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Staying on top of financial reporting developments

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Monthly highlights

Amendments to the *Corporations Act 2001* – Remuneration report disclosures and other amendments

In 2014 the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer released an exposure draft legislation and explanatory material proposing amendments to the remuneration report disclosures, the dividends test along with other amendments to *Corporations Act 2001*. The Bill has now passed all required reading and has been enacted by the Parliament of Australia.

The changes to the dividends test that were included in the Exposure Draft have been excluded in the final approved Bill to give the Government more time to consider alternative approaches. The most significant amendments in this Bill, among others include:

- limiting the requirement to prepare a remuneration report to **only** listed disclosing entities that are companies;
- change the disclosure requirements in respect of options granted to KMP that lapsed during the financial year due to failure to satisfy a vesting condition:
 - from a requirement to disclose the value of those options at the date of lapse calculated as if the vesting condition was satisfied;
 - to a requirement to disclose the number of options that lapsed during the period and the financial year in which those options were granted; and
- remove the requirement to disclose the percentage value of remuneration consisting of options.

The Act commences immediately on the day it receive the Royal Assent, being 19 March 2015 which will affect Australian companies with financial years end on or after this date.

Please click for full details of the amendments:

- [Corporations Legislation Amendment \(Deregulatory and Other Measures\) Bill 2015](#)

New pronouncements

(A listing of new accounting standards, interpretations, exposure drafts, discussion papers and similar documents issued during the month by the AASB and IASB/IFRIC, along with other IFRS-related documents by other bodies that may be of interest and related links to Deloitte publications and alerts. See also our [What's new in the December 2014 financial reporting cycle](#) summary.)

Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB)

Pronouncement

Key dates

More information

No major accounting pronouncements released by the AASB in March 2015.

International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

Pronouncement

Key dates

More information

No major accounting pronouncements released by the IASB in March 2015.

Standard setter meetings

(A listing of meetings of various standard setters during the month or where documents were issued during the month in respect of the previous month's meetings, with links to our analysis, agenda papers and so on)

Meeting

Highlights

More information

IASB regular meeting

17 - 19 March 2015

Agenda for the meeting was as follows (click on the links for direct access to the Deloitte observer notes for that topic):

- [Leases](#)
- [Revenue from contracts with customers](#)
- [Research update](#)
- [Disclosure Initiative](#)
- [Conceptual framework](#)
- [Fair value measurement](#)
- [Accounting for dynamic risk management](#)
- [Insurance contracts](#)

[Deloitte observer notes](#)

[IASB updates](#) (PDF)

IFRS IC meeting

24 March 2015

Key issues discussed include:

- IAS 21 – Revenue transaction denominated in foreign currency
- IAS 12 – Proposed amendments to IAS 12
- IFRS 10 – Single-asset, single-lessee vehicle and the assessment of control
- IFRS 11 – Finalisation of various agenda decisions
- IAS 12 – Selection of applicable tax rate for measurement of deferred tax relating to investment in associate
- IAS 19 – Should longevity swaps held under a defined benefit scheme be measured at fair value as part of a plan asset or on another basis as a 'qualifying insurance contract'
- IFRIC 14 – Should an entity assume continuation of a minimum funding requirement?
- IFRS 5 – Issues relating to the requirements for scope and presentation in IFRS 5

[Deloitte observer notes](#)

The AASB did not hold a regular meeting in March 2015.

New Deloitte publications

(Key IFRS-related and other publications issued by Deloitte during the month, not covered elsewhere. You can find full details and back issues of our various publications by following these links: [Accounting alerts](#), [IAS Plus publications](#), [IFRS in Focus Newsletters](#), [Webcasts](#) and [Podcasts](#)).

IFRS publications

- [IFRS Project insights](#) (PDF) - Insurance contracts provides a summary of the IASB's project on insurance contracts
- [IFRS Project Insights](#) (PDF) - Leases provides a summary of the IASB's project on Lease
- [IFRS on point](#) (PDF) – February 2015 highlights critical IFRS-related financial reporting developments.

Deloitte Comment letters

- Deloitte [comment letter](#) on IASB ED/2014/5 'Classification and measurement of share- based payment transactions'
- Deloitte [comment letter](#) on tentative agenda decision on IAS 12- Deferred tax on associates.

Other developments

(A brief listing of other financial reporting developments during the month. A full summary of all IFRS-related developments can be found in our [March historical summary on IAS Plus](#). You can also subscribe to our [Deloitte IAS Plus RSS feed](#) to be kept informed of developments as they happen)

International Accounting Standards Board

- The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has issued [Investor Perspective](#) on cash flows
- The IASB has published the fourth edition of its newsletter '[IASB Investor Update](#)' to provide investors with quick access to information on current accounting and financial reporting issues
- The IASB has published a document on general model of Insurance update without participation features ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The IASB has published document on leases that provides overview of practical effects of the new standard on leases, the similarities and differences between IASB requirement and US Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The IASB has updated its [work plan](#) as at 26 March 2015
- The IASB has published a batch of editorial corrections that retract a previous correction and impact consequential amendments, stand-alone standards and IASB's "2014 IFRS (Red Book)", "A guide Through IFRS 2014" and "2015 IFRS (Blue Book)" ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The IASB has announced that the 2015 edition of the Bound Volume of International Financial Reporting Standards (the 'Red Book') is now available ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The IFRS Foundation has issued its 2015 IFRS Taxonomy ([IAS Plus article](#))
- IASB Chairman, Hans Hoogervost gave a speech about pension accounting at a conference of the UK National Association of Pension Fund ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The IASB has issued the second edition of its newsletter 'The Essentials' that aims at increasing investors' awareness of IFRS and enhance the insights they obtain when analysing information produced by IFRS financial statements ([IAS Plus article](#))

Other global news

- The US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) tentatively decided on 1 April 2015 to defer for one year the effective date of the new revenue standard for entities reporting under U.S. GAAP. The Board also tentatively decided to permit entities to early adopt the standard. The IASB plans to discuss this issue later in April. It is currently unclear whether the IASB will defer the effective date of IFRS 15 ([IAS Plus article](#)).
- The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG), has issued a draft comment letter on the IASB exposure draft (ED) proposing amendments that aim at a more general approach to the classification of liabilities under IAS 1 based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The European Commission has decided to nominate Mr Wolf Klinz as President of the Board of the EFRAG ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The EFRAG has submitted to the European Commission its endorsement advice letter on IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers', recommending adoption of the standard without deferral of its effective date ([IAS Plus article](#))

- The IPSASB Governance Review Group has published its final recommendations on the Future governance of IPSASB ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) has published 'Linking GRI and CDP - How are GRI's G4 Guidelines and CDP's 2015 Climate change questions aligned?' and 'Defining materiality: What matters to reporters and investors' ([IAS Plus article](#))
- US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Kara Stein gave a speech on the future of IFRSs in the United States at the Brooklyn Law School in New York City ([IAS Plus article](#))
- Japan completes endorsement of IFRS 9 without modifications ([IAS Plus article](#))