

## AGENDA PAPER

**Item Number:** 5  
**Date of Meeting:** 29 November 2016  
**Subject:** Annual reviews for APESB pronouncements

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**Action required**     **For discussion**     **For noting**     **For information**

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### Purpose

In accordance with Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's (APESB) constitution, an annual review of APESB pronouncements must be performed to identify and resolve any issues identified by stakeholders.

### Background

The following pronouncements are due to have an annual review completed:

- APES 215 *Forensic Accounting Services* (APES 215);
- APES 225 *Valuation Services* (APES 225);
- APES 320 *Quality Control for Firms* (APES 320); and
- APES 330 *Insolvency Services* (APES 330).

### Consideration of Issues

APESB Technical Staff have completed the reviews in line with the procedures set out in each annual review paper (refer to Agenda items 5(a) to (d)). Whilst the reviews did highlight some issues and general drafting matters, Technical Staff believe these do not require immediate rectification based on the following considerations:

- all of the reviewed pronouncements, apart from APES 330 (revised in 2014), were revised by APESB in 2015;
- legislative reforms relating to insolvency are expected to be finalised this year and the impact on APES 330 will need to be determined;
- the expectation that all APESB pronouncements will require revision later in 2017 due to IESBA's release of an Exposure Draft of a restructured Code in December 2016 (refer below); and
- the identified matters and issues are unlikely to significantly impact the scope and application of the pronouncements.

The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) is expected to release an Exposure Draft of a restructured International Code in December 2016. Once the restructured International Code is released APESB will initiate a process to consider amendments to APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, and subsequent amendments that flow through to other APESB pronouncements. Technical Staff anticipates that most APESB pronouncements will need to be revised.

Based on the considerations above, Technical Staff are of the view that the matters noted in these annual reviews be addressed in the next revision of the relevant pronouncement.

### **Staff Recommendations**

The Board note the Annual Reviews of APES 215, APES 225, APES 320 and APES 330.

### **Material Presented**

Agenda Item 5 (a)	Annual Review of APES 215 <i>Forensic Accounting Services</i> ;
Agenda Item 5 (b)	Annual Review of APES 225 <i>Valuation Services</i> ;
Agenda Item 5 (c)	Annual Review of APES 320 <i>Quality Control for Firms</i> ;
Agenda Item 5 (d)	Annual Review of APES 330 <i>Insolvency Services</i> .

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