collaterals.
29. Public sector entities transact extensively with each other on a daily basis. These transactions may occur at cost, less than cost or free of charge. For example, a government department of administrative services may provide office accommodation free of charge to other departments, or a public sector entity may act as a purchasing agent for other public sector entities. In some models of government, there may be the capacity for recovery of more than the full cost of service delivery. Departments are related parties because they are subject to common control, and these transactions meet the definition of related party transactions. However, disclosure of information about transactions between these entities is not required where the transactions (a) are consistent with normal operating relationships between the entities, and (b) are undertaken on terms and

conditions that are normal for such transactions in these circumstances. The exclusion of these related party transactions from the disclosure requirements of paragraph 27 reflects that public sector entities operate together to achieve common objectives, and acknowledges that different mechanisms may be adopted for the delivery of services by public sector entities in different jurisdictions. This Standard requires disclosures of related party transactions only when those transactions occur other than in accordance with the operating parameters established in that jurisdiction.

30. The information about related party transactions that would need to be disclosed to meet the objectives of general purpose financial reporting would normally include:
  - (a) A description of the nature of the relationship with related parties involved in these transactions, for example, whether the relationship was one of a controlling entity, a controlled entity, an entity under common control, or key management personnel;
  - (b) A description of the related party transactions within each broad class of transaction and an indication of the volume of the classes, either as a specific monetary amount or as a proportion of that class of transactions and/or balances;
  - (c) A summary of the broad terms and conditions of transactions with related parties, including disclosure of how these terms and conditions differ from those normally associated with similar transactions with unrelated parties; and
  - (d) Amounts or appropriate proportions of outstanding items.
31. Paragraph 34 of this Standard requires additional disclosures to be made about certain transactions between an entity and key management personnel and/or the close members of the family of key management personnel.
32. **Items of a similar nature may be disclosed in aggregate, except when separate disclosure is necessary to provide relevant and faithfully representative information for decision-making and accountability purposes.**
33. Disclosure of related party transactions between members of an economic entity is unnecessary in consolidated financial statements, because consolidated financial statements present information about the controlling entity and controlled entities as a single reporting entity. Related party transactions that occur between entities within an economic entity, except for those between an investment entity and its controlled entities measured at fair value through surplus or deficit, are eliminated on consolidation in accordance with IPSAS 35, *Consolidated Financial Statements*. Transactions with associated entities accounted for under the equity method are not eliminated, and therefore require separate disclosure as related party transactions.

#### **Disclosure—Key Management Personnel**

34. **An entity shall disclose:**
  - (a) **The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel and the number of individuals, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, receiving remuneration within this category, showing separately major classes of key management personnel and including a description of each class;**
  - (b) **The total amount of all other remuneration and compensation provided to key management personnel, and close members of the family of key management personnel, by the reporting entity during the reporting period, showing separately the aggregate amounts provided to:**
    - (i) **Key management personnel; and**
    - (ii) **Close members of the family of key management personnel; and**

(c) **In respect of loans that are not widely available to persons who are not key management personnel and loans whose availability is not widely known by members of the public, for each individual member of key management personnel and each close member of the family of key management personnel:**

- (i) **The amount of loans advanced during the period and terms and conditions thereof;**
- (ii) **The amount of loans repaid during the period;**
- (iii) **The amount of the closing balance of all loans and receivables; and**
- (iv) **Where the individual is not a director or member of the governing body or senior management group of the entity, the relationship of the individual to such body or group.**

35. Paragraph 27 of this Standard requires the disclosure of related party transactions that have occurred other than on an arm's length basis consistent with the operating conditions established for the entity. This Standard also requires the disclosure of information about certain transactions with key management personnel identified in paragraph 34, whether or not they have occurred on an arm's length basis consistent with the operating conditions that apply in respect of the entity.

36. Persons who are key management personnel may be employed on a full- or part-time basis. The number of individuals disclosed as receiving remuneration in accordance with paragraph 34(a) needs to be estimated on a full-time equivalent basis. Entities will make separate disclosures about the major classes of key management personnel that they have. For example, where an entity has a governing body that is separate from its senior management group, disclosures about remuneration of the two groups will be made separately. Where an individual is a member of both the governing body and the senior management group, that individual will be included in only one of those groups for the purposes of this Standard. The categories of key management personnel identified in the definition of key management personnel provide a guide to identifying classes of key management personnel.

37. Remuneration of key management personnel can include a variety of direct and indirect benefits. Where the cost of these benefits is determinable, that cost will be included in the aggregate remuneration disclosed. Where the cost of these benefits is not determinable, a best estimate of the cost to the reporting entity or entities will be made and included in the aggregate remuneration disclosed.

38. Requirements on the measurement of employee benefits are found in IPSAS 39, *Employee Benefits*. When non-monetary remuneration that is able to be reliably<sup>1</sup> measured has been included in the aggregate amount of remuneration of key management personnel disclosed for the period, disclosure would also be made in the notes to the financial statements of the basis of measurement of the non-monetary remuneration.

39. This Standard requires the disclosure of certain information about the terms and conditions of loans made to key management personnel and close members of the family of key management personnel, where these loans:

- (a) Are not widely available to persons outside the key management group; and
- (b) May be widely available outside the key management group, but whose availability is not widely known to members of the public.

The disclosure of this information is required for accountability purposes. The exercise of judgment may be necessary in determining which loans should be disclosed to satisfy the requirements of this Standard. That

<sup>1</sup> Information that is reliable is free from material error and bias, and can be depended on by users to faithfully represent that which it purports to represent or could reasonably be expected to represent. Paragraph BC16 of IPSAS 1 discusses the transitional approach to the explanation of reliability.

judgment should be exercised after consideration of the relevant facts, and in a manner consistent with the achievement of the objectives of financial reporting.

40. Paragraph 34(a) of this Standard requires disclosure of the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel. Key management personnel include directors or members of the governing body and members of the senior management group of the entity. Directors or members of the governing body of the entity may also receive remuneration or compensation from the entity for services provided in a capacity other than (a) as director or member of the governing body of the entity, or (b) as an employee of the entity. Paragraph 34(b)(i) of this Standard requires the disclosure of the total amount of this other remuneration or compensation.
41. Close members of the family of key management personnel may influence, or be influenced by, key management personnel in their transactions with the reporting entity. Paragraph 34(b)(ii) of this Standard requires the disclosure of the total remuneration and compensation provided during the period to close members of the family of key management personnel.

## Effective Date

42. **An entity shall apply this Standard for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2004. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies this Standard for a period beginning before January 1, 2004, it shall disclose that fact.**
- 42A. **Paragraph 43 was amended by IPSAS 33, *First-time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)* issued in January 2015. An entity shall apply that amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies IPSAS 33 for a period beginning before January 1, 2017, the amendment shall also be applied for that earlier period.**
- 42B. **IPSAS 35, *Consolidated Financial Statements* IPSAS 37, *Joint Arrangements* and IPSAS 38, *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*, issued in January 2015, amended paragraphs 4, 15, 24 and 33. An entity shall apply those amendments when it applies IPSAS 35, IPSAS 37, and IPSAS 38.**
- 42C. **Paragraphs 27 and 32 were amended by *Improvements to IPSAS 2015* issued in April 2016. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies these amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2017 it shall disclose that fact.**
- 42D. **Paragraphs 2 and 3 were deleted by *The Applicability of IPSAS*, issued in April 2016. An entity shall apply those amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2018, it shall disclose that fact.**
- 42E. **Paragraph 38 was amended by IPSAS 39, *Employee Benefits*, issued in July 2016. An entity shall apply that amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2018 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 39 at the same time.**
- 42F. **Paragraphs 4 and 22 were amended by *Definition of Material* (Amendments to IPSAS 1, IPSAS 3, and the Conceptual Framework), issued in October 2025. An entity shall apply this amendment prospectively for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies this amendment for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact. An entity shall apply this amendment when it applies the amendments to the definition of material in paragraph 7 of IPSAS 1.**



43. When an entity adopts accrual basis IPSAS Standards as defined in IPSAS 33, *First-time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards* for financial reporting purposes subsequent to this effective date, this Standard applies to the entity's annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after the date of adoption of IPSAS Standards.

## Basis for Conclusions

*This Basis for Conclusions accompanies, but is not part of, IPSAS 20.*

### **Revision of IPSAS 20 as a result of the IPSASB's *The Applicability of IPSAS*, issued in April 2016**

BC1. The IPSASB issued *The Applicability of IPSAS* in April 2016. This pronouncement amends references in all IPSAS as follows:

- (a) Removes the standard paragraphs about *The Applicability of IPSAS* to “public sector entities other than GBEs” from the scope section of each Standard;
- (b) Replaces the term “GBE” with the term “commercial public sector entities”, where appropriate; and
- (c) Amends paragraph 10 of the *Preface to International Public Sector Accounting Standards* by providing a positive description of public sector entities for which IPSAS are designed.

The reasons for these changes are set out in the Basis for Conclusions to IPSAS 1.

## Implementation Guidance

*This guidance accompanies, but is not part of, IPSAS 20.*

### Disclosure—Government X

The following disclosures are made in the financial statements of Government X.

#### *Controlled Entities (Paragraph 25)*

The Government controls the following reporting entities:

Government Departments and Agencies: Education, Welfare, Police, Post, Works and Services, Defense, Justice, Treasury/Finance, Department X, Agency XYZ (identify all departments and agencies).

Commercial Public Sector Entities: Government Electricity Company, Government Telecommunications Company (identify all commercial public sector entities).

(Note: IPSAS 35, requires that certain disclosures be made about significant controlled entities.)

#### *Related Party Transactions (Paragraph 27)*

A member of Cabinet was provided with a house, rent free, in the national Capital City. Houses similar to that provided to the Minister rent for approximately Z currency units per annum. The provision of accommodation is not part of the remuneration package of the Minister, and the Government does not generally provide free accommodation to ministers. However, in this case it was necessary to provide a residence for the Minister in the Capital City.

The partner of another member of Cabinet was provided with a motor vehicle, rent free. Cars similar to that provided normally rent for K currency units per annum. The government does not generally provide motor vehicles, rent free, to the domestic partners of ministers.

#### *Key Management Personnel (Paragraph 34)*

##### **Remuneration (Paragraph 34(a))**

The key management personnel (as defined by IPSAS 20, *Related Party Disclosures*) are the members of Cabinet, who together constitute the governing body of Government X. The aggregate remuneration of members of the Cabinet and the number of individuals determined on a full-time equivalent basis receiving remuneration from Government X are:

Aggregate remuneration X million.

Number of persons Y persons.

##### **Loans That are not Widely Available (and/or Widely Known) to Persons Outside the Key Management Group (paragraph 34(c))**

Amounts of such loans advanced and repaid during the period, and the balances outstanding at the end of the period, are outlined below:

| <u>Individual</u> | <u>Advanced</u> | <u>Repaid</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| The Honorable ABC | J               | K             | L              |
| Ms. VSL           | M               | N             | P              |
| The Honorable D   | Q               | R             | Z              |
| The Honorable E   | S               | T             | U              |

## Terms and Conditions

The Honorable ABC, Minister of Transport, received a loan at X% per annum, which is Y% below the market rate. The term of the loan is for Z years.

Ms. VSL, partner of the Minister of Health, received a government loan. The loan is for N years at X% per annum, the current government borrowing rate.

The salary packages of Cabinet Ministers the Honorable D and E allow them to take out a government loan for up to A years at Y% per annum to purchase a car.

### **Other Remuneration and Compensation Provided to Key Management Personnel and their Close Family Members (paragraph 34(b))**

During the reporting period, total compensation of X amount (currency units) was provided to members of the Cabinet for consulting services provided to particular government agencies.

During the reporting period, the government provided total remuneration and compensation of Y amount (currency units) to close family members of key management personnel. This amount consists of the remuneration of government employees who are close members of the family of members of the Cabinet.

## **Disclosure—Government Agency XYZ**

These disclosures are made in the financial statements of Government Agency XYZ, which is a separate reporting entity.

### *Controlled Entities (Paragraph 25)*

The Agency is controlled by Department X. Department X is controlled by Government X.

The Agency controls the Administration Services Unit, which is a commercial public sector entity.

(Note: IPSAS 35, requires that certain disclosures be made about significant controlled entities.)

### *Related Party Transactions (Paragraph 27)*

The Agency provided a house, rent free, to the Minister. Houses similar to that provided to the Minister rent for approximately Z currency units per annum. The house is not part of the remuneration package of the Minister and, as a matter of operating procedure, government agencies do not provide residential accommodation to ministers. However, Government X advised that the house should be provided on this occasion.

### *Key Management Personnel (Paragraph 34)*

#### **Remuneration (Paragraph 34(a))**

The key management personnel (as defined by IPSAS 20) of Agency XYZ are the Minister, the members of the governing body, and the members of the senior management group. The governing body consists of members appointed by Government X; the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer attend meetings of the governing body but are not members of the governing body. The Minister is not remunerated by Agency XYZ. The aggregate remuneration of members of the governing body and the number of members determined on a full-time equivalent basis receiving remuneration within this category, are:

Aggregate remuneration            AX million.

Number of persons                AY persons.

The senior management group consists of the Agency's chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, and the AZ heads of division. The aggregate remuneration of members of the senior management group and the number of managers determined on a full-time equivalent basis receiving remuneration within this category are:

Aggregate remuneration              AP million.

Number of persons                      AQ persons.

Two division heads are on secondment from Department X, and are remunerated by Department X.

**Loans That are not Widely Available (and/or Widely Known) to Persons Outside the Key Management Group (paragraph 34(c))**

Amounts advanced and repaid during the period and balance outstanding at the end of the period:

| Individual   | <u>Advanced</u> | <u>Repaid</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| The Minister | J               | K             | L              |
| Mr. G        | M               | N             | P              |
| Ms. H        | Q               | R             | Z              |

**Terms and Conditions**

The Minister received a loan of J currency units, at X% per annum, which is Y% below the market rate. The term of the loan is for Z years.

The salary package of senior staff members, Mr. G and Ms. H, allows them to take out a government loan for up to N years at Y% per annum to purchase a car.

**Remuneration and Compensation Provided to Close Family Members of Key Management Personnel (paragraph 34(b))**

During the reporting period, total remuneration and compensation of F amount (currency units) was provided by the Agency to employees who are close family members of key management personnel.

## COMPARISON WITH IAS 24

IPSAS 20 is drawn primarily from IAS 24 (Reformatted 1994). The main differences between IPSAS 20 and IAS 24 are as follows:

- The structure of IPSAS 20 differs substantially from that of IAS 24.
- The exclusion from the scope of IAS 24 of wholly-owned subsidiaries where the parent entity is domiciled in the same country and provides consolidated financial statements in that country has not been adopted in IPSAS 20.
- Commentary that identifies key management personnel in IAS 24 has been included in a formal definition of “key management personnel” in IPSAS 20. The commentary in IAS 24 includes close members of the family; the definition of “key management personnel” in IPSAS 20 does not include close members of the family.
- The definition of “related party” in IPSAS 20 includes related party relationships that are only noted in commentary in IAS 24.
- IPSAS 20 includes a definition of “remuneration of key management personnel.” IAS 24 does not include this definition.
- IPSAS 20 contains additional disclosure requirements in relation to (a) the remuneration of key management personnel and their close family members, and (b) certain other transactions between an entity and its key management personnel and their close family members.
- Except for limited disclosures about the remuneration of, and certain other specified transactions with, key management personnel, IPSAS 20 does not require the disclosure of information about transactions between related parties that occur on normal terms and conditions. IAS 24 has more limited exclusions for related party transactions that occur in the course of normal dealings between the parties.
- IPSAS 20 uses different terminology, in certain instances, from IAS 24. The most significant example is the use of the terms “members of the governing body” in IPSAS 20. The equivalent term in IAS 24 is “directors.”