

TEXT OF E-MAIL FROM MICHELLE SANSOM TO DUE PROCESS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (DPOC)
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Report to the Due Process Oversight Committee—September 2015

The IASB will hold its next meeting in the week commencing 21 September 2015 in London. There are two papers for the attention of the DPOC:

- Agenda Paper 10: *Conceptual Framework: Extension of the comment period*
- Agenda Paper 14E: *Different Effective dates of IFRS 9 and the new insurance contract standard*

Copies of the agenda papers are attached to this email.

Agenda Paper 10: *Conceptual Framework: Extension of the comment period*

The IASB published the *Conceptual Framework* Exposure Draft (ED) on 27 May 2015 with a comment period of 150 days. This comment period is in excess of the normal period for an ED of 120 days because of the length and complexity of the *Conceptual Framework* ED and the fundamental nature of the *Conceptual Framework*. The IASB decided not to set a longer comment period than 150 days, noting that a Discussion Paper had preceded the *Conceptual Framework* ED. Hence, stakeholders should be familiar with the issues addressed.

Since publishing the *Conceptual Framework* ED the IASB has been encouraged by stakeholders from a number of jurisdictions to extend the comment period by up to two months.

The IASB staff, having reviewed the feedback, is recommending an extension of the comment period from 150 to 180 days. If the IASB accepts the staff recommendation, the comment period would end on Wednesday, 25 November 2015.

Agenda Paper 14E: *Different Effective dates of IFRS 9 and the new insurance contract standard*

During the course of the IASB meeting staff will discuss with the IASB alternative approaches to addressing the possible accounting consequences of the application of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* prior to the application of the new insurance contracts Standard. The staff will recommend that IFRS 4 *Insurance Contracts* is amended.

Assuming that the IASB agrees with the staff recommendations then the staff will ask the IASB to confirm it has adhered to the necessary due process steps and request permission to ballot the exposure draft.

IASB members will be asked if any member intends to dissent from the amendments to be proposed in the exposure draft.

Assuming that the IASB agrees with the staff recommendations then it is anticipated that the exposure draft will be published in late 2015 with a proposed effective date of annual periods beginning 1 January 2018 with early adoption permitted, if an entity early adopts IFRS 9. (The effective date of IFRS 9 is 1 January 2018).

The staff plan to discuss the length of the comment period for the exposure draft with the IASB in October 2015. Subject to the IASB's decision to publish an exposure draft at its September meeting,

we will seek the DPOC's agreement to any proposed shortened comment period of less than 120 days at its meeting in Beijing.

This report is primarily for information and to provide the DPOC with assurance that the IASB is reviewing the due process steps and fulfilling the requirements of the *Due Process Handbook* as these projects progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.