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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Meeting Paper 6-B Asia-Pacific Infrastructure Partnership: Progress of Research

Australian APEC Study Center at RMIT University

PURPOSE

For information.

ISSUE

Completed research paper – by Mr. Richard Foster, Foster Infrastructure – “Comparative Study of Contractual Clauses to Provide for the smooth adjustment of physical infrastructure and services through the lifecycle of PPP project” (The report to be included in papers to Plenary) and request to Plenary seeking agreement to release funding for two other pieces of research on PPPs :

- Evaluation of externalities of PPPs - to be undertaken by Dr. Henry Ergas of SMART Infrastructure, Wollongong University, NSW, Australia and

- A comparative study of taxation measures in regional economies to support PPPs – to be undertaken by Messrs. Curran and Pandey of the School of Accounting, RMIT University

BACKGROUND

Plenary agreed at the first meeting of 2012 to funding, under the ABAC Research Fund, of five pieces of research on major issues that arose in APIP dialogues during 2011. Plenary agreed to three projects being undertaken by Mr. Richard Foster and the first report on his research will be considered by Plenary. Funding for the two proposals noted above was subject to agreement on the researchers involved and on the concept of the

projects. Relevant papers to support the projects will also be considered by Plenary.

PROPOSAL

N.A.

***DECISION
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Note the state of play on progress on the agreed research projects.