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TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 11/2015

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THE MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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QUARTERLY REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS

PURPOSE

Circular 11 of 2015 updates Circular 32 of 2013, Circular 24 of 2011, Circular 22 of 2002 and 2007 and requires departments to furnish the Provincial Treasury with debt reports on a quarterly basis regarding their outstanding debtor accounts. The departments are further required to provide information regarding the measures taken to reduce debt that has been outstanding for a long period of time.

The Budget Committee requested Provincial Treasury to report on outstanding debt as part of the quarterly report for the Province.

These debt reports will also inform part of the Provincial Debt Policy deliberations and the revenue discussions with departments during MTEC engagements with the Provincial Treasury.

Specific Debt Items Required

The debt items which need to be reported must include claims recoverable, staff debt, and other debt:

- **Claims recoverable** arise from payments made on behalf of other persons/parties which are then recoverable from that party. This includes claims recoverable from departmental staff and claims between departments.
- **Staff debt** consists of advances/salary/employees debt, subsistence/transport debt, medical/hospital debt, telephone debt, leave debt, pension debt, tax debt, housing subsidies debt, subsidised car debt, boarding fees/rentals debt, staff bursary debt, and fraud debt.
- **Other debt** consists of supplier debt, laboratory services debt, veterinary laboratory and services debt, disallowances, state guarantees, breach of contract/bursary debt, debtors, 'losses, damages and GG accidents' debt, miscellaneous debt, advances, Motor Vehicle Licence Fees debt,

Medical/Hospital Patient Fees debt, MDA debt, GMT debt, and Agriculture other debt.

Proper Recording of Debt

In terms of Treasury Regulation 11.2.1(a) all departments need to maintain proper records and accounts of all debtors, including amounts received in part payments. To comply with this, the following must be adhered to:

- The designated official must open an official debt file for each debtor once a debt is identified.
- A copy of all correspondence (debt statements, letters of demand, summons, etc.) pertaining to the debt should be placed on the particular file.
- Only authorised officials should have access to the debt files.
- Debt files must be checked monthly and all outstanding debt must be followed up.
- Inspections should be performed by Internal Control on the debt files on a regular basis.

To ensure that revenue is complete the Chief Financial Officer or delegated official must ensure that an audit trail exists from the request for services rendered to the receipt of payment. Reconciliations between BAS and the underlying revenue administration systems should be performed on a monthly basis, where applicable.

All departmental debts must be taken onto the Basic Accounting System (BAS) via the debt functionality, or onto any other system used by a department on controlling debt accounts, by the officials responsible for debt administration, as soon as they have been identified by the various divisions of the department as a whole.

Departments should continue reporting staff debt of staff that has left the employ of Government. This debt should continue to be reported as debt until it has been repaid, followed-up, or written-off by the respective Department.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Departments are requested to report on the following:

- To submit a detailed breakdown of balances of debtor accounts, including those not reflected on BAS, as well as an age analysis that indicates whether the debts have been in existence for less than one year, for a period between one and three years, or for more than three years in line with Annual Financial Statements (AFS) reporting.

- The Departments of Health (hospital fees debt), Human Settlements (loans rentals and sales), Transport (GMT and motor vehicle licence fees debt) and Agriculture (services rendered) who have debt held on other systems outside of BAS should ensure they submit more than one debt report.
- The details of remedial steps taken to address long outstanding debtor accounts and debt cases of a material nature.

WAY FORWARD

The quarterly report on outstanding debtor accounts should be submitted, fifteen days after June, September, December, and March month ends.

Quarterly reports on outstanding debtors reporting dates are as follows:

Quarters 2015/16	Dates
1 st Q – June 2015	Wednesday, 15 July 2015
2 nd Q – Sept 2015	Thursday, 15 October 2015
3 rd Q – Dec 2015	Friday, 15 January 2016
4 th Q – March 2016	Friday, 15 April 2016

The attached revised format (Annexure A, B, and C) should be used in submitting to the Provincial Treasury (Fiscal Policy Directorate). Staff Debt and Other Debt should be recorded in Annexures A and B, while Claims Recoverable should be recorded in Annexure C.

All quarterly debt reports must be signed by the Department's Chief Financial Officer or the delegated official.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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PROVINCIAL TREASURY
DATE: 27/03/2015

DEPARTMENT OF

Staff debt

Annexure A

QUARTERLY REPORT ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD 00/00/11 - 00/00/11 (Please indicate quarter)

Types of Debt	Opening balance	No. of cases	Payments received during quarter	New accounts (debts) raised	Amounts written-off during quarter	Interest accrued on debt during the quarter	Balance at end of quarter	No. of cases	Age analysis			Details of steps taken to address long outstanding (over 1 year) cases (Attach annexure if necessary)
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TOTALS	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	0	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	

DEPARTMENT OF

Other Debt

Annexure B

QUARTERLY REPORT ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD 00/00/11 - 00/00/11 (Please indicate quarter)

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TOTALS	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	0	R 0.00	R 0.00	R 0.00	

DEPARTMENT OF

Claims recoverable

Annexure C

QUARTERLY REPORT ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD 00/00/11 - 00/00/11 (Please indicate quarter)

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