



**Subject:** Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the AUASB  
**Venue:** Ken Spencer Room, AUASB offices  
Level 7, 600 Bourke St, Melbourne  
**Time(s):** 9 September 2008, from 8.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

All agenda items were discussed in public, with the exception of Agenda items 1 to 5.

## Attendance

Members	Ms Merran Kelsall(Chairman) Mr Jon Tyers (Deputy Chairman) Ms Dianne Azoor Hughes Mr Mike Blake Mr Chris Hall Ms Elizabeth Johnstone Prof. Christine Jubb Mr Ian McPhee Mr Clive Mottershead Mr Greg Pound Mr David Simmonds
Apologies	Ms Valerie Clifford Mr John Gavens
Staff	Mr Richard Mifsud (Executive Director) Ms Claire Grayston (in part) Ms Johanna Foyster (in part) Ms Susan Fraser (in part) Mr Alan Marrone Mr Howard Pratt Ms Patricia Wales (in part)

## Declarations of Interest

**(Agenda item 1 – Minute 423) – Closed Session**

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**(Agenda item 2 – Minute 424) – Closed Session**

## **Matters Arising From Action Items Not Dealt With Elsewhere**

**(Agenda item 3 – Minute 425) – Closed Session**

## **Reports from AUASB Chairman and Corporate Matters**

**(Agenda item 4 – Minute 426) – Closed Session**

## **NEW ZEALAND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

**(Agenda item 5 – Minute 427) – Closed Session**

## **IAASB Matters**

**(Agenda item 6 – Minute 428) – Closed Session**

## **ASA Redrafting**

**(Agenda item 7 – Minute 429)**

The Board received an update on the progress of the project.

The Board noted that the project is on track for completion of the redrafting of the Australian Auditing Standards (ASAs) by October 2009, and that the AUASB's present intention is that the revised ASAs will be operative for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2010.

Approval of Exposure Drafts:

The Board considered draft versions, in "Clarity" format, of the following exposure drafts (EDs) of proposed revised Auditing Standards:

- (a) ASA 230 *Audit Documentation*
- (b) ASA 300 *Panning an Audit of a Financial Report*
- (c) ASA 540 *Audit of Accounting Estimates*
- (d) ASA 560 *Subsequent Events*
- (e) ASA 570 *Going Concern*
- (f) ASA 600 *Group Audits*

The Board approved the issue of these EDs, for release in mid September 2008, with a 30 day comment period.

The Board also discussed a working document based on ASA 100 *Preamble to AUASB Pronouncements*. This interpretive document will be revised progressively as other standards are redrafted. Progressive versions will be available on the AUASB website to assist constituents in responding to the EDs.

## **ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements**

**(Agenda Item 8 – Minute 430)**

The Board approved amendments to ASAE 3100 comprising:

- Clarification that the assurance practitioner cannot claim compliance with ASAE 3100 when the practitioner is unable to comply with fundamental ethical principles, including those relating to independence.
- Inclusion of a definition of the term “compliance framework” as used in the context of ASAE 3100.
- Clarification that ASAE 3100 does not apply to audits or reviews of historical financial reports.

The amended Standard will be issued in mid September 2008. The Standard will be operative for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 October 2008, and early adoption is permitted.

## **STANDARD BUSINESS REPORTING AND XBRL**

### **(Agenda item 9 – Minute 431)**

Mr Paul Madden (Program Director - Standard Business Reporting, Australian Treasury) presented to the AUASB on the progress of the Australian Government’s Standard Business Reporting program.

## **AGS 1008 AUDIT IMPLICATIONS OF PRUDENTIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORISED DEPOSIT TAKING INSTITUTIONS**

### **(Agenda item 10 – Minute 432)**

The Board approved a project plan to revise and reissue AGS 1008 *Audit Implications of Prudential Reporting Requirements for Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions*.

The revised Guidance Statement will follow the release by APRA of its revised Prudential Standard APS 310 *Audit and Related Arrangements for Prudential Reporting*, anticipated in November 2008.

## **GS 009 FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS OF SELF MANAGED SUPERANNUATION FUNDS**

### **(Agenda item 11 – Minute 433)**

The Board considered a further draft of the proposed Guidance Statement GS 009 *Financial and Compliance Audits of Self-Managed Superannuation Funds*. The Board approved the Guidance Statement for issue subject to a number of amendments.

Release of the Guidance Statement is anticipated in October 2008.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **(Agenda item 12 – Minute 424)**

#### **(a) National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme**

The Board received an update on recent developments:

- A major accounting firm has been appointed as consultants on reporting requirements.

- Noted different criteria for greenhouse reporting between the NGER and the Carbon Emission Reduction Scheme.

**(b) Other Emerging Issues**

Audit committees Practice Guide – it was noted that the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development has approached the AUASB for permission to develop a local Government version of the guide.

**(c) Debenture Issuers**

ASIC have consulted with the AUASB on the form and content of the Audit Report contained in RG 69 – to be further reviewed for the December reporting period.

**Next Meeting**

**Close of Meeting**

The next meeting of the AUASB will be held in Melbourne on Monday and Tuesday 27-28 October 2008.

**Approval**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

M H Kelsall

*Chairman*

Date: 27 October 2008