



Subject	Report from the Qualifications Department 2014-2015		
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1. Purpose

To note and discuss the report on statistics, trends and performance indicators for:

- 1 September 2014 to 31 December 2014; and
- 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

For note

2. Terms of Reference

This report forms part of the overall reporting programme to the Board on ARB's operations.

3. Open

4. Contribution to the Board's Purpose and Objectives

To keep the Board informed of activities which ensure that ARB meets its statutory objectives and corporate aims and delivers against the Business Plan.

5. Key Points

- In order to regularise its reporting year from an academic year to a calendar year, the Qualifications Department has prepared two reports which cover the period of 1 September 2014 to 31 December 2014 and for the period of 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

The Board is asked to note that the period 1 September 2014 to 31 December 2014 will only illustrate a snap shot of the Department's work and therefore contains some slightly anomalous statistics. The Report covering the whole of 2015 is a more typical representation of the Department's work.
- From 2016 onwards the reports will cover a calendar year rather than an academic year, and will be presented to the Board each February. From 2017, we will be able to make accurate comparisons with the previous year's statistics.

- iii. The Prescription Committee considered the reports at its meeting of 14 January 2016 and approved them for noting by the Board at its meeting of 11 February 2016. The Committee noted that the reports confirmed that the operational performance of the department continued to be appropriate and ARB was performing well in this area.
- iv. It is anticipated that next year the Qualifications Department's report will align with the reports from other departments and will be presented to the Board with them as one report.

6. Risk Implications

Operational risks are minimised as the Board continues to be kept up to date on a regular basis on how effectively the Qualifications Department is performing. Where risks to delivery arise from the trend information, the report identifies steps that are being taken to reduce any risk to ARB.

7. Resource Implications

The activities noted within the reports were all accounted for within the 2014 and 2015 budgets.

8. Communication

The Board can be assured that the Qualifications Department is performing efficiently, and that where there are any indications that steps need to be taken to improve delivery of the Business Plan/Purpose and Objectives, these have been identified and will be dealt with appropriately.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications

None identified.