



**Subject:** Highlights of the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)  
**Venue:** Ken Spencer Room, AUASB offices  
Level 7, 600 Bourke St, Melbourne  
**Meeting Date:** 25 November 2014

**1. Assurance on Controls**

The AUASB considered the draft amendments to ASAE 34XX *Assurance Engagements on Controls* and provided direction on further amendments to be made to the draft standard. The amended draft standard will be circulated to the AUASB in early December for an out-of-session vote to approve as a final standard. The standard is expected to be released in mid to late December 2014, with an operative date for engagements commencing on or after 1 January 2016.

**2. Integrated Reporting**

The AUASB considered the proposed AUASB submission to the IIRC on its Assurance discussion paper. It was agreed to make some further amendments prior to finalisation of the submission by 30 November 2014.

**3. GS 017 Auditing Prudential Requirements of Life Companies**

The AUASB approved for issue GS 017 *Audit Implications for Prudential Reporting Requirements of a Life Company*, subject to finalisation of further editorial amendments.

It is expected that the revised Guidance Statement will be released in mid-December 2014.

**4. APRA Presentation**

Mr Brandon Khoo and Mr Rob Sharma, presented an overview of the key focus areas in prudential supervision of APRA regulated financial institutions and other entities in the short and medium term, as well as APRA's general approach to regulation.

**5. GS 005 Using the Work of a Management's Expert**

The AUASB approved for issue GS 005 *Using the Work of a Management's Expert*, subject to finalisation of further editorial amendments and review.

It is expected that the revised Guidance Statement will be released in late January 2015.

**6. International Matters**

- (a) The AUASB considered the key papers, which will be the major focus of the next IAASB meeting to be held 1-5 December 2014 in New York. Topics included: ISA 720 *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information*; Group Audits; Auditor Reporting (ISAs 800, 805 and 810); Auditing Disclosures; Integrated Reporting; and Quality Control.



- (b) The AUASB considered a preliminary listing of potential issues that arise from the IAASB's Auditor Reporting project and its adoption into the Australian Auditing Standards. The AUASB determined which issues need further deliberations, and others which require no further action.

**7. Grant Acquittals and Multi-Scope Engagements**

The AUASB received an update on the progress in the development of a new Guidance Statement dealing with practical issues in grant acquittals and multi-scope engagements. The AUASB provided some further comments on the draft Guidance Statement. A final draft of the proposed Guidance Statement will be brought back for approval to the February 2015 AUASB meeting.

**8. AUASB Bulletin on Internal Audit**

The AUASB considered the draft Bulletin *Internal Audit – Impact of Direct Assistance Prohibition on Group Audits*. The AUASB requested further information regarding the treatment of this prohibition in other jurisdictions in relation to service organisation reports. A further draft will be considered at the February 2015 AUASB meeting.

***The next meeting of the AUASB will be held on Monday, 23\* February 2015 commencing at 10.00 a.m.***

***at Level 7, 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne***

***The meeting will be open to the public***

**\* to be confirmed**