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1. Select Respondent Type *

Please select the capacity in which you are responding.

Registered Auditor



2. Organisation Name *

If you answered "Individual" in Question 1, please write "Private".

Private

3. Full Name of Respondent *

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4. Job Title *

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6. Do you believe that additional disclosures in the auditor's report about the scope of the audit would be useful in enhancing the understanding of the audit that was performed? *

Refer to question 1 in section A of the Consultation Paper.

	Very useful	Useful	Somewhat useful	Not useful	No particular view
Scope of the audit. Refer to section A.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

7. In relation to question 6 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

In my experience very few people actually look at the audit report, and if they do, the only thing they check is the opinion. Just an additional cost that will be placed on an audit firm as clients will not see the value and will not pay.

8. Do you believe that disclosing the materiality threshold applied, and an explanation of significant judgements made by the auditor in determining materiality for the audit in the auditor's report, would be useful in enhancing the understanding of the audit that was performed? *

Refer to question 2 in section A of the Consultation Paper.

	Very useful	Useful	Somewhat useful	Not useful	No particular view
Materiality threshold applied, and an explanation of significant judgements made by the auditor in determining materiality for the audit. Refer to section A.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. In relation to question 8 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

Clients would then know how to manipulate the records to avoid auditors testing transactions by using materiality.

10. Do you believe that the disclosure of performance materiality in the auditor's report would be useful in enhancing the understanding of the audit that was performed? *

Refer to question 3 in section A of the Consultation Paper.

	Very useful	Useful	Somewhat useful	Not useful	No particular view
Performance materiality. Refer to section A.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. In relation to question 10 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

See point 9.

12. Do you believe that additional disclosures in the auditor's report that explain the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, would be useful in enhancing the understanding of the audit that was performed? *

Refer to question 4 in section B of the Consultation Paper.

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Very useful Useful Somewhat useful Not useful No particular view

Explanation of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud. Refer to section B.

13. In relation to question 12 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

This would leave auditors in an unacceptable position as people could use this to sue auditors for any fraud committed within the business. Auditors would be forced to disclose that the audit had a very low capability of disclosing fraud or irregularities in order to protect themselves and would render this disclosure useless. Has IRBA engaged insurers on this point?

14. Do you believe that disclosures in the auditor's report about how the auditor evaluated management's assessment of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern and, where relevant, key observations arising with respect to that evaluation would be useful in enhancing the understanding of the audit that was performed? *

Refer to question 5 in section C of the Consultation Paper.

Very useful Useful Somewhat useful Not useful No particular view

How the auditor evaluated management's assessment of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern and, where relevant, key observations. Refer to section C.

15. In relation to question 14 above, please provide your reasons and indicate where applicable, what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

This is the directors responsibility to communicate to investors.

16. Do you believe that a conclusion (i.e. a positive statement) that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the entity's financial statements is appropriate, should be included in the auditor's report? *

Refer to question 6 in section C of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
Conclusion (i.e. a positive statement) that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. Refer to section C.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. In relation to question 16 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

The investor must do their own analysis of the industry and company and in order to attract investors, directors should be publishing such information.

18. Where there is a material uncertainty related to going concern, do you believe that procedures specific to the auditor's response to the material uncertainty related to going concern should be disclosed in the auditor's report? *

Refer to question 7 in section C of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
Procedures specific to the auditor's response to a material uncertainty related to going concern. Refer to section C.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. In relation to question 18 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

An emphasis of matter is sufficient to alert the user and then it is up to the user to make their own decisions.

20. Where the auditor concludes that no material uncertainty related to going concern has been identified, would a statement that the auditor has not identified a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue be useful to you as a user? *

Refer to question 8 in section C of the Consultation Paper.

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A statement that the auditor has not identified a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Refer to section C.

21. In relation to question 20 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

To my mind this is already in play.

22. Are there any other matters related to going concern that you believe should be disclosed in the auditor's report? *

Refer to question 9 in section C of the Consultation Paper.

Yes Maybe No No particular view

Any other matters related to going concern that you believe should be disclosed in the auditor's report. Refer to section C.

23. In relation to question 22 above, please provide the details and where applicable, the benefits and drawbacks of disclosure of such matters, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

24. Do you believe that auditor's reports other than on listed entities and where law or regulation requires the application of ISA 701, should disclose Key Audit Matters (KAMs)? *

Refer to question 10 in section D of the Consultation Paper.

	Other PIEs	All Entities	No	No particular view
KAMs in auditor's reports other than on listed entities and where law or regulation requires the application of ISA 701. Refer to section D.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. In relation to question 24 above, please explain your reasons for the answer to this question and where applicable, specify the type of entity for which you believe the auditor's reports should disclose KAMs, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

At any level below a listed entity, the only reason for an audit is a statutory requirement. The users do not require an audit and have very little interest in the audit.

26. In your view, are descriptions of the outcome of audit procedures or key observations with respect to Key Audit Matters useful in understanding the KAM? *

Refer to question 11 in section D of the Consultation Paper.

Very useful Useful Somewhat useful Not useful No particular view

Descriptions of the outcome of audit procedures or key observations with respect to Key Audit Matters. Refer to section D.

27. In relation to question 26 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

28. Do you believe it is beneficial to stakeholders to have visibility of the professional relationships between an audit firm and the audit client for audits of entities that are not PIEs? *

Refer to question 12 in section E of the Consultation Paper.

Yes Maybe No No particular view

Visibility of the professional relationships between an audit firm and the audit client for audits of entities that are not PIEs. Refer to section E.

29. In relation to question 28 above, please provide your reasons. Where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder and specify for which types of entities should the disclosure of such professional relationships be. Also indicate any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

30. If the answer to question 28 is "yes" or "maybe", do you believe this should be disclosed in the auditor's report? *

Refer to question 13 in section E of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view	Not Applicable
Disclosure of professional relationships in the auditor's report. Refer to section E.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

31. In relation to question 30 above, please provide your reasons. Where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder or provide alternative mechanisms for such disclosure.

Max 4 000 characters.

32. Do you believe the auditor's report is an appropriate mechanism to disclose the matters described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) in paragraph 65 of the Consultation Paper in relation to fees? *

Refer to question 14 in section E of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
Auditor's report an appropriate mechanism to disclose the matters described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) in paragraph 65. Refer to section E.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. In relation to question 32 above, please provide your reasons. Where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder or provide suggestions on other possible mechanisms to achieve such disclosure, including the benefits and the drawbacks.

Max 4 000 characters.

The users are persons appointing the auditors normally and it serves no purpose.

34. Do you believe the auditor's report is an appropriate mechanism to disclose whether an entity has been classified as a PIE or not? *

Refer to question 15 in section F of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
Disclosure of whether an entity has been classified as a PIE or not in the auditor's report. Refer to section F.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

35. In relation to question 34 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

36. Do you believe that when prior period financial statements that are misstated have not been amended and an auditor's report has not been reissued, but the corresponding figures have been properly restated or appropriate disclosures have been made in the current period financial statements, the matter should in all cases be described in the auditor's report? *

Refer to question 16 in section G of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
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	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
<p>Description in the auditor's report when prior period financial statements that are misstated have not been amended and an auditor's report has not been reissued, but the corresponding figures have been properly restated or appropriate disclosures have been made in the current period financial statements. Refer to section G.</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. In relation to question 36 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

All of the information is already in the financial statements. This would beg the question of why you don't just include the entire set of financials in the audit report?

38. Where such disclosure (refer to question 36) is made in the auditor's report, whether mandated or not, do you believe that tailored descriptions of the audit procedures performed, and key observations made by the auditor regarding prior year material misstatements, would be useful in enhancing the understanding of how the auditor addressed the matter? *

Refer to question 17 in section G of the Consultation Paper.

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Very useful Useful Somewhat useful Not useful No particular view

Tailored descriptions of the audit procedures performed, and key observations made by the auditor regarding prior year material misstatements. Refer to section G.

39. In relation to question 38 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

No-one has any interest in these matters.

40. Do you believe the disclosure of the threshold of unadjusted misstatements in the auditor's report would be useful in further enhancing transparency by auditors? *

Refer to question 18 in section H of the Consultation Paper.

Very useful Useful Somewhat useful Not useful No particular view

Do you believe the disclosure of the threshold of unadjusted misstatements in the auditor's report would be useful in further enhancing transparency by auditors? Refer to section H.

41. In relation to question 40 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

Unless you are an auditor, the user would have no idea about the reasons and effect of unadjusted misstatements and you would have mass confusion among users.

42. In relation to the matters described in sections A, B, C, G and H in the Consultation Paper, if applicable, would you please indicate for which types of entities these disclosures should be made? Your response should be in the format set out below (tick where appropriate and provide your reasons, including benefits and drawbacks, in the comment box). *

Refer to question 19 in section I of the Consultation Paper.

	All entities	PIEs only	Listed entities only	Others (Please explain in question 43 below)	Disclosure should not be made at all (Please explain in question 43)
Extending the disclosures of the Audit Scope. Refer to section A.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Materiality. Refer to section A.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Performance Materiality. Refer to section A.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Enhancing the disclosure of the audit effort related to Irregularities, including fraud. Refer to section B.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Enhancing the disclosure of the audit effort related to Going Concern. Refer to section C.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

	All entities	PIEs only	Listed entities only	Others (Please explain in question 43 below)	Disclosure should not be made at all (Please explain in question 43)
Auditor's report disclosures arising from Prior Year Misstatements. Refer to section G.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Disclosure of the reporting threshold unadjusted misstatements. Refer to section H.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

43. In relation to question 42 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

See answers under the relevant sections.

44. Other than those proposals discussed in sections A to I in the Consultation Paper, are there more matters that can be disclosed by auditors in the auditor's report for an audit of financial statements? *

Refer to question 20 in section J of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
More matters that can be disclosed by auditors in the auditor's report.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

45. In relation to question 44 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

46. Should there be prescribed standards or a rule that will mandate additional disclosures in the auditor's report? *

Refer to question 21 in section J of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
Prescribed standards or a rule that will mandate additional disclosures in the auditor's report.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

47. In relation to question 46 above, please provide your reasons and where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder, as well as any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.

48. Is there a need to develop a structure or framework within which to accommodate currently envisaged but also future changes to auditor's report contents? *

Refer to question 22 in section J of the Consultation Paper.

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Yes	Maybe	No	No particular view
A need to develop a structure or framework within which to accommodate currently envisaged but also future changes to auditor's report contents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

49. In relation to question 48 above, please provide your reasons. Where applicable, indicate what the benefits and drawbacks of such disclosures would be to you as a stakeholder and explain what the elements of such a framework would be. Also provide any suggestions you may have.

Max 4 000 characters.