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QUARTERLY REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS 2024/25

1. PURPOSE

This Circular updates the previous Treasury Circular No. 19/2023. The Circular requires departments to furnish the Provincial Treasury with quarterly debt reports regarding their outstanding debtors' accounts. The departments are further required to provide information regarding the measures taken to recover debt as part of the domestic resource mobilization initiative.

2. BACKGROUND

The financial information obtained from the quarterly debt reports will form part of the provincial debt and revenue discussions between Western Cape departments and the Provincial Treasury during the annual Medium-Term Expenditure Committee engagements.

3. 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/employee's 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 (MVL) fees debt, Medical/Hospital Patient Fees (HPF) debt, MDA debt, Government Motor Transport (GMT) debt, and Agriculture other' debt.

4. PROPER RECORDING OF DEBT

In terms of National 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 debt 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; and
- Inspections should be performed by Internal Control on the debt files regularly.

To ensure that revenue is complete the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) 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 every month, 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 followed-up, repaid, or written-off by the respective Department.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED

Departments are requested to report on the following:

- A detailed breakdown of balances of debtor accounts 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 more than three years in line with Annual Financial Statements reporting;
- The Departments of Health and Wellness (HPFs debt), Infrastructure (loans, rentals and sales), Mobility (GMT and MVL fees debt) and Agriculture (services rendered) who have debt held on other systems outside of BAS should submit an additional debt report inclusive of an age analysis;
- The details of remedial steps taken to address long outstanding debtor accounts and debt cases of a material nature;
- Quarterly reports on outstanding debtors may be **reported electronically via e-mail in EXCEL FORMAT** to John.Ford@westerncape.gov.za using the excel templates provided in the annexures; and

- It is important that the information submitted by departments regarding their quarterly outstanding debtors is **verified and signed off** by the respective CFO. The sign-off document may be **scanned and included in the electronic submission** of the quarterly outstanding debtor reports.

6. WAY FORWARD

Quarterly debt reports should be submitted by the following dates after the periods ending June 2024, September 2024, December 2024, and March 2025.

Quarterly reports on outstanding debtors reporting dates are as follows:

Quarters 2024/25	Reporting Dates
1 st Q - end June 2024	Friday, 02 August 2024
2 nd Q - end September 2024	Friday, 25 October 2024
3 rd Q - end December 2024	Friday, 24 January 2025
4 th Q - end March 2025	Friday, 25 April 2025

The attached Annexures A, B and C should be used in submitting debt information 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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

MALCOLM BOOYSEN

ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: PUBLIC POLICY SERVICES

Staff debt

Annexure A

DEPARTMENT OF _____

QUARTERLY REPORT ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD 00/00/24 - 00/00/24 (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	R0.00	0	R0.00	R0.00	R0.00	R0.00	R0.00	0	0	0	0	

Other debt

Annexure B

DEPARTMENT OF _____

QUARTERLY REPORT ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD 00/00/24 - 00/00/24 (Please indicate quarter)

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TOTALS	R0.00	0	R0.00	R0.00	R0.00	R0.00	R0.00	0	0	0	0	

Claims recoverable

Annexure C

DEPARTMENT OF _____

QUARTERLY REPORT ON OUTSTANDING DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD 00/00/24 - 00/00/24 (Please indicate quarter)

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