



<b>To:</b>	<b>AASB Members</b>	<b>Date:</b>	24 March 2014
<b>From:</b>	<b>Joanna Spencer and Robert Keys</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	14.1 (M137)
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Service Performance Reporting</b>	<b>File:</b>	

## Action

To decide:

- (a) the broad nature of the comments to be made in a submission to the IPSASB on Exposure Draft ED 54 *Reporting Service Performance Information*; and
- (b) the direction the AASB's Service Performance Reporting Project should take in light of that IPSASB ED.

## Attachments

- 14.2 AASB Staff Issues Paper – IPSASB ED 54 *Reporting Service Performance Information*;
- 14.3 IPSASB 'At a Glance' document IPSASB ED 54 *Reporting Service Performance Information*;
- 14.4 IPSASB ED 54 *Reporting Service Performance Information*; and
- 14.5 AASB Staff Issues Paper *Future Direction of the AASB's Service Performance Reporting Project*

## Background

### *IPSASB ED*

In December 2013, the IPSASB issued Exposure Draft (ED) 54 *Reporting Service Performance Information*: Proposed Recommended Practice Guidance, with a comment deadline of 31 May 2014. Through the AASB website, constituents have been notified of the issuance of the IPSASB ED and provided with a link to the IPSASB's page on the IFAC website. Australian constituents have been requested to send the AASB a copy of their comments if they respond to the IPSASB's ED. The AASB could use any such input in developing its own submission. To date we have not received any comments from constituents.

IPSASB ED 54 follows on from a Consultation Paper that was issued in October 2011, to which the AASB [submitted a response](#). In analysing this ED (in Agenda paper 14.2), staff have reviewed the

comments made in that submission to determine whether the IPSASB has taken them into consideration.

The stated objective of this IPSASB project is to use a principles-based approach to develop a consistent framework for reporting service performance information to meet the need of users. The IPSASB intends to issue, as a result of this ED, a Recommended Practice Guideline (RPG) rather than a Standard. The RPG would not be mandatory, however, entities would be encouraged to follow it when they report service performance information.

The RPG will set out what the IPSASB considers to be good practice for reporting service performance information and will provide:

- (a) guidance on presentation decisions with respect to service performance information that will meet users' needs; and
- (b) recommend minimum characteristics for reporting service performance information.

It is the AASB's practice to respond to all IPSASB consultation documents, and staff recommend this practice continue. Finalisation the submission could be made via one of the following three methods:

- (a) circulate the draft submission to all members for comment;
- (b) circulate the draft submission to the service performance reporting sub-committee for comment; or
- (c) finalise the submission through the Chairman.

Staff recommend option (c).

## Question for the Board

**Q1 Do Board members agree with the staff recommendation regarding finalisation of a comment letter to IPSASB ED 54?**

### *Future Direction of the AASB's Service Performance Reporting Project*

In light of the staff analysis of IPSASB ED 54 in agenda paper 14.2, staff have come to a view that the ED forms an adequate basis upon which the AASB's own Service Performance Reporting project could be progressed. Agenda paper 14.5 provides an analysis of the issues that are pertinent to the AASB deciding whether to shift its current focus from:

- (a) 'green fields' research that only 'has regard to' IPSASB developments on the topic: to
- (b) using the IPSASB's work on the topic as 'the basis for' developing an Australian pronouncement.

## Question for the Board

**Q2 Do Board members agree with the staff recommendation to use the IPSASB's work on the topic as 'the basis for' developing an Australian pronouncement?**