



Board Meeting Summary Paper

Subject: Update of Guidance Statement
AGS 1002 *Bank Confirmation Requests*

Date: 9 April 2010

AUASB AGENDA ITEM NO. 6
Meeting Date: 19 April 2010

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

To: consider the second draft of the revised Guidance Statement on *Bank Confirmation Requests* and approve it for issue, subject to final QA processes.

Background

In June 2009, a Project Advisory Group, comprising representatives of the Big 4 and second tier accounting firms, the joint accounting bodies and the public sector, was formed to consider the revision of AGS 1002.

In October 2009, staff of the AUASB met with senior representatives of the ABA and key major banks. Subsequent to that meeting, an ABA-led Bank Working Group was formed to consider the draft revised Guidance Statement and provide bank input.

In February 2010, the AUASB considered the draft revised Guidance Statement and made further minor changes and suggestions. These changes have now been incorporated into the second draft, together with suggestions made by the PAG and changes arising from QA processes.

Matters to Consider

In early March 2010, a new CEO was appointed to the ABA, replacing the former CEO and head of the ABA Working Group set up to provide bank input into the project to revise AGS 1002. The new CEO has confirmed the ABA's support for the project and agreed to honour any commitments already given by the ABA.

The Board is requested to consider the marked up version of the second draft of the Guidance Statement (Agenda Item 6.2). The reasons for changes made to the draft are provided in text boxes in the right-hand margin next to each change, for the Board's information.

A clean version of the draft Guidance Statement is also included for the Board's information. (Agenda Item 6.1).

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Staff Recommendation

That the Board:

1. consider the second draft of the revised Guidance Statement on *Bank Confirmation Requests*, and
2. approve the revised Guidance Statement for issue, subject to final QA processes.

Material Presented

- Agenda Item 6 Board Meeting Summary Paper
- Agenda Item 6.1 Draft Guidance Statement XXX *Bank Confirmation Requests* (Clean Version)
- Agenda Item 6.2 Draft Guidance Statement XXX *Bank Confirmation Requests* (Marked Up Version)

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1	Consider the draft Guidance Statement and approve it for issue	Board approval	AUASB	19 April 2010	O/S

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