

AGENDA PAPER

Item Number: 15
Date of Meeting: 31 May 2016
Subject: Annual review of APES 210 *Conformity with Auditing and Assurance Standards*

Action required For discussion For noting For information

Purpose

In accordance with Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's (APESB) constitution, an annual review of APES 210 *Conformity with Auditing and Assurance Standards* (APES 210) has been performed to identify and resolve any issues identified by stakeholders.

Background

APESB originally issued APES 210 (APES 210) in September 2008 and revised APES 210 in November 2011. Subsequently, APES 210 was revised in October 2015, with an effective date of 1 January 2016.

Consideration of Issues

APESB Technical Staff have completed the following procedures to identify any issues associated with APES 210:

- Consulted with the Professional Bodies to identify whether Members or other stakeholders have raised any issues with the Professional Bodies in respect of APES 210;
- Reviewed the APESB Issues Register to identify whether stakeholders have reported any matters in relation to APES 210; and
- Performed an internal technical review of APES 210.

The issue identified as a result of completion of the above procedures is noted below.

Professional Bodies' Feedback

Professional Bodies' feedback noted that section 2 *Definitions* of APES 210 needs to be revised due to the Auditing Standards (AUSs) issued by the former Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation (AuASB) have now been either re-issued or withdrawn. The AUSs have been completely replaced with pronouncements issued by the AUASB.

Definitions to be revised

Auditing and Assurance Guidance means:

- (a) the guidance statements and other guidance publications, as defined in the *Foreword to AUASB Pronouncements*; issued by the AUASB; and
- (b) ~~the auditing and assurance guidance statements and other guidance publications issued by the AuASB on behalf of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.~~

Auditing and Assurance Standards means:

- (a) the AUASB standards, as described in ASA 100 *Preamble to AUASB Standards*, ASA 101 *Preamble to Australian Auditing Standards* and the *Foreword to AUASB Pronouncements*; issued by the AUASB, and operative from the date specified in each standard; and
- (b) ~~those standards issued by the AuASB which have not been revised and reissued (whether as standards or as guidance) by the AUASB, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the AUASB standards.~~

Definition to be deleted

~~**AuASB** means the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board which issued Australian auditing and assurance standards up to 30 June 2004, under the auspices of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation, a joint venture of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.~~

These revisions to the Definitions section are not expected to affect any other sections in APES 210 from a drafting perspective.

The defined terms in APES 210 should be revised to reflect current pronouncements issued by the AUASB. It is recommended that these changes be processed at the next revision of APES 210.

Staff Recommendations

The Board note the Annual Review of APES 210 and Technical Staff recommend that the editorial amendments to the Definitions section be addressed in the next revision of the Standard.

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