

Issue Reporting of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Position

CPA Australia supports initiatives to:

- improve disclosures relating to liabilities and commitments; and
 - require ongoing 'whole-of-life' reporting by grantors.
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Action

CPA Australia will continue to make representations to the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Commonwealth and State governments on issues relating to ongoing ('whole-of-life') disclosure of information relating to financial accountability and service performance for PPPs.

CPA Australia is participating in an ARC Linkage Project, *Developing a model for the evaluation of Australian public private partnerships*, jointly with the Victorian Auditor-General's Office and the University of Sydney. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2008.

Rationale

Governments have initiated and budgeted for substantial infrastructure spending in recent years and PPPs are becoming an important procurement option in public infrastructure spending and related services. There is a need to address accountability issues including disclosure, whole of government accountability, and risk allocation and management.

Infrastructure assets constitute a large part of the government assets and with many of the PPPs for periods greater than 25 years, the management/mismanagement of PPPs has substantial implications. There is a need to improve the existing liabilities and commitment disclosure in the grantor's financial statements.

More Information

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External web sites –

http://www.partnerships.vic.gov.au/domino/web_notes/PartVic/PVWeb.nsf
<http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/wwg/>
http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/pp_partnerships/resources_faq.shtm
<http://www.partnershipsuk.org.uk/>
<http://www.partnershipsbc.ca/files/links.html>
<http://www.pppcouncil.ca/>
<http://www.ppp.gov.ie/>
<http://www.ncppp.org/aboutus/index.html>

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