

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 25. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. Those which may be relevant to the Branch are set out below. The Branch does not plan to adopt these standards early. These will be adopted in the period that they become mandatory unless otherwise indicated:

#### (a) *Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions* (Amendments to IAS 19)

The amendments introduce relief that will reduce the complexity and burden of accounting for certain contributions from employees or third parties. Such contributions are eligible for practical expedient if they are:

- set out in the formal terms of the plan;
- linked to service; and
- independent of the number of years of service.

When contributions are eligible for the practical expedient, a company is permitted (but not required) to recognise them as a reduction of the service cost in the period in which the related service is rendered. The branch's defined benefit plan meets these requirements and consequently the branch intends to apply this amendment and will recognise the contributions as reduction of the service costs in the period in which the related service is rendered.

The amendments apply retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014 with early adoption permitted.

#### (b) *Disclosure Initiative* (Amendments to IAS 1)

The amendments provide additional guidance on the application of materiality and aggregation when preparing financial statements.

The amendments apply for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016 and early application is permitted.

#### (c) *IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers*

This standard replaces IAS 11 Construction Contracts, IAS 18 Revenue, IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes, IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, IFRIC 18 Transfer of Assets from Customers and SIC-31 Revenue – Barter of Transactions Involving Advertising Services.

The standard contains a single model that applies to contracts with customers and two approaches to recognising revenue: at a point in time or over time. The model features a contract-based five-step analysis of transactions to determine whether, how much and when revenue is recognised.