



Subject: Highlights of the 58th meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)
Venue: Ken Spencer Room, AUASB offices
Level 7, 600 Bourke St, Melbourne
Date: 23 July 2012

1. Proposed APRA Prudential Standards for Superannuation

The Board received an update on the project to issue a Guidance Statement dealing with *Audit and Assurance Related Matters for Auditors of RSEs, including RMF requirements* in conformity with the APRA Prudential Standards. The project plan for the development of a Guidance Statement on the draft APRA standards was approved.

2. ASAE 3100 and ASAE 3500 Post Implementation Review Survey

The Board received an update on the results of a post implementation survey of ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements* and ASAE 3500 *Performance Engagements* assurance standards. The feedback will be considered further as part of the revision of the standards over the next year.

3. AUASB and New Zealand harmonisation of auditing and assurance standards

The AUASB considered the latest draft joint policy paper on convergence with international standards and harmonisation of trans-Tasman standards. The paper was approved subject to some minor amendments.

4. AUASB Functions and Processes

The Board considered the first draft paper on the *AUASB Functions and Processes*. The paper provides information about the AUASB's mandates, its operations and processes for the development of pronouncements and other publications. A further draft is to be considered at the next meeting on 10 September 2012.

5. Standard Business Reporting Program

MR Mark Sewell (Manager, SBR Policy Development Unit, The Treasury) presented to the Board on the Standard Business Reporting Program.

6. Fundraisings Projects

The AUASB received an update on ASAE 3450 *Assurance Engagements involving Corporate Fundraisings and/or Prospective Financial Information* and ASAE 3420 *Assurance Engagements to Report on the Compilation of Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus*.

The Board considered both Issues Paper and updated drafts of the Standards incorporating changes requested at the 4 June 2012 meeting. The Board requested that the Project Advisory Group and the Board be given further opportunity to review the proposed Standards and discuss the changes prior to the next Board meeting on 10 September 2012.

The proposed final standards with amendments will be considered again for approval at the 10 September 2012 AUASB meeting.



7. NGRS and Clean Energy Schemes and Greenhouse Gas Assurance

The Board approved the scope of the Guidance Statement as recommended by the Project Advisory Group, which will link the NGRS reporting requirements with the requirements of ASAE 3410 *Assurance on Greenhouse Gas Statements*.

8. International Matters

- (a) The Board received a report on outcomes of the IAASB meeting, attended by the AUASB Chairman and Executive Director, which was held on 11-15 June 2012 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The AUASB noted the release since that meeting of the Invitation to Comment: *Improving the Auditor's Report*, which was issued recently by the IAASB. The AUASB will be conducting roundtables in September and early October to obtain Australian stakeholder views and input on the IAASB's *Invitation to Comment*.
- (b) The AUASB received reports on the IAASB projects: *Auditor Reporting*, *Audit Quality* and *ISA Implementation Monitoring*.
- (c) The AUASB noted the latest International Update being a report on recent activities of the IAASB and other national standard setters.
- (d) The AUASB noted the impending visit by the Chairman of the IAASB Prof. Arnold Schilder, who will be visiting Australia in early October and will meeting with the AUASB at a special meeting on Tuesday 2 October.

9. Other Matters

- (a) Audit Committees Best Practice Guide

The Board noted the final version of *Audit Committees a Guide to Good Practice* – a joint publication with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and The Institute of Internal Auditors-Australia (IIA-A), which will be released shortly.

- (b) Assurance on Water Accounting Reports

The AUASB received a further project update on the development of a standard for assurance engagements on general purpose water accounting reports.

- (c) Integrated Reporting

The Board received an update on progress on Integrated Reporting by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) and the Business Reporting Leaders Forum (BRLF), including the integrated reporting framework outline that was released by the IIRC in July 2012.

***The next meeting of the AUASB will be held on 10 September 2012
at Level 7, 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne***

The meeting will be open to the public