

# BAS Update CIGI

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- Feedback to date
- Some key messages
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## The BAS's Objective

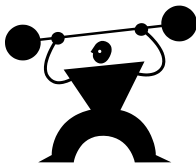
“The **users** for whom a piece of actuarial information was created should be able to place a high degree of reliance on the information’s relevance, transparency of assumptions, completeness and **comprehensibility**, including the communication of any **uncertainty** inherent in the information.”

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## What do the TASs do?



Define the bar



The work not  
the worker



Focus on  
the users

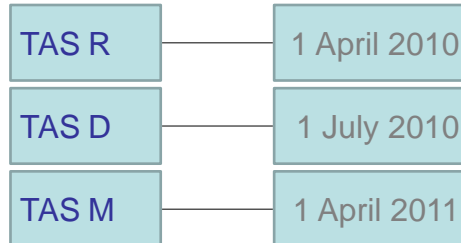
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## Generic TASs

Work for aggregate reports completed on or after



Apply to

Reserved Work

Work within the scope of a Specific TAS

Work presented as complying with actuarial standards

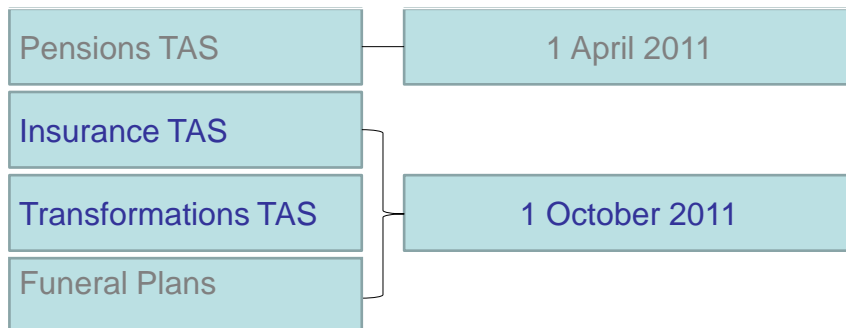
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## Specific TASs

Work for aggregate reports completed on or after



Specify what work they apply to

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## GN12

GN12 remains in force until October 2011

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OR

TAS D, TAS R, TAS M  
Insurance TAS  
Transformations TAS

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# Feedback to date

It's early days yet – most feedback from pensions practitioners:

General agreement with objectives

No major changes required

Useful review of report standards

Promoting review of spreadsheet standards



Challenges in exercising judgement

Issues over terms:  
Actuarial work  
Decisions  
Materiality  
Proportionality

Team working and responsibility

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# BAS reaction to feedback

We want more feedback from practitioners and users

Ready – and eager – to meet practitioners to discuss issues

Addressing some questions via Answers to FAQs (website)



There is clearly some effort required over transition

Concerned about possible extent of over-compliance

Considering how and when best to respond

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## Key reporting requirements

Materiality and proportionality

Reports should serve the users' needs

don't tell them what they already know

but satisfy yourself that they DO know it

Can signpost to existing documents

in-house operating manuals, protocols

Can report by exception

**TAS R: don't obscure the important stuff**



## The risks of litigation

You might be sued if there is a financial loss  
arising from poor work

Rules are rarely unambiguous either

Non compliance isn't always misconduct

No real change from the existing position



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