

STAFF PAPER

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Project	Disclosure Initiative
Paper topic	Cover paper
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Purpose of this meeting

1. At this meeting we are planning to discuss topics relating to the following projects in the Disclosure Initiative:
 - (a) Principles of Disclosure (research project); and
 - (b) Materiality (research project).
2. This paper describes:
 - (a) the papers for this meeting;
 - (b) an update on the Principles of Disclosure project; and
 - (c) next steps.

Papers for this meeting

3. The papers that we would like to discuss at this meeting are summarised in the table below.

Agenda Paper	Title
11	Cover paper
11A	Principles of Disclosure: Format of information in the notes
11B	Principles of Disclosure: Cross-referencing
11C	Materiality

Update on the Principles of Disclosure project

4. The topics we plan to cover in the Principles of Disclosure project are outlined in Appendix A including a brief description of the current status of each topic.
5. Furthermore, we anticipate completing the main discussions for the Discussion Paper in Q1 2015. The current work plan targets the publication of the discussion paper mid 2015.

Next steps

6. In December we plan to bring papers as part of the Principles of Disclosure project on the following disclosure topics:
 - (a) Grouping of information and the cohesive depiction of entity's activities;
and
 - (b) Non-IFRS information in a complete set of financial statements.

Appendix A—Principles of Disclosure – Proposed topics in the Discussion Paper

Proposed Section		Status
1	Concepts for presentation and disclosure in financial statements	
	The role of the primary financial statements and the notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed with the IASB in October 2014 • Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow-up discussion about better describing the content of the notes (instead of explanatory and supplementary information) planned for Q1 2015 ○ Drafting for the discussion paper
	Materiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion this meeting (Agenda Paper 11C) • Inclusion in the DP will depend on the outcome of this month's discussion.
	Communication principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed with the IASB in October 2014 • Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drafting for the discussion paper ○ Include a question whether the communication principles should be part of IFRS or education material
2	Applying the concepts across a complete set of financial statements	
	Aggregation/disaggregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASB discussion planned for Q1 2015
	Grouping information/Cohesive depiction of entity's activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASB discussion planned for December 2014
3	Applying the concepts to the notes	
	Improving objectives of note disclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the discussion on the role of primary financial statements and the notes (see Section 1 above)
	Materiality in the notes to the financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be covered by the materiality project
	Order of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered by the IAS 1 Amendments being completed

Proposed Section	Status
Grouping information/Cohesive depiction of entity's activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASB discussion planned for December 2014 • Part of the discussion applicable to a complete set of financial statements (see above)
Consistency/comparability of note disclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASB discussion planned for Q1 2015
Cross-referencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed with the IASB in July 2014 • Follow-up discussion this meeting (Agenda Paper 11B)
Format of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion this meeting (Agenda Paper 11A)
Accounting policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed with the IASB in September 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decision to include in the Principles of Disclosure project at that meeting • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drafting for the discussion paper ○ Discussions with the IASB to establish preliminary views – Q1 2015
4 Non-IFRS information in financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASB discussion planned for December 2014
5 Cash flows (Research led by the UK FRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed with the IASB in October 2014 • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drafting for the discussion paper ○ Discussions with the IASB to establish preliminary views – Q1 2015
6 Disclosures about changes in accounting policies and estimates (Research led by the OIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASB discussion planned for Q2 2015
7 Implications of recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to existing standards (Research led by the NZXRB) • Overview of potential amendments to IAS 1 • Other implications for an overall review across all Standards