



Memorandum

To:	AASB members	Date:	2 July 2013
From:	Jim Paul	Agenda Item:	14.1 (M132)
Subject:	IASB Conceptual Framework Developments (Draft IASB Discussion Paper)		

Action

This is another non-deliberative high-level ‘educational’ session on some developments to date on the IASB’s draft Discussion Paper (DP) in its Conceptual Framework project. Although the Board will not be asked to make decisions, tentative leanings of Board members on the issues in the attached papers (particularly the AASB Staff Issues Papers) would be most welcome.

Inputs to this session are:

- the attached papers (Agenda Papers 14.2 – 14.6); and
- a verbal PowerPoint-based presentation from staff on those papers.

This session will be focused on IASB staff papers covering two key topics in the IASB’s draft DP (namely: definitions of the elements of financial statements; and recognition/derecognition of those elements). These topics have broad implications for the draft IASB Framework and give rise to some significant potential concerns. Future AASB meetings are expected to discuss staff papers regarding the remaining substantive components of the IASB Conceptual Framework DP, which are:

- Definition of equity and distinction between liabilities and equity instruments; and
- Presentation and disclosure – general (*i.e. not addressing presentation in the statement of comprehensive income, which was discussed at the Board’s May 2013 meeting*)

Attachments

<i>Agenda Paper No.</i>	<i>Agenda Paper Details</i>
Agenda Paper 14.2	AASB Staff Issues Paper on <i>IASB Conceptual Framework Developments (Draft IASB Discussion Paper): Definitions of the Elements of Financial Statements</i>
Agenda Paper 14.3	AASB Staff Issues Paper on <i>IASB Conceptual Framework Developments (Draft IASB Discussion Paper): Recognition and Derecognition of the Elements of Financial Statements</i>

<i>Agenda Paper No.</i>	<i>Agenda Paper Details</i>
Agenda Paper 14.4	IFRS Staff Paper – for IASB’s April 2013 meeting – Agenda Paper 10B(a): <i>Elements of financial statements</i>
Agenda Paper 14.5	IFRS Staff Paper – for IASB’s April 2013 meeting – Agenda Paper 10C(a): <i>Additional guidance to support the asset and liability definitions</i>
Agenda Paper 14.6	IFRS Staff Paper – for IASB’s April 2013 meeting – Agenda Paper 10D(a): <i>Recognition and derecognition</i>
Agenda Paper 14.7	AASB Staff PowerPoint-based presentation (<i>copy of slides to be tabled</i>)

Background

IASB Discussion Paper

The IASB is developing a DP on the Conceptual Framework (excluding the chapters already issued on the Objective and Qualitative Characteristics and the previously exposed draft of a Reporting Entity chapter). The IASB aims to publish the DP in early July 2013, for a 180-day comment period.

As mentioned above, only some of the IFRS Staff Papers (which include draft chapters of the IASB DP) are included in the agenda papers for this AASB meeting. Board members can access any of the IASB agenda papers prepared since the project was reactivated by selecting the following weblink:

<http://www.ifrs.org/Current-Projects/IASB-Projects/Conceptual-Framework/Pages/Board-Discussions-Current-Stage-CF.aspx>

However, given the pace at which the IASB is progressing this project, we understand that some of the IASB preliminary views presented in the attached agenda papers may have changed.