

Cover Memo

Project: Post-Implementation Reviews Meeting: M189

Topic: Project update Agenda Item: 8.1

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Project Priority: Medium

Decision-Making: Low

Project Status: Project update

Objective of this agenda item

The objective of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on the Post-Implementation Reviews (PIR) of domestic Australian Accounting Standards, including Interpretations.

Attachments

Agenda paper 8.2 NFP domestic Standard PIRs – Income for Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 15 and

AASB 1058)

Agenda paper 8.3.1 Cover Memo: PIR of AASB 1059 Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors

Agenda paper 8.3.2 Draft Invitation to Comment (ITC): PIR of AASB 1059

Background and reasons for bringing this paper to the Board

- At the September 2021 meeting, the Board considered a detailed <u>PIR process</u> and <u>work plan</u> for the domestic PIRs to be carried out over the 2022–2025 period. As most recent Standards issued by the Board have not been subject to a formal PIR process, the Board considered for each Standard currently on issue:
 - (a) whether undertaking a PIR was appropriate, and if so,
 - (b) the expected timing.
- As discussed at that meeting, the <u>AASB Due Process Framework for Setting Standards</u> sets out high-level steps for performing a PIR, supplemented by post-implementation evidence-informed activities outlined in the <u>AASB Evidence-Informed Standard-Setting Framework</u>. However, the more detailed process being developed by the Board will support the consistent application of the domestic PIR process.
- Following the September 2021 meeting, staff commenced various PIRs, and in May 2022, the Board considered a revised timeline for certain PIRs. This paper provides Board members an update on the overall PIR project (see Table 1).

Project update

	Status
Not-for-profit (NFP) domestic PIRs (Category 1 in Table 1) addressing the following topics: Income; Control/consolidation; Definition of a structured entity; Related party disclosures; and SPFS basis of accounting – compliance with Australian Accounting Standards.	Commenced and on schedule. The overall project remains on schedule to be completed by the end of 2023 to comply with OBPR requirements.¹

- 5 The NFP domestic PIRs have commenced. To date, staff have:
 - (a) reviewed original project documentation and collated the issues we are already aware of in respect of all topics noted above;
 - (b) undertaken a literature review to identify any relevant research on all of the topics noted above; and
 - (c) commenced planning for gathering initial feedback from targeted stakeholders for all topics noted above (except income).²
- 6 Agenda Paper 8.2:
 - (a) asks the Board to confirm its previous decisions regarding which matters identified during the short-term narrow scope amendments project should be considered as part of the PIR;
 - (b) considers other implementation and application matters which have been brought to staff's attention via other means; and
 - (c) reviews the key reasons for issuing the initial income pronouncements, why Board action was necessary, and the Board's due process before issuing them.

	Status
AASB 1059 PIR (Category 2 Part B in Table 1)	Commenced and on schedule

- At the September 2021 meeting, the Board decided to commence the AASB 1059 PIR in Q2 2022, with the planning phase to conclude in Q1 2023. At the May 2022 meeting, the Board considered a revised timeline and agreed to commence the outreach phase of the PIR immediately.
- As noted in Agenda Paper 8.3.1 for this meeting, staff are recommending some changes to the timeline to allow a longer comment period on the ITC. Staff do not expect the changes to the timeline would affect the overall timeline for completing the PIR of AASB 1059 in Q2 2023.

	Status
Public Sector PIR including AASB 1050, AASB 1051, AASB 1052, AASB 1004 and Interpretation 1038 (Category 2 Part A in Table 1)	Commenced and on schedule

To meet OBPR requirements, the PIR of the Standards covered by the income topic must be completed within 5 years of implementation. Staff consider the date of implementation of a pronouncement to be its mandatory effective date, which for the Standards covered by the income topic was 1 January 2019.

² As previously communicated with the Board, gathered initial feedback from targeted stakeholders relating to income of NFP entities as part of the Board's narrow-scope project on that topic

- 9 The Public Sector PIR has commenced. To date, staff have begun:
 - (a) gaining a greater understanding of the requirements in the five standards and the interpretation.;
 - (b) reviewing the Basis of Conclusions and other documents to understand the history of the pronouncements, including the reasons for their initiation;
 - (c) summarising historical and recent stakeholder feedback on the standards; and
 - (d) scheduled the preliminary literature review.
- 10 This PIR is not due to be discussed by the Board until Q1 2023.

Other planned PIRs:	
Category 2 Part C in Table 1	Due to commence shortly and no delays are anticipated
Category 3 in Table 1	Not due to commence until Q2 2023

- In preparation for the commencement of the Category 2 Part C PIR, staff have scheduled a preliminary literature review. However, due to the topic covered in this category, staff do not expect there will be much, if any, published academic research. However, preliminary literature reviews will nevertheless be performed to confirm whether this is the case and to meet due process requirements. Staff have also planned the resourcing needs of the PIR to ensure it can be undertaken as planned.
- As the **Category 3** PIRs are not due to commence for some time and as the Standards in this category have only recently become effective, staff have not yet scheduled the literature review or performed any work on these PIRs.
- 13 Staff do not anticipate any difficulties meeting the previously agreed timelines for these PIRs.

	Status
Possible PIRs identified since September 2021	Further work required

As noted in agenda paper 4.1 to the May 2022 meeting, feedback received on other projects has highlighted a need for a possible PIR of the requirements of certain Standards that the Board did not previously consider necessary. There have been no changes in the suggested staff actions in relation to these matters.³

Refer to <u>Agenda Paper 4.1</u> to the May 2022 meeting.

Project timeline and milestones

15 Table 1 sets out the timeline for all planned domestic PIRs.

Table 1

Legend:

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CATEGORY 1 – Highest priority (NFP)	CATEGORY 2 – Medium priority (public sector)	CATEGORY 2 – Medium priority	CATEGORY 3 – Lower priority	BM = Board meeting**
NFP domestic PIRs addressing NFP:	PART A	PART C	• AASB 2020-2*	
Income;	• AASB 1050	• AASB 1056	• AASB 1060*	TOR = targeted outreach only
Control/consolidation;	• AASB 1051	Interpretation 1019		
Definition of a structured entity;	• AASB 1052		* Staff note that this timing may	** Staff note that the timing of
Related party disclosures; and	• AASB 1004		change, subject to the IASB's	Board meetings are yet to be
SPFS basis of accounting – compliance with Australian	Interpretation 1038		Subsidiaries without Public	decided. As such indicative
Accounting Standards.			Accountability: Disclosures project	timing may change slightly
	PART B			
	• AASB 1059			

Suggested activities	Completed	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Planning													
Review of original project documentation (e.g. RIS and Basis for Conclusions).	All topics except income	Income (Aug)											
Collation of issues the Board are aware of.	All topics except income	Income (Aug) Commenced											
3. Academic research:													
 Identify potential researchers to review existing academic literature and assist with new research. 		Commenced BM (Aug)											
Collate relevant research and summarise.		BM (Aug)											
Seek preliminary feedback from targeted stakeholders (e.g. regulators, professional bodies, advisory panels, preparers and practitioners). Review feedback received.	Income topic only	Commenced											
Prioritise issues from the planning phase to determine the scope of the consultation document.													
6. Discuss steps 1-5 with the Board.		BM (Sept)		BM	BM			BM					

Suggested activities	Completed	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Outreach													
7. Draft consultation document.													
8. Discuss consultation document with the Board		BM (Aug)	Approve		BM				BM				ı l
and the Board approve for issue.			OoS		BM								
			(Oct) ⁴										ı
9. Undertake general and targeted outreach to seek					TOR	TOR							
stakeholder feedback.													
Consideration of feedback and next steps													
10. Consultation comment period closes.				End Mar									
11. Review and summarise responses received from													ı
consultation document and outreach. Perform													ı
follow-up procedures where appropriate.													
12. Identify possible 'next steps' to respond to													i
findings in conjunction with the <u>AASB Evidence</u>													ı
Informed Standard-Setting Framework.				21.4		514		514	514			214	
13. Discuss feedback and possible next steps with the Board.				BM		BM		BM	BM			BM	
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14. Prepare a feedback statement, discuss it with the Board and publish the feedback statement.					BM		BM		BM				BM
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Question for Board members

Q1: Do Board members have any comments on the project update?

The NFP FRF project discussion paper is expected to be issued in September 2022, with a six-month comment period. Although the NFP PIRs consultation paper is expected to be issued in October 2022, staff intend to align the outreach for both consultation documents where possible as the consultation periods overlap.