

Category (# published in 2013)	Type	Board involvement	Representation/significance
<a href="#">Policy papers</a> (99)	Policy	Yes	<p>Representative of IMF view if board approves</p> <p>Board approval accompanied by press release summarising board discussion</p> <p>Board may meet in informal session where no decision is taken regarding findings</p> <p>Papers outlining IMF policies, reforms and modifications</p>
<p><b>Surveillance – board endorsed</b>  <a href="#">Article IV Reports</a>  (1 per country per year, mandatory)</p> <p><a href="#">Financial System Stability Assessment</a>  (Every 5 years, but voluntary*)</p>	Surveillance	Yes	<p>Representative of IMF view</p> <p>Article IV documents are written by IMF staff sent on annual missions to member countries to assess economic and financial status</p> <p>*Financial stability assessments are mandatory and annual for states with “systemically important financial systems”</p>
<p><b>Surveillance – forecasting by staff</b>  <a href="#">World Economic Outlook</a> (bi-annual)  <a href="#">Global Financial Stability Report</a> (bi-annual)  <a href="#">Fiscal Monitor</a> (bi-annual)  <a href="#">Regional Economic Outlook Reports</a> (bi-annual)  <a href="#">Spillover Reports</a> (annual)</p>	Surveillance	No	<p>High profile bi-annual comprehensive studies</p> <p>Led by relevant departmental staff</p> <p>Not the view of board or member countries</p>
<a href="#">Staff discussion notes</a> (10)	Research	No	<p>Policy-related analysis and research developed by IMF staff</p> <p>Large-scale analysis by IMF staff incorporating comprehensive input from multiple staff and teams, with considerable management oversight</p>
<a href="#">Occasional papers</a> (2)	Research	No	<p>Infrequent papers published regarding one-off topics</p> <p>In-depth analytical paper with considerable staff input and managerial oversight</p>
<a href="#">Departmental papers</a> (10)	Research	No	<p>In-depth analytical studies with input from groups of departmental staff teams</p>
<a href="#">Working papers</a> (272)	Research	No	<p>Research by one or several IMF staff for discussion and wider dissemination, limited additional staff input</p>