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2013 REVIEW**

**Public Exposure Period
Final Overall Report
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Executive Summary

- The public exposure period was open from 11 September to 30 September, 2013.
- In total 406 responses were received. Please refer to Table 1 for breakdowns by FoR and type of response.
- During the exposure period a large pool of international experts were consulted. Please refer to Table 2 for the full list.
- In response to the hundreds of journals de-listed by the Economics panel, three solutions were invoked: (a) creation of a Statistics, 0104, list (containing 84 journals – see report later); (b) absorption of appropriate cases into the 1503 list (a total of 82 journals); (c) creation of a Management “other”, 1599, list (containing 66 journals – see report later).
- A total of 64 duplicate journal listings was identified. Decisions were made via informed consultations between relevant Panel Chairs. The following general principles guided the resolution of these into a single listing in the final ABDC journal list.
 - Split ratings: Where ratings differ, (unless there were compelling reasons not to) the higher rating takes precedence and the panel proposing the higher rating is assigned "ownership" of the journal in question.
 - Equal Ratings: there are 22 cases with equal ratings. In cases, where the duplication arises because a panel mistakenly introduced the journal as a "new" journal, (unless there were compelling reasons not to) the “senior” panel is granted "ownership". In all other cases, the relevant Panel Chairs negotiated “ownership” largely based on which constituency has a greater stake in the journal.
 - Internal 4-digit clarifications: a few cases of duplication required a decision on the appropriate 4-digit classification within Economics.

For full details or all duplication actions, refer to Table 3.

- Three journals were identified as operating in a “citation circle”. Serious debate ensued regarding the appropriate response: one extreme is to de-list such journals. For now, the Overall Chair of the ABDC Review panel has taken the more conservative route of retaining these journals – but at their (lower) 2010 rating, on the assumption that such a rating is unaffected by any “gaming” around citations. This also affords the journals/publishers natural justice and also allows the passage of time to see what remedial action is taken by the publishers in question. These three journals are deemed under “negative watch”, in terms of the ABDC process going forward.
- For a final rating summary across each panel – see Table 4 (Panels 4A – 4I).
- In summary, the new and final aggregated 2013 ABDC Journal Quality list comprises 2,767 different journal titles, with A*: 6.9%; A: 20.8%; B: 28.4%; and C: 43.9% journals. A disaggregated summary across the different FoR codes covered by this review is shown in Table 5.
- For all 9 individual panel reports regarding this final feedback phase – refer to the Appendix.
- Journal “Ownership” by a given panel is used only as a pragmatic designation for procedural convenience. It is NOT the intention (either explicitly or implicitly) of the ABDC to constrain researchers to a particular domain definition based on this classification. Indeed, it is recognised that many journals in the ABDC list legitimately cross-over numerous discipline areas and, thus, researchers from outside the designated FoR category should not be penalised for publishing in such journals. In other words, common sense should prevail in the use of the ABDC journals list.
- **A WARNING:** Users of the ABDC list should take note that panels are generally of the view that within any given rating category there is considerable variability in the average quality between the (unidentified) marginal journals located at either end of that category. This underscores the widely held view that, like any journal list, the ABDC list should only ever be used as a rough guide (or filter) for assessing likely publication quality. **Journal lists should be a starting point only.** Ultimately, there is no substitute for assessing the quality of individual articles on a case by case basis – no journal list, however meticulously derived, can ever usurp this role. Like any inherently harmless device, if used (abused) in a way that was never intended, journal lists can become dangerous weapons! Users beware!

TABLES

Table 1: Overall summary of public feedback received**Panel A: Public feedback received by number of total cases in each category by FoR panel**

Feedback category	INS	ECO	ACC	FIN	MAN	MTL	BTL	Total *
Journal included more than once	23	7	6	5	29	17	0	48
Journal should not be included (e.g. predatory journal; pay-for-publication; not English language)	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	5
Journal should not be removed (e.g. serious relevant "business" element ignored; does reach quality threshold)	4	88	11	1	77	8	2	113
Journal upgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	0	1	2	0	4	2	0	9
Journal downgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	0	49	0	0	1	21	0	70
Journal not being upgraded would result in a serious apparent anomaly	26	41	36	17	18	18	5	126
Journal not being downgraded would result in a serious apparent anomaly	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
Journal transfer between FoRs disenfranchises dominant researcher group	4	7	6	1	12	23	0	34
Other (e.g. missing or incorrect data, general comment)	1	3	1	3	9	9	1	22
Invalid (e.g. assertion incorrect, submitted feedback twice, from non ANZ academic)	5	20	3	1	9	6	1	34
Total responses by FoR*	52	194	61	24	142	86	8	406

Panel B: Public feedback received by number of unique cases (by journal or group of journals) in each category by FoR panel

Feedback category	INS	ECO	ACC	FIN	MAN	MTL	BTL	Total *
Journal is included more than once	11	3	4	3	15	9	0	25
Journal should not be included in the ABDC List (e.g. predatory journal; pay-for-publication; not English Language)	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	30
Journal should not be removed from the ABDC list (e.g. serious relevant "business" element ignored; journal does reach quality threshold)	3	30	6	1	25	8	2	54
Journal upgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	7
Journal downgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	0	10	0	0	1	3	0	13
Journal not being upgraded would results in a serious apparent anomaly	5	19	10	8	13	11	5	62
Journal not being upgraded would results in a serious apparent anomaly	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
Journal transfer between FoR panels disenfranchises dominant researcher group	3	5	3	1	6	11	0	19
Other (e.g. missing or incorrect data, general comment)	1	3	3	3	6	6	1	16
Invalid (e.g. assertion incorrect, submitted feedback twice, from non ANZ academic)	4	13	2	1	8	5	1	25
Total by FoR*	27	87	31	17	80	58	9	188

* PLEASE NOTE: Individual responses often included multiple answers for 'feedback category' or 'FoR'. Table figures include these multiple answers, but total figures do not. For example, for the feedback category 'journal is included more than once', one individual response may be recorded across 'ECO' and 'MAN' but would only be recorded once in the 'total by feedback' column.

Table 2: International Experts

FoR panel	Experts Name and academic rank	University affiliation
0806 Info Systems	Professor Rudy Hirschheim	Louisiana State University
0806 Info Systems	Professor Armin Heinzl	University of Mannheim
1401-1499 Economics	Professor George Mailath	University of Pennsylvania
1401-1499 Economics	Professor Colin Cameron	University California Davis
1501 Accounting	Professor Doug Skinner	University Chicago Booth School of Business
1501 Accounting	Professor Marleen Willekens	K.U. Leuven
1502 Finance	Professor Robert Whaley	Vanderbilt University
1502 Finance	Professor Anthony Lynch	NYU Stern School of Business
1503 Management	Professor Geoff Wood	Warwick University
1503 Management	Professor Bill Starbuck	NYU Stern School of Business
1504-07 Marketing Tourism Logistics	Professor Rod Brodie	The University of Auckland.
1504-07 Marketing Tourism Logistics	Professor J.R. Brent Ritchie	University of Calgary
180105-1801025 Business and Taxation Law	Professor Jane Frecknall-Hughes	Open University Business School, UK
180105-1801025 Business and Taxation Law	Adjunct Professor Andy Halkyard	The University of Hong Kong

Table 3: Journal Duplicates – Summary of Changes to Final 2013 ABDC List

	Journal Name	ISSN	ABDC FoR	ABDC 2013 Final List change
1	International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics	1567-9764	1402	A
1	International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics	1567-9764	1499	remove
2	Games and Economic Behavior	0899-8256	1401	A*
2	Games and Economic Behavior	0899-8256	1402	remove
3	International Journal of Applied Economics and Econometrics	1530-7247	1402	remove
3	International Journal of Applied Economics and Econometrics	1530-7247	1403	C
4	Operations Research	0030-364X	1503	A*
4	Operations Research		0806	remove
5	Journal of Hospitality Marketing and Management		1505	remove A
5	Journal of Hospitality Marketing and Management		1505	C
6	International Journal of Accounting Information Systems		1501	A
6	International Journal of Accounting Information Systems		0806	remove
7	E-Service Journal	1528-8226	1503	B
7	e-Service Journal		0806	remove
8	International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation	1942-535X	1503	remove
8	International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation		0806	C
9	International Journal of Applied Management and Technology	1544-4740	1503	C
9	International Journal of Applied Management and Technology		0806	remove
10	International Journal of Electronic Business	1470-6067	1503	C
10	International Journal of Electronic Business		0806	remove
11	International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management	1368-2156	1503	C
11	International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management		0806	remove
12	International Journal of Information Systems and Change Management	1479-3121	1503	remove
12	International Journal of Information Systems and Change Management		0806	C
13	Journal of Behavioral Decision Making	0894-3257	1503	A
13	Journal of Behavioral Decision Making		0806	remove
14	Journal of Electronic Commerce in Organizations		0806	B
14	Journal of Electronic Commerce in Organizations: the international journal of electronic commerce in modern organizations	1539-2937	1503	remove
15	Journal of Internet Commerce	1533-2861	1503	B
15	Journal of Internet Commerce		0806	remove
16	Journal of Technology Management and Innovation	0718-2724	1503	C
16	Journal of Technology Management and Innovation		0806	remove

	Journal Name	ISSN	ABDC FoR	ABDC 2013 Final List change
17	Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce	1528-3526	1503	remove
17	Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce		0806	C
18	International Journal of Electronic Customer Relationship Management		0806	remove
18	International Journal of Electronic Customer Relationship Management		1505	C
19	International Journal of Technology Management and Sustainable Development	1474-2748	1503	remove
19	International Journal of Technology Management and Sustainable Development		0806	C
20	Journal of Wine Economics	1931-4361	1402	C
20	Journal of Wine Economics		1504	remove
21	Australasian Accounting Business and Finance Journal	1834-2000	1503	remove
21	Australasian Accounting Business and Finance Journal	1843-2000	1501	C
22	Social Responsibility Journal	1747-1117	1503	B
22	Social Responsibility Journal		1504	remove
23	Baltic Journal of Management	1746-5265	1503	C
23	Baltic Journal of Management		1505	remove
24	International Journal of Global Business and Competitiveness	0973-4619	1503	C
24	International Journal of Global Business and Competitiveness		1505	remove
25	International Review on Public and Non Profit Marketing	1865-1984	1503	remove
25	International Review on Public and Nonprofit Marketing		1505	C
26	Journal of Communication Management	1363-254X	1503	remove
26	Journal of Communication Management		1505	B
27	Public Relations Review	0363-8111	1503	remove
27	Public Relations Review		1505	A
28	Group Decision and Negotiation		0806	A
28	Group Decision and Negotiation	0926-2644	1503	remove
29	New Technology, Work and Employment		0806	A
29	New Technology, Work and Employment	0268-1072	1503	remove
30	Business Process Management Journal		0806	B
30	Business Process Management Journal	1463-7154	1503	remove
31	Information Economics and Policy	0167-6245	1402	A
31	Information Economics and Policy		0806	remove
32	International Review of Economics and Finance	1059-0560	1402	B
32	International Review of Economics and Finance		1502	remove
33	Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics	0932-4569	1402	remove x 2A
33	Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics	0932-4569	1401	A

	Journal Name	ISSN	ABDC FoR	ABDC 2013 Final List change
34	Applied Financial Economics	0960-3107	1402	remove
34	Applied Financial Economics		1502	B
35	Journal of Sports Economics	1527-0025	1499	B (1402)
35	Journal of Sports Economics		1504	remove
36	Journal of Financial Economic Policy	1757-6385	1499	B
36	Journal of Financial Economic Policy		1502	remove
37	The European Journal of Comparative Economics		1499	remove C
37	European Journal of Comparative Economics	1824-2979	1499	B
38	Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics	1608-1625	1501	B
38	Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics	1608-1625	1402	remove
39	Management Accounting Quarterly	1528-5359	1501	C
39	Management Accounting Quarterly		1501	remove x 1C
40	Scandinavian Actuarial Journal	0346-1238	1502	A
40	Scandinavian Actuarial Journal	0346-1238	1502	remove B
41	Journal of Financial Stability		1502	B
41	Journal of Financial Stability	1572-3089	1502	remove C
42	International Journal of Public Opinion Research	0954-2892	1503	remove
42	International Journal of Public Opinion Research		1505	A
43	Journal of the Operational Research Society	0160-5682	1503	A
43	Journal of the Operational Research Society		0806	remove
44	European Journal of Operational Research	0377-2217	1503	A*
44	European Journal of Operational Research		0806	remove
45	Asia Pacific Public Relations Journal	1440-4389	1503	B
45	Asia Pacific Public Relations Journal		1505	remove
46	International Journal of Technology Management	0267-5730	1503	B
46	International Journal of Technology Management		0806	remove
47	Prism	1448-4404	1503	B
47	Prism		1505	remove
48	International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business	1476-1297	1503	C
48	International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business	1476-1297	1503	remove x 1C
49	Sport Marketing Quarterly		1505	B
49	Sport Marketing Quarterly		1505	remove x 1B
50	The International Review of Retail, Distribution and Consumer Research		1505	B
50	International Review of Retail, Distribution and Consumer Research		1505	remove x 1B

	Journal Name	ISSN	ABDC FoR	ABDC 2013 Final List change
51	(Journal of) Academy of Business and Economics	1542-8710	1402	C
51	Journal of Academy of Business and Economics	1542-8710	1503	remove
52	Asia - Pacific Financial Markets	1387-2834	1502	C
52	Asia-Pacific Financial Markets	1387-2834	1502	remove x 1C
53	Cuadernos de Economia: Latin American journal of economics	0716-0046	1402	remove
53	Latin American Journal of Economics	0716-0046	1499	C
54	Economia	0254-4415	1401	C
54	Economia (Lisbon, 1977)	0870-3531	1401	remove
55	eHealth International		0806	C
55	EHealth International: the journal of applied health technology	1476-3591	1503	remove
56	Financial Management	0046-3892	1502	A
56	FM (Financial Management)	0046-3892	1502	remove x 1A
57	Journal for Studies in Economics and Econometrics	0379-6205	1403	remove x 1B
57	Studies in Economics and Econometrics	0379-6205	1403	B
58	Journal of Economics and Management	1058-6407	1499	remove C
58	Journal of Economics and Management Strategy	1058-6407	1402	A
59	Knowledge and Process Management		0806	B
59	Knowledge and Process Management (Print): the journal of corporate transformation	1092-4604	1503	remove
60	Sport Business and Management: An International Journal	2042-678X	1503	remove
60	Sport, Business and Management		1504	C
61	The ICFAI Journal of Applied Economics	0972-6861	1402	remove
61	The IUP Journal of Applied Economics (previously ICFAI)	0972-6861	1402	C
62	The ICFAI Journal of Monetary Economics	0972-9291	1402	remove
62	The IUP Journal of Monetary Economics (previously ICFAI)	0972-9291	1402	C
63	Czech Journal of Economics and Finance	0015-1920	1499	C
63	Finance a Uver: Czech journal of economics and finance	0015-1920	1402	remove
64	International Journal of Technology Management	0267-5730	1503	B
64	International Journal of Technology Management	0267-5730	0806	Remove C

Table 4: Summary Distribution of ABDC ratings 2010 vs 2013

Panel 4A: 0104 Statistics				
	ABDC 2010 (from ECO)		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	9	11.1%	11	13.1%
A	22	27.2%	23	27.4%
B	26	32.1%	26	31.0%
C	24	29.6%	24	28.5%
	81	100.0%	84	100.0%

Panel 4B: 0806 Information Systems				
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	12	6.9%	13	7.3%
A	22	12.6%	39	21.8%
B	43	24.6%	50	27.9%
C	98	56.0%	77	43.0%
	175	100%	179	100.0%

Panel 4C: 1401-1499 Economics				
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	49	5.4%	46	6.9%
A	183	20.2%	101	15.0%
B	291	32.1%	204	30.4%
C	384	42.3%	320	47.7%
	907	100.0%	671	100.0%

Panel 4D: 1501 Accounting				
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	6	5.6%	9	7.1%
A	19	17.8%	20	15.8%
B	17	15.9%	30	23.6%
C	65	60.7%	68	53.5%
	107	100.0	127	100.0%

Panel 4E: 1502 Finance				
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	6	4.0%	11	6.1%
A	26	17.3%	32	17.8%
B	39	26.0%	52	28.9%
C	79	52.7%	85	47.2%
	150	100.0%	180	100.0%

Panel 4F: 1503 Management						
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2010 (adj)*		ABDC 2013*	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
A*	44	5.9%	44	5.3%	56	6.8%
A	139	18.8%	168	20.4%	192	23.4%
B	179	24.2%	208	25.3%	203	24.7%
C	379	51.1%	403	49.0%	370	45.1%
	741	100.0%	823	100.0%	821	100.0%

* the numbers in this panel include 82 journals previously rated by the Economics panel in the 2010 ABDC list that are now absorbed into management.

Panel 4G: 1504-1507 MTL				
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	13	4.1%	22	6.4%
A	45	14.1%	65	18.7%
B	99	30.9%	119	34.3%
C	163	50.9%	141	40.6%
	320	100.0%	347	100.0%

Panel 4H: 1599 Management Other				
	ABDC 2010 (from ECO)		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	6	9.2%	7	10.6%
A	18	27.7%	19	28.8%
B	23	35.4%	22	33.3%
C	18	27.7%	18	27.3%
	65	100.0%	66	100.0%

Panel 4I: 180102-180125 BTL				
	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	17	5.9%	17	5.8%
A	86	29.8%	85	29.1%
B	78	27.0%	79	27.1%
C	108	37.3%	111	38.0%
	289	100.0%	292	100.0%

Table 5: Disaggregated Summary across FoR Codes

FoR	Description	A*	A	B	C	Total
0104	Statistics	11 13.1%	23 27.4%	26 31.0%	24 28.6%	84 100.0%
0806	Information systems	13 7.3%	39 21.8%	50 27.9%	77 43.0%	179 100.0%
1401	Economic theory	4 13.3%	9 30.0%	9 30.0%	8 26.7%	30 100.0%
1402	Applied economics	36 7.2%	79 15.8%	162 32.4%	223 44.6%	500 100.0%
1403	Econometrics	6 18.2%	8 24.2%	5 15.2%	14 42.4%	33 100.0%
1499	Other economics	0 0.0%	5 4.6%	28 25.9%	75 69.4%	108 100.0%
1501	Accounting, Auditing & Accountability	9 7.1%	20 15.7%	30 23.6%	68 53.5%	127 100.0%
1502	Banking, Finance & Investment	11 6.1%	32 17.8%	52 28.9%	85 47.2%	180 100.0%
1503	Business & Management	56 6.8%	192 23.4%	203 24.7%	370 45.1%	821 100.0%
1504	Commercial services	4 4.4%	16 17.8%	34 37.8%	36 40.0%	90 100.0%
1505	Marketing	10 7.1%	26 18.4%	42 29.8%	63 44.7%	141 100.0%
1506	Tourism	4 6.7%	11 18.3%	24 40.0%	21 35.0%	60 100.0%
1507	Transportation & Freight services	4 7.1%	12 21.4%	19 33.9%	21 37.5%	56 100.0%
1599	Management Other	7 10.6%	19 28.8%	22 33.3%	18 27.3%	66 100.0%
180105	Commercial & Contract law	15 7.3%	76 36.9%	65 31.6%	50 24.3%	206 100.0%
180125	Taxation law	2 2.3%	9 10.5%	14 16.3%	61 70.9%	86 100.0%
All	All	192 6.9%	576 20.8%	785 28.4%	1214 43.9%	2769 100.0%

APPENDIX: INDIVIDUAL PANEL REPORTS



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**0104 Statistics
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Professor Gael Martin (Chair), Monash University
Professor David Harris, Monash University
Professor Peter Hall, University of Melbourne
Professor Rob Hyndman, Monash University
Professor Chris Lloyd, Melbourne Business School
Professor Mervyn Silvapulle, Monash University
Professor Alan Welsh, ANU
Professor Robert Kohn, Australian School of Business

- This panel was convened to review feedback to the ECO panel relating to ECO de-listings, with a view to determining which of the delisted journals could be adopted into a “statistics” 0104 list code.
- While ERA 2010 comprised over 190 journals listed with an 0104 code, unless these journals were on the ABDC 2010 list, they fall outside the scope of the current exercise (three important exceptions are identified below) – as directed by the ABDC. While this committee has concerns about this “piecemeal” approach, they are appreciative of the ABDC’s offer of this compromise solution.
- The new 0104 code contains 84 journals, 81 of which were de-listed by the ECO Panel.
- Four formal submissions to the ABDC relate to up-grade requests for journals in this list. These requests have been considered by the 'sub-committee'.
- Given the committee’s view that the ratings assigned by ERA 2010 were very reliable (especially given the major input that several members of this committee had to that prior exercise), a desire to align with those rankings was deemed paramount.
- The sub-committee has identified three key omissions from the list, and they are brought into the ABDC 2013 list at a rating consistent with ERA 2010:
 - The Electronic Journal of Statistics
 - Statistics and Computing
 - Bayesian Analysis

Summary of Journal Additions/Upgrades/Downgrades

	Journal Title	Rating
1	Annals of Applied Statistics – upgrade ¹	A to A*
2	Biometrika – upgrade ¹	A to A*
3	Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics – upgrade ¹	A to A*
4	Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics – upgrade ¹	B to A
5	Bioinformatics – downgrade ¹	A* to A
6	The Electronic Journal of Statistics – addition	A
7	Statistics and Computing – addition	A
8	Bayesian Analysis – addition	B

¹ relative to ECO listing in 2010 ABDC list



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**0806 Information Systems (INS)
FoR Panel Report**

Panel members

Professor Julie Fisher (Chair), Monash University

Dr John Lamp, Deakin University

Associate Professor Deborah Bunker, (ACPHIS President)
Sydney University

- **Feedback received by the panel**

The majority of specific feedback related to one journal, International Journal of Accounting Information Systems and the fact that it was ranked differently by two panels, the journal is now on the 1501 list. A number of other submissions were received for journals which had been ranked differently by two different panels and journals ranked the same but listed by two panels. Other feedback included two journals no longer on the list (these were an oversight), disagreement with the ranking given and an appeal to include a journal where there had been no submission.

- **Summary of feedback**

In most cases the ABDC process has resolved the issue of journals ranked by two panels with the higher ranking being accepted and the decision that the journal will be on the list of the panel allocating the higher ranking. Journals ranked the same, by two panels have been resolved in consultation with the relevant panel chairs. Consideration was given to other requests but changes made without more evidence were hard to justify. A few mistakes were made and these have been rectified. The panel is aware of the problematic nature of using impact factors as a measure of quality and will not be changing any ranking based solely on IF.

- **Summary of expert feedback**

Our two international experts were Professor Rudy Hirschheim (USA) and Professor Heinzl (Germany)

Professor Hirschheim recommended

ACM Transactions journals should be all A*

MISQ Executive should be A*

Include Communications of the ACM rated A

Professor Heinzl recommended

Information and Organization – should be A not A*

Journal of Strategic Information Systems – should be A not A*

Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology – should be A not A*

Business & Information Systems Engineering – should be A* not A

European Journal of Operational Research and Journal of the Operational Research

Society he suggests are not IS journals

International Journal of Accounting Information Systems suggests it should be B not A

Journal of Intelligent Information Systems argues it should be an A (currently B)

Enterprise Information Systems should be B not A

Table of changes agreed to by the panel and in consultation with the ACPHIS executive.

#	Journal Title	Nature of Recommended Action	Amended ABDC Rating	Commentary
Expert Feedback				
1	ACM Transactions	Include as A*. Reverse and de-list		Remove from 0806 list because these are Computer Science journals and ranked by another group CORE
2	MISQ Executive	Upgrade from A to A*, no change		Panel agreed the current ranking was correct
3	Communications of the ACM	Include as A. Reverse new listing		Added journal as A
4	Information and Organization	Should be A not A*, no change		Panel agreed it is an A* journal based on the evidence
5	Journal of Strategic Information Systems	Should be A not A*, no change		Panel agreed it is an A* journal based on the evidence
6	Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology	Should be A not A*, no change		Panel agreed it is an A* journal based on the evidence
7	Business & Information Systems Engineering	Should be A* not A, no change		Panel agreed it is not an A* journal based on the evidence
8	European Journal of Operational Research	Not IS journal. Reverse and de-list		Journal ranked higher by another panel (1503), removed from 0806
9	Journal of the Operational Research Society	Not IS journal. Reverse and de-list		Journal ranked higher by another panel (1503), removed from 0806
10	Journal of Intelligent Information Systems	Should be an A (currently B), no change		Panel agreed it is a B journal based on the evidence
11	Enterprise Information Systems	Should be B not A, no change		Panel agreed it is an A journal based on the evidence

#	Journal Title	Nature of Recommended Action	Amended ABDC Rating	Commentary
Feedback from exposure period				
56	Human IT	Missing. Reverse new listing. Rank B	B	Mistake should not have been left off, now included
58	British Journal of Educational Technology	Should be A not B. Reverse upgrade Rank A	A	Mistake should have been ranked A, was previously ranked A by ERA
93	International Journal of Technology Management	Duplicate, different ranking. No change		Ranked B by 0806 will stay on 0806 list
194	Transforming Government, People, Process and Policy (and others)	Claim was it should be with a different panel. No change		Cannot really act on this
215	Data Base for Advances in Information Systems	Missing. Reverse new listing. Rank A	A	Mistake should not have been left off, now included
217	Knowledge-Based Systems	Higher ranking, no change		Consulted leading KM researcher and current ranking stands.
281	Interfaces	Wrong panel and suggest rank A (currently C). Reverse and upgrade Rank B	B	Unsure on action re wrong panel. Mistake regarding initial ranking.
307	Journal of Global Business and Technology	Include on list.		Panel agreed not to include. No previous submission received and was not on any previous list.
311	International Journal of Accounting Information Systems	Not IS journal. Reverse de-listing		Journal ranked higher by another panel, removed from 0806
359	Group Decision and Negotiation	Duplicate and different ranking. No change		Ranked A by 0806 will stay on 0806 list
361	International Journal of Information Systems and Change Management	Duplicate, no change		Agreed will be listed by 0806
368	New Technology, Work and Employment	Duplicate and different ranking. No change		Ranked A by 0806 will stay on 0806 list
404	Journal of Strategic Information Systems	Listed twice should be A*	A*	Removed second entry, incorrectly entered twice, always meant to be A*

ABDC ECONOMICS PANEL 2013

RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

OCTOBER 22, 2013

I. INTRODUCTION

We considered the feedback, as presented to us in the documents attached in the email from Robert Faff, dated October 2, 2013:

- a) Consolidated Feedback_Final.xlsx
- b) Editor of HOPE Feedback.pdf
- c) McLure_Moore Feedback.pdf
- d) Roy Green – ABDC Journal list.pdf
- e) Keegan_Metcalf_Acharyya Feedback.pdf

Overall, there were 160 feedback entries to consider.

We also considered the responses from the two external examiners: Professors Colin Cameron (University of California – Davis) and George Mailath (University of Pennsylvania).

In preparing our response, we analysed each of the journals mentioned and, as in the original Panel Report, used 3 sources for citation-based journal rankings:

- Thomson Reuters ISI Journal Citation Reports, 2013 edition (hereafter, JCR)
- Kalaitzidakis et al (Canadian Journal of Economics, 2010) economics journal rankings (hereafter, KMS)
- IDEAS/REPEC 2013 economics journal rankings.

The primary source was the JCR which ranks over 300 journals in Economics, according to a variety of criteria. Three of these criteria are comprehensive for all of the journals they list: "Total Cites", "Impact Factor", and "Eigenfactor ®". Ordinarily, only journals that are ranked in the top 50 according to at least 2 of these 3 criteria would be considered as candidates for the A* category. (Exceptions can be made – for example, when a journal is deemed to be the top journal in its field, in an important field.) Similarly, only those that are ranked in the range 51-150 or better in at least 2 of the 3 categories would be candidates for the A category. Since the number of journals in the JCR is significantly smaller than the number of economics journals in the ABDC ranking, the JCR ranking is not particularly helpful for distinguishing between B and C journals.

The KMS study is widely used, internationally, for ranking economics journals. It has the advantage of using a particularly well-regarded methodology for adjusting citations for quality. However, it also covers a smaller number of journals, and is now several years old.

The IDEAS/REPEC website is much more comprehensive, covering almost 1200 journals, and is continuously updated. It also uses several criteria. The one used most extensively was the most sophisticated one, based on "Recursive Discounted Impact Factors". Coverage was the clear advantage of this list -- particularly for newer journals. However, this list does not have the formal academic credentials that the other two lists have. Moreover, this database does not have a facility to order journals alphabetically -- which makes it very cumbersome to use when searching for particular journals. As such, it was used mainly as a backup. It was also used as a source to identify economics journals (typically, in the B and C range) that, up to this point, have not appeared on any ABDC lists but which the panel considers to be legitimate additions to the list.

For each of the journals mentioned in the feedback sources, we tabulated the rankings according to 4 criteria: the 3 JCR criteria mentioned above, and the ranking taken from the KMS study mentioned above (for the most recent year covered by the study: 2008). We also computed the average rank, from these 4, for each journal.

As a rough guide, the target ranges of journals for the different categories are:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Rank Range</i>	<i>No. of Journals</i>
A*	1-50	50
A	51-150	100
B	151-350	200
C	> 350	331

This report covers the feedback on journals that are in the Economics FOR, organized according to the proposals made in the feedback items themselves. The tables should be more or less self-explanatory, but the entry "row" refers to the row entry in the document Consolidated Feedback_Final.xlsx.

II. CHALLENGED UPGRADES

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>Row</i>	<i>ABDC Proposed Grade</i>	<i>Suggested</i>
<i>Ecological Economics</i>	49	A*	A?

Ranking Data

KMS	IDEAS/REPEC	TOTCITES	IMPFAC	EIGFAC	AVG
86	293	7	19	9	82.8

In the work in our initial Panel Report we used primarily the JCR data (TOTCITES, IMPFAC, and EIGFAC), which give an average rank of **11.67** -- a clear A*.

However, the submission in the feedback pointed out that this particular journal had been singled out in a KMS study as being one for which *self-citation* is a significant problem. When we then use the most recent KMS and IDEAS/REPEC data, we can see that the average rank for this journal drops significantly, to **82.8** -- putting it clearly in the A range. The panel agrees with this point, and makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation1: Change Ecological Economics grade to A.

III. SUGGESTED DOWNGRADES

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>Row</i>	<i>ABDC Proposed Grade</i>	<i>Suggested</i>
<i>Contemporary Ec. Policy</i>	120	A	?
<i>Journal of Dev't Studies</i>	125	A	B

Ranking Data

JOURNAL	KMS	TOTCITES	IMPFAC	EIGFAC	AVG	GRADE
<i>CEP</i>	121	153	194	183	162.75	B
<i>JDS</i>	95	76	154	96	105.5	A

The first suggestion appears justified by the citation data – the average rank of 162.75 is just outside the range for A journals (51-150). The second suggestion appears unjustified.

Recommendation2: Change Contemporary Ec. Policy grade to B.

IV. CHALLENGED DELETIONS

These challenges came in 2 basic categories: those which were addressed to the Economics panel alone, and those that were addressed to Economics and one other panel in the ABDC (in each case, 1503 Business and Management).

In the table below, we list each of the journals mentioned in these feedback submissions, the corresponding rows in the feedback submissions, the corresponding FORs for these journals (using the ERA), and, where relevant, the FOR of the other ABDC panel

JOURNAL	ROWS	OTHER ABDC FOR	ERA FORS
<i>Aus J Public Admin</i>	160, 163, 179, 192, 200	1503	1605
<i>Aus J Reg Studies</i>	165, 171, 172, 173, 176	1503	1604, 1205
<i>Energy Policy</i>	53, 54, 58, 61, 63, 64, 65		1605
<i>Enviro Modelling and Software</i>	59		0502, 0802, 0907
<i>Enviro & Planning A</i>	204, 212	1503	0502, 1205
<i>Enviro & Planning C</i>	164	1503	0502, 2103
<i>Int'l Migration Rev</i>	169	1503	1603
<i>J. Developing Areas</i>	167, 180, 181, 191, 210	1503	MD
<i>J. Higher Ed Policy and Mgmt</i>	166	1503	1303

<i>J Public Admin Res and Theory</i>	199	1503	1605
<i>J Royal Stat Soc A</i>	153		0104
<i>Land Use Policy</i>	161	1503	1605
<i>Milbank Quarterly</i>	202	1503	1117
<i>Physica A</i>	154		0105
<i>Political Commun.</i>	206	1503	1606, 2001
<i>Public Mon & Mgt</i>	174-5, 177, 182-3, 185-190, 193, 196, 198, 203, 205, 209, 211, 214-6, 218-23	1503	1605
<i>Public Opinion Q'ly</i>	162	1503	1605, 1606
<i>Regional Studies</i>	168, 170, 207	1503	1205, 1604
<i>Telecommunications Policy</i>	55, 56, 60		1605
<i>Urban Studies</i>	178, 184, 208, 217	1503	1604
<i>All Pub Admin Journals</i>	213	1503	1605

The relevant FoR codes in this table are:

- 0104: Statistics
- 0105: Mathematical Physics
- 0502: Environmental Science and Management
- 0802: Computation Theory and Mathematics
- 0907: Environmental Engineering
- 1117: Public Health and Health Services
- 1205: Urban and Regional Planning
- 1303: Specialist Studies in Education
- 1603: Demography
- 1604: Human Geography
- 1605: Policy and Administration
- 1606: Political Science
- 2001: Communication and Media Studies
- 2103: Historical Studies
- MD: Multidisciplinary

As outlined in the Panel Report, the 2010 ABDC Economics list included literally hundreds of journals that were from outside the discipline of economics. The panel viewed this as a significant issue because, as a panel of economists, we do not feel qualified to judge the quality of research in disciplines outside of economics. For this reason, we decided to remove journals that were not identifiably economics journals.

To determine which journals were economics journals, we were guided primarily by the FOR codes that were assigned to each journal, according the ERA. As a rule, a journal would be classified as “economics” if and only if it had a 14 code assigned to it (either as FOR1 or FOR2) by the ERA. This rule was applied, except in exceptional circumstances, where the panel was convinced that a 14 code would have been appropriate, at least as a secondary code. (A small number of journals fit this description. For eg., we made exceptions for the *Australasian Journal of Economics Education* (1302 – placed in 1402), *Contemporary*

Economic Policy (1605 – placed in 1402), and a few others.) Overall, over 300 journals were dropped from the list because they did not meet this criterion.

When viewing the table, above, it is clear that none of the journals listed have a 14 code assigned to them by the ERA. One journal, however, is listed as “multidisciplinary”: the *Journal of Developing Areas*. After some reflection, the panel is persuaded that this journal meets the exceptional criterion, described above, and should be included in the 1402 list. Since no data could be found on this journal in the JCR, the KMS study, or in the top 350 journals in the IDEAS/REPEC list, the panel recommends that this journal be included at the rank C.

When considering the remainder of the journals, the connection with economics is less compelling. These journals have been assigned FOR codes in the ERA exercise, which identify their primary (and, in several cases, their secondary) fields of research outside of economics.

The journal with the most entries (27) is *Public Money and Management*. This has the FOR 1605 – Policy and Administration. Several other journals on the table also have the 1605 FOR. The last entry in the table is from row 213 of the Feedback file, from a Senior Lecturer in Management at UNSW, concerns the removal of public administration journals from the economics list and makes the following point:

“It is understandable that ECO does not support journals in this field. Organization and management studies, however, have a long tradition of researching public sector organizations (which are, for instance, among the major employers in many countries).”

This reinforces the panel’s conclusion that it would not be appropriate to include these journals in the economics list.

Recommendation 3: Reinstate the Journal of Developing Areas, under 1402, at grade C.

NOTE: This recommendation was made redundant by the 1503 panel including this journal at a “B” rating.

V. SUGGESTED ADDITIONS

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>Rows</i>	<i>Suggested Grade</i>	<i>FORs</i>
<i>Renewable Energy</i>	66	A?	0906, 0913
<i>International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology</i>	67	A	0701
<i>Review of Keynesian Economics</i>	68	?	N/A
<i>SERIES</i>	57	?	14
<i>IZA Journals</i>	69	?	N/A

In the opinion of the panel, the first 2 of these journals are clearly not Economics journals.

The remaining journals are new, and clearly Economics journals. The *Review of Keynesian Economics* and the *IZA Journals* have no citation data available yet. *SERIES* is an

amalgamation of 2 previously existing journals, including the Spanish Economic Review, and has the following ranking statistics:

JOURNAL	KMS	TOTCITES	IMPFAC	EIGFAC	AVG	GRADE
<i>SERIES</i>	135	323	267	303	162.75	B

Recommendation 4: Add Review of Keynesian Economics to 1402 at grade C.

Recommendation 5: Add *SERIES* to 1402 at grade B.

Recommendation 6: Add IZA Journals to 1402 at grade C.

VI. CHALLENGED DOWNGRADES

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>ABDC Proposal</i>	<i>Rows</i>
History of Political Economy	A to B	62, 76, 77, 82, 83, 85, 88, 89, 92 102, 103, 106, 110, 116, 117
Journal of Economic Issues	A to B	71, 104, 113
Journal of Economic Surveys	A to B	72, 73, 74, 78, 81, 87, 93, 108 112, 114
Aust. Economic History Review	A to B	75, 79, 84, 86, 91, 109
J. of the History of Ec. Thought	?	90
J. of Post Keynesian Economics	A to B	105, 107
ASEAN Economic Bulletin	B to C	115
Int. J. of Global Energy Issues	A to B	118 (NB: Not included in report.)
J. of Law, Economics, and Org.	A* to A	143

Ranking Data:

JOURNAL	KMS	TOTCITES	IMPFAC	EIGFAC	AVG	GRADE
<i>HOPE</i>	199	204	297	221	230.5	B
<i>JEI</i>	174	143	260	234	202.75	B
<i>JES</i>	82	122	135	105	111	A
<i>AEHR</i>	173	290	262	290	253.75	B
<i>JHET</i>		287	327	246	286.7	B
<i>JPKE</i>	191	206	293	267	239	B
<i>ASEAN</i>						C
<i>IJGEI</i>						C
<i>JLEO</i>	48	62	144	92	86.5	A

15 different submissions came in to challenge the downgrading of the *History of Political Economy* (HOPE) from A to B. These included submissions from the editor of the journal and the President of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia (HETSA). An argument was made that HOPE is the top journal in the field of “History of Economic Thought” and, without HOPE as at least an A journal, this would significantly reduce the incentive for anyone in Australia to engage in this kind of research. Thus, despite HOPE’s citation record putting it squarely in the B category, the panel recommends that it be reinstated at the level A – one grade higher than its citation data implies.

The data for the *JEI*, *AEHR*, *JHET*, *JPKE*, and *JLEO* are entirely consistent with the new grades assigned by the panel in the Panel Report, and the panel can see no compelling reason to alter these grades after this feedback.

The data for the *Journal of Economic Surveys*, however, places it in the mid A range. The panel discussed the case of the *JES* extensively. This journal is something of a special case because it primarily publishes survey articles, rather than original research. The view was expressed that articles of this type tend to be cited more often simply because they are easy to cite (for eg., “For a survey, see XXX”) and are easier to read than original research. This is a view taken, for example, by the publisher Taylor and Francis: <http://journalauthors.tandf.co.uk/beyondpublication/impactfactors.asp>,

“Review articles are generally cited more often than primary research articles. This is because authors will often cite one review article rather than the many primary research articles it is based on. As such, review journals, or journals that publish a significant amount of review content alongside their primary content, usually have higher impact factors than other journals in their field. For example, the average¹ 2003 impact factor for review journals published by Taylor & Francis, Routledge, Psychology Press, and Informa Healthcare was 3.5 times higher than the average for our primary research journals.

Although the *JCR*® lists journals from different subject areas separately to take account of subject variation in impact factors, it does not list review journals separately from primary research journals. Therefore review journals are often ranked amongst the highest journals in their fields.”

As discussed in the last section of this Response, one of the external reviewers (Professor George Mailath) also commented that citation counts for journals that specialize in review articles tend to overestimate their value in research.

Two other journals are also well known for publishing primarily review articles: the *Journal of Economic Literature* (*JEL*) and the *Journal of Economic Perspectives* (*JEP*). These two journals enjoy very high visibility, being published by the American Economic Association, and, it is reasonable to argue, publications in these journals signal that the authors are regarded as true global leaders in their fields. Thus, the A* grades for these journals can, arguably, be justified. The *JES*, on the other hand, does not have this status in the profession and it was the view of the panel that publishing a review article in the *JES* does not necessarily signal that the author is the leader in his/her field.

The panel sought advice from the ABDC on the issue and, consistent with that advice, decided that the grade for the *JES* in the initial round (B) should stand.

No data on either *ASEAN* or the *IJGEI* was available from either the KMS or the JCR. We were also unable to find these journals listed in the top 350 journals listed in the IDEAS/REPEC ranking. Hence, we recommend that these be listed as C journals.

The panel also notes that, as of April 2013, the journal ASEAN has been re-named the *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies* (see <http://www.iseas.edu.sg/asean-economic-bulletin.cfm>).

Recommendation 7: Reinstate the History of Political Economy to grade A.

Recommendation 8: Change the International Journal of Global Energy Issues to grade C.

Recommendation 9: Change the name of ASEAN to ASEAN/Journal of Southeast Asian Economies.

VII. SUGGESTED UPGRADES

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>Suggested Change</i>	<i>Rows</i>
<i>Journal of the Hist. of Econ. Thought</i>	B to A	62
<i>European J. of the Hist. of Econ. Thought</i>	B to A	62
<i>Defence and Peace Economics</i>	A to A*	70
<i>Peace Econ & Peace Science & Peace Policy</i>	B to A	70
<i>Economics of Peace and Security Journal</i>	C to B	70
<i>J. of Industrial Economics</i>	A to A*	121, 124, 148
<i>J. of Dev't Effectiveness</i>	B to A	122
<i>J. of Bus Econ and Mgt</i>	B to A	123
<i>J. of Pension Econ and Finance</i>	B to A	126, 149
<i>J. of Risk and Uncertainty</i>	A to A*	127, 128, 130
<i>Experimental Economics</i>	A to A*	129, 150
<i>Economics and Human Biology</i>	B to A	131
<i>European Review of Ec. History</i>	B to A	132
<i>J. of Choice Modelling</i>	C to B	133, 135, 229, 230
<i>Economic Record</i>	A to A*	134, 147
<i>Bulletin of Indonesian Ec. Studies</i>	B to A	136, 138, 139, 141, 145, 146
<i>J. of Ec. and Management Strategy</i>	A to A*	144

Ranking Data:

JOURNAL	KMS	TOTCITES	IMPFAC	EIGFAC	AVG	GRADE
<i>JHET</i>		287	327	246	286.7	B
<i>EJHET</i>	201	258	297	236	248	B
<i>DPE</i>	164	197	218	213	198	B
<i>PEPSPP</i>						C
<i>EPSJ</i>						C
<i>JIE</i>	49	58	108	68	70.75	A
<i>JDEff</i>						C
<i>JBEM</i>		198	55	240	164	B
<i>JPEF</i>		272	250	247	256.33	B
<i>JRU</i>	51	65	61	106	70.75	A
<i>EE</i>	58	107	42	46	63.25	A
<i>EHB</i>	125	135	58	103	105.25	A

<i>EREH</i>		209	106	168	161	B
<i>JCM</i>						C
<i>ER</i>	129	152	265	197	185.75	B
<i>BIES</i>	163	233	92	243	182.75	B
<i>JEMS</i>	54	109	151	71	96.25	A

Of all of the suggested upgrades made in the feedback, the only one that *unambiguously* has a case for upgrading is *Economics and Human Biology (EHB)*, which has an average rank of 105.25 – putting it clearly in the A range.

A case can also be made for *Experimental Economics (EE)* which has an average rank of 63.25, putting it marginally below the threshold rank for A* journals. The panel is persuaded by the argument that *EE* is the top journal in the field of experimental economics and, as such, recommends moving it up a rank to become an A*.

No data on *PEPSPP*, *EPSJ*, *JDEff* or *JCM* were available from either the KMS or the JCR. We were also unable to find these journals listed in the top 350 journals listed in the IDEAS/REPEC ranking. Hence, we recommend that all of these journals be listed as C.

DPE is actually listed as B, not A, in the original ranking, and, according to the data, this is exactly where it should be.

None of the other suggested upgrades can be justified by the data.

We note, in particular, that the data implies that the *Economic Record (ER)* should be ranked as a B journal. Two submissions on this journal suggested that it be upgraded from its current status as A to A*. The panel agreed that the argument that the *ER* publishes papers on Australian economic policy, which would be hard to publish in other major outlets, has some merit. However, the *ER* is actually a general interest journal, which publishes all areas in economics. As such, upgrading all *ER* articles to A* would be a major distortion. In recognition of its special role, however, the panel recommends that it retain its ranking as an A journal.

Recommendation 10: Upgrade Economics and Human Biology from B to A.

Recommendation 11: Upgrade Experimental Economics from A to A*.

Recommendation 12: Downgrade Peace Economics, Peace Science, and Public Policy from B to C.

Recommendation 13: Downgrade Journal of Development Effectiveness from B to C.

VIII. DUPLICATIONS

Three journals were identified in the Consolidated Feedback list that were listed in 2 different FORs within the ABDC auspices. Each was assigned different grades by the different panels.

JOURNAL	OTHER FOR	GRADES	ROWS
<i>Asia Pacific J. of Accounting and Econ</i>	1501	1402: A 1501: B	155
<i>International Rev. of Econ and Finance</i>	1502	1402: A 1502: B	156-8
<i>J of Sports Economics</i>	1504	1402: A 1504: B	224-8

The panel does not hold particularly strong views on the first journal, but does feel that both the *International Rev. of Econ and Finance (IREF)* and the *Journal of Sports Economics (JSE)* reside naturally in economics.

An analysis of the ranking data on the *IREF* and *JSE* reveals that they fit more appropriately as grade B journals:

JOURNAL	KMS	TOTCITES	IMPFAC	EIGFAC	AVG	GRADE
<i>IREF</i>		156	158	196	170	B
<i>JSE</i>		188	178	209	191.7	B

Recommendation 14: The Asia Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics be removed from 1402 and retained in 1501.

Recommendation 15: The International Review of Economics and Finance be removed from 1502 and retained in 1402, at grade B.

NOTE: This recommendation was made redundant by the 1502 panel including this journal at a "A" rating based on recommendation of one finance international expert.

Recommendation 16: The Journal of Sports Economics be removed from 1504 and retained in 1402, at grade B.

IX. RESPONSE TO EXTERNALS

First, we would like to thank the two externals for taking the time to consider the new list, and carefully read the Panel Report. Doing so clearly requires a significant commitment of time and energy, and we believe that the external review process significantly adds value to the overall review.

Overall, both of the externals were very positive about both methodology used, and the outcomes, of the new ABDC Economics list. Both also made some specific points, which we address in turn.

Professor Cameron pointed out a new journal that he suggested should be included: the *Journal of Econometric Methods*. This journal is very new (it's first issue came out in July 2013) and, as a new journal, we recommend that it enter with a grade of C.

Professor Cameron also noted that “substantive business-element test” employed by the Economics Panel (and which he appears sympathetic to) was not followed uniformly by other panels in the ABDC. We understand that this may be true, but consider this issue to be beyond the purview of our panel.

Finally, Professor Cameron expressed caution about of the removal of the statistics journals from the econometrics list, but noted that this issue is greatly mitigated by the creation of a statistics panel and list, within the ABDC.

Professor Mailath essentially makes 2 substantive points. First, he makes the case for a new category of journals, at the top, representing the top 2-3% of journals. Second, he points out that journals that publish primarily survey articles (such as the *Journal of Economic Literature*, the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, and the *Journal of Economic Surveys*) typically do not publish original research and, consequently, he questions the comparability of their citation scores with other journals.

On his first point, while we agree with the spirit of his comment, we consider this to be beyond the purview of our panel, which was given the responsibility of identifying journals in the 4 categories (A*, A, B, C) with the respective target ranges (top 5-7%, next 15-25%, next 35-40%, remainder) as outlined in the guidelines we were given. We also, at the request of the ABDC, identified a set of “Tier 1” journals – 10 journals at the top (representing approximately the top 1.5% of journals. This “Tier 1” category, we believe, largely covers Professor Mailath’s first point – although with a slightly more stringent quality criterion (i.e., the top 1.5%, rather than the top 2-3%).

The panel also agrees with the spirit of the second comment. In the draft report, we graded the *Journal of Economic Surveys* at level B, instead of level A, precisely for this reason. After significant discussion within the panel and, following the advice from the ABDC on this issue, we decided to reject a challenge made against the downgrading of the *Journal of Economic Surveys* to B (see Section VI above).

Thus, in response to the external reports, we make the following recommendation.

Recommendation 17: The Journal of Econometric Methods be added to 1403, with rank C.



**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS
COUNCIL JOURNAL QUALITY LIST
2013 REVIEW**

Public Exposure Period

**1501 Accounting (ACC)
FoR Panel Report**

ABDC Panel Report – Accounting

The Panel considered all submissions received during the public exposure period. We appreciate the mainly positive feedback received and the efforts to point out possible anomalies.

We made the following two upgrades of journals based on feedback.

1. *International Journal of Accounting Information Systems* from B to A. The original rating was partly due to it being a new journal to the Accounting list (it was also listed under Information Systems). Very strong arguments were made by the leading accounting information systems researchers in Australia. We were convinced by their arguments and note the strong research records of the editorial team, including past and present editors and associate editors. The journal was upgraded to an A ranking on the Accounting list and removed from 0806.
2. *Accounting Forum* from C to B. Convincing evidence included its ranking in other domains and the arguments on the quality of the papers and editorial board.

While good arguments were made supporting other journals, most of them had been considered in our initial decisions, and on balance we believe that an upgrade or downgrade is not warranted. There were a range of arguments made in various submissions that the Panel found to be less convincing. They included the selective use of one particular source of impact factors in a particular year. Impact factors were one of many criteria considered by the Panel and generally, we found a five year impact to be more convincing than a shorter period.

We request that academics read our previous report, as some of the submissions were related to concerns about our previous upgrades to A*. The Panel clearly stated that there was a distinction between what we considered to be Tier 1 journals and A*, that is A* is a broader classification. We added to the list of A* journals in response to many suggestions from a wide range of Australian academics, that accountants were at a disadvantage because there were fewer A* journals than in other disciplines and that there was a need to include a broader set of journals that encompass a wide range of research methods, including qualitative research. In addition, we note the constraint of a percentage limit for A* journals. Our explanations for our choices were set out in the previous report.

There were also some requests for inclusion of new journals. The Panel believes there was ample opportunity to request such additions in the initial round and, in fact, this would have been helpful as we tried to build up a list of accounting journals. To add them at this point would create a whole new evaluation process, which is not possible within the time frame.

Finally, we report that our evaluations were sent to two of the leading researchers worldwide in the accounting field, one from the USA and one from Europe. Both have had extensive editorial experience. Neither reported any significant concerns. One stated that no modifications to the current list were necessary. The other made a number of observations about the journals in the A* list and, in particular, emphasised that not all journals in the A* list were of equal quality. The Panel fully agrees with this observation and, in fact, in our previous report noted that A* is a broader category than what would be considered Tier 1 journals (which we listed in our report).

Ken Trotman
Panel Chair, Accounting

Accounting List Changes

Journal #	Journal Title	Nature of Recommended Action	Amended ABDC Rating	Commentary
63	International Journal of Accounting Information Systems	Remove from 0806 INS and upgrade 1501 ACC rating from B to A	A	Strong support for an upgrade from the leading researchers in this field
7	Accounting Forum	Upgrade 1501 ACC rating from C to B	B	Range of factors supported an upgrade including strong support from researchers in this field
23	Australasian Accounting Business and Finance Journal	Duplicate in 1501 ACC and 1503 MAN	C	Remove from 1503 MAN list
17	Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics	Duplicate in 1501 ACC and 1402 ECO	B	Remove from 1402 ECO list



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**1502 Finance (FIN)
FoR Panel Report**

**Robert Faff (Chair) – University of Queensland
Carole Commerton-Forde – University of
Melbourne
Steve Easton – University of Newcastle**

- Aside from feedback regarding duplicate journals (refer to Table 3 above), 19 separate items of feedback were directed to the Finance panel. Of these, two main focuses were identified (a) treatment of actuarial journals (6 cases); and (b) International Review of Financial Analysis (10 cases).
- The concerns raised regarding the treatment of actuarial journals were considered carefully and the original submissions were re-visited. Several upgrades are sanctioned – most notably, “ASTIN Bulletin”, the “Scandinavian Actuarial Journal” and the European “Actuarial Journal”.
- Extensive discussion ensued regarding the absence of an “A*” in the actuarial space and numerous interested and well-informed parties from across Australia and New Zealand were additionally consulted on this question. Bringing all the information together, the Chair of the 1502 panel decided against elevating any actuarial journals to this level. Such a view was endorsed by all panel members. The main considerations underlying this decision are: (a) It is felt that the best actuarial papers can/should find homes in “A*” journals in the more mainstream fields (e.g. economics, statistics, mathematics) which are deemed to be of materially better quality than any of the 15 actuarial journals currently hosted in the 1502 panel. (b) Of the 15 readily identifiable actuarial journals, 33% are now “A” and 40% are now “B” journals – these percentages exceed many of their counterparts across the FoRs (even allowing for the aggregation of “A*” and “A” journals together). (c) With only 15 readily identifiable actuarial journals, the area is not sufficiently “populous” to justify autonomous treatment in the ABDC process.
- A new finance journal: “Journal for Finance and Financial Services” has been brought in at rating “C”.
- The “International Review of Financial Analysis” received a lot of support for an upgrade, and given comparisons based on its impact factor (while this is not the only criteria of importance), a move up to “A” seems justified. Notably, there was a “split” view on this in the 1502 panel and, after due consideration and external consultation, the Chair exercised his right to make the final call in favour of the upgrade for IRFA.
- While very young in its academic life, the “SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics” (a) does have an extremely impressive Editorial Board, (b) boasts very high profile researchers with published papers in the journal and (c) is a “sister” journal to SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics, rated at “A” (2010 and 2013). Collectively, these factors justify an upgrade to a “B” rating.
- “Emerging Markets Finance and Trade” has been transferred from 1503 into 1502.
- “Risk Analysis: An International Review” does not deal with financial risk – rather health, ecology and the like. As such, it fails the “business element” test. Accordingly, this journal is de-listed.
- One journal was identified on Beall’s list as predatory: International Research Journal of Applied Finance. This journal is duly de-listed.
- “International Review of Economics and Finance”, cross-listed with Economics, has been retained in the 1502 list (and removed from Economics) and following advice from one of the international finance experts, upgraded to “A”.
- “Applied Financial Economics”, cross-listed with Economics, has been retained in the 1502 list (and removed from Economics).
- Two other journals cross-listed with Economics, have been removed from 1502 and kept in Economics: “Journal of Financial Economic Policy” and “Journal of Financial Stability”.
- Internal duplication within the 1502 list has been fixed: “Asia-Pacific Financial Markets” and “Financial Management”.
- The international expert feedback received by your panel was broadly in support of the 1502 list. It was recognised that within each rating category a degree of variation in quality exists, most notably evident in the “A*” category.

Please refer to the following table which summarises the recommended changes emanating from this final feedback process.

Finance List Changes

	Journal Title	Nature of Recommended Action	Amended ABDC Rating	Commentary
1	International Review of Financial Analysis	Upgrade journal	A	See feedback items: #97; 103; 111; 112; 116; 141; 150; 266; 268; 282 - Split decision by the finance panel
2	SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics	Upgrade journal	B	See feedback item #277
3	ASTIN Bulletin: the journal of the International Actuarial Association	Transfer (from 1503) & Upgrade journal	A	Responding to claims of “anomalous” treatment of actuarial journals. See feedback item #146; 385-389
4	Scandinavian Actuarial Journal	Duplicate journal in FIN list – listed once at higher rating	A	See feedback item #390. Responding to claims of “anomalous” treatment of actuarial journals.
5	European Actuarial Journal	Upgrade journal	B	Responding to claims of “anomalous” treatment of actuarial journals. See feedback item #146; 385-389
6	International Research Journal of Applied Finance	Reverse listing of new journal		This journal is on Beall’s list of “predatory journals” and so reversal of the new listing is warranted.
7	Risk Analysis: An International Review	Remove journal from ABDC list		This journal does not deal with financial risk – rather health, ecology and the like. Thus does not pass the “business element” test.
8	International Review of Economics and Finance	Duplicate journal in ECO/FIN lists – removed from ECO & listed by FIN at higher rating	A	Recommendation of international finance expert
9	Applied Financial Economics	Duplicate journal in ECO/FIN lists – removed from ECO & listed by FIN with 2010 ECO rating	B	Negotiation between panels
10	Journal of Financial Economic Policy	Duplicate journal in ECO/FIN lists – removed from FIN & listed by ECO at higher rating	B (ECO)	Negotiation between panels
11	Journal of Financial Stability	Duplicate journal in ECO/FIN lists – removed from FIN & listed by ECO at higher rating	B (ECO)	Feedback item #365 - negotiation between panels
12	Asia-Pacific Financial Markets	Duplicate journal in FIN list – one entry removed	C	
13	Financial Management	Duplicate journal in FIN list – one entry removed	A	
14	Journal for Finance and Financial Services	New journal missed in earlier process	C	Panel initiated action
15	Emerging Markets Finance and Trade	Transfer from 1503 to 1502	B	Negotiation between panel chairs



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**1503 Management (MAN)
FoR Sub-Panel Report**

**Ingrid Nielsen – Monash University
Gavin Jack – La Trobe University**

Broad summary of feedback received by the MAN panel

The feedback made specifically to the MAN panel consisted of:

- challenges to ratings decisions made by the panel
- late appeals to include unlisted journals
- appeals to add journals not added from Form A submissions
- reports of duplicate journals
- reports of errors in journal titles, web addresses or ISSNs
- appeals to remove listed journals

In addition, at the request of the ABDC, a sub-panel of the MAN panel (Ingrid Nielsen and Gavin Jack) was asked to review feedback to the ECO panel relating to ECO delistings. This MAN sub-panel reviewed this feedback, along with the full list of ECO delistings, with a view to determining which delisted journals could be transferred into MAN. While some of the ECO delisted journals were transferred into MAN, the MAN sub-panel determined that a further 1599 code should be established to accommodate a group of the ECO delisted journals that were out of scope of the 1503 journals. The 1599 journals are reported upon in a separate document.

Broad summary of the MAN panel's responses to each type of feedback

Challenges to ratings decisions made by the panel

The MAN panel received feedback on 17 ranking decisions where the submitter argued that either upgrading or downgrading a journal, or not upgrading or not downgrading a journal, would result in a serious anomaly. After reviewing these submissions, the MAN panel did not change any ranking decisions. The majority of the feedback challenging MAN panel decisions did not add information over and above the original submission. Given that the panel had already deliberated on the information, there were no compelling reasons to change the original decisions.

Late appeals to include unlisted journals

The MAN panel did not assess appeals to include unlisted journals that did not receive Form A submissions during the original submission period. Such late appeals were clearly outside the parameters of the ABDC process.

Appeals to add journals not added from Form A submissions

Following submissions querying rejected Form A submissions, the MAN panel did not revise any decisions not to add to 1503. The sub-MAN panel did, however, revise a decision to add one journal to 1599, which had previously been considered out of scope for 1503. This is reported upon in the 1599 report.

Reports of duplicate journals

The MAN panel received feedback on one journal that appeared twice in 1503; along with a number of cross-code duplications. Each of these submissions were acted upon. In the case of cross-code duplicates, liaison between panel Chairs was undertaken to determine the most appropriate code for each journal.

Reports of errors in journal titles, web addresses or ISSNs

The MAN panel received feedback on six journals with incorrect titles, web addresses or ISSNs. In each case the journal information was amended to reflect the correct information.

Appeals to remove listed journals

The MAN panel received submissions to remove four predatory journals from the list and deemed the evidence presented in support of the case to be sufficiently compelling as to remove all four journals. The delisted journals are: Journal of Diversity Management, American Journal of Health Sciences, International Business Economics Research Journal and Journal of Applied Business Research.

In addition, the MAN panel received a claim that two 1503 journals are currently operating in a citation circle: Management Decision and International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal. **Serious debate**

ensued regarding the appropriate response: one extreme is to de-list such journals. For now, the Overall Chair of the ABDC Review panel has taken the more conservative route of retaining these journals – but at their (lower) 2010 rating, on the assumption that such a rating is unaffected by any “gaming” around citations. This also affords the journals/publishers natural justice and also allows the passage of time to see what remedial action is taken by the publishers in question. These two journals are deemed under negative “watch”, in terms of the ABDC process going forward.

Table of changes

The following table outlines all changes that have been made by MAN following the public exposure period. The table is colour coded as follows:

Journals brought into MAN after being delisted by ECO

Journals brought into MAN after being delisted by ECO and upgraded following submission to ECO

Actions as a result of overlooked paperwork

Actions as a result of feedback to MAN

Transactions with ACC to reconcile duplicates

Transactions with MTL to reconcile duplicates

Transactions with INS to reconcile duplicates

Transactions with ECO to reconcile duplicates

#	Journal Title	Nature of Recommended Action	Amended ABDC Rating	Commentary
1	Australian Journal of Public Administration	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback items 14, 38, 135, 212, 337 from public exposure period
2	China Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
3	Demographic Research	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
4	Demography	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
5	European Urban and Regional Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public

				exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
6	Global Networks	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
7	International Migration	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
8	Journal of European Public Policy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
9	Journal of Policy Analysis and Management	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
10	Journal of Population Research	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
11	Journal of Public Administration Research and Policy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
12	Local Government Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback item 80 from public exposure period
13	The Pacific Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting Include 'The' omitted from title in 2010 list	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
14	Philosophy and Public Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
15	Population Bulletin	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
16	Population Research and Policy Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
17	Population Studies: A Journal of Demography	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public

				exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
18	Public Administration and Development	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
19	Public Administration Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
20	Public Money and Management	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback items 118, 123, 129, 130, 133, 138, 143, 156, 158, 164, 168, 174, 177, 181, 208, 231, 287, 330, 332, 342, 248, 401, 410, 419, 420 from public exposure period
21	Public Opinion Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback item 36 from public exposure period
22	Studies in Comparative International Development	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
23	Third World Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
24	Asia Europe Journal: Intercultural Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
25	Community Development Journal	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
26	Conflict Management and Peace Science	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
27	Development Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision

28	European Journal of Housing Policy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
29	Foundations and Trends in Entrepreneurship	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	Refer feedback items 42, 72 from public exposure period
30	Global Social Policy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
31	Housing Policy Debate	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
32	International Journal of Asian Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
33	International Journal of Public Policy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
34	International Social Science Journal	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
35	Italian Journal of Regional Science	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
36	Journal of Business Chemistry	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
37	Journal of Developing Areas	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	Refer feedback items 79, 136, 137, 211 from public exposure period
38	Journal of Human Development and Capabilities	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
39	Labour and Management in Development	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
40	Mind and Society	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public

				exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
41	Public Policy Research	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
42	Social Science Japan Journal	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
43	Social Service Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
44	Socio-Economic History	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
45	Urban Affairs Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
46	Journal of Urban Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
47	World Bank Research Observer	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
48	African Population Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
49	Asian and Pacific Migration Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
50	Asian Population Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
51	Asia-Pacific Population Journal	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
52	Australasian Journal of Regional Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	Refer feedback items 74, 104, 113, 114, 131 from

				public exposure period
53	Australian Journal of Human Rights	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
54	Australian Journal of Social Issues	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
55	Australian Social Monitor	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
56	Canadian Public Policy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
57	China Information: a journal on contemporary China studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
58	Competition and Change: the journal of global business and political economy	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
59	Contemporary Pacific	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
60	Contemporary Southeast Asia: a journal of international and strategic affairs	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
61	European Journal of Population	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
62	International Journal of Public Administration	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
63	International Journal of Sustainable Development	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
64	International Migration Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback item 94 from public exposure period

65	International Review of Administrative Sciences: an international journal of comparative public administration	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
66	International Review of Public Administration	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
67	Japan Labor Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
68	Journal of Co-operative Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
69	Journal of International Migration and Integration	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
70	Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback items 334, 409 from public exposure period
71	New Zealand Population Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
72	Pacific Affairs: an international review of Asia and the Pacific	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
73	Population	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
74	Population and Development Review	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
75	Population Trends	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
76	Population, Space and Place	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
77	Review of Regional Studies: the official journal of the	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public

	Southern Regional Science Association			exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
78	The China Review: an interdisciplinary journal on greater China	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
79	Australasian Journal on Ageing	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – MAN sub-panel decision
80	The Milbank Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting	B	Refer feedback item 340 from public exposure period
81	Urban Studies: an international journal for research in urban studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting Upgrade from A to A*	A*	Refer feedback items 134, 157, 313, 353, 396 from public exposure period
82	Regional Studies	Reinstate and transfer to MAN after ECO delisting Upgrade from A to A*	A*	Refer feedback items 86, 98, 352 from public exposure period
83	Decision Analysis	Upgrade journal	A	Paperwork originally overlooked in ABDC office
84	E-Journal of Social and Behavioural Research in Business	Add new journal to 1503	C	Paperwork originally overlooked in ABDC office
85	E-Journal of Business Education and Scholarship of Teaching	Add new journal to 1503	C	Paperwork originally overlooked in ABDC office
86	International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate (appearing twice in 1503)
87	Journal of Diversity Management	Remove from 1503	C	Predatory journal
88	American Journal of Health Sciences	Remove from 1503	B	Predatory journal
89	International Business Economics Research Journal	Remove from 1503	C	Predatory journal
90	Journal of Applied Business Research	Remove from 1503	C	Predatory journal
91	Management Decision	Retain in 1503 at its pre-existing rating and under “negative watch”	B	Evidence of citation circle
92	International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal	Retain in 1503 at its pre-existing rating and under “negative watch”	C	Evidence of citation circle

93	The Academy of Management Annals	Amend title to Academy of Management Annals	A*	Panel request
94	Management Organization Review	Amend title to Management and Organization Review	A	Refer feedback item 13 from public exposure period
95	Journal of Occupational Health and Safety Australia and New Zealand	Amend title to Journal of Health, Safety and Environment; and amend ISSN to 1837-9362	B	Refer feedback item 388 from public exposure period
96	Australasian Accounting Business and Finance Journal	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate being retained by 1501
97	Australian Journal of Construction Economics and Building	Amend title to 'Australasian...'; update website to http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/journals/index.php/AJCEB/index ; and transfer from 1504 to 1503 as agreed by panel Chairs	C	Refer feedback items 180, 196, 274, 373, 381 from public exposure period
98	International Journal of Arts Management	Remove from 1503 and transfer to 1504; amend journal start date to 1998 as agreed by panel Chairs	B	Refer feedback item 154 from public exposure period
99	Sport Business and Management: an international journal	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate (with comma and truncated title) being retained by 1504
100	Social Responsibility Journal	Retain in 1503	B	Duplicate being removed by 1505
101	Baltic Journal of Management	Retain in 1503	C	Duplicate being removed by 1505
102	International Global Business and Competitiveness	Retain in 1503	C	Duplicate being removed by 1505
103	International Review on Public and Non-profit Marketing	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate being retained by 1505
104	Journal of Communication Management	Remove from 1503	B	Duplicate being retained by 1505
105	Public Relations Review	Remove from 1503	A	Duplicate being retained by 1505
106	International Journal of Public Opinion Research	Remove from 1503	A	Duplicate with B ranking being retained by 1505 and upgraded to A
107	Asia Pacific Public Relations Journal	Remove from 1503	B	Duplicate with C ranking being retained by 1505 and upgraded to B

108	Prism	Remove from 1503	B	Duplicate with C ranking being removed by 1505 and upgraded to B
109	E-Service Journal	Retain in 1503	B	Duplicate being removed by 0806
110	International Journal of Applied Management and Technology	Retain in 1503	C	Duplicate being removed by 0806
111	International Journal of Electronic Business	Retain in 1503	C	Duplicate being removed by 0806
112	International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management	Retain in 1503	C	Duplicate being removed by 0806
113	Journal of Behavioral Decision Making	Retain in 1503	A	Duplicate being removed by 0806
114	Journal of Internet Commerce	Retain in 1503	B	Duplicate being removed by 0806
115	Journal of Technology Management and Innovation	Retain in 1503	C	Duplicate being removed by 0806
116	Operations Research	Retain in 1503	A*	Duplicate with B ranking being removed by 0806
117	Journal of the Operational Research Society	Retain in 1503	A	Duplicate with B ranking being removed by 0806
118	European Journal of Operational Research	Retain in 1503	A*	Duplicate with A ranking being removed by 0806
119	International Journal of Technology Management	Retain in 1503	B	Duplicate with C ranking being removed by 0806
120	International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate being retained by 0806
121	International Journal of Information Systems and Change Management	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate being retained by 0806
122	Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate being retained by 0806
123	Journal of Electronic Commerce in Organizations: the international journal of electronic commerce in modern organizations	Remove from 1503	B	Duplicate (with truncated title) being retained by 0806
124	eHealth International: the journal of applied health technology	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate with truncated title) being retained by 0806

125	Knowledge and Process Management (Print): the journal of corporate transformation	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate (with truncated title) with B ranking being retained by 0806
126	Group Decision and Negotiation	Remove from 1503	B	Duplicate with A ranking being retained by 0806
127	New Technology, Work and Employment	Remove from 1503	B	Duplicate with A ranking being retained by 0806
128	Business Process Management Journal	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate with B ranking being retained by 0806
129	(Journal of) Academy of Business and Economics (Journal)	Remove from 1503	C	Duplicate being retained by 1402 and title TBC by 1402
130	Emerging Markets Finance and Trade	Transfer from 1503 to 1502	B	Negotiation between panel chairs
131	Journal of Emerging Markets	Remove from 1503	C	Not a management journal



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**1504-1507 Marketing, Tourism and
Transportation (MTL)
FOR Sub-Panel Report**

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A broad summary of the MTL panel's responses to each type of feedback

Challenges to ratings decisions made by the panel

The MTL panel received feedback on 17 ranking decisions where the submitter argued that either upgrading or downgrading a journal, or not upgrading or not downgrading a journal, would result in a serious anomaly. After reviewing these submissions, the MTL panel agreed to change 8 ranking decisions on the basis of the additional information provided.

Journals not included

The MTL panel received feedback on 6 journal omissions. Four were included in the revised list.

Reports of duplicate journals

The MTL panel received feedback on two journals that appeared twice in 1505; along with a number of cross-code duplications. Each of these submissions were acted upon. In the case of cross-code duplicates, liaison between panel Chairs was undertaken to determine the most appropriate code for each journal.

Reports of errors in journal titles, web addresses or ISSNs

The MTL panel received feedback on six journals with incorrect titles, web addresses or ISSNs. In each case the journal information was amended to reflect the correct information.

Appeals to remove listed journals

The MTL panel received a claim that a 1505 journal was currently operating in a citation circle: Services Industries Journal.

Serious debate ensued regarding the appropriate response: one extreme is to de-list such journals. For now, the Overall Chair of the ABDC Review panel has taken the more conservative route of retaining these journals – but at their (lower) 2010 rating, on the assumption that such a rating is unaffected by any “gaming” around citations. This also affords the journals/publisher natural justice and also allows the passage of time to see what remedial action is taken by the publisher in question. This journal is deemed under negative “watch”, in terms of the ABDC process going forward.

Table of changes

The following table outlines all changes that have been made by MTL following the public exposure period.

Issue	Journal	Panel(s)		Outcome
Duplicate (different ratings, same FoR)	Journal of Hospitality Marketing and Management	1504-07 MTL	Journal is included more than once	Resolved - A rating is correct
Duplicate (different ratings)	Journal of Services Research	1504-07 MTL	inconsistent ranking on overall list	There are two different journals
Incorrect data	Marketing Theory	1504-07 MTL	Accuracy of title	Change name
FoR challenge	Australian Journal of Construction Economics and Building	1504-07 MTL; 1503 MAN	Journal's name, FoR & grade are incorrect	Name changed to Australasian Journal of Construction Economics and Building
Journal objection	Service Industries journal	1504-07 MTL	Citation Circle suggestion	Invoke 2010 rating and under "negative watch".
Journal omission (but included)	Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Education	1504-07 MTL	Journal should not be removed from the ABDC list (e.g serious relevant "business" element ignored; journal does reach quality threshold)	It is on the list as a B journal
Journal omission (deletion)	Journal of Market Focused Management	1504-07 MTL	Journal should not be removed from the ABDC list (e.g serious relevant "business" element ignored; journal does reach quality threshold)	Springer stopped publishing this in 2002 - we could not find evidence of a new publisher
Journal omission (deletion)	Property Management	1504-07 MTL	Potential not the correct journal review	Include in 1504 as a B journal
Journal omission (never listed)	Journal of Arts Management Law and Society	1504-07 MTL	include this journal in the ABDC list	Include in 1504 as a C journal
Journal omission (never listed)	Place Branding and Public Diplomacy	1504-07 MTL	OTHER (please specify)	Include in 1506 as a B journal
Journal omission (never listed)	Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, Media and the	1504-07 MTL	Journal should be included in ABDC list	Include in 1504 as an A journal

	Arts			
Missing info	International Journal of Event Management Research	1504-07 MTL	OTHER (please specify) Missing from MTL List	Include in 1506 as a C journal
Rating challenge (against downgrade)	Journal of Transport Economics and Policy	1504-07 MTL	Journal downgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	Revised to A rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (against downgrade)	Sport Management Review	1504-07 MTL	Journal downgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	Revised to A rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (against downgrade)	Journal of Transport Economics and Policy	1504-07 MTL,	Journal downgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	Revised to A rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (for upgrade)	International Journal of Cultural Policy	1504-07 MTL	Journal downgrade would result in a serious apparent anomaly	Revised to A rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (for upgrade)	International Journal of Event Management Research	1504-07 MTL	OTHER (please specify)	Revised to B rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (for upgrade)	Journal of Property Research	1504-07 MTL	Inconsistent ranking across 2 journals	Revised to B rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (for upgrade)	The Journal of Policy Research in Tourism, Leisure & Events	1504-07 MTL	OTHER (please specify)	Revised to B rating based on additional information
Rating challenge (for upgrade)	Transport Reviews	1504-07 MTL	OTHER (please specify)	Revised to A rating based on additional information



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1599

FoR Sub-Panel Report

**Ingrid Nielsen - Monash University
Gavin Jack - La Trobe University**

Who are the 1599 panel?

The 1599 panel is a sub-panel of the MAN panel (Ingrid Nielsen and Gavin Jack). The sub-MAN/1599 panel was convened to review feedback to the ECO panel relating to ECO delistings, with a view to determining which of the delisted journals could be adopted into either MAN or a newly formed 1599 list code. The 1599 panel reviewed this feedback, along with the full list of ECO delistings. The ECO delisted journals that were transferred into MAN are reported upon in the MAN report. This 1599 report contains details of the ECO delisted journals deemed out of scope for MAN, but included in the new 1599 code.

The new 1599 code contains 65 journals delisted by ECO. These journals are in areas such as political science, environmental science and international relations. While journals in these areas do not fall within the scope of the original list codes, they are nonetheless areas in which business academics regularly publish. In addition, 1599 contains one journal previously rejected out of scope as a Form A submission to MAN.

Table of changes

The following table outlines all journals adopted into 1599 following the public exposure period.

#	Journal Title	Nature of Recommended Action	Amended ABDC Rating	Commentary
1	Agribusiness (New York): an international journal	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
2	American Journal of Political Science	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A*	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
3	American Political Science Review	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A*	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
4	Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
5	Asian Journal of Political Science	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
6	Asian Survey: a bi-monthly review of contemporary Asian affairs	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
7	Australasian Agribusiness Review	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
8	Australian Journal of International Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
9	Australian Journal of Political Science	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
10	Australian Review of Public Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to 1599	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to

		after ECO delisting		adopt original ECO ranking
11	British Journal of Political Science	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
12	Commonwealth and Comparative Politics	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
13	Comparative Political Studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
14	Comparative Politics	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
15	Disasters: the journal of disaster studies, policy and management	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
16	Ecology	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
17	Energy and Environment	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
18	Environment and Planning A	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A*	Refer feedback items 346, 403 from public exposure period
19	Environment and Planning B: planning and design	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A*	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
20	Environment and Planning C: government policy	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	Refer feedback item 47 from public exposure period
21	Environment and Planning D: society and space	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
22	Environmental Education Research	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
23	Europe-Asia Studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
24	European Journal of Political Research	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
25	Foreign Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A*	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
26	Foreign Policy (Washington)	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A*	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
27	Global Environmental Politics	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
28	Interdisciplinary Environmental	Reinstate and transfer to 1599	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to

	Review	after ECO delisting		adopt original ECO ranking
29	International Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
30	International Journal of Agricultural Resources	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
31	International Journal of Environment and Pollution	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
32	International Studies Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
33	Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: research and practice	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
34	Journal of Energy and Development	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
35	Journal of Interdisciplinary History	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
36	Journal of International Relations and Development	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
37	Journal of Public Policy	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
38	Korea Review of International Studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
39	Land Use Policy	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback item 15 from public exposure period
40	Millenium: journal of international studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
41	Parliamentary Affairs: a journal of representative politics	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
42	Policy and Politics: an international journal	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
43	Policy Sciences: an international journal devoted to the improvement of policy making	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
44	Policy Studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
45	Policy Studies Journal	Reinstate and transfer to 1599	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to

		after ECO delisting		adopt original ECO ranking
46	Political Communication: an international journal	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	Refer feedback item 351 from public exposure period
47	Political Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
48	Political Science Quarterly	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
49	Political Studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
50	Politics and Society	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
51	Population and Environment	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
52	Post-Soviet Affairs	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
53	Public Policy and Administration	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
54	Quarterly Journal of Political Science	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
55	Rationality and Society	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
56	Review of International Studies	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
57	Risk, decision and policy	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
58	Science and Public Policy	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
59	US Bureau of Labor Statistics: monthly labor review	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
60	Water Resources Research	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
61	West European Politics	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	B	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
62	World Policy Journal	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
63	World Politics	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	A	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking

64	World Review of Science, Technology and Sustainable Development	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting	C	No feedback from public exposure period – 1599 panel decision to adopt original ECO ranking
65	Energy Policy	Reinstate and transfer to 1599 after ECO delisting Upgrade to A from ECO submission	A	Refer feedback items 1, 2, 11, 73, 95, 297, 359 from public exposure period
66	Global Environmental Change	Accept Form A to MAN panel and transfer to 1599	A*	1599 panel decision



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**180105/1801025
Business and Taxation Law (BTL)
FoR Panel Report**

Summary of feedback received

The BTL Panel received 6 feedback items for its consideration, 5 of which argued for upgrades. The remaining item of feedback (#307) was for the inclusion of a new journal (Journal of Global Business and Technology) (all Panels listed).

Reports were also received from 2 international expert reviewers.

Summary of the Panel's responses to feedback received

The item of feedback (#307) requesting the inclusion of a new journal was not considered to be a matter relevant to this Panel and no action was taken.

In the case of the 5 feedback items (relevant to this Panel) requesting upgrades, the Panel closely reviewed the substantive feedback against earlier submissions; the previous deliberations of the Panel; and the reports of the international expert reviewers. In 2 cases (Civil Justice Quarterly (#5) and Journal of Corporate Law Studies (#6)), the Panel had previously recommended upgrades (in both cases from B to A) and these recommendations were supported by the external reviewers. In both these cases the Panel felt that the original recommendations were sound and that the feedback provided did not present any evidence that had not already been taken into account by the Panel.

Similarly, an item of feedback was received in relation to the Journal of Financial Crime (#309). A submission for an upgrade of this journal had previously been considered by the Panel and was not supported. Again, the Panel felt that as no further evidence had been presented in the feedback item, nor any concerns raised by the external reviewers, no further action was required on the part of the Panel.

An item of feedback was received in relation to the European Business Organisation Review (#295). No submissions had previously been received in relation to this journal. Taking into consideration the feedback item, the views of the external reviewers, and the quality of this journal relative to other journals in this FoR, along with the constraints imposed by the rating objectives, the Panel felt an upgrade could not be recommended for this journal.

Finally, an item of feedback was received in relation to the World Journal of VAT/GST (#186), a new journal which the Panel had previously recommended be included and rated C (note that earlier submissions in respect of this journal were mixed in terms of ratings proposed). Again the Panel felt that the feedback did not present any further evidence that warranted a higher rating at this stage and further, this view was supported by the external reviewers.

In summary, on review of the feedback received, no further action (regarding ratings) is recommended by the Panel.

Summary of expert feedback

Two international expert reviewers provided constructive feedback on the recommendations by the BTL Panel. In summary both reviewers broadly supported the thrust of the Panel's efforts and its recommendations. The reviewers noted that journal rating is a challenging exercise and whilst there may not always be complete agreement, it was important that the ratings were fair and reasonable. One reviewer commented specifically on the rating of new journals (exploring the arguments concerning age of a journal, its focus, the quality of the editorial board and the quality of articles

published) and concluded that the ratings recommended by the Panel for the five additions were appropriate. One expert reviewer noted that the **Singapore Yearbook of International Law** is now published as **Asian Journal of International Law**. The recommended action to update the journal title is endorsed by our panel.