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NATIONAL TREASURY PROJECT TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STRENGTH OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM) IN PROVINCES USING THE PEFA METHODOLOGY

National Treasury has decided to conduct an assessment of the strength of Public Finance Management in provinces by means of a Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) assessment tool.

The PEFA tool has been developed by various international partners, including the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development), the World Bank and the IMF (International Monetary Fund). The two primary goals of the PEFA programme are to strengthen stakeholders' ability to assess the condition of public expenditure, procurement and financial accountability systems and to develop a practical sequence of reform and capacity building action.

During the 2012/13 financial year this Province was identified as a candidate to participate in this process, and in so doing to benefit in systematically identifying the high-level areas of good performance on the one hand and areas of improvement on the other hand.

The team that will actually conduct the assessment is flying in soon from their EU/OECD headquarters in Europe just for the duration of the project. Departments are requested to prioritise this project and assist the team in achieving a positive and high-quality outcome, as it must be done in the time that they are available.

A formal letter will be distributed soon, together with the full project document, but for now please note the following dates:

3 and 4 October 2013 – Orientation workshop between the National Treasury analysts and the PEFA team;

7 and 8 October 2013 – Workshop between the PEFA team and the provincial officials.

For the workshop of 7 and 8 October 2013, the team has requested that they meet with the HOD of the Provincial Treasury, and the senior managers, as well as all the HODs and CFOs of departments. After this workshop, the inconvenience will be significantly lessened. The final report will be received from National Treasury in mid to late November for comments, where after the Provincial Treasury will be briefed on the outcomes during the benchmark meeting in January 2014.

Attached is the Terms of Reference for the project for your reference and information. It is important to note that the nature of this project is that it is based on a pre-determined technical assessment methodology and is thus designed to limit the time requirements from officials.

This process will be of great assistance to the Province and its leadership to appropriately crystallise the issues that need to be improved or build upon in order to improve PFM practices in the Province.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J GANTANA', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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HEAD: PUBLIC FINANCE

DATE: 18/09/2013