

PROJECT HISTORY

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Staff presented a first draft of an ED, *Grants, Contributions and Other Transfers*, and an Issues Paper setting out the issues that the Board needed to consider about the scope of the project, the related definitions, the public sector performance obligation approach and the accounting arrangements for grants and other transfers.

The IPSASB discussed the scope of the project. The IPSASB debated whether the project should seek to mirror the two *Revenue* EDs being developed, and therefore become a residual expenses project that includes some commercial expense transactions, or whether the scope should be narrower. The IPSASB agreed to adopt the narrower scope, and the focus of the ED will be on transactions where entity making the payment does not receive any goods or services in return (although goods and services may be provided to third party beneficiaries).

The IPSASB discussed the definitions to be included in the ED. The IPSASB agreed that the definition of expenses should be retained in IPSAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, with a cross reference being included in the ED.

The IPSASB agreed that definitions for two types of transactions should be developed:

- Transactions where the resource recipient transfers goods and services to third party beneficiaries; and
- Transactions where the resource recipient does not transfer goods or services, whether to the resource provider or to third party beneficiaries.

The IPSASB asked staff to consider the terms to be used for these transactions, noting that different terms are used differently in different jurisdictions. In addition, GFS uses terms with specific meanings. Staff were instructed to identify terms that would be clear, and not conflict with the meanings in GFS if possible.

The IPSASB briefly discussed the accounting and presentation requirements, and provided direction to staff on areas where further development was required, noting that these requirements needed to be developed in parallel with the two *Revenue* EDs.