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1 Q. Reference: Evidence of Laurence D. Booth, p. 3.

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- Please provide any independent economists' projections of the long-term Canada ("LTC") bond yield outlook over the next two to five years, and note whether or not it aligns with Dr. Booth's projected normalized LTC yield of 3.8%.
- 7 **A.** Dr. Booth references the Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO) forecast on pages 25-26, which is based on external forecasts. The PBO forecast is for 3.4% for the ten-year bond, and the normal spread to the 30 year bond is just over 0.32%. The combination is almost exactly Dr. Booth's minimum forecast LTC yield of 3.8%.