Annual Report Guide for Schedule 3A and 3C Public Entities
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1. Introduction

This section is for information purposes only and it must not be included in the actual annual report of the public entity, please refer to the specimen.

1.1. Purpose of annual reports

Annual reports are an integral part of public entities reporting. The achievements, performance information, outlook, financial position and human resources information of public entities for each reporting period are reported in the annual report. The information reported on in the annual report include the actual achievements for the reporting period in relation to the planned targets and budgets as published in the strategic plan, annual performance plan and budget documents.

Annual reports are tabled in Parliament/Legislatures and it is available to the general public. The publishing of financial and non-financial information of public entities is essential for accountability and, transparency and to improve trust and confidence in government service delivery. The reported information must be accurate and balanced, reporting both the successes and explaining the shortcomings.

Ultimately the characteristics of a quality annual report are that it:
- complies with statutory and policy requirements.
- presents information (both positive and negative) in an understandable and concise manner.

1.2. Purpose of the guide

The guide provides guidance on the non-financial information requirements of the annual report. In other words, the guidance is on all sections of the Annual Report except the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) section. The AFS section is dealt with in a separate guide that is applicable to the legal form of the public entity.

The annual report guide is supplemented by a specimen for annual reports, which a public entity should use to assist in the preparation of the annual report.

Adherence to the format of this guide will enhance public entities’ coverage of all aspects of their activities and financial performance, and will promote ease of reference and comparison for users of the annual report.

1.3. How to use the guide

Section 1, Introduction, of this guide provides guidance and clarity with regard to legislation that govern annual reports and general information about annual reports and the framework of this guide.

Section 2, Annual report, of this guide provides public entities with the format of the annual report, structure; details and information that public entities need to comply with in their annual reports. Each heading that needs to be disclosed in the annual report has 2 sub-headings in the guide. The 1st sub-heading is the “guideline” which provides the guidance on the information to be reported on. The 2nd sub-heading is the “Format of disclosure” which indicates how the information must be presented in the annual report.

Section 3, Annexures, contains the format of letters and reports that need to be completed by the respective officials and some of these reports are published in the public entity’s annual report.

A specimen of the annual report of a public entity is also included, as Annexure C.
1.4. Applicability of the guide

This guide applies to all schedule 3A and 3C public entities, as listed in the PFMA. All other public entities will utilise their own formats, however if these public entities do not have a format, they could utilise this format as a guide.

Public entities are classified into different schedules based on their nature and level of autonomy. A brief review is provided below.

Schedule 2

Schedule 2 entities are referred to as the major public entities and are intended to generate profits and declare dividends. These entities have the most autonomy of all the public entities, as they operate in a competitive marketplace and are run in accordance with general business principles. In terms of section 66(3)(a) of the PFMA, schedule 2 public entities may also borrow money through the accounting authority of that entity, which implies that they also have extensive borrowing powers.

Schedules 3B and 3D

Schedule 3B and 3D entities are referred to as government business enterprises. These entities generate income, but may be either substantially self-funded or substantially government funded. As a result they have less autonomy than the schedule 2 public entities even though they are still run in accordance with general business principles. These entities also have limited borrowing powers.

Schedules 3A and 3C

The remaining public entities are classified as schedule 3A and 3C entities. These entities are normally extensions of a public entity with the mandate to fulfil a specific economic or social responsibility of government. They rely on government funding and public money, either by means of a transfer from the Revenue Fund or through statutory money. As such, these entities have the least autonomy.

1.5. Other matters to consider when applying the guide

The following factors should be considered when applying the guide:

- The information contained in section 1: Introduction must not be included in the annual report.
- It is imperative that the financial information contained in the annual report corresponds with the financial information in the audited annual financial statements.
- Additional relevant sections can be incorporated into the annual report at the public entity’s discretion.
- Pictures, graphs and diagrams can be utilised to highlight and improve understanding of information, though excessive use should be avoided.
- The sequence of information in this guide must not be changed.
- Reporting requirements that are included in this guide that do not apply to a public entity may be omitted from the annual report.
- Caution must be exercised by public entities concerning the costs of producing the annual reports.
1.6. Documents to be used in preparing the annual report

To compile the public entity’s annual report the documents detailed below should be utilised:

- Strategic Plan
- Annual Performance Plan
- Risk management plan
- Human Resource Plan
- Organisational structure
- Audited annual financial statements

1.7. Responsibilities for compiling the annual report

There are several parts that make up the annual report of a public entity. To ensure that the public entity’s annual report is accurate and complete, it is envisaged that the following directorates/sections within the public entity will be responsible for the information in the respective sections of the public entity’s annual report:

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<td>Communications / Strategic Management / Office of the CEO</td>
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<td>Part B: Performance Information</td>
<td>Strategic Management / Finance (provide cost information)</td>
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<td>Part C: Governance</td>
<td>Internal Control / Board</td>
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<td>Part D: Human Resource Management</td>
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<td>Part E: Annual Financial Information</td>
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An official must be assigned the responsibility of co-ordinating and consolidating the inputs into the annual report. Review processes should be in place to ensure that the information presented in the individual parts are consistent and that there is no conflicting information.

The CFO must review all financial information presented in the individual parts to ensure that it agrees to the information disclosed in the audited annual financial statements.

1.8. Submission dates for the annual report

**Auditor General**

The draft annual report must be submitted to the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) by 31 May. The Auditor–General will review the contents of the annual report to ensure that the content of the annual report is consistent with the information provided in the annual financial statements.

Prior to the annual report being printed, the printer’s proof of the complete annual report with the financial statements, the report of the Auditor–General and the report of the audit committee must be submitted to the AGSA for their final review.
Executive authority
The final printed annual report must be presented by the chief executive officer to the executive authority by 31 August.

Parliament/Provincial Legislature
The final printed annual report must be tabled at Parliament/ Provincial Legislature by 30 September.

Treasury
The final printed annual report must be submitted to the relevant Treasury by 31 August.

1.9. Legislation

Section 55 of the PFMA and chapter 28 of the Treasury Regulations (28.2) set out the legal requirements for Public Entity’s annual reports.

PFMA

55. Annual report and financial statements.—

(1) The accounting authority for a public entity—
(a) must keep full and proper records of the financial affairs of the public entity;
(b) prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice, unless the Accounting Standards Board approves the application of generally recognised accounting practice for that public entity;
(c) Must submit those financial statements within two months after the end of the financial year—
(i) to the auditors of the public entity for auditing; and
(ii) if it is a business enterprise or other public entity under the ownership control of the national or a provincial government, to the relevant treasury; and
(d) must submit within five months of the end of a financial year to the relevant treasury, to the executive authority responsible for that public entity and, if the Auditor-General did not perform the audit of the financial statements, to the Auditor-General—
(i) an annual report on the activities of that public entity during that financial year;
(ii) the financial statements for that financial year after the statements have been audited; and
(iii) the report of the auditors on those statements.

(2) The annual report and financial statements referred to in subsection (1) (d) must—
(a) fairly present the state of affairs of the public entity, its business, its financial results, its performance against predetermined objectives and its financial position as at the end of the financial year concerned;
(b) include particulars of—
(i) any material losses through criminal conduct and any irregular expenditure and fruitless and wasteful expenditure that occurred during the financial year:
(ii) any criminal or disciplinary steps taken as a consequence of such losses or irregular expenditure or fruitless and wasteful expenditure;
(iii) any losses recovered or written off;
(iv) any financial assistance received from the state and commitments made by the state on its behalf; and
(v) any other matters that may be prescribed; and
(c) include the financial statements of any subsidiaries.

(3) An accounting authority must submit the report and statements referred to in subsection (1) (d), for tabling in Parliament or the provincial legislature, to the relevant executive authority through the accounting officer of a department designated by the executive authority.

(4) The relevant treasury may direct that, instead of a separate report, the audited financial statements of a Schedule 3 public entity which is not a government business enterprise must be incorporated in those of a department designated by that treasury.

Treasury Regulations

28.2 Annual reports [Section 55(1)(d)(i) of the PFMA]

28.2.1 The annual report of public entities shall detail the materiality/significant framework applied during the financial year.

28.2.1 Any material losses through criminal conduct and any irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure must be disclosed as a note to the annual financial statements of the public entity.

28.2.2 Particulars of the public entity’s strategic objectives and outcomes as identified and agreed on by the executive authority, the key performance measures and indicators for assessing the entity’s performance in delivering the desired outcomes and objectives and the entity’s actual performance against the strategic objectives and outcomes, must be in the annual report of the public entity.

1.10. Acronyms and icons used in this document

Acronyms

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<td>Accounting Authority</td>
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<td>AFS</td>
<td>Annual Financial Statements</td>
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<td>CEO</td>
<td>Chief Executive Officer</td>
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<td>AGSA</td>
<td>Auditor-General of South Africa</td>
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<td>CFO</td>
<td>Chief Financial Officer</td>
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<td>Programme</td>
<td>This refers to how the entity manages its operations for budgeting and reporting purposes. Some public entities use the term main function, cost centres, objectives, or activity. The public entity must use the terminology that is applicable to its operations</td>
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Icons

Detailed below is the icon that is used in the guide.

TAKE NOTE: Special attention is drawn to a point in this guide
2. Annual report

The preparation and compilation of the public entity’s annual report commences from this section onwards.

2.1 Cover

The following is the maximum information that should appear on the cover page:

- Annual Report
- Financial Year which is covered by the annual report
- Full name of the public entity and logo
- Design / graphic pictures / colour theme on cover page is at discretion of the public entity
- Short Slogan (Optional)

The following is the maximum information that should appear on the cover of the spine:

- Full name of the public entity and logo
- Annual Report
- Financial Year

Back cover page – information printed thereon is at the discretion of the public entity.

2.2 Table of Contents

The table of contents will have the listing of the various headings/sections and page numbers
2.3 Part A: General Information

2.3.1. Public entity’s general information

The following information must be provided in this section for the public entity in a list/tabular form:

- Registered name of the public entity
- Registration Numbers and/or other relevant numbers (e.g.: FSP)
- Registered Office address
- Postal Address
- Contact telephone numbers
- Email address
- Website address
- External Auditors Information – External Auditor’s Name and Address
- Bankers Information – Name of Bank and Address of Bank
- Company Secretary – Full name and professional/designation

2.3.2. List of Abbreviations/Acronyms (if applicable)

The list of abbreviations/acronyms is to ensure that users of the annual report understand the terms and meanings of the abbreviation/acronym utilised in the annual report.

Provide a list and description of each abbreviation/acronym. Ensure that the list contains all the abbreviation/acronym that is utilised throughout the annual report, irrespective of which section of the annual report it pertains to.

2.3.3. Foreword by the Chairperson

Guideline

The chairperson of the Board should prepare a statement covering the following:

- Introduction
- High level overview of the public entity’s strategy and the performance of the public entity in its respective sector
- Strategic Relationships
- Challenges faced by Board
- Medium to long term goals of the entity
- Acknowledgements/Appreciation
- Conclusion

Chairperson’s statement must be signed off by the Chairperson of the Board and photograph of the Chairperson of the Board may be included in the Statement.
If the public entity does not have a board or a chairperson, this statement will be a statement by the relevant person/body that is the accounting authority for the public entity.

**Format of disclosure**
This information must be disclosed in a narrative format.

### 2.3.4. Chief Executive Officer’s Overview

**Guideline**
The CEO’s report should focus more on the financial aspects of the public entity. The following matters should be discussed in the Report of the CEO:

- General financial review of the public entity
- Spending trends of the public entity
- Capacity constraints and challenges facing the public entity
- Discontinued activities / activities to be discontinued
- New or proposed activities
- Requests for roll over of funds
- Supply chain management
- All concluded unsolicited bid proposals for the year under review
- Whether SCM processes and systems are in place
- Challenges experienced and how they will be resolved
- Audit report matters in the previous year and how they would be addressed
- Outlook/ Plans for the future to address financial challenges
- Events after the reporting date;
- Economic Viability
- Acknowledgement/s or Appreciation
- Other (information that needs to be communicated to users of AFS)

Report must be signed off by the CEO and photograph of the CEO may be included. If the public entity does not have a CEO, then the above report must be renamed accordingly

**Format of disclosure**
This information must be disclosed in a narrative format.

### 2.3.5. Statement of responsibility and confirmation of the accuracy of the annual report

**Guideline**
This is a statement signed by the accounting authority confirming the public entity’s responsibility for the entire annual report and its accuracy and fair presentation. This statement will be published as part of the annual report.
The statement confirms that the annual report and financial statements conform to the respective guidelines issued by National Treasury.

**Format of disclosure**
Refer to annexure A for the format of the statement of responsibility and confirmation

### 2.3.6. Strategic Overview

Provide a synopsis of the strategic overview of the public entity which must be as per the approved strategic plan. The following information must be provided:

- Vision
- Mission
- Values

This information must be consistent with the information provided in the planning and budgeting documents of the public entity.

### 2.3.7. Legislative and Other Mandates

State what schedule public entity falls under in terms of the PFMA.

Set out the specific constitutional and other legislative, functional and policy mandates of the public entity, as per the relevant act(s) that govern(s) its establishment and operations. This should not be the entire list of legislation that the public entity is subject to in the course of its operations. Also include government policy frameworks that govern the public entity.

This information must be consistent with the information provided in the strategic plan and annual performance plan.

### 2.3.8. Organisational Structure

**Guideline**

Provide a high level organisational structure of the public entity starting with the executive authority to the level of the officials reporting directly to the chief executive officer and the programmes that these officials are responsible for.

**Format of disclosure**

Each position on the organisational structure must include the:

- The post designation
- The name of the official
- Posts that are vacant (state “post vacant”)
- Photographs of the respective individuals may be included on the organogram
2.4 Part B: Performance Information

Guideline

This section of the annual report provides key performance information that demonstrates the public entity’s achievements with regard to service delivery.

Performance information is key to effective management, planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation and reporting. Performance information needs to be available to managers at each stage of the planning, budgeting and reporting cycle so that they can adopt a results-based approach to managing service delivery. This approach emphasises planning and managing with a focus on desired results, and managing inputs and activities to achieve these results.

Measuring performance:

- ensures that policy, planning, budgeting and reporting are aligned in order to achieve improved service delivery.
- indicates how well an institution is meeting its aims and objectives, and which policies and processes are working. Making the best use of available data and knowledge to track and report on performance is crucial for improving the execution of government's mandate.
- facilitates effective accountability, enabling relevant legislatures, members of the public and other interested parties to track progress of government activities, identify the scope for improvement and hold government to account.

Public entities must ensure that there is alignment in terms of the strategic outcome orientated goals, strategic objectives, performance indicators and targets between the Strategic Plans, Annual Performance Plans and budget related documents.

The performance information must clearly show public entity’s achievements against performance indicators and targets as identified in the Strategic Plans, Annual Performance Plans and budget documents.

2.4.1 Auditor-General’s Report: Predetermined Objectives

Guideline

The AGSA/auditor currently performs the necessary audit procedures on performance information to provide reasonable assurance in the form of an audit conclusion. The audit conclusion on the performance against predetermined objectives is included in the report to management, with material findings being reported under the Predetermined Objectives heading in the Report on other legal and regulatory requirements section of the auditor’s report.

For a user of the annual report, reading the findings of the work performed by the AGSA/auditors on the performance information will be more useful and relevant if it is read with the reporting of the performance information in the annual report.

Format of disclosure

Reference must be made to the paragraph in the Auditor General’s report (Reporting on other legal and Regulatory requirements ) published as Part E (Annual Financial Statement’s) of the public entity’s annual report.
2.4.2 Situational analysis

This section must cover the performance of the public entity in its entirety for each of the headings detailed below. Information shouldn’t be discussed at a programme level, as this is covered in a separate section “programme performance”.

Service delivery environment

Guideline

In order to assist users of the annual report to gain an understanding of the challenges, successes and other factors that might impact on a public entity’s performance, it is necessary to provide the users with an overview of the context within which the public entity operated and sought to implement its strategic plan and annual performance plan.

The public entity should seek to give a balanced overview of the environment in which it operated during the past year and not merely focus on factors that might be offered as ‘mitigating circumstances’ to support the public entity’s delivery record.

The overview should include:

- commentary on the public entity’s overall performance, outlining its key outputs, particularly relating to services rendered directly to the public.
- commentary on the problems encountered by the public entity when providing the relevant services, and what corrective steps were/are to be taken in dealing with such problems,
- a description of any significant developments, external to the public entity, that may have impacted either on the demand for the public entity’s services or on the public entity’s ability to deliver those services.

Format of disclosure

This information must be provided in a narrative form.

Organisational environment

Guideline

The annual report should provide readers with an understanding of the organisational challenges and successes experienced by the public entity in the year under review. The aim of this ‘overview of the organisational environment’ is to provide a description of any significant developments internal to the public entity that may have impacted on the public entity’s ability to deliver on its Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan e.g. the resignation and/or appointment of key personnel such as the CEO or the CFO, a strike by significant portions of the personnel employed by the public entity, or restructuring efforts, significant system failures or cases of corruption.

Given that these are factors internal to the public entity and therefore ostensibly within the public entity’s control, it would be expected that the public entity gives some indication of any measures that were adopted to mitigate the impact of these events on service delivery.

Format of disclosure

This information must be provided in a narrative form.
Key policy developments and legislative changes

**Guideline**

The public entity should describe any major changes to relevant policies or legislation that may have affected its operations during the period under review or future financial periods. If there have been no changes this must be stated.

**Format of disclosure**

This information must be provided in a narrative form.

2.4.3 Strategic Outcome Oriented Goals

**Guideline**

Each public entity should state their strategic outcome oriented goals as per the Strategic Plan and the progress made towards the achievement of the goals.

**Format of disclosure**

This information must be provided in a narrative form.

2.4.4 Performance information by programme/activity/objective

Each programme/activity/objective needs to be commented on in respect to each of the headings below. The general purpose of programme/activity/objective assessments and reviews are to evaluate each programme’s/activity/objective quality and effectiveness, to support programme planning and improvement, and to encourage programmes to develop directions and manage in ways that reflect the public entity’s strategic goals.

Each programme/activity/objective will have a separate sub-heading

**Description of each Programme/activity/objective**

**Guideline**

- Discuss purpose of the programme/activity/objective
- List the sub-programmes/activity/objective, where applicable
- List the strategic objectives relating to each programme/activity/objective

**Format of disclosure**

This information must be provided in a narrative form.

**Strategic objectives, performance indicators, planned targets and actual achievements**

**Guideline**

This section must provide a narrative of the significant achievements of targets of each programme/activity/objective (where applicable) for the 20YY/20ZZ financial year. The narrative must also provide a synopsis on how the achievement of targets has contributed towards achieving the entity’s strategic outcome orientated goals, which will invariably impact on the strategic priorities of government.
A table must also be provided where public entities should report on performance indicators and targets as specified in the Annual Performance Plan.

Provide the following information:

- List the strategic objectives with the actual achievements in the prior year, the planned targets as per the annual performance plan and the actual achievements for the financial year under review.
- List performance indicators as per the annual performance plan.
- Include the actual achievements for prior year, which must agree to the previous year’s annual report.
- Include the planned targets as per the Annual Performance Plan and actual achievements for the year under review.
- Calculate the variance between the planned targets and actual achievements for the year under review.
- Comment on all deviations.

**Format of disclosure**

The following tables must be presented with the relevant performance information. Include any narratives after the table.

**Strategic objectives**

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**Strategy to overcome areas of under performance**

Public entities should provide the strategies to address under performance.
Changes to planned targets
The public entity must provide reasons per performance indicator if the indicators or targets have been changed in-year. In year changes to targets are only permitted if there has been an adjustment in the budget.

Linking performance with budgets
In assessing the achievement of the outputs in comparison to the planned targets, the public entity must consider the linkages and the relation to the resources available to the public entity, in particular the financial resources. Therefore the following financial information should be presented. The financial information must agree to the information in the annual financial statements. Include the narrative after the table discussing how expenditure contributed to the achievement of outputs during the period under review.

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2.4.5 Revenue collection

Guideline
The public entity must describe in some detail how they have delivered on the plans for revenue collection. Where there is under collection of revenue indicate the reasons for the under collection. Indicate what measures were taken during the course of the year to keep on target. Indicate what impact the under collection of revenue has had on service delivery.

Where it exceeded its target, the public entity should provide reasons for the better than anticipated performance. The public entity can also use this section to report on new measures instituted during the course of the year to raise additional revenue or to ensure more efficient/effective collection.

Format of disclosure
The following table must be presented with the relevant financial information. Include the narratives after the table.
2.4.6 Capital investment

Capital investment, maintenance and asset management plan

Guideline

Public entities are required to develop a capital investment and asset management plan.

Provide commentary on the following:

- Progress made on implementing the capital, investment and asset management plan.
- Infrastructure projects which have been completed in the current year and the progress in comparison to what was planned at the beginning of the year. Provide reasons for material variances.
- Infrastructure projects that are currently in progress (list projects) and when are they expected to be completed,
- Plans to close down or down-grade any current facilities,
- Progress made on the maintenance of infrastructure
- Developments relating to the above that are expected to impact on the public entity's current expenditure.
- Details as to how asset holdings have changed over the period under review, including information on disposals, scrapping and loss due to theft
- Measures taken to ensure that the public entity's asset register remained up-to-date during the period under review
- The current state of the public entity's capital assets, for example what percentage is in good, fair or bad condition
- Major maintenance projects that have been undertaken during the period under review
- Progress made in addressing the maintenance backlog during the period under review, for example, has the backlog grown or become smaller? Is the rate of progress according to plan? If not why not, and what measures were taken to keep on track

Format of disclosure

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2.5 Part C: Governance

2.5.1 Introduction

Corporate governance embodies processes and systems by which public entities are directed, controlled and held to account. In addition to legislative requirements based on a public entity’s enabling legislation, and the Companies Act, corporate governance with regard to public entities is applied through the precepts of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and run in tandem with the principles contained in the King’s Report on Corporate Governance.

Parliament, the Executive and the Boards of the public entity are responsible for corporate governance.

2.5.2 Portfolio Committees

Parliament exercises its role through evaluating the performance of the public entity by interrogating their annual financial statements and other relevant documents which have to be tabled as well as any other documents tabled from time to time.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) reviews the annual financial statements and the audit reports of the external auditor.

The Portfolio Committee exercises oversight over the service delivery performance of public entity and, as such, reviews the non-financial information contained in the annual reports of public entity and is concerned with service delivery and enhancing economic growth.

Provide commentary on the number of meetings held with the portfolio committees and the key issues raised by the portfolio committees.

2.5.3 Executive Authority

Oversight by the Executive Authority rests by and large on the prescripts of the PFMA. The PFMA governs/gives authority to the Executive Authority for oversight powers.

The Executive Authority also has the power to appoint and dismiss the Board of a public entity. The Executive Authority must also ensure that the appropriate mix of executive and non-executive directors is appointed and that directors have the necessary skills to guide the public entity.

Provide commentary on the reports submitted to the Executive Authority and the dates submitted. Discuss any issues raised by the executive authority.

2.5.4 The Accounting Authority/The Board

Introduction

The Board of Directors is the accounting authority of a public entity. The Board of a public entity constitutes a fundamental base for the application of corporate governance principles in the public entity. All public entity’s should be headed by and controlled by an effective and efficient Board, comprising of the appropriate mix of executive and nonexecutive directors representing the necessary skills to strategically guide the public entity. The majority of the members should be non-executive to ensure independent and objectivity in decision-making. The Board has an absolute responsibility for the performance of the public entity and is fully accountable to the public entity for such performance. The Board should also give strategic direction to the public entity.
The role of the Board is as follows:

- It holds absolute responsibility for the performance of the public entity
- It retains full and effective control over the public entity
- It has to ensure that the public entity complies with applicable laws, regulations and government policy
- It has unrestricted access to information of the public entity
- It formulates, monitors, reviews corporate strategy, major plans of action, risk policy, annual budgets and business plans
- It ensures that the shareholders’ performance objectives are achieved
- It manages potential conflicts of interest;
- It develops a clear definition of levels of materiality
- The Board must attend annual meetings;
- It ensures financial statements are prepared;
- The Board must appraise the performance of the Chairperson;
- It must ensure effective Board induction;
- Must maintain integrity, responsibility and accountability.

In the annual report provide the roles and responsibilities of the board.

Board Charter

As recommended by the King Code, the Board has a charter setting out its responsibilities, which should be disclosed in its annual report. At a minimum, the charter should confirm:

- The board’s responsibility for the adoption of strategic plans,
- Monitoring of operational performance and management,
- Determination of policy processes to ensure the integrity of the public entity risk management and internal controls,
- Communication policy, and director selection, orientation and evaluation

Provide commentary on the board’s charter and comment on the progress made on complying with the charter.

Composition of the Board

Provide a brief description of:

- The number of executive and non-executive directors
- State the composition of the Board of Directors /members and state alternate members (if applicable);
- Who appointed the board members
- Attendance of the Board Meetings;
- Also state outgoing Board members and their designation;
- New appointments
- Resignations
Committees

Since a Board cannot attend to all the matters effectively it is recommended that the establishment of the following committees:

- Audit Committee;
- Remuneration Committee;
- Nomination Committee; and
- Risk Management Committee

In the annual report provide the list the members for each of these committees, the roles and responsibilities of these committees, the no. of meetings held during the year.

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Remuneration of board members

Provide the following information, in a tabular format, on the remuneration to board members:

- How remuneration of Board members is determined;
- Those members that are not remunerated;
- Other expenses e.g. Travel, reimbursed by the public entity
- State the amount of remuneration paid to each board member.

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2.5.5 Risk Management

Provide a brief description of the following:

- Whether the public entity has a risk management policy and strategy.
- Whether the public entity conducts regular risk assessments to determine the effectiveness of its risk management strategy and to identify new and emerging risks.
- Whether there is a Risk Management Committee that advises management on the overall system of risk management, especially the mitigation of unacceptable levels of risk.
- Whether the Audit Committee advises the public entity on risk management and independently monitors the effectiveness of the system of risk management.
- Whether the public entity sees progress in the management of risks, whether this has transmitted into improvements in the entity’s performance, and if not, what it plans on doing to address this problem.

2.5.6 Internal Control Unit

Discuss the work performed by internal control unit during the year.

2.5.7 Internal Audit and Audit Committees

Provide a brief description of the following:

- Key activities and objectives of the internal audit
- Specify summary of audit work done
- Key activities and objectives of the audit committee;
- Attendance of audit committee meetings by audit committee members (Tabular form);

The tabled below discloses relevant information on the audit committee members

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Qualifications</th>
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2.5.8 Compliance with laws and regulations

State what the public entity has done in order to ensure compliance with regulations.

2.5.9 Fraud and Corruption

Provide a brief description of the following:

- Fraud Prevention Plans and the progress made in implementing the fraud prevention plan
• Mechanisms in place to report fraud and corruption and how these operate; eg: Whistle blowing -
  The need for officials to make confidential disclosure about suspect fraud and corruption;
• How these cases are reported and what action is taken

2.5.10 Minimising Conflict of Interest

Brief description on the processes implemented to minimise conflict of interest in supply chain
management. Discuss the process followed where conflict of interest has been identified.

2.5.11 Code of Conduct

Brief description and nature of Code of conduct /ethics and the effect it has on the public entity.
Discuss the process followed for the breach of code of conduct.

2.5.12 Health, Safety and Environmental Issues

Provide a brief description of the Health Safety and Environmental Issues and the effect it has on the
public entity.

2.5.13 Company Secretary (if applicable)

Discuss the role and responsibilities of the company secretary and the reports and returns as required
by the Companies Act are lodged and that the returns are complete and accurate.

2.5.14 Social Responsibility

Provide a summary of what the public entity has accomplished during the year in meeting its social
responsibility.

2.5.15 Audit Committee Report

This report should state the following:
• Has the audit committee adopted a format terms of reference
• Has the audit committee satisfied its responsibilities
• Effectiveness of internal control systems
• The quality of the in-year management and monthly/quarterly reports submitted in terms of
  legislation.
• Evaluation of annual financial statements:
  o review and discussion of the audited / unaudited annual financial statements to be included in
    the annual report, with the Auditor-General and the Chief Executive Officer
  o review of the Auditor-General’s management report and management’s response thereto
  o review of any changes in accounting policies and practices
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- review of the entity’s compliance with legal and regulatory provisions
- review of the information on predetermined objectives to be included in the annual report
- review of any significant adjustments resulting from the audit
- the quality and timeliness of the financial information availed to the audit committee for oversight purposes during the year such as interim financial statements.

- Summary of main activities undertaken by audit committee during the financial year under review. Achievements of internal audit plan, staffing constraints and unresolved audit findings

- Internal Audit
  - Effectiveness of internal audit function, has internal audit addressed risks
  - State any specific investigations undertaken in the entity and whether adequately resolved

- External Audit
  - State unresolved issues raised and not adequately addressed by entity

- Risk management
  - How the committee obtains assurance on the overall system of risk management
  - Effectiveness of the overall system of risk management
  - Any major incidents/losses attributable to the failure of risk management, and any major successes/gains achieved or losses/incidents avoided through applying a rigorous risk management process

- Any issues /matters that pertain specifically to the entity

- Conclusion

- Date Audit Committee recommended AFS be approved;

Refer to annexure B for the format of the Audit Committee report
2.6 Part D: Human Resource Management

2.6.1 Introduction

- Overview of HR matters at the public entity
- Set HR priorities for the year under review and the impact of these priorities
- Workforce planning framework and key strategies to attract and recruit a skilled and capable workforce
- Employee performance management framework
- Employee wellness programmes
- Policy development
- Highlight achievements;
- Challenges faced by the public entity
- Future HR plans /goals

2.6.2 Human Resources Oversight Statistics

The public entity must provide the following key information on human resources. All the financial amounts must agree to the amounts disclosed in the annual financial statements. Where considered appropriate provide reasons for variances.

Personnel Cost by programme/activity/objective

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<th>Programme/activity/objective</th>
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Personnel cost by salary band

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<th>Training Expenditure (R’000)</th>
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### Employment changes

Provide information on changes in employment over the financial year. Turnover rates provide an indication of trends in employment profile of the public entity.

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| Explanations: Provide explanations for staff leaving and what attempts are made to replace these staff. |

| Labour Relations: Misconduct and disciplinary action |

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Explanations: Provide explanations for major variances between target and current and attempts made by the public entity to address the variances.
2.7 Part E: Financial Information

2.7.1 Report of the External Auditor

This is the audit report as issued by the External Auditor.

2.7.2 Annual Financial Statements

As per the applicable standards of GRAP issued by the Accounting Standards Board.
3. Annexures

3.1 Annexure A: Statement of responsibility and confirmation of accuracy

Statement of responsibility and confirmation of accuracy for the annual report

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I confirm the following:

All information and amounts disclosed in the annual report is consistent with the annual financial statements audited by the Auditor General.

The annual report is complete, accurate and is free from any omissions.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines on the annual report as issued by National Treasury.

The Annual Financial Statements (Part E) have been prepared in accordance with the ______________ standards applicable to the public entity.

The accounting authority is responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements and for the judgements made in this information.

The accounting authority is responsible for establishing, and implementing a system of internal control has been designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the performance information, the human resources information and the annual financial statements.

The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

In our opinion, the annual report fairly reflects the operations, the performance information, the human resources information and the financial affairs of the entity for the financial year ended 31 March 20ZZ.

Yours faithfully

___________________
Chief Executive Officer
Name
Date
___________________
Chairperson of the Board
Name
Date
3.2 Annexure B: Report of the Audit Committee

We are pleased to present our report for the financial year ended 31 March 20ZZ.

Audit Committee Responsibility
The Audit Committee reports that it has complied with its responsibilities arising from Section 51 (1)(a)(ii) of the Public Finance Management Act and Treasury Regulation 27.1. The Audit Committee also reports that it has adopted appropriate formal terms of reference as its Audit Committee Charter, has regulated its affairs in compliance with this charter and has discharged all its responsibilities as contained therein, except that we have not reviewed changes in accounting policies and practices.

The Effectiveness of Internal Control
Our review of the findings of the Internal Audit work, which was based on the risk assessments conducted in the public entity revealed certain weaknesses, which were then raised with the public entity.

The following internal audit work was completed during the year under review:
- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

The following were areas of concern:
- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

In-Year Management and Monthly/Quarterly Report
The public entity has reporting monthly and quarterly to the Treasury as is required by the PFMA.

Evaluation of Financial Statements
We have reviewed the annual financial statements prepared by the public entity.

Auditor’s Report
We have reviewed the entity’s implementation plan for audit issues raised in the prior year and we are satisfied that the matters have been adequately resolved except for the following:
- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

The Audit Committee concurs and accepts the conclusions of the Auditor-General on the annual financial statements and is of the opinion that the audited annual financial statements be accepted and read together with the report of the Auditor-General.

________________________________________
(Full Name of Chairperson)
Chairperson of the Audit Committee
(Name of public entity)
(Date)
3.3 Annexure C: Specimen of the Annual Report

Refer to the specimen copy of the annual report for public entities.
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We are pleased to present our report for the financial year ended 31 March 20ZZ.

**Audit Committee Responsibility**
The Audit Committee reports that it has complied with its responsibilities arising from Section 51 (1)(a)(ii) of the Public Finance Management Act and Treasury Regulation 27.1. The Audit Committee also reports that it has adopted appropriate formal terms of reference as its Audit Committee Charter, has regulated its affairs in compliance with this charter and has discharged all its responsibilities as contained therein, except that we have not reviewed changes in accounting policies and practices.

**The Effectiveness of Internal Control**
Our review of the findings of the Internal Audit work, which was based on the risk assessments conducted in the public entity revealed certain weaknesses, which were then raised with the public entity.

The following internal audit work was completed during the year under review:
- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

The following were areas of concern:
- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

**In-Year Management and Monthly/Quarterly Report**
The public entity has reporting monthly and quarterly to the Treasury as is required by the PFMA.

**Evaluation of Financial Statements**
We have reviewed the annual financial statements prepared by the public entity.

**Auditor’s Report**
We have reviewed the entity’s implementation plan for audit issues raised in the prior year and we are satisfied that the matters have been adequately resolved except for the following:
- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

The Audit Committee concurs and accepts the conclusions of the Auditor-General on the annual financial statements and is of the opinion that the audited annual financial statements be accepted and read together with the report of the Auditor-General.

_________________
(Full Name of Chairperson)
Chairperson of the Audit Committee
(Name of public entity)
(Date)
ANNEXURE C:

SPECIMEN ANNUAL REPORT FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES
NAME OF PUBLIC ENTITY

ANNUAL REPORT

20YY/20ZZ FINANCIAL YEAR
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1. PUBLIC ENTITY’S GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTERED NAME: XXXX

REGISTRATION NUMBER (if applicable): XXXX

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: XXXX

POSTAL ADDRESS: XXXX

TELEPHONE NUMBER/S: 027 XX XXX XXXX

FAX NUMBER: 027 XX XXX XXXX

EMAIL ADDRESS: XXXX

WEBSITE ADDRESS: XXXX

EXTERNAL AUDITORS: XXX

BANKERS: XXX

COMPANY/ BOARD SECRETARY XXX
### 2. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

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<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
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<td>AGSA</td>
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<td>MEC</td>
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<td>BBBEE</td>
<td>Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment</td>
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3. **FOREWORD BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

![Photo of Chairperson of the Board]

Name: 
Title: 

- Introduction
- High level overview of the public entity’s strategy and the performance of the public entity in its respective sector
- Strategic Relationships
- Challenges faced by Board
- The year ahead
- Acknowledgements /Appreciation
- Conclusion

_________________

Name of the Chairperson
Public Entity
(Date)
4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S OVERVIEW

- General financial review of the public entity
- Spending trends of the public entity
- Capacity constraints and challenges facing the public entity
- Discontinued activities / activities to be discontinued
- New or proposed activities
- Requests for roll over of funds
- Supply chain management
- all concluded unsolicited bid proposals for the year under review
- whether SCM processes and systems in place
- challenges experienced and how resolved
- Audit report matters in the previous year and how would be addressed
- Outlook/ Plans for the future to address financial challenges
- Events after the reporting date;
- Economic Viability
- Acknowledgement/s or Appreciation
- Other (information that needs to be communicated to users of AFS)

(Name)
Chief Executive Officer
Name of public entity
Date:
5. Statement of responsibility and confirmation of accuracy for the annual report

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I confirm the following:

All information and amounts disclosed in the annual report is consistent with the annual financial statements audited by the Auditor General.

The annual report is complete, accurate and is free from any omissions.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines on the annual report as issued by National Treasury.

The Annual Financial Statements (Part E) have been prepared in accordance with the ______________ standards applicable to the public entity.

The accounting authority is responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements and for the judgements made in this information.

The accounting authority is responsible for establishing, and implementing a system of internal control has been designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the performance information, the human resources information and the annual financial statements.

The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

In our opinion, the annual report fairly reflects the operations, the performance information, the human resources information and the financial affairs of the public entity for the financial year ended 31 March 20ZZ.

Yours faithfully

___________________
Chief Executive Officer
Name
Date

___________________
Chairperson of the Board
Name
Date
6. STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

6.1. Vision
This must be as per the public entity’s strategic plan.

6.2. Mission
This must be as per the public entity’s strategic plan.

6.3. Values
This must be as per the public entity’s strategic plan.
7. **LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MANDATES**

State what schedule Public Entity falls under in terms of the PFMA.

Set out the specific constitutional and other legislative, functional and policy mandates of the public entity, as per the relevant act(s) that govern(s) its establishment and operations. This should not be the entire list of legislation that the public entity is subject to in the course of its operations. Also include government policy frameworks that govern the public entity.

This information must be consistent with the information provided in the strategic plan and annual performance plan.
8. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
PART B: PERFORMANCE INFORMATION
1. **AUDITOR’S REPORT: PREDETERMINED OBJECTIVES**

The AGSA/auditor currently performs the necessary audit procedures on the performance information to provide reasonable assurance in the form of an audit conclusion. The audit conclusion on the performance against predetermined objectives is included in the report to management, with material findings being reported under the *Predetermined Objectives* heading in the *Report on other legal and regulatory requirements* section of the auditor’s report.


2. **SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS**

2.1. **Service Delivery Environment**

In order to assist users of the annual report to gain an understanding of the challenges, successes and other factors that might impact on a public entity’s performance, it is necessary to provide the users with an overview of the context within which the public entity operated and sought to implement its strategic plan and annual performance plan.

The public entity should seek to give a balanced overview of the environment in which it operated during the past year and not merely focus on factors that might be offered as ‘mitigating circumstances’ to support the public entity’s delivery record.

The overview should include:

- commentary on the public entity’s overall performance, outlining its key outputs, particularly relating to services rendered directly to the public,
- commentary on the problems encountered by the public entity when providing the relevant services, and what corrective steps were/are to be taken in dealing with such problems,
- a description of any significant developments, external to the public entity, that may have impacted either on the demand for the public entity’s services or on the public entity’s ability to deliver those services
2.2. Organisational environment

The annual report should provide readers with an understanding of the organisational challenges and successes experienced by the public entity in the year under review. The aim of this 'overview of the organisational environment' is to provide a description of any significant developments internal to the public entity that may have impacted on the public entity's ability to deliver on its Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan e.g. the resignation and/or appointment of key personnel such as the CEO or the CFO, a strike by significant portions of the personnel employed by the public entity, or restructuring efforts, significant system failures or cases of corruption.

Given that these are factors internal to the public entity and therefore ostensibly within the public entity's control, it would be expected that the public entity gives some indication of any measures that were adopted to mitigate the impact of these events on service delivery.

2.3. Key policy developments and legislative changes

The public entity should describe any major changes to relevant policies or legislation that may have affected its operations during the period under review or future financial periods. If there have been no changes this should be stated.

2.4. Strategic Outcome Oriented Goals

Each public entity should reflect their strategic outcome oriented goals as reflected in the Strategic Plan and the progress made towards the achievement of the goals.
3. PERFORMANCE INFORMATION BY PROGRAMME/ ACTIVITY/ OBJECTIVE

3.1. Programme/activity/objective 1: XXXX

Description of each programme/activity/objective
- Discuss purpose of the programme/activity/objective
- List the sub-programmes /activity/objective, where applicable
- List the strategic objectives relating to each programme/activity/objective

Strategic objectives, performance indicators planned targets and actual achievements

Strategic objectives
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- List performance indicators as per the annual performance plan.
- Include the actual outputs achieved in the prior year, which must agree to the previous year’s annual report.
- Include the planned targets as per the Annual Performance Plan.
- Calculate the variance between the planned targets and actual achievements for the current year.

Provide commentary on the following
- How the performance for programmes/activities/objectives has contributed to the achievement of the public entity’s strategic outcomes orientated goals.
- Comment on all deviations.
**Strategy to overcome areas of under performance**

Public entity must provide the strategies on how they plan to address under performance.

**Changes to planned targets**

The public entity must provide reasons per performance indicator if the indicators or targets have been changed in-year. In year changes to targets are only permitted if there has been an adjustment in the budget.

**Linking performance with budgets**

In assessing the achievement of the outputs in comparison to the planned targets, the public entity must consider the linkages and the relation to the resources available to the public entity, in particular the financial resources. Therefore the following financial information should be presented. The financial information must agree to the information in the annual financial statements.

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The public entity should describe in detail how they have delivered on the plans for revenue collection. Where there is under collection of revenue indicate the reasons for the under collection. Indicate what measures were taken during the course of the year to keep on target. Indicate the impact the under collection of revenue has had on service delivery. Where the target for revenue collection has been exceeded, the public entity should provide reasons for the better than anticipated performance. The public entity can also use this section to report on new measures instituted during the course of the year to raise additional revenue or to ensure more efficient/effective collection.

4.1. Capital investment

Provide commentary on the following:

- Progress made on implementing the capital, investment and asset management plan.
- Infrastructure projects which have been completed in the current year and the progress in comparison to what was planned at the beginning of the year. Provide reasons for material variances
- Infrastructure projects that are currently in progress (list projects) and when are they expected to be completed,
- Plans to close down or down-grade any current facilities,
- Progress made on the maintenance of infrastructure
- Developments relating to the above that are expected to impact on the public entity’s current expenditure.
- Details as to how asset holdings have changed over the period under review, including information on disposals, scrapping and loss due to theft
- Measures taken to ensure that the public entity’s asset register remained up-to-date during the period under review
- The current state of the public entity’s capital assets, for example what percentage is in good, fair or bad condition
- Major maintenance projects that have been undertaken during the period under review
- Progress made in addressing the maintenance backlog during the period under review, for example, has the backlog increased or become smaller? Is the rate of progress according to plan? If not why not, and what measures were taken to keep on track
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PART C: GOVERNANCE
1. **INTRODUCTION**

Corporate governance embodies processes and systems by which public entities are directed, controlled and held to account. In addition to legislative requirements based on a public entity’s enabling legislation, and the Companies Act, corporate governance with regard to public entities is applied through the precepts of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and run in tandem with the principles contained in the King’s Report on Corporate Governance.

Parliament, the Executive and the Accounting Authority of the public entity are responsible for corporate governance.

2. **PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES (if applicable)**

Provide commentary on the following:
- The dates of the meeting
- Areas of risk and what implementation plans / actions did the public entity undertake

3. **EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY**

Provide commentary on the reports submitted to the Executive Authority and the dates submitted. Discuss any issues raised by the executive authority.

4. **THE ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY / BOARD**

*Introduction*
- The importance and purpose of the Board;
- Board’s responsibilities and accountable for the public entity’s performance and strategic direction.

*The role of the Board is as follows:*

Provide the roles and responsibilities of the board.

*Board Charter*

Provide commentary on the board’s charter and comment on the progress made on complying with the charter.
Composition of the Board

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Designation (in terms of the Public Entity Board structure)</th>
<th>Date appointed</th>
<th>Date resigned</th>
<th>Qualifications</th>
<th>Area of Expertise</th>
<th>Board Directorships (List the entities)</th>
<th>Other Committees or Task Teams (e.g: Audit committee / Ministerial task team)</th>
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- State alternate members (if applicable);
- Also state outgoing Board members and their designation;

Committees

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Remuneration of board members

- How remuneration of Board members is determined;
- Those members that are not remunerated;
- Other expenses e.g. Travel, reimbursed by the public entity
- State the amount of remuneration paid to each board member.

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5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Provide a brief description of the following:
- Whether the public entity has a risk management policy and strategy.
- Whether the public entity conducts regular risk assessments to determine the effectiveness of its risk management strategy and to identify new and emerging risks.
- Whether there is a Risk Management Committee that advises management on the overall system of risk management, especially the mitigation of unacceptable levels of risk.
- Whether the Audit Committee advises the public entity on risk management and independently monitors the effectiveness of the system of risk management.
- Whether the public entity sees progress in the management of risks, whether this has transmitted into improvements in the entity's performance, and if not, what it plans on doing to address this problem.

6. INTERNAL CONTROL UNIT

Discuss the work performed by internal control unit during the year.
7. **INTERNAL AUDIT AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

Provide a brief description of the following:

- Key activities and objectives of the internal audit
- Specify summary of audit work done
- Key activities and objectives of the audit committee;
- Attendance of audit committee meetings by audit committee members (Tabular form);

The table below discloses relevant information on the audit committee members:

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8. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

State what the public entity has done in order to ensure compliance with regulations.

9. **FRAUD AND CORRUPTION**

Provide a brief description of the following:

- The public entity’s fraud prevention plan and the progress made in implementing the fraud prevention plan
- Mechanisms in place to report fraud and corruption and how these operate. eg: Whistle blowing - The need for officials to make confidential disclosure about suspect fraud and corruption
- How these cases are reported and what action is taken

10. **MINIMISING CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Brief description on the processes implemented to minimise conflict of interest in supply chain management. Discuss the process followed where conflict of interest has been identified.

11. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Brief description and nature of Code of conduct /ethics and the effect it has on the public entity. Discuss the process followed for the breach of code of conduct.

12. **HEALTH SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Provide a brief description and nature of Health Safety and Environmental issues and the effect it has on the public entity.
13. COMPANY /BOARD SECRETARY (IF APPLICABLE)

Discuss the role and responsibilities of the company secretary and the reports and returns as required by the Companies Act are lodged and that the returns are complete and accurate.

14. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Provide a summary of what the public entity has accomplished during the year in meeting its social responsibility.
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We are pleased to present our report for the financial year ended 31 March 20ZZ.

Audit Committee Responsibility

The Audit Committee reports that it has complied with its responsibilities arising from Section of the Public Finance Management Act and Treasury Regulation 3.1.13. The Audit Committee also reports that it has adopted appropriate formal terms of reference as its Audit Committee Charter, has regulated its affairs in compliance with this charter and has discharged all its responsibilities as contained therein, except that we have not reviewed changes in accounting policies and practices.

The Effectiveness of Internal Control

Our review of the findings of the Internal Audit work, which was based on the risk assessments conducted in the public entity revealed certain weaknesses, which were then raised with the public entity.

The following internal audit work was completed during the year under review:

- xxxxxx
- xxxxxxxx

The following were areas of concern:

- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

In-Year Management and Monthly/Quarterly Report

The public entity has submitted monthly and quarterly reports to the Executive Authority.

Evaluation of Financial Statements

We have reviewed the annual financial statements prepared by the public entity.

Auditor’s Report

We have reviewed the public entity’s implementation plan for audit issues raised in the prior year and we are satisfied that the matters have been adequately resolved except for the following:

- xxxxxxx
- xxxxxxx
The Audit Committee concurs and accepts the conclusions of the external auditor on the annual financial statements and is of the opinion that the audited annual financial statements be accepted and read together with the report of the auditor.

(Full Name of Chairperson)
Chairperson of the Audit Committee
(Name of public entity)
(Date)
PART D: HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
1. INTRODUCTION

- Overview of HR matters at the public entity
- Set HR priorities for the year under review and the impact of these priorities
- Workforce planning framework and key strategies to attract and recruit a skilled and capable workforce
- Employee performance management framework
- Employee wellness programmes
- Policy development
- Highlight achievements
- Challenges faced by the public entity
- Future HR plans /goals

2. HUMAN RESOURCE OVERSIGHT STATISTICS

The public entity must provide the following key information on human resources. All the financial amounts must agree to the amounts disclosed in the annual financial statements. Where considered appropriate provide reasons for variances.

**Personnel Cost by programme/ activity/ objective**

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<th>No. of employees</th>
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**Personnel cost by salary band**

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Explanations: Detail the attempts made to fill the posts of senior management and highly skilled supervision and explain why there are no appropriate internal staff to fill the vacancies. Explain how long, at a minimum, vacancies have remained unfilled and the reasons for this. Explain measures taken to successfully attract and retain staff.
**Employment changes**

Provide information on changes in employment over the financial year. Turnover rates provide an indication of trends in employment profile of the public entity.

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Explanations: Provide explanations for staff leaving and what attempts are made to replace these staff.

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**Equity Target and Employment Equity Status**

Explanations: Provide explanations for major variances between target and current and attempts made by the public entity to address the variances.

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PART E: FINANCIAL INFORMATION
1. REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

This is the audit report as issued by the external auditor.

2. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Insert the public entities audited annual financial statements