



# Board Meeting Summary Paper

**Subject:** Debenture Issuers' Auditor's Benchmark Reports  
**Date:** 8 November 2010

<b>AUASB AGENDA ITEM NO. 15(a)(iii)</b>
<b>Meeting Date: 29 November 2010</b>

**Action Required**

**For Information Purposes Only**

## Agenda Item Objectives

To provide an update on auditor reporting on Debenture Issuers Benchmark information.

## Background

In the 2007/08 financial year, ASIC introduced a benchmark information disclosure regime for unlisted debenture issuers. The disclosures required to be provided with prospectuses and continuous disclosure notices are set out in Regulatory Guide RG 69 *Debentures – improving disclosure for retail investors* (October 2007). RG 69 includes an “expectation” that debenture issuers would obtain an auditor’s report on the issuer’s performance against the benchmarks. The auditor’s reports are issued at the time of lodgement of the half yearly and annual financial reports but relate to the disclosures up to the last disclosure document.

RG 69 was revised and reissued in August 2008 along with a Pro Forma PF223 *Interim auditor’s benchmark report*. In October 2009 ASIC issued a Consultation Paper 123 *Debentures: Strengthening the disclosure benchmarks* along with Report 173 *Debentures: Second review of disclosure to investors*. In June 2010 ASIC released Report 200 *Response to submission on CP 123 Debentures: Strengthening the disclosure benchmarks* along with a revised RG 69 *Debentures and unsecured notes: Improving disclosure for retail investors*.

## Matters to Consider

As a result of the latest revisions to RG 69, ASIC revised PF 223 to reflect the revised benchmarks. ASIC consulted with the AUASB on the redrafting to ensure that the revised pro forma is consistent with the AUASB Standards. A revised PF 223 was issued on 26 October 2010 (Agenda Item 15(a)(iii).1). Auditor’s benchmark reports continue to be made available only to the Trustee for Debenture Holders and ASIC.

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## **Material Presented**

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Agenda Item 15(a)(iii).1 ASIC Pro forma PF 223 *Auditor's Benchmark Report* (26 October 2010)

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