Annual Regulatory Plan – 2010-11

The table below reflects the current thinking of the AASB about the need for RISs in respect of forthcoming Standards.

Most of the costs of new financial reporting requirements are usually borne by preparers of general purpose financial reports and most of the benefits are usually received by users of general purpose financial reports.

The AASB's current thinking has been based on looking past the purely technical issues at the likely costs and benefits to preparers, users and others (such as auditors and regulators). Accordingly, although in some cases a particular change to financial reporting requirements may be substantive in terms of its underlying changes to technical thinking, the likely changes to preparation costs and financial reporting outcomes may not be substantive.

Topic	**Expected**	**Comments**	**RIS?**
Fair Value Measurement Guidance	Q3 2010	Codifies much of existing fair value measurement practice – may introduce some more disclosures	No
Defined benefit plans corridor	Q3 2010	Not expected to fundamentally affect many entities due to low prevalence of DB plans in business, and the low incidence of the use of the 'corridor approach'	No
Joint Arrangements	Q3 2010	Not expected to fundamentally affect many entities because most of those currently using proportional consolidation (which will be removed as an available treatment) are expected to be able to classify the relevant joint arrangements as joint operations and achieve much the same accounting outcomes	No
GAAP/GFS – entities within the GGS	Q4 2010	Only affects public sector entities	No
Superannuation	Q4 2010	Expected to have a considerable impact on most APRA-regulated plans	Yes
Consolidations	Q4 2010	Core concept of control expected to remain the same, however, the impact of 'investment entity' accounting is not clear	TBD
Financial Asset Impairment	Q4 2010	Likely major technical changes to model, particularly for lenders, such as banks – however, the extent to which this translates into outcomes with changed costs and benefits depends on the IASB's response to comments on its proposals	TBD
Financial Liabilities	Q4 2010	Not much change likely – not expected to fundamentally affect many entities	No
Discontinued Operations	Q4 2010	Not expected to fundamentally affect many entities	No
Presentation in OCI	Q4 2010	Not expected to fundamentally affect many entities	No
Australia/NZ convergence – for-profit entities	Q4 2010	Not expected to fundamentally affect many Australian entities	No
Hedge Accounting	Q1 2011	Too early to know the impacts	TBD
Derecognition	Q1 2011	Too early to know the impacts	TBD

Related Party Disclosures in the Public Sector	Q1 2011	Only affects not-for-profit public sector entities	No
Non-exchange income	Q1 2011	Only affects the non-business activities of not-for-profit entities	No
Financial Statement Presentation	Q2 2011	Fundamental change proposed – likely to have a major impact on all entities	Yes
Equity Financial Instruments	Q2 2011	Too early to know the impacts	TBD
Income Taxes	Q2 2011	Too early to know the impacts	TBD
Leases	Q2 2011	Fundamental change proposed to the model – likely to have a major impact on all lessors and lessees	Yes
Revenue Recognition	Q2 2011	Likely major technical changes to recognition model, particularly for those entities that have long-term sales contracts and bundled sales – however, it seems likely that this will not translate into outcomes with significant changed costs and benefits	No
Insurance Contracts	Q2 2011	Likely major technical changes to recognition and measurement model – however, this may not translate into outcomes with significant changed costs and benefits, particularly if a proposed short versus long term distinctions lines up with the existing Australian general versus life insurance distinction	TBD
Defined Benefit Plans review	Q2 2011	Not expected to fundamentally affect many entities due to low prevalence of defined benefit plans in business	No
Rate Regulation	Q3 2011	Too early to know the impacts	TBD

TBD = to be determined