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ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (ASB) - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD'S (IPSASB) PROPOSED RECOMMENDED PRACTICE GUIDELINE: REPORTING ON THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF A PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITY'S FINANCES (ASB EXPOSURE DRAFT 92)

#### **Purpose**

 The purpose of this circular is to obtain comment in writing on the exposure draft issued by the ASB on the IPSASB's proposed Recommended Practice Guideline (Guideline) on Reporting on the Long-Term Sustainability of a Public Sector Entity's Finances. The ASB will use comment received on this exposure draft to formulate a response to the IPSASB.

## Background

- The ASB develops its pronouncements using those of the IPSASB, it is therefore important to receive comment on the proposals made by the IPSASB.
- 3. The IPSASB acknowledged that additional information needs to be provided to supplement the financial statements to meet the users' needs, by enhancing accountability and decision-making.

- 4. The additional information which is provided in the Guideline is called "general purpose financial reporting" and is reported outside the financial statements.
- 5. The Guideline deals with reporting on the long-term sustainability of a government entity's finances and provides important information about the sustainability of a government's activities over a longer period of time than the snapshot provided of the assets and liabilities in the financial statements at a particular point in time.
- 6. The exposure draft can be accessed and downloaded from the ASB website: www.asb.co.za

# Action required

- 7. The Board welcomes any comments on the principles of the exposure draft, whether supportive or critical.
- 8. Respondents are required to provide detailed comment identifying the specific paragraphs to which it relates, explaining the issue and suggesting alternative wording, with supportive reasons, where this is appropriate.
- 9. Entities and components within Provincial Treasury should please forward their comments in writing or via e-mail to the Provincial Treasury (Provincial Government: Accounting Services) by no later than Monday, 13 February 2012, to Ms. Andrea Wolfaardt, andrea.wolfaardt@pgwc.gov.za in order to enable time to consolidate and provide inputs to the ASB by 15 February 2012.

10. Thank you for your co-operation.

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DATE: 20/1/2012