



Subject: Highlights of the 72nd meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)
Venue: Ken Spencer Room, AUASB offices
Level 7, 600 Bourke St, Melbourne
Meeting Date: 21 October 2014

1. Assurance on Controls

The AUASB considered the comments received on exposure draft ED 01/14 for proposed Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 34XX *Assurance Engagements on Controls* and proposed disposition paper, along with draft amendments to ASAE 34XX. The AUASB provided direction on further amendments to be made to the draft standard, which will be brought back to the 25 November 2014 AUASB meeting for approval as a final standard.

2. GS 017 Auditing Prudential Requirements of Life Companies

The AUASB considered the revisions to GS 017 *Audit Implications for Prudential Reporting Requirements of a Life Company*. The AUASB provided some further editorials and comments on the limited assurance report in Appendix 1. A final draft of GS 017 will be brought back to the 25 November 2014 meeting for approval.

3. Grant Acquittals and Other Combined Assurance

The AUASB received an update on the progress in the development of a new Guidance Statement dealing with practical issues in multi-scope engagements and grant acquittals. The AUASB provided some further comments on GS 02X *Multi-Scope Engagements and Grant Acquittals*. A further draft of GS 02X will be brought back to the 25 November 2014 meeting. Completion of the Guidance Statement is expected early in 2015.

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

The AUASB received an update on the project. A draft guidance statement will be brought for consideration to the 25 November 2014 meeting.

5. International Matters

- (a) The AUASB noted the AUASB submission on the IAASB ED *Proposed Changes to the International Auditing Standards (ISAs) - Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements*.
- (b) The AUASB was updated on the IAASB's projects including the IAASB's approval of the ISA 700 series of Auditor Reporting standards and the conforming amendments to other standards, including ISA 260 on Communications with Those Charged with Governance, and ISA 570 on Going Concern. Completion of the IAASB's projects on the ISA 800 series, ISA 720 on Other Information and the Auditing Disclosures projects are on target for completion in late 2014 and the first half of 2015.



- (c) The AUASB considered a proposed plan, including outreach and roundtables, to implement the IAASB's Auditor Reporting changes, ISA 720 and Auditing Disclosures projects, together with the consequential amendments to other standards. The AUASB aims for a single public exposure, around mid-2015 once all IAASB projects have been completed and the standards issued. The AUASB also considered, on a preliminary basis, various key issues, which may give rise to compelling reasons for certain Australian-specific amendments to these standards, and the need for liaison with the NZAuASB and public consultation on any such amendments in early 2015.

The next meeting of the AUASB will be held on Tuesday, 25 November 2014 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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The meeting will be open to the public