

1 **Q. Reference: Dr. Booth's Evidence, Page 22, Lines 8-11**  
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3 **Does Dr. Booth believe that investors rely on interest rate forecasts, such as**  
4 **those from Consensus Economics or Blue Chip Financial Forecasts? If not,**  
5 **why not?**  
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7 A. Dr. Booth has not done any research to indicate reliance by investors on Consensus  
8 Economics reports or any particular information source. Dr. Booth would judge  
9 investors to rely on a variety of independent sources of information one of which  
10 might be Consensus Economics, but as private information it would not be available  
11 to many investors. Traditionally Dr. Booth has provided the interest rate forecasts  
12 of the Royal Bank of Canada since it is Canada's largest bank and the only one  
13 regarded as a globally systemically important bank (GSIB). He is aware of research  
14 that shows that economists are no better at forecasting than the free forecasts  
15 embedded in capital market data such as forward rates.