

AGENDA PAPER

Item Number: 3
Date of Meeting: 17 February 2016
Subject: Annual Review of APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*

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 315 *Compilation of Financial Information* (APES 315) issued in February 2015 has been performed to identify and resolve any issues identified by stakeholders.

Background

APESB originally issued APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information* in July 2008 and revised the standard in November 2009.

Subsequently the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) issued its revised International Standard on Related Services ISRS 4410 (Revised) *Compilation Engagements* in March 2012. Accordingly APES 315 was revised in February 2015 with an effective date of 1 July 2015, to incorporate additional requirements and guidance based on ISRS 4410.

Consideration of Issues

APESB Technical Staff have completed the following procedures to identify any issues associated with APES 315:

- Consulted with the Professional Bodies to identify whether Members or other stakeholders have raised any issues with the Professional Bodies in respect of APES 315;
- Reviewed the APESB Issues Register to identify whether stakeholders have reported any matters in relation to APES 315; and
- Performed an internal technical review of APES 315.

The issues identified as a result of completion of the above procedures are noted below and have been addressed in the Annual Review Report presented at Agenda Item 3 (a).

Issue reported by a stakeholder

A stakeholder has suggested that the Appendix 2 *Decision tree to determine when a Compilation Report should be issued* could be further enhanced by including a specific reference that an 'Accountant's Report Disclaimer' is issued when a Member in Public Practice is compiling Financial Information for a Client's internal use.

Internal technical review

Technical Staff's review of APES 315 has identified the need to process minor amendments that are editorial in nature due to:

- The inclusion of an interpretation paragraph in section 1 *Scope and application* that clarifies the use of similar words which should have an equal application; and
- Amendment to the definition of 'Professional Bodies'.

Staff Recommendation

The Board note the Annual Review of APES 315 and Technical Staff recommend that the enhancement to the decision tree in Appendix 2 and minor drafting editorials be addressed in the next revision of the standard.

Material presented

Agenda Item 3 (a) Annual review of APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

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