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Subject: FR2017/250 PFA - NT: Request for Exemption from Reporting Requirements [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: PFA_NT_FR2017_250_Certificate_SIGNED_17112017.pdf

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Dear Mr McCue

Please find attached a letter and certificate advising that the abovementioned application for a s.271 certificate from the Northern Territory Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia has been granted.

Regards

DAVID VALE

Principal Adviser

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Subject: FR2017/250 PFA - NT: Request for Exemption from Reporting Requirements

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Please find attached our letter requesting exemption from reporting requirements.

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17 November 2017

Mr Paul McCue
President
Northern Territory Police Branch
Police Federation of Australia
GPO BOX 2350
DARWIN NT 0801

By email: reception@ntpa.com.au

Dear Mr McCue

Section 271 application for certificate of exemption from the requirements of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act) (FR2017/250)

I refer to the application lodged pursuant to section 271(1) of the RO Act by the Northern Territory Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia (**PFA NT**) for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The application was lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission (**ROC**) on 15 September 2017.

Additional information relating to the financial reporting obligations of the PFA NT Associated Body, the Northern Territory Police Association (**the Associated Body**), was also provided to the ROC on 24 October 2017.

The PFA NT was previously granted a certificate of exemption in relation to its financial year that ended 30 June 2016 (FR2016/305). In granting that certificate, it was noted that the Associated Body had changed its financial year to end on 30 April instead of 30 June and no longer aligned with the financial year of the PFA NT. It was recommended that the PFA NT amend its rules to realign its financial year to that of the Associated Body. Under section 271(1) of the RO Act, prescribed circumstances that may be taken into consideration when assessing an application for exemption are identified in Regulation 165 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*. As the Associated Body expends its economic resources and incurs financial obligations to ensure that the PFA NT can function, the circumstances that are relevant to the PFA NT application are included under Regulation 165(c).

When assessing the section 271 application lodged on 15 September 2017 it was noted that the Rules of the PFA NT have not been amended and the financial year for the PFA NT and the Associated Body differ. As noted above, the circumstances and relationship between the PFA NT and the Associated Body is the key consideration for the granting of a section 271 exemption for the PFA NT. The difference between the financial years places into question the basis of the PFA NT application, that is, that the PFA NT and the Associated Body are

identical and indistinguishable.

To that end, I acknowledge your further correspondence which was lodged with the ROC on 6 November 2017. I note in your correspondence that the PFA NT accepts that it is required to amend its rules to realign its financial year with the financial year of the Associated Body, and I also note your advice that the PFA NT is currently reviewing the required rule changes with the Police Federation of Australia.

Having taken into account and relying upon the particulars you provided in your application, the additional information submitted on 24 October 2017, the undertakings provided in your correspondence on 6 November 2017, and the declarations you made associated with that application, I am satisfied the PFA NT is a reporting unit and that it did not have any financial affairs in the financial year which ended 30 June 2017. The attached certificate reflects this decision.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact David Vale on (02) 8293 4654 or by email at david.vale@roc.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CE', with a small horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Enright
Executive Director
Registered Organisations Commission



CERTIFICATE

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

s.271—Certificate of exemption from requirements of Chapter 8, Part 3

Police Federation of Australia-Northern Territory Police Branch
(FR2017/250)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 17 NOVEMBER 2017

Certificate of exemption from the requirements of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

[1] On 15 September 2017 an application was made under s.271(1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* by the Northern Territory Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia for a certificate of exemption in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

[2] I am satisfied that the reporting unit did not have any financial affairs in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2017.



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Subject: NTPA Correspondence: Request for Exemption from Reporting Requirements
Attachments: Ltr to Registered Organisations Commission re PFA NT Branch Rule Changes - Financial Year 06112017.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached our further correspondence relating to our request for exemption from reporting requirements.

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Kind Regards

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6 November 2017

Our Ref: 0107/17
Your Ref: FR2017/250

**Lodgement of Financial Report for Year Ended 30 June 2017 [FR2017/250]
S.271 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act)
Request for Certificate of Exemption from Reporting Obligations**

I write regarding our request for Certificate of Exemption from Reporting Obligations, submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission on 15 September 2017.

Following advice received from the Fair Work Commission on 28 September 2016, the NT PFA Branch accepts that we are required to amend our Rules to realign our financial year with the financial year of the Northern Territory Police Association (the "Associated Body").

The NT PFA Branch is currently reviewing the required changes with the Police Federation of Australia (PFA) to determine if amendments will be made to the PFA Rulebook as a whole, rather than each Branch's rules.

I trust that this will meet your requirements to make a decision on our application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries in relation to this correspondence.

Yours Sincerely

Paul McCue
President

Northern Territory Police Association

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Cc: Paul McCue
Subject: RE: FR2017/250 PFA - NT: Request for Exemption from Reporting Requirements [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good Afternoon Mr Vale

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier this morning. As discussed, I am pleased to confirm the follow points with regards to the financial reporting requirements of our Associated Body:

1. Our Associated Body is a not-for-profit association incorporated in the Northern Territory pursuant to Part 3 of the *Associations Act (NT) (the Act)*. *The Act* is binding on our Association and Part 5 requires us to maintain proper accounting records, provide an annual statement of account and ensure our accounts are properly audited on an annual basis.
2. The Audited Financial Statements of the Associated Body are presented to our Annual Conference each year. In addition to this, our Audited Financial Statements are available to all financial members through the members page of the Associated Body's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the below details, if there is anything further you require to consider our request for exemption in matter FR2017/250

Kind Regards

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Importance: High

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Dear Mr McCue

We received a s. 271 application from the Northern Territory Police Branch (the NT Branch) of the Police Federation of Australia (PFA) for exemption from reporting requirements in matter FR2017/250. To assist in completing the processing of the application could you please provide me with some information relating to the financial reporting obligations of the Associated Body, that being the Northern Territory Police Association, in relation to the following:

1. Does the Associated body have financial reporting obligations under other legislation i.e. Corporations Act 2001, Associations Act etc; &
2. Are members provided with or have access to a copy of the Associated body's financial report.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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15 September 2017

Our Ref: 0107/17

Lodgement of Financial Report for Year Ended 30 June 2017 [FR2017/250]

S.271 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act)

Request for Certificate of Exemption from Reporting Obligations

I, Paul Damien MCCUE, President of the Northern Territory Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia, an authorised officer under the Rules to act on behalf of the Branch and in consideration of s.271 of the *Fair Work Act* ("the Act") hereby apply for a Certificate to exempt the Branch from the requirements of the Act relating to financial matters occurring in the year ended 30 June 2017.

I make the following statements in support of the request for the Certificate of Exemption:

1. The Branch does not expend economic resources or incur any financial obligations to conduct its activities and does not carry out any trade or engage in any financial transactions of any kind;
2. The Branch does not have an account with a bank or any other financial institution nor does it have custody of any real property, moneys or other assets;
3. The Branch accordingly has no reason to keep accounting records;
4. The reason that the Branch does not trade or engage in financial transactions is because of the relationship between the Branch and another body corporate known as the Northern Territory Police Association (the "Associated Body"), referred to in Rules 6 and 6A and the membership application form at Annexure "A" of the Rules of the Police Federation of Australia ("the Rules").
5. The Associated Body was incorporated on 22 October 1979.

Northern Territory Police Association

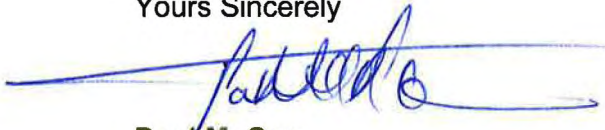
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6. The Branch was not formed until 31 December 1997 when the Police Federation of Australia was registered as an organisation.
7. The Associated Body expends economic resources and incurs financial obligations, including the collection of membership fees, the payment of accounts for expenses incurred in carrying out regular business (such as the production of a journal), operates a bank account, has leased and/or owned property and office machinery and employs and pays wages of employees.
8. The Membership of the Branch and the Associated Body are identical and indistinguishable. No member of the Branch is ineligible for membership of the Associated Body. No prospective member has applied to be a member of the Branch and not also a member of the Associated Body.
9. The only financial concern of the Branch relates to the payment of capitation fees by the Branch to the Federal Fund pursuant to Rule 7 of the Rules but this is paid by the Associated Body in accordance with Rule 7A of the Rules.
10. The Branch in all other aspects carries out its functions as set out in the Objects of the Federation (Rule 4). In particular, the Officers of the Associated Body are the officers elected by the Branch in accordance with the Branch Rules and the Federal Rules. The Branch Executive meets monthly other than in January of each year and regulates the affairs of the Branch in a thorough and consistent manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries in relation to this application.

Yours Sincerely



Paul McCue
President



9 August 2017

Mr Colin Goodsell
Acting Branch President
Northern Territory Police Branch
Police Federation of Australia
By Email: admin@ntpa.com.au

Dear Mr Goodsell,

**Re: Lodgement of Financial Report - [FR2017/250]
*Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act)***

The financial year of the Police Federation of Australia-Northern Territory Police Branch (the reporting unit) ended on 30 June 2017. This is a courtesy letter to remind you of the reporting unit's obligations regarding financial reporting.

Loans Grants and Donations Statement

The reporting unit is required to lodge a statement showing the relevant particulars in relation to each loan, grant or donation of an amount exceeding \$1,000 for the reporting unit during its financial year. Section 237 of the RO act requires this statement to be lodged with Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) within 90 days of the end of the reporting unit's financial year, that is on or before 28 September 2017.

The attached fact sheet *Loans Grants and Donations* (FS 009) summarises the requirements of the Loans Grants and Donations Statement. A sample statement of loans, grants or donations is available on our [website](#).

It should be noted that s.237 is a civil penalty provision. If a loan, grant or donation over \$1000 has been made, failure to lodge a statement of loans, grants and donations (including failure to lodge on time) may result in legal proceedings being issued with the possibility of a pecuniary penalty (up to \$105,000 for each contravention for a body corporate and up to \$21,000 for each contravention for an individual) being imposed upon your organisation and/or an officer whose conduct led to the contravention.

Financial report

The RO Act sets out a particular chronological order in which your financial report must be prepared, audited, provided to members, presented to a meeting and then lodged with the ROC. The attached document *Summary of Financial Reporting timelines* (FS 008) summarises these requirements.

We emphasise that the reporting unit is required to present its audited financial report to a meeting (either of members or of the committee of management, depending on your rules) no later than 31 December 2017 (s.266). The full financial report must be lodged with the ROC within 14 days of that meeting (s.268).

When assessing your financial report, we will continue to focus closely on timelines as well as how loans, grants and donations are reported. The financial report must break down the amounts of grants and donations and these figures will be compared to the loans, grants and donations statement (see attached *Loans Grants and Donations* fact sheet FS 009).

You can visit our website for more information regarding [financial reporting](#), and fact sheets regarding [financial reporting processes and requirements](#). A model set of financial statements developed by the

ROC is also available on our website. It is not obligatory to use this model but it is a useful resource to ensure compliance with the RO Act, the Reporting Guidelines and the Australian Accounting Standards.

It should be noted that s.268 of the RO Act is a civil penalty provision. Failure to lodge the full financial report (including failure to lodge on time) may result in legal proceedings being issued with the possibility of a pecuniary penalty (up to \$105,000 for each contravention for a body corporate and up to \$21,000 for each contravention for an individual) being imposed upon your organisation and/or an officer whose conduct led to the contravention (s.268).

Auditor's report

When assessing the financial report we will also focus on the structure and content of the auditor's report to ensure that it complies with the revisions made to the Auditing Standards which came into effect from 15 December 2016. Please find below a guidance note *Illustrative Auditor's Report* (GN 004) relating to these requirements (which can also be located on our website).

REMINDER

YOUR AUDITOR MUST BE REGISTERED (s.256)

You must ensure that your auditor is registered by the Registered Organisations Commissioner. A list of registered auditors is available on our [website](#).

Contact

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, please email regorgs@roc.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

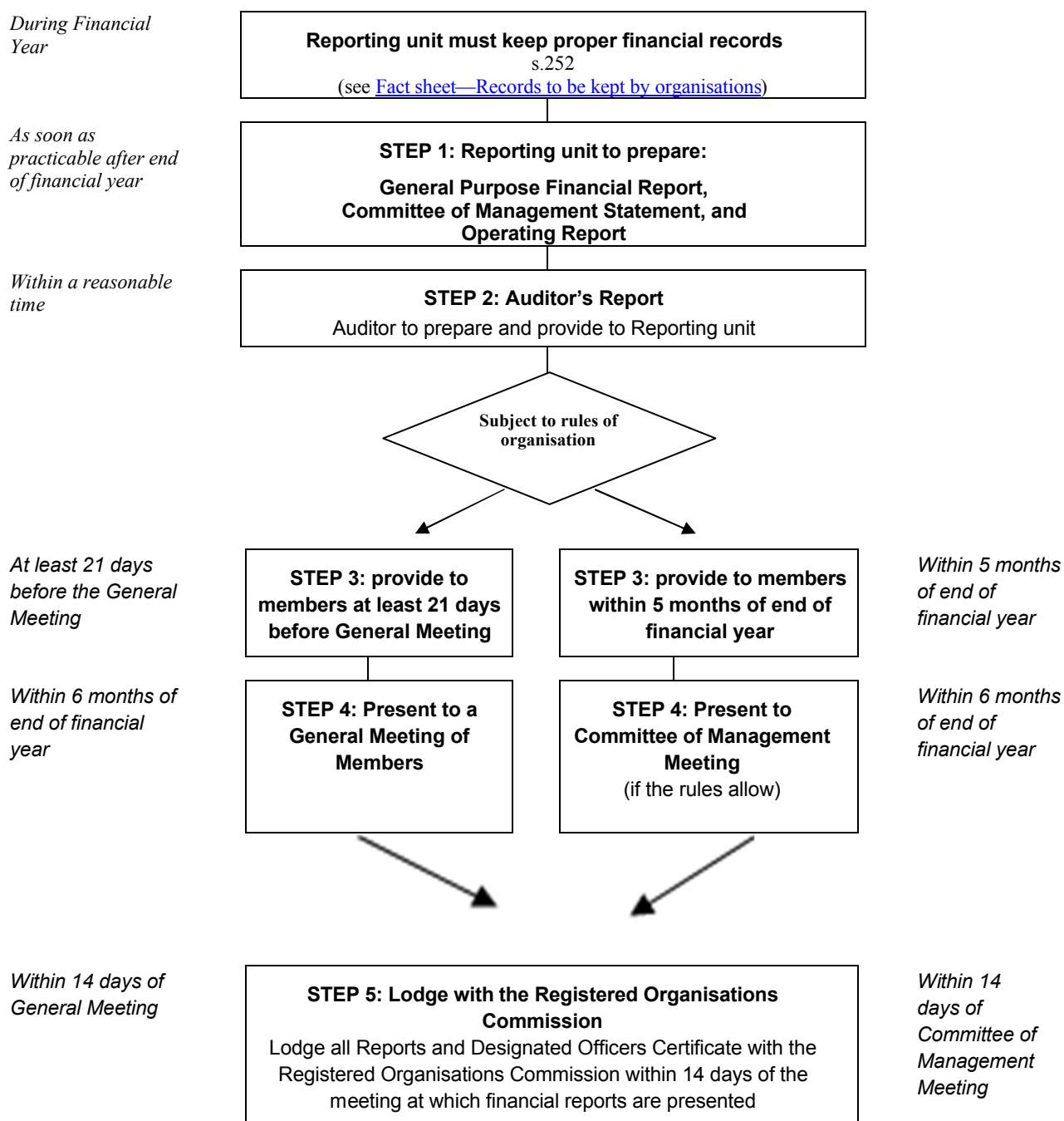
Carolyn Moloney
Registered Organisations Commission



Fact sheet

Summary of financial reporting timelines – s.253 financial reports

See Fact sheet—Financial reporting for an explanation of each of these steps.





Fact sheet

Loans, Grants & Donations

The Loans, Grants & Donations Requirements

The *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act) requires an organisation or branch to lodge a loans, grants and donations statement (the statement) within **90 days** of the ending of the financial year.

Under the Commissioner's Reporting Guidelines, a reporting unit's General Purpose Financial Report (the financial report) must break down the amounts of grants and donations (see below). The figures in the financial report will be compared to the loans, grants and donations statement.

The Loans, Grants & Donations Statement

Section 237 of the RO Act applies to every loan, grant and donation made by an organisation or branch during the financial year that exceeds \$1000. The following information must be supplied to the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) for each relevant loan, grant or donation:





- the amount,
- the purpose,
- the security (if it is a loan),
- the name and address of the person to whom it was made,* and
- the arrangements for repaying the loan.*



*The last two items are not required if the loan, grant or donation was made to relieve a member of the organisation (or their dependent) from severe financial hardship.

The statement must be lodged within 90 days of the end of the financial year and the ROC has a [Template Loans, Grants and Donations Statement](#) on its website. The ROC encourages branches and organisations to lodge the statement even if all of the figures are NIL.

Common misconceptions

Over the years, staff of the Commission have noted that there are some common misunderstandings made in relation to the Statement. They include:

Misconception	Requirement
 Only reporting units must lodge the Statement.	 All branches and organisations, regardless of whether they lodge a financial report, must lodge the statement within 90 days of the end of the financial year. An organisation cannot lodge a single statement to cover all of its branches.
 Employees can sign the Statement.	 The statement must be signed by an elected officer of the relevant branch.

	Statements can be lodged with the financial report.		The deadline for the statement is much shorter (90 days) and if it is lodged with the financial report it is likely to be late.
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Grants & Donations within the Financial Report

Item 16(e) of the Commissioner's Reporting Guidelines requires the reporting unit to separate the line items relating to grants and donations into grants or donations that were \$1000 or less and those that exceeded \$1000.

As such, the note in the financial report relating to grants and donations will have four lines. In the [ROC's Model Statements](#) the note appears as follows:

Note 4E: Grants ~~OR~~ donations*

Grants:	[Current year]	[Previous year]
Total paid that were \$1,000 or less	-	-
Total paid that exceeded \$1,000	-	-
Donations:		
Total paid that were \$1,000 or less	-	-
Total paid that exceeded \$1,000	-	-
Total grants or donations	-	-

The Commissioner's Reporting Guidelines requires that these line items appear in the financial report even if the figures are NIL.

Implications for filing the Financial Report

During their review of the financial report staff of the ROC may confirm that the figures in the financial report match the disclosures made in the statement. Any inconsistencies in these figures will be raised with the organisation or branch for explanation and action.

This may involve lodging an amended loans, grants or donations statement. Any failure to lodge a loans, grants or donations statement or lodging a statement that is false or misleading can attract civil penalties under the RO Act.

If a reporting unit did not fully comply with these requirements in their last financial report, its filing letter will have included a statement reminding the reporting unit of its obligations.

It is strongly recommended that all reporting units review their filing letters from the previous financial year to ensure any targeted concerns are addressed in their latest financial report. Failure to address these individual concerns may mean that a financial report cannot be filed.

Previous financial reports and filing letters are available from the website.

Further information

If you have any further questions relating to the loan, grant and donation disclosure requirements in the statement or the financial report, please contact the ROC on regorgs@roc.gov.au



Guidance Note

Illustrative Auditor's Report under section 257 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*

Prepared and issued by the Registered Organisations Commission

Version	Date published
1	4 August 2017

1. Introduction

The purpose of this guidance note is to provide Registered Organisations with guidance on the revised Australian Auditing Standard ASA 700 *Forming an Opinion and Reporting on a Financial Report* (ASA 700), as issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ('AUASB').

An 'Illustrative Auditor's Report' is included to assist Registered Organisations to understand the new auditing requirements.

2. Background to the revised Auditing Standard

From 15 December 2016, the structure of the Auditor's Report changed as a result of revisions made to the Australian Auditing Standards (ASAs). The changes impact all auditors' reports prepared in accordance with the ASAs.

The purpose of the change is to:

- enhance the communicative value of the Auditor's Report;
- give prominence to the most important matters by re-ordering the content;
- enhance reporting on going concern matters (if applicable), and provide enhanced descriptions of the respective responsibilities of management and the auditor, in relation to going concern;
- provide an affirmative statement on auditor's independence and fulfilment of relevant ethical responsibilities;
- provide more information to users on the auditor's responsibilities, and the key features of an audit and;
- provide details of other information the auditor has received at the date of the Auditor's Report, and is expected to receive after the date of the Auditor's Report¹.

3. Key changes included in the illustrative Auditor's Report

Description	Auditing standard ref.	Comments
Structure of the auditor's report	ASA 700.21-52	The form and structure of the audit report have been reorganised due to changes in the Australian Auditing Standards.
Basis for opinion	ASA 700.28c	Requires references in the audit report to the applicable ethical standards e.g. APES 110 <i>Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants</i> .
Other information	ASA 700.32 ASA 720	ASA 720 now requires that the auditor 'read and consider' if the Other Information (including but not limited to the Operating Report) is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or the auditor's knowledge obtained in the audit.
Committee of Management's responsibilities for the preparation of the financial report	ASA 700.33-36	ASA 700.34b has been added to reflect changes made in ASA 570. The changes emphasise that it is management's responsibility for assessing whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate. The auditors' roles and responsibilities related to going concern have not changed.
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report	ASA 700.37-40	These paragraphs have been expanded to clarify the detailed nature and scope of the auditor's existing responsibilities and procedures, and to make an explicit relationship of material misstatements to fraud or error.
Report on other legal and	ASA 700.43-45	This section is only applicable if there are other matters to report as required by other legislation.

¹ Adapted from 'Auditor Reporting FAQs' – Auditing and Assurance Standards Board - <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Publications/Auditor-Reporting-FAQs.aspx>

Description	Auditing standard ref.	Comments
regulatory requirements		<p>Under sections 257(6) and (7) of the <i>Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009</i> ('RO Act'), the auditor is required to report on any instances of non-compliance or deficiency or shortcoming with respect to financial record-keeping, and section 257(2) of the RO Act requires auditors to report on access restrictions to the financial records of the organisation.</p> <p>This section is not required if there are no matters to report.</p>

4. Key changes not reflected in the illustrative Auditor's Report

Description	Auditing standard ref.	Comments
Key Audit Matters	ASA 700.30-31, A41 ASA 701	<p>ASA 701 provides additional disclosures for entities listed on a securities exchange to communicate key audit matters ('KAMs') in the auditor's report. KAMs are those matters that, in the auditor's judgement, are of most significance to the audit of the financial statements of the current financial period.</p> <p>At this point in time, the ROC does not require the inclusion of KAMs.</p>

The numbered references in the Illustrative Auditor's Report refer to the explanatory paragraphs in section 5 of this Guidance Note 'Illustrative Auditor's Notes'. The Illustrative Auditor's Report is also included in the 'Model Financial Statements' published on the Registered Organisations Commission's website.

<To be printed on Auditor letterhead>

Independent Audit Report to the Members of <name of Reporting Unit>

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of <name of Reporting Unit> (the Reporting Unit), which comprises the statement of financial position² as at <balance date>, the statement of comprehensive income³, statement of changes in equity⁴ and statement of cash flows⁵ for the year ended <date>, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies; and the Committee of Management⁶ Statement.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of <name of Reporting Unit> as at <balance date>, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with:

- a) the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- b) any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

I declare that management's use of the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Reporting Unit is appropriate.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the Reporting Unit in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon⁷

The Committee of Management is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is in the Operating Report accompanying the financial report.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

² Refer to paragraph 9 in Section 5 Illustrative Auditor's Report Notes in this Guidance Note

³ Ibid paragraph 9

⁴ Ibid paragraph 9

⁵ Ibid paragraph 9

⁶ Ibid paragraph 10; note if this is changed to another descriptor all other references in the Report should be changed to the other descriptor

⁷ Ibid paragraph 7

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Committee of Management for the Financial Report

The Committee of Management of the Reporting Unit is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the RO Act, and for such internal control as the Committee of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee of Management is responsible for assessing the Reporting Unit's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee of Management either intend to liquidate the Reporting Unit or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Reporting Unit's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Reporting Unit's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Reporting Unit to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Reporting Unit to express an opinion on the financial report. I am responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Reporting Unit audit. I remain solely responsible for my audit opinion.

I communicate with the Committee of Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I declare that I am an approved auditor, a member of [name of appropriate professional accounting body] and hold a current Public Practice Certificate.

[Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements]⁸

[In accordance with the requirements of section 257(7) of the RO Act, I am required to describe any deficiency, failure or shortcoming in respect of the matters referred to in section 252 and 257(2) of the RO Act.

My opinion on the financial report is not modified in respect of the following matter(s) because, in my opinion, it has been appropriately addressed by [Reporting Unit] and is not considered material in the context of the audit of the financial report as a whole:

[Example:

a) [Reporting Unit] failed to keep [name of other record] as required by section 252 of the RO Act for the period 1 July 20XX to 4 July 20XX inclusive.]]

[Report on the Recovery of Wages Activity financial report]⁹

Opinion on the recovery of wages activity financial report

The scope of my work extended to the recovery of wages activity and I have audited the recovery of wages activity financial report for the year ended <date>.

In my opinion, the financial statements and notes and recovery of wages activity financial report properly and fairly report all information required by the reporting guidelines of the General Manager, including:

- (a) any fees charged to, or reimbursements of expenses claimed from, members and others for recovery of wages activity; and
- (b) any donations or other contributions deducted from recovered money.

Responsibilities

The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the recovery of wages activity financial report in accordance with the reporting guidelines of the General Manager. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the recovery of wages activity financial report, based on my audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

<Audit Firm Name>

<Name>

Partner

⁸ Ibid paragraph 11

⁹ Ibid paragraph 11

<City>
<Date>

Registration number (as registered by the RO Commissioner under the RO Act)¹⁰: <insert number>

¹⁰ Ibid paragraph 12

5. Illustrative Auditor's Report Notes

For the purpose of this illustrative Auditor's Report, the following circumstances are assumed:

1. The financial report is prepared by management of the Reporting Unit in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the RO Act.
2. The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the financial report in *ASA 210 Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements*.
3. The auditor has concluded an unmodified opinion is appropriate based on the audit evidence obtained.
4. The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.
5. Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with *ASA 570 Going Concern*.
6. The auditor is not required, and has otherwise not decided, to communicate key audit matters in accordance with *ASA 701 Communicating Key Audit Matters in the Independent Auditor's Report*.
7. The section on 'Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon' is customised depending on the nature of the Other Information received and when this information was received. The template provided assumes that the nature of the Other Information is the Operating Report and that it was received on or before the date of the audit report. If there is Other Information that accompanies the financial report in addition to the Operating Report, or if the Operating Report or any additional Other Information was not received on or before the date of the audit report, please refer to the requirements stated in *ASA 720 The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information* for example wording.
8. The subheading 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' is only applicable where the auditor includes 'Other reporting responsibilities' in accordance with *ASA 700 Forming an Opinion and Reporting on a Financial Report*. Please delete the 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' section if there is no deficiency, failure or shortcoming to report.
9. Please ensure that the financial statement descriptions used in the Auditor's Report agree with those used in the financial report, for example, 'balance sheet' or 'statement of financial position'.
10. Use of 'Committee of Management' in the model auditor's report represents those charged with governance for the registered organisation, and can be replaced with other descriptors as appropriate for the organisation, for example, 'Council of Management', 'Executive Committee', etc.
11. If the Registered Organisation has not undertaken any recovery of wages activity during the reporting period the auditor's report should state that fact with reference

to the Committee of Management Statement, and no opinion can be provided in relation to recovery of wages activity.

12. Auditors must be registered by the Registered Organisations Commissioner. Your registration number under the RO Act will commence with the letters 'AA'.

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