

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Paper

SECRETARIAT PAPER

IASB / FASB Conceptual Framework Project - IASB Discussion Paper: *Preliminary Views on an improved Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting: The Objective of Financial Reporting and Qualitative Characteristics of Decision-useful Financial Reporting Information*

Issue:	Whether the Board wishes to respond to the IASB Discussion Paper
Impact on guidance:	N/A
IAS/IFRS adaptation?	N/A
IPSAS compliant?	N/A
Interpretation for the public sector context?	N/A
Impact on budgetary regime?	N/A
Alignment with National Accounts	N/A
Impact on Estimates?	N/A
Recommendation:	The Board is requested to consider whether it wishes to respond to the IASB Discussion Paper, and if so, it is recommended that the Board use the attached draft response as a basis for discussion in determining its response.
Timing:	Responses to the IASB Discussion Paper are required by the 3 November 2006.

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Background

1. The IASB issued its Discussion Paper *Preliminary Views on an improved Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting: The Objective of Financial Reporting and Qualitative Characteristics of Decision-useful Financial Reporting Information* in July 2006, requesting comments by the 3 November 2006. A copy of the lengthy Discussion Paper has been forwarded under separate cover in hard copy format, for the convenience of Board members.

Other relevant papers

2. Subsequent to the issue of the IASB Discussion Paper, a number of other relevant papers have been produced, and are attached in electronic format for the information of Board members. These papers include:

- a. A Report on the IASB Discussion Paper by a Group of Chairs and Senior Staff members of the Standard setting bodies of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom;
- b. Andrew Lennard's commentary on the IASB Discussion Paper;
- c. The ASB's background paper of 21 September, on the IASB Discussion Paper.

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