

Comment on discussion paper: Exploring the Demand for Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements and Other Services, and the Implications for the IAASB's International Standards

To. IAASB Agreed-Upon Procedures Working Group

From. Sub-committee for auditing standard

IAASB Agreed-Upon Procedures Working Group issued the discussion paper: Exploring the Demand for Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements and Other Services, and the Implications for the IAASB's International Standards on November 2016 and request for the comment by 29 March 2017. Overall, we have concerned on performing the AUP engagement with professional competence and due care over role of professional judgment because it will confuse users over the degree of confidence about the performing result. It should be careful on guidance over AUP Report for avoiding an expression of practitioner's opinion.

The Role of Professional Judgment and Professional Skepticism in an AUP Engagement

Q1 Results from the Working Group's outreach indicate that many stakeholders are of the view that professional judgment has a role in an AUP engagement, particularly in the context of performing the AUP engagement with professional competence and due care. However, the procedures in an AUP engagement should result in objectively verifiable factual findings and not subjective opinions or conclusions. Is this consistent with your views on the role of professional judgment in an AUP engagement? If not, what are your views on the role of professional judgment in an AUP engagement?

Answer: No, it's not exactly consistent with our view. AUP engagement should include the role of professional judgment when it does clearly define the limit of judgment.

Using the Work of an Expert

Q7 Do you agree with the Working Group's views that ISRS 4400 should be enhanced, as explained above, for the use of experts in AUP engagements? Why or why not?

Answer: Yes, we're agreed. The practitioner can involve with experts to assist the performing procedures in AUP engagements as long as they clearly communicate about the work to be performed and the worked performed is adequate for their purpose. The involvement not only supports the appropriate evidence but also serves the quality of service.

AUP Report Restrictions – To Whom the AUP Report Should be Restricted

Q9 Do you agree that the AUP report can be provided to a party that is not a signatory to the engagement letter as long as the party has a clear understanding of the AUP and the conditions of the engagement? If not, what are your views?

Answer: It's not totally disagreed however we concern on how to ensure that other party has a clear understanding of the AUP and the conditions of the engagement. Moreover making the AUP Report more public will increase the practitioner's responsibility.