

Snapshot of IAASA's financial reporting activities in 2016



This snapshot provides information on the main financial reporting enforcement activities undertaken by IAASA during 2016.

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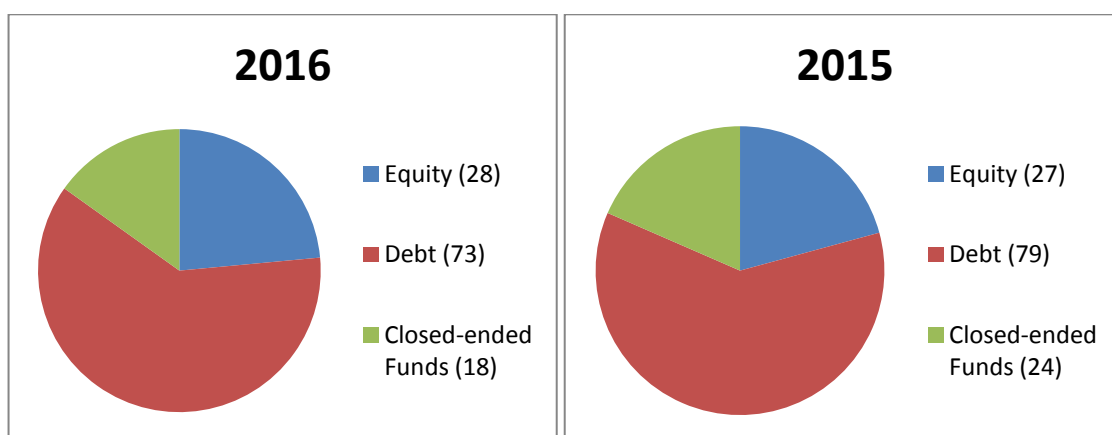
The primary function of IAASA's Financial Reporting Supervision Unit (FRSU) is to examine the level of compliance of certain entities' annual and half-yearly financial reporting with applicable accounting standards (in the main International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP)).

Information regarding IAASA's functions can be accessed on [IAASA's website](#).

Who do we review

FRSU has a known financial statement examination constituency of 119 (2015: 130) issuers, made up of:

- 28 (2015: 27) equity issuers;
- 73 (2015: 79) debt issuers; and
- 18 (2015: 24) closed-ended fund issuers.



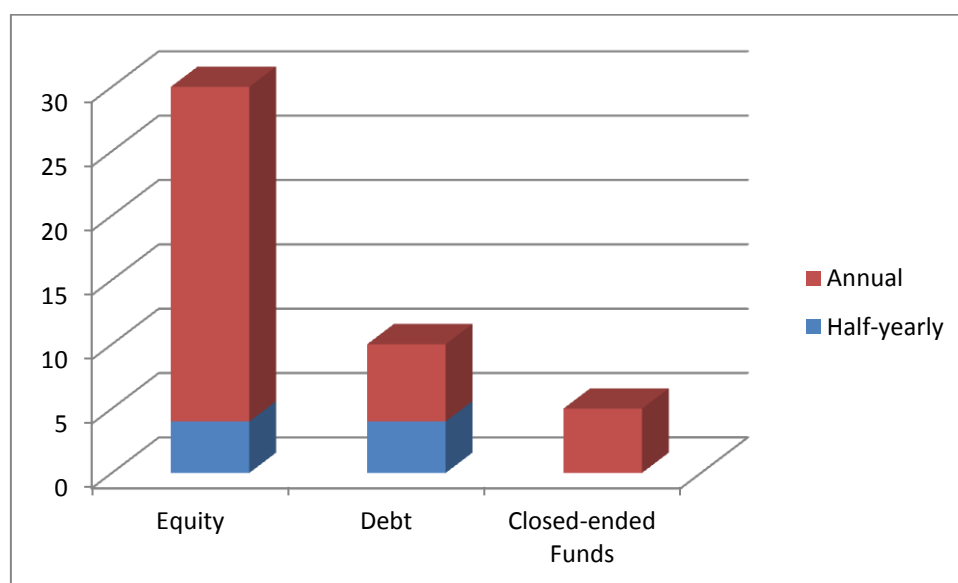
These numbers exclude issuers registered in Ireland and listed on an EU regulated market outside Ireland where the Central Bank of Ireland has not been notified by the issuer that Ireland is that issuer's home Member State. The European Securities Markets Authority (ESMA) is continuing to work to resolve this issue.

Who we reviewed

In 2016 IAASA undertook examinations of 45 (2015: 33) financial statements:

- 37 (2015: 28) annual financial reports – 26 equity, 5 fund, 6 debt; and
- 8 (2015: 5) half-yearly financial reports - 4 equity, 4 debt.

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In addition, IAASA undertook thematic examinations of 27 equity issuers falling within IAASA's remit, covering:

- operating lease commitments;
- defined benefit pension scheme assumptions;
- the recognition of intangible assets and scale of acquisition activity;
- equity settled share-based payment disclosures; and
- the application of IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* by Irish issuers.

FRSU publications are available at <http://www.iaasa.ie/Publications/FRSU>

What we reviewed

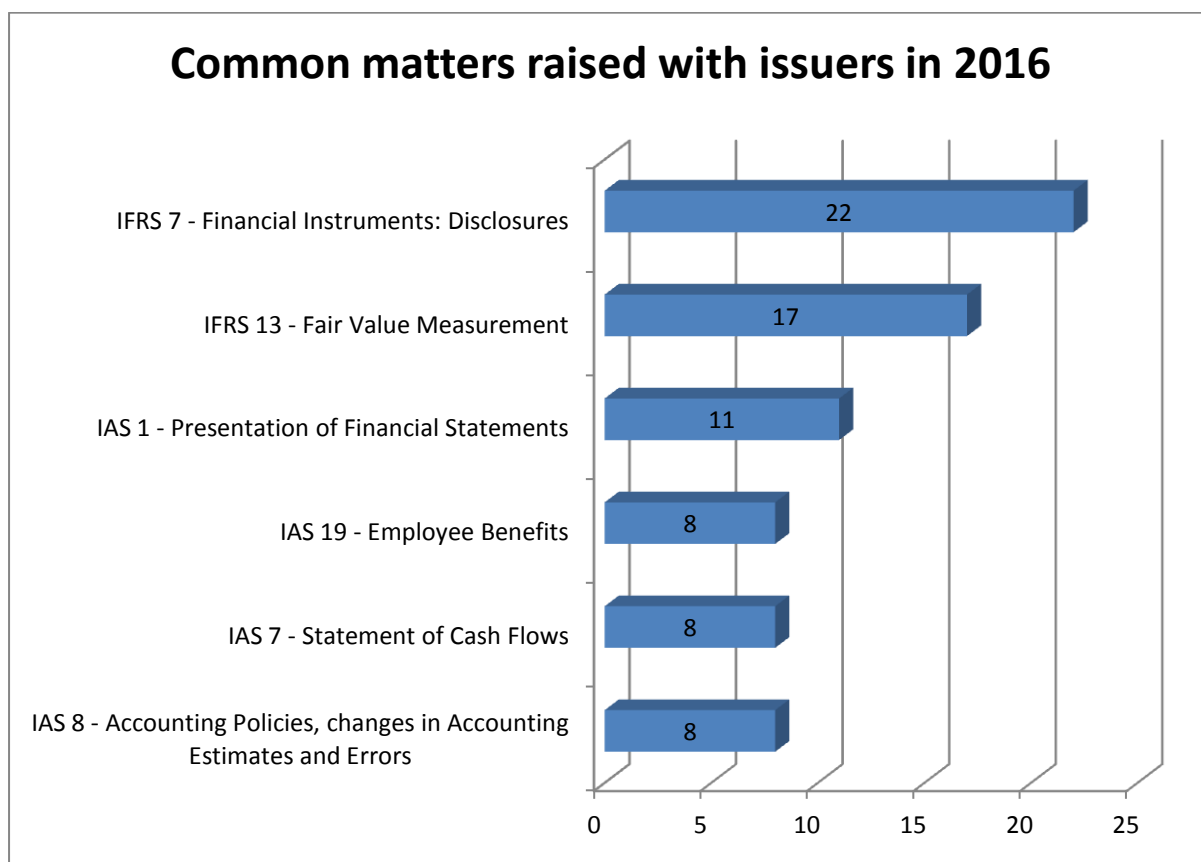
The 45 (2015: 33) examinations undertaken in 2016 comprised:

- 9 (2015: 15) unlimited scope examinations;
- 24 (2015: 13) focused examinations; and
- 12 (2015: 5) follow-up examinations.

FRSU held face-to-face meetings and/or conference calls with 11 (2015: 10) issuers during the year.

A total of 149 (2015: 162) matters were raised with issuers' directors during 2016. The average number of matters raised with issuers in respect of unlimited scope examinations undertaken was 11 (2015: 7).

The more common matters raised with issuers are analysed in the following chart:



In addition to the IFRS matters noted above a further 15 (2015: 1) matters were raised with 2 (2015: 1) issuers applying Irish GAAP.

What our key findings were

A total of 19 (2015: 17) issuers provided 61 (2015: 78) undertakings in respect of future periodic financial reports. During 2016, 1 (2015: nil) issuer voluntarily re-filed its financial statements following an examination by IAASA.

Of the total 61 undertakings provided, 10 undertakings (2015:1) were received from 2 (2015: 1) issuers applying Irish GAAP. Those undertakings related to FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* and FRS 104 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The financial reporting decisions we published

To date, the outcome of 5 financial reporting decisions taken in 2016 have been published. Those and all other published decisions are available at <http://www.iaasa.ie/Publications/FRSU>. Further 2016 decisions will be published over the coming weeks.

And the other Papers we published in 2016

Publications by IAASA during 2016 were:

November 2016 [Desk top survey on the application of IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* by Irish](#)

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October 2016	<u>Observations on selected financial reporting issues financial years ending on or after 31 December 2016</u>
October 2016	<u>Desk top survey of issuers' equity settled share-based payment disclosures</u>
September 2016	<u>Survey on the recognition of intangible assets and scale of acquisition activity</u>
August 2016	<u>Survey of issuers' defined benefit pension scheme assumptions</u>
July 2016	<u>Survey of operating lease commitments by Irish equity issuers</u>
July 2016	<u>Information Note: Consideration of the Impact of Brexit for issuers' half yearly financial reports</u>

Other activities we undertook

Details of other activities undertaken in 2016 by IAASA's financial reporting supervision unit (such as engagement at UK, European and international level and advice to the Minister etc) will be included in IAASA's 2016 Annual Report to be published later in 2017.

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