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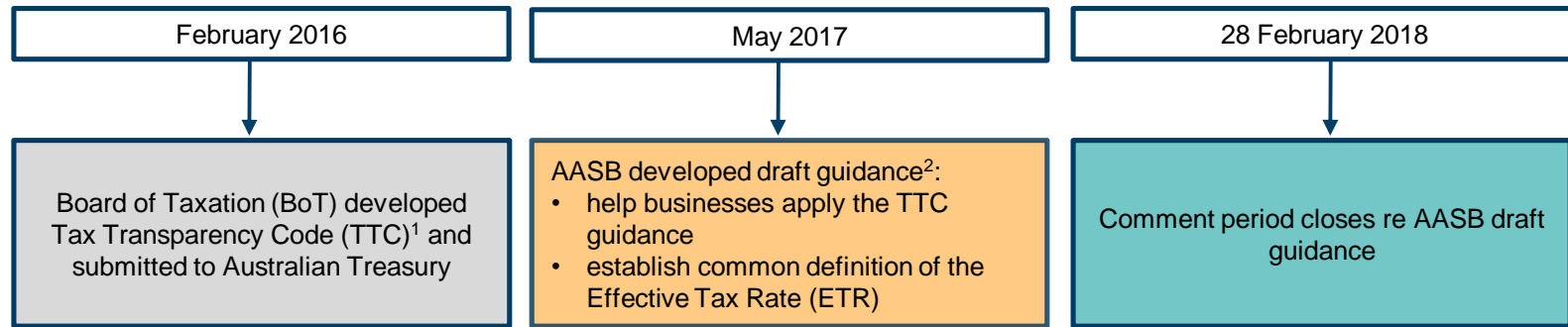
Tax Transparency Code

**AASB Board Meeting
M162 - 14 February 2018**

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Project Background



Agenda

- Update the Board on the Tax Transparency Code (TTC) project
- Next steps planned

¹ <http://taxboard.gov.au/files/2016/05/Tax-Transparency-Code.pdf>

² http://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content105/c9/ITC_Draft_Tax_Transparency_Code_Disclosures_05-17.pdf

Webinar on the overview of TTC and Draft Guidance – <http://www.cchintegrator.com/resources/aasb-guidance-voluntary-tax-transparency-code/>



- 89 companies have published tax transparency (TT) reports
- Preliminary review of 21 out of these 89 companies completed. Wide variety of companies were selected. BoT observed:
 - majority of businesses published separate TT reports and cross referenced to notes to the financial statements
 - most TT reports are not audited as the TTC does not require such reports to be audited
 - variety of disclosure practices observed for ETR where different bases (e.g. total earnings vs underlying earnings) were used
- BoT believes TTC should remain voluntary and flexible
 - all elements of minimum standard included in disclosures
 - provide links to all relevant sources of information used



Current Status and Next Steps

- ✓ No comments have been received to date; reminders sent
- Limited targeted outreach initiated before comment period closes:
 - ✓ Big 4 Audit firms to get client feedback
 - ✓ Corporate Tax Association to connect with companies' tax committees
 - ✓ A sample of companies to review their TTC implementation experience
- Participate in BoT Meeting on 15 Feb 2018
 - Discuss feedback received on draft guidance
 - Discuss potential guidance on tax strategy and governance
- Provide feedback to BoT on their upcoming best practice publication



Key Milestones

Key dates	Major Project Milestones	Staff comment
14 February 2018	AASB Board meeting – update on the TTC project	Staff to provide an update on the TTC project and will ask the Board for their feedback on the proposed direction of the project
28 February 2018	Comment period ends on draft guidance to the TTC	
March 2018 – April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact relevant stakeholders to begin targeted consultation especially if not many comments are received.• Summarise feedback received• Update the draft guidance based on feedback received	
10-11 May 2018	AASB Board meeting – consider feedback received and vote on ballot draft of guidance	Voting on the guidance might be deferred to the June Board meeting if more than minor drafting edits are required to the May 2018 version
31 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publish final guidance to TTC• Media release and other communications	Subject to May 2018 meeting outcomes

