Australian Government
Auditing and Assurance Standards Board

Minutes

12 June 2026 Meeting

Subject: Minutes of the 176th Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Date: Friday, 12 June 2026, 9:00 am – 11:16 am

Attendance:

AUASB Members:	Doug Niven (Chair) Julie Crisp (Deputy Chair) Merilyn Gwan Prof Noel Harding Prof Terence Jeyaretnam	Joanne Lonergan Graeme Pinfold (NZAuASB Chair) Andrew Porter Jennifer Travers Chi Mun Woo
Observer:	Brenton Newlands	
Office of the AUASB staff:	Anne Waters Rene Herman Jeff Muir	Arti Naidu Dr Sheryl Huang
Apologies	Klynton Hankin	Jason Thorne

Minutes

(Agenda Item 1 – Minute 1842) – Welcome and Chair Update

The AUASB Chair welcomed members to the 176th meeting of the AUASB.

There were no changes to the declarations of interests.

The Chair and members congratulated Professor Terence Jeyeretnam AM on his appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours.

Members approved the minutes for meeting 175, subject to adding further detail on the discussion of one of the items in the closed session.

The Chair advised that the FRC has reappointed the following members from 1 July 2026 to 31 October 2026 - Andrew Porter, Chi Mun Woo, Graeme Pinfold, Jennifer Travers, Joanne Lonergan, Merilyn Gwan, Prof Noel Harding and Prof Terence Jeyaretnam AM. Julie Crisp's term finishes on 30 June 2026 and she did not seek an extension to her appointment.

(Agenda Item 2 – Minute 1843) ISA 540 *Accounting Estimates* - Post implementation Review

Members approved the proposed AUASB response to the IAASB's post-implementation review (PIR) survey of ISA 540 *Auditing Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures*, subject to additional comments on whether ISA 540 met its intended purpose and scalability.

(Agenda Item 3 – Minute 1844) IAASB Papers – Audit Evidence and Risk Response

Members discussed proposed revisions to ISA 500 *Audit Evidence* and ISA 330 *The Auditor's Responses to Assessed Risks* being discussed at the June 2026 IAASB meeting.

Some members supported the proposal in ISA 330 to allow the use of tests of controls alone when responding to assessed risks of material misstatement at the assertion level in certain circumstances. Some members did not support the proposal and were of the view that substantive testing for all relevant assertions is fundamental to an audit.

(Agenda Item 4 – Minute 1845) IAASB Papers - Inventories

Members were concerned at the possibility of relying on a confirmation from the third-party holder of inventories under proposed changes to ISA 501 *Audit Evidence – Specific Considerations for Selected Items (Inventory)* without appropriate guardrails. Some members suggested that the proposed guardrails in application material should appear in the requirements of the standard. More is needed to address gaps between inventory count date and year end.

(Agenda Item 5 – Minute 1846) IAASB Papers – External Confirmations

Members supported retaining the stand-back requirement in paragraph 16 of ISA 505 *External Confirmations* rather than the proposal in the IAASB papers of relying on the broad stand-back provision in ISA 330. There was also a question as to whether cash and cash equivalents should be required to be confirmed.

(Agenda Item 5 – Minute 1847) Private Session

Close of the Meeting

This was Julie Crisp's last meeting as an AUASB member. The Chair and members recognised the contribution made by Julie since joining the Board in January 2018.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:16 am.

Next Meeting

The AUASB will hold its next meeting in-person in Melbourne on 12 August 2026.

Approval

Signed as a true and correct record.

Douglas Niven
Chair

Date: 25 June 2026