

# AWARENESS

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## AUDIT OFFICE UPDATE

### **Auditor-General's Report to Parliament: Volume One 2010**

This report includes comments on the annual audit of entitlements paid to Members of Parliament and financial audits of WorkCover, Justice Health, Waste Recycling and Processing Corporation and other New South Wales Government agencies.

#### ***Audit of Members' Additional Entitlements***

The Auditor-General recommends that:

- procedures are designed and implemented to ensure accrued loyalty/reward benefits are used to reduce Members' parliamentary business travel expenditure
- the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal introduce sanctions against Members who claim their Sydney Allowance annually but return unspent monies late
- the Legislature implement controls to ensure members do not use the Logistic Support Allocation for electioneering purposes or political campaigning.

#### ***WorkCover Authority of New South Wales***

Work related injury rates are at their lowest levels since 1987. This information supports the findings in the Auditor-General's report 'Injury Management in the New South Wales Public Sector'.

#### ***Justice Health***

Justice Health needs to strengthen its policies and procedures for plant and equipment stock takes.

#### ***Waste Recycling and Processing Corporation***

The Corporation did not meet its financial targets due to unplanned legal costs and delayed commencement of its Jacks Gully waste treatment plant.

#### ***Further information***

The full report is available on the [Audit Office of New South Wales website](http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au).

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## Auditor-General's Report to Parliament: Access to Overnight Centre-based Disability Respite

### *About the audit*

Over four per cent of the population has a profound or severe disability requiring assistance that is often provided by families and friends. The Department of Human Services - Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) helps carers by providing a range of disability services. One of these is 'respite', a time-limited break from care-giving. Respite also provides people with disability an opportunity to do different things and meet different people.

The audit assessed whether access to overnight centre-based respite is working well to support people with disabilities and their carers. To do this we asked three questions:

- What is ADHC trying to achieve with respite and is it successful?
- Is access to respite based on need?
- Is respite managed efficiently?

### *Audit conclusion*

We found that ADHC is providing and funding more respite to help people with disabilities and their carers. The number of people using respite centres increased by 20 per cent between 2006-07 and 2008-09 from 2,769 to 3,326. Both NGOs and carer organisations told us that ADHC had improved the management of respite.

National data suggests that New South Wales has traditionally invested less in respite than other jurisdictions. New South Wales has started to catch up through 'Stronger Together' investment.

Nevertheless there are significant performance gaps that need to be addressed. ADHC cannot demonstrate that the right people are getting the right amount of respite. According to ADHC policy it should have reassessed the need of 140 heavy users of respite in 2008-09, but this only occurred in 55 per cent of cases. The number of clients getting more than 61 nights of respite in ADHC centres increased from 201 to 329 (64 per cent) over the last two years.

ADHC needs to expedite the work that it is already undertaking to match the allocation of respite with assessed need. And this needs to occur across both ADHC and NGO services.

ADHC needs to continue working with NGOs to promote the most cost effective services to support people with disabilities and their carers.

### *Audit findings*

ADHC is providing respite to more people so carers can continue to care for them at home. But ADHC targets do not provide guidance as to how the respite resources are to be allocated. There is uncertainty over whether a little respite is to be provided to many or whether more respite is to be provided to carers under the most stress.

There is no consistent needs-based approach for determining who gets respite and how much they get. For historical reasons, respite centres are distributed unevenly across the state and the chances of getting centre-based respite depend, in part, on where you live. For example, only 2.3 per cent of the potential users in the southern part of the state get centre-based respite.

There are no consistent criteria for distributing respite and the amount provided is not necessarily based on need.

ADHC is developing a respite assessment and booking system (RABS) to prioritise access to respite based on need. ADHC plans to start implementing RABS in ADHC respite centres across the state during 2011. Once this is done, ADHC will make RABS available to interested NGOs.

We found mixed performance when we examined the efficiency of respite management.

ADHC has reduced the number of blocked beds from 26 in September 2008 to nine in September 2009. This enables another 130 people to get respite.

Clients who use large amounts of respite also limit the respite available to others. While clients of ADHC centres get an average of 39.7 nights of respite a year, 19 per cent get more than 61 nights. Large amounts of respite may be necessary to help these families continue care, but ADHC should review whether they need other supports as well as, or instead of, respite.

ADHC and NGO respite centres could be used more efficiently. Two ADHC regions use their beds less than 80 per cent of the time. A few ADHC centres had less than half of their beds occupied at any given time. ADHC does not maintain data on the occupancy rate of NGO beds.

While ADHC fast-tracks urgent cases, most new entrants to respite take over six months to access ADHC respite. The process involves a number of assessments and plans to manage behaviour, epilepsy and other aspects of care. The absence of a coherent system across the sector and barriers to the exchange of information between and within disability providers can cause delay.

ADHC does not know what it is paying for under some older NGO funding agreements. ADHC needs to work with NGOs to promote the most cost effective service.

### ***Recommendations***

Our key recommendations are that:

- The Department and NGOs should allocate respite according to need. The Department should speed up the introduction of a consistent approach to distribute respite across the sector on the basis of need.
- The Department should strengthen its monitoring to ensure the needs of high users of respite are being met.
- The Department should undertake a stocktake and maintain a database of all respite beds to ensure that resources are being used efficiently.

### ***Further information***

The full report is available on the [Audit Office of New South Wales website](#).

## **ACCOUNTING UPDATE**

### **Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) Pronouncements**

#### ***ED 194 'Concession Arrangements: Grantor'***

This exposure draft reflects IPSASB ED 43 'Service Concession Arrangements: Grantor'. It intends to mirror the principles set out in IFRIC Interpretation 12 'Service Concession Arrangements' (and hence AASB Interpretation 12) for accounting by operators. The ED also addresses additional aspects relevant to grantors.

Submissions to the AASB and IPSASB are due by 24 May 2010 and 30 June 2010 respectively.

Source: AASB Website, [media release](#) (21 April 2010).

#### ***ITC 23 'Extractive Activities'***

This invitation to comment reflects the IASB discussion paper 2010/01 'Extractive Activities'. For more information on DP 2010/01, see the April 2010 edition of [Awareness](#).

Submissions to the AASB and IASB are due by 2 July 2010 and 30 July 2010 respectively.

Source: AASB website, [media release](#) (13 April 2010).

## **AASB Meeting Highlights - 28-29 April 2010**

At its meeting, the AASB discussed the following.

### ***ED 192 'Differential Reporting Framework'***

The Board considered submissions received to date on this ED and its related consultation paper; and noted developments in other jurisdictions in relation to the IFRS for SMEs. The Board will review submissions in detail at its May 2010 meeting.

### ***ED 179 'Superannuation Plans and Approved Deposit Funds'***

The Board continued discussing the ED and decided that the replacement standard for AAS 25 'Financial Reporting by Superannuation Plans' should:

- clarify that a superannuation plan or approved deposit fund (ADF) that recognises a surplus or deficiency of net assets should present additional line items, headings and subtotals in the financial statements when such presentation is relevant to understanding the entity's financial position
- not require a plan or ADF to separately disclose investment management fees from other investment-related expenses
- require a plan to disclose information in relation to the amount of benefits payable to defined contribution members in circumstances where departure is not voluntary if the amount of benefits payable is greater than the amount of such members' vested benefits
- require a plan or ADF to apply the principles and requirements in AASB 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'
- refer to the principles and requirements anticipated in the IASB's forthcoming fair value measurement standard.

### ***IASB ED 'Financial Instruments: Amortised Cost and Impairment'***

The Board considered key issues/concerns raised at recent roundtable discussions on this ED and expressed concern about the conceptual basis for the IASB proposed model (namely the recognition of impairment being a function of revenue recognition).

### ***IASB's Joint Ventures Project to Replace IAS 31 'Interests in Joint Ventures'***

The Board received an update on the IASB's tentative decisions to date on this project and noted the likely changes to the terminology and disclosure requirements, and the likely removal of the proportionate consolidation option.

### ***GAAP/GFS Harmonisation - Entities within the GGS***

The Board discussed responses to ED 174 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards to facilitate GAAP/GFS Harmonisation for Entities within the GGS (AASBs 101, 107 and 1052)' and decided to develop a further ED to seek comments on proposals that differ from ED 174. The draft ED will propose a stand-alone standard that adopts GAAP/GFS principles to the extent they improve the quality of financial reporting by not-for-profit entities within the GGS. In particular, the draft ED will include the following proposals:

- **recognition and measurement** - require a choice in GAAP be limited to align with GFS
- **classification and presentation** - require information to be disclosed in the notes that combines controlled/departmental items and administered items, presented using GAAP/GFS harmonised classification principles
- **budgetary information** - require disclosure of the same budgetary information as AASB 1049 'Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting'
- **transitional issues** - adopt AASB 1049 transitional requirements and allow three years from the issue of any standard that arises from the ED before it becomes mandatory.

A separate project will address disaggregate information disclosures.

### ***Impairment of Statutory Receivables***

The Board confirmed its view that AASB 136 'Impairment of Assets' (rather than AASB 139 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement') applies to the impairment of statutory receivables because of its non-contractual nature. Judgement is required in determining the unit of account to assess impairment of statutory receivables, in particular when applying paragraph 23 of AASB 136 (which relates to the use of estimates, averages and computational short cuts).

### ***AASB 137 / IAS 37 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets'***

The Board decided that the replacement standard for AASB 137 should preserve the present treatment of the items addressed in Aus 26.1 and Aus 26.2 (which provides guidance on when government incurs a liability in respect of a government's existing public policy, budget policy, election promise or statement of intent).

### ***Application of AASB 124 'Related Party Disclosures' to NFP public sector entities***

The Board tentatively decided to adopt FRSB's approach of exempting certain Ministers, as a solution to the issue of entities disclosing related party transactions with Ministers. At a future meeting, the Board will discuss how FRSB's approach would apply in Australia; and how 'key management personnel' disclosure requirements in AASB 124 would apply to the public sector.

### ***Other matters***

- Update on the March 2010 IFRS Interpretations Committee's meeting.
- National Standard Setters: emerging issues.
- Emerging issues: consolidation.
- Update on the April 2010 IPSASB meeting.
- AASB planning.

Source: [AASB website](#), AASB [Action Alert](#), Number 133 (30 April 2010).

## **AUDITING UPDATE**

### **Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) Pronouncements**

#### ***Framework for Assurance Engagements***

The AUASB has revised and reissued the '[Framework for Assurance Engagements](#)'.

The current edition defines and describes the elements and objectives of an assurance engagement along with the applicable standards. It also provides a frame of reference for assurance practitioners and others involved in assurance engagements, including users and responsible parties.

Source: Accounting and Assurance News Today, Issue 15 (23 April 2010).

#### ***[ED 01/10 Proposed Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3402 'Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation'](#)***

This exposure draft sets requirements and provides application material regarding the assurance practitioner's responsibilities when providing a report on the controls at a service organisation. It complements ASA 402 'Audit Considerations Relating to an Entity Using a Service Organisation', in that reports prepared under the proposed new standard would be capable of providing appropriate evidence under ASA 402.

ASAE 3402 will be operative for service auditors' reports on controls covering periods commencing on or after 1 July 2010, with early adoption permitted. Comments to the AUASB are due by the 21 May 2010.

Source: Accounting and Assurance New Today, Issue 15 (23 April 2010).

## **AUASB Meeting Highlights - 19 April 2010**

At its meeting, the AUASB discussed the following.

### ***Audits or Reviews of Companies Limited by Guarantee***

The Board considered a draft revision of ASRE 2400 'Review of a Financial Report Performed by an Assurance Practitioner Who is Not the Auditor of the Company'. It addresses proposed changes to the *Corporations Act*, allowing certain companies limited by guarantee to be subject to a review of their financial report rather than an audit. The Board agreed to address the review requirements of such companies in a separate standard directing the auditor to the relevant standard for these reviews (ASRE 2400 or ASRE 2410) depending upon whether an audit has been conducted in the prior year.

### ***Project Updates***

The Board received updates on the following projects:

- Assurance Standards on Fundraisings and Comfort Letters
- Specified Assurance Procedures - including agreed-upon procedures
- Guidance Statement on the Prudential Reporting Requirements for the Auditor of a Life Company
- Assurance on Water Accounting Reports.

### ***Standard Business Reporting***

The Board considered the first draft of an AUASB Bulletin on developments relating to Standard Business Reporting including the use of eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL). A final version will be considered for release at its June 2010 AUASB meeting.

### ***ASIC Audit Inspection Program - Public Report 2008-2009***

The Board considered the findings of this report; whether they need to communicate with constituents and whether there are any implications for the Australian Auditing Standards.

### ***Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) - Department of Finance and Deregulation***

The Board noted confirmation of the AUASB's compliance with the best practice regulation requirements for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009. The Board discussed implications of proposed changes to the OBPR requirements in the forthcoming year.

### ***Other matters***

- GS 016 'Bank Confirmation Requests' was approved for release.
- ED 01/10 Proposed ASAE 3402 'Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation' was approved for release.
- Report on the recent activities of the IAASB and an update on other international audit and assurance related matters.
- Update on the Department of Climate Change (DCC) programs involving auditing and assurance matters.
- Revised draft of the AUASB business plan for the year ending 30 June 2011.

Source: [AUASB website](#), AUASB meeting highlights (19 April 2010).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### ***Crown Lands Amendment (Special Purpose Leases) Act 2010***

The object of this Act is to amend the *Crown Lands Act 1989* to extend the provisions relating to the granting of special purpose leases to land within the Eastern and Central Division of New South Wales.

Special purpose leases are able to co-exist with certain other tenures and allow renewable energy generators (such as wind farms) to be established on land that is leased for other purposes (such as grazing purposes). While most of the land may remain available for such other purposes, any particular part of it (other than the site of a dwelling-house or other significant improvement) could become the site of a renewable energy generator. However, the consent of the holder of the tenure is required. This Act commenced on the 28 April 2010.

Source: [NSW Parliamentary website](#).

## AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY (APRA) UPDATE

### **Discussion Paper ‘Supervision of Conglomerate Groups’**

This discussion paper proposes to extend APRA’s supervision responsibilities to conglomerate groups. Conglomerate groups comprise of APRA-regulated entities that have material operations in more than one APRA-regulated industry and/or have material unregulated entities.

This proposal is a response to concerns highlighted by the global economic downturn as conglomerate groups are exposed to more diverse risks. The paper proposes to address these concerns by introducing a third level of supervision, imposing new requirements on these groups in such areas as capital adequacy, corporate governance and risk management. This supervision will be in addition to its existing frameworks of supervising individual entities (level 1) and single industry groups (level 2).

Submissions to APRA are due by 18 June 2010.

Source: Accounting and Assurance New Today, Issue 15 (23 April 2010).

## AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES & INVESTMENTS COMMISSION (ASIC) UPDATE

### **Consultation Paper 133 ‘Agribusiness managed investment schemes: Improving disclosure for retail investors’**

This consultation paper seeks to improve disclosure for retail investors in agribusiness managed investment schemes by introducing disclosure benchmarks. The benchmarks are designed to improve disclosure for retail investors to enable more informed decisions about investments into the sector and to make comparisons between schemes more straightforward.

Compliance with the benchmarks is not mandatory, but Product Disclosure Statements (PDS) and ongoing disclosures must address the benchmarks on an ‘if not, why not’ basis. The benchmark disclosure requirements will apply to any PDS dated on or after 30 September 2010.

Submissions to ASIC are due by 31 May 2010.

Source: ASIC website.

## Consultation Paper 134 'Infrastructure Entities: Improving disclosures for retail investors'

This consultation paper seeks to improve disclosures made by infrastructure entities to retail investors. The proposals respond to the increasing level of private investment in these types of entities and address concerns that current disclosures have not adequately informed these investors about the issues and risks specific to investing in this sector.

The paper defines an infrastructure entity, and sets out seven disclosure benchmarks which ASIC believes are critical in allowing investors to make an informed investment decision. These benchmarks relate to corporate structure and management, funding, key assumptions in business models, policies concerning asset valuations, distribution and withdrawals and portfolio diversification.

Submissions to ASIC are due by 30 June 2010.

Source: Accounting and Assurance New Today, Issue 15 (23 April 2010).

## DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET UPDATE

### Premier Circulars

The following recent Premier Circulars are available at [www.dpc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au).

#### C2010-09 'The Local Jobs First Plan'

The Local Jobs First Plan (the Plan) provides opportunities for Australian and New Zealand small and medium sized enterprises to supply goods and services required by New South Wales Government. The Plan replaces the New South Wales Government's 'Economic Development Guidelines'.

All agencies, including State Owned Corporations (SOCs) whose portfolio minister directs them to, must comply with the Plan. These agencies must report annually on their website on how they are achieving the objectives of the Plan. [NSW Government Procurement website](#) includes a reporting framework that outlines the minimum requirements. Also, the performance agreements for Directors General and general government Chief Executive Officers will need to include a requirement to comply with the Plan.

For more information on the key aspects of the Plan, see [TC 10/03](#) below.

#### C2010-10 'New South Wales Public Sector Workforce Profile'

The Workforce Profile (WFP) collection is mandatory for all Public Sector agencies. The WFP is a data collection on the characteristics of New South Wales public sector employment and is collected four times a year. Data Specifications for the WFP define the items and structure of data required from agency Human Resource Information Systems.

Business units that were small agencies with fewer than 200 employees, but are now amalgamated into larger departments, are no longer entitled to the exemption recommended in circular C2007-26 'Internal Government Red Tape Review Update'.

The Workforce Information Unit within the Department of Premier and Cabinet will produce reports in accordance with the [new department structures](#). Each department will be responsible for revising procedures to collate and submit a single return encompassing all its entities.

This circular supersedes circulars C2001-12, C2002-05, C2003-06, C2003-42, and C2006-34.

# THE TREASURY UPDATE (NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT)

## Treasury Circulars

The following recent Treasury circulars are available at [www.treasury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au).

### **TC 10/03 'Local Jobs First Plan'**

As mentioned above under Premier Circular [C2010-09](#), this Plan improves opportunities for small and medium enterprises within Australia and New Zealand to supply goods and services required by New South Wales Government agencies.

The key aspects of the Plan:

- applies to benefit small and medium enterprises (SME)
- applies to goods and services procurement above a threshold of \$700,000
- price preference schemes benefit SME content when evaluating tenders
- grouping provisions apply to the definition of SMEs
- procurements over \$4 million require tenderers to submit SME Participation Plans, which receive a weighting of at least six per cent in tender evaluation
- the Plan, including preference schemes, applies to the procurement of goods and services only (it does not apply to construction works and related service)
- agencies including SOCs (as directed) are to report on the Plan's implementation and outcomes annually on their websites. A template for reporting is available on the procurement website.

### **TC 10/04 'Funding Arrangements for Long Service Leave and Transferred Officers Leave Entitlements'**

This circular applies to New South Wales public sector agencies for the financial years ending on or after 30 June 2010. It supersedes TC 04/02 and incorporates/confirms the following:

- provides more detail about the funding arrangement for Long Service Leave (LSL) and transferred officers' leave entitlement
- confirms the contribution rates of Non Budget LSL Pool agencies are unchanged (based on more recent actuarial assessment)
- updates the list of agencies under different LSL categories.

[TC09/04](#) covers the requirements for year-end accounting of LSL.

# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

## International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

### [ED/2010/3](#) *'Defined Benefit Plans - Proposed amendments to IAS 19'*

This exposure draft proposes amending the accounting for defined benefit plans through which some employers provide long-term employee benefits (such as pensions and post-employment medical care). In defined benefit plans, employers bear the risk of increases in costs and of possible poor investment performance.

The amendments would address deficiencies in IAS 19 by requiring entities to:

- immediately account for all estimated changes in the cost of providing these benefits and all changes in the value of plan assets (i.e. remove the 'corridor' method)
- use a new presentation approach that would clearly distinguish between different components of the cost of these benefits
- disclose clearer information about the risks arising from defined benefit plans.

Submissions to the IASB are due by 6 September 2010.

Source: IASB website, [IASB press release](#) (29 April 2010).

### *IASB meeting podcasts available*

Since January 2010, the IASB has been trialling podcasts that summarise the Board meetings in audio form. These podcasts are recorded shortly after each Board meeting and provide a short summary of the main topics and projects discussed.

Podcasts can be downloaded from the [IASB website](#), or obtained automatically via a subscription from either the iTunes store or an RSS feed.

Source: Accounting and Assurance New Today, Issue 14 (16 April 2010).

### *IASB/FASB Meeting Highlights - 8 April 2010*

At its meeting, the IASB/FASB discussed the following:

- annual improvements
- derecognition
- fair value measurement
- termination benefits - amendments to IAS 19.

Source: IASB website, [IASB update](#) (8 April 2010).

### *IASB/FASB Meeting Highlights - 18-23 April 2010*

At its meeting, the IASB/FASB discussed the following:

- consolidation
- derecognition
- financial instruments: classification and measurement
- financial instruments: hedge accounting
- financial statement presentation
- insurance contracts
- leases.

Source: IASB website, [IASB update](#) (April 2010).

### ***IASB/FASB Meeting Highlights - 4 May 2010***

At its meeting, the IASB/FASB discussed the following:

- conceptual framework - measurement
- consolidation
- other comprehensive income.

Source: IASB website, [IASB update](#) (4 May 2010).

### ***IASB/FASB Commitment to Memorandum of Understanding - Quarterly Progress Report - 31 March 2010***

The IASB and FASB published a [report](#) on their work to improve and achieve convergence of International Financial Reporting Standards and US generally accepted accounting principles.

Source: IASB website, [IASB media release](#) (14 April 2010).

## **International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)**

### ***IAASB 2009 Annual Report***

This [report](#) highlights the completion of the Clarity Project surrounding the IAASB's International Standards on Auditing (ISAs); the development of adoption and implementation resources for the ISAs; and the launch of innovative new projects to address emerging issues.

Source: IAASB website, [IAASB media release](#) (15 April 2010).

### ***ED on proposed ISAE 3420 'Assurance Reports on the Process to Compile Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus'***

This exposure draft is designed to enhance public confidence in how financial information included in a prospectus is produced. It deals with information necessary in many forms of domestic and cross-border securities offerings that illustrate the impact of an event or transaction on an issuer's financial information. It provides comprehensive guidance on the nature and extent of a practitioner's work when reporting on whether the process of compiling pro forma financial information has been properly followed. It also covers related engagement acceptance and reporting considerations, and provides an illustrative report arising from such an engagement.

Submissions to the IAASB are due by 30 September 2010.

Source: IAASB website, [IAASB media release](#) (28 April 2010).

## **International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB)**

### ***ED 44 'Improvements to IPSASs'***

This exposure draft proposes improvements to four IPSASs in order to maintain alignment with IFRSs amended in the IASB document 'Improvements to IFRSs' (issued in April 2009). It also includes improvements to other IPSASs that relate to inconsistent references to standards, terminology and structure resulting from IPSASB's ongoing review of existing IPSASs.

Submissions are due to the IPSASB by the 30 June 2010.

Source: IPSASB website.

### **IPSASB Meeting Highlights - 6-9 April**

At its meeting, the IPSASB discussed the following:

- conceptual framework, phase 1 preliminary exposure draft: the users of general purpose financial reports (GPFs), the qualitative characteristics of information included in GPFs and the reporting entity'
- conceptual framework, phase 2: definition and recognition of elements
- conceptual framework, phase 3: measurement of liabilities in the context of the deprival value model, concepts of capital and the measurement of assets
- future strategy, work plan and funding arrangements
- draft IPSAS 32 'Entity Combinations: Acquisitions'
- IAS 39 amendments
- ED 44 'Improvements to IPSASs'.

Source: IPSASB website, IPSASB [meeting highlights](#) (April 2010).

### **International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)**

*'2010 Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements'*

This handbook is now available and can be downloaded free of charge on the [IFAC website](#).

Source: IFAC website, [media release](#) (1 April 2010).

## **MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**

### **SBR Update**

The Federal Government's Standard Business Reporting (SBR) initiative has released a complete package of [learning modules](#). These modules are split into three main areas:

- general understanding of SBR
- SBR for reporting professionals and businesses
- SBR for software developers.

They will explain the background, purpose and components of the initiative as well as demonstrating how businesses will derive benefits from the program.

Source: Accounting and Assurance New Today, Issue 14 (16 April 2010).

### **Government Response to the Productivity Commission Report 'Executive Remuneration in Australia'**

The Government supports most of the recommendations made in the Productivity Commission's final report on Australia's director and executive remuneration framework. They will:

- further strengthen several of the recommendations by expanding their scope and enforceability
- consider an additional proposal, not identified by the report, to clawback bonuses paid to directors and executives in the event of a material misstatement in the company's financial statements
- introduce legislation to implement many of the PC's recommendations.

For more information on the Productivity Commission's final report 'Executive Remuneration in Australia', see the February 2010 edition of [Awareness](#).

Source: Treasury Ministers website, [media release](#) No.033 (16 April 2010).

### **CPA Australia publication - 'Guide to Managing Liquidity Risk'**

This [guide](#) aims to help businesses manage their liquidity in today's difficult business climate. It contains practical measures to assist businesses in maintaining adequate liquidity levels to remain solvent.

Source: CPA Update (21 April 2010).

### **Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Publications**

The publications below are available on the [ANAO website](#).

- Building the Education Revolution - Primary Schools for the 21st Century.
- ANAO Auditing Standards.
- Management of the Overseas Owned Estate.
- Management of the AusLink Roads to Recovery Program.
- Management of the Strategic Regional Program/Off-Network Program.
- Attorney-General's Department Arrangements for the National Identity Security Strategy.
- The Australian Electoral Commission's Preparation for and Conduct of the 2007 Federal General Election.
- Administration of Climate Change Programs.
- Contributing to the Setting of Accounting Standards for the Public Sector.
- Security Awareness and Training.

### **ACT Auditor-General's Office Publications**

The publication below is available on the [ACT Audit Office website](#).

- Performance Reporting (April 2010).

### **New Zealand office of the Auditor-General Publications**

The publications below are available on the [AOG website](#).

- Performance audits from 2008: Follow-up report.
- Effectiveness of arrangements for co-ordinating civilian maritime patrols.

### **Office of the Auditor-General for Western Australia Publications**

The publications below are available on the [WA Audit Office website](#).

- Audit Results Report - Annual Assurance Audits completed since 2 November 2009, including universities and public colleges; and Compliance Audits 'Managing Attractive Assets' and 'Managing Salary Payment Errors'.
- Public Sector Performance Report (Registration of Medical Practitioners and Opinions on three Ministerial Notifications - ministerial decisions to not provide information to Parliament).

## Queensland Audit Office Publications

The publication below is available on the [QLD Audit Office website](#).

- Auditor-General of Queensland Report to Parliament No. 3 for 2010 - Administration of Magistrates Court Services in Queensland.

## Victorian Auditor-General's Office Publications

The publications below are available on the [VAGO website](#).

- Performance Reporting by Departments.
- Fees and Charges—cost recovery by local government.

## Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) Publications

The publications below are available on the [ICAC website](#).

- Corruption and anti-corruption executive program brochure 2010.
- Development assessment internal audit tool (April 2010).

## Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Publications

The publications below are available on the [IPART website](#).

- Draft Report - Review of regulated retail tariffs and charges for gas 2010 - 2013 - April 2010.
- Consultant Report - Draft Report - Strategic Finance Group - Estimation of a competitive profit margin for gas retailers in New South Wales - April 2010.
- Consultant Report - Draft Report - McLennan Magasanik Associates - Gas Retail Price Review - Wholesale Gas Costs - April 2010.
- Final Decision - IPART's weighted average cost of capital - April 2010.

## AUDIT OFFICE BETTER PRACTICE GUIDES

The Audit Office produces guides to better practice to assist agencies. The following is a list of those guides and the publishing dates. All these guides are available on the Audit Office website at [Audit Office of New South Wales website](#).

<b>Title of Guide</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Monitoring and Reporting on Audit Recommendations	May 2009
Implementing Successful Amalgamations	5 March 2008
Fraud Control Improvement Kit - Meeting your Fraud Control Obligations	20 July 2006
Fraud Control: Current Progress and Future Directions	9 February 2005
Shared Corporate Services: Realising the Benefits	3 November 2004
Management of Intellectual Property	October 2001
E-ready, e-steady, e-government: e-government readiness assessment guide	September 2001
Monitoring and Reporting on Performance Audit Recommendations	June 2001
Internal Financial Reporting	June 2001
Reporting Performance: A guide to preparing performance information for annual reports	November 2000
Contracting Out Review Guide	June 1999
Public Sector Corporate Governance - ready reckoner	April 1999
Methodology for the review of Residential Services for People with Disabilities	June 1998
On Board: guide to better practice for public sector governing and advisory boards	April 1998
The Corporate Credit Card: guidelines for internal control	January 1997
Debtors Administration	September 1996
Administration of Grants	December 1995
Joint operations in the Education Sector	September 1995
Fraud Control: developing an effective strategy: Volume 1: conceptual framework Volume 2: strategy Volume 3: diagnostics Volume 4: Fraud control self audit kit	March 1994 March 1994 March 1994 March 1998

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AAS	Australian Accounting Standards
AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
AIFRS/AEIFRS	Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ASA	Australian Auditing Standard
ASEA	Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ASAE	Australian Standard on Review Engagements
AOSSG	Asian-Oceanian Standard Setters Group
AUASB	Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
BRCWG	Business Regulation and Competition Working Group
ED	Exposure Draft
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board (USA)
FCAG	Financial Crisis Advisory Group
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GFS	Government Finance Statistics
GG	Government Gazette
GG SS	Government Gazette Special Supplement
GGS	General Government Sector
GPFR	General Purpose Financial Report
IAASB	International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
HoTARAC	Heads of Treasuries Accounting and Reporting Advisory Committee
IAS	International Accounting Standard
IASB	International Accounting Standards Board
IASC	International Accounting Standards Committee
IASCF	International Accounting Standards Committee Foundation
IFAC	International Federation of Accountants
IFRIC	International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
IPSASB	International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
ISA	International Standards on Auditing
ISACA	Information Systems Audit and Control Association
ISQC	International Standards on Quality Control
IVSC	International Valuation Standards Council
PCAOB	Public Company Accounting Oversight Board

## COPIES OF REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

All performance audit reports are available on The Audit Office web site at [www.audit.nsw.gov.au](http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au) and can be purchased from the New South Wales Government Information Service (telephone 9743 7200).

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Treasury publications may be viewed by visiting the New South Wales Treasury web site at [www.treasury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au)

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