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## **GOVERNMENT (CORPORATE) GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this circular is to:

- (a) issue the Government (Corporate) Governance Framework ('the Framework') and the Government (Corporate) Governance Framework – Implementation Guide ('the Guide'), and
- (b) to request accounting officers to commence the implementation process of the Framework in their respective departments by conducting an "as-is" analysis in line with the Guide.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

In June 2008, Cabinet adopted the Framework. The Framework spells out the principles of good government (corporate) governance, which were previously only capsulated in the spirit of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) (the 'PFMA').

The Framework requires the provincial government to continuously strive towards and improve governance excellence practices. These practices should be designed to strengthen management practices, decision-making and priority setting. And ultimately lead the provincial government to sound financial management, as prescribed in the PFMA.

In order to achieve the above, a departmental roadmap for the implementation of the Framework was compiled in the form of the Guide.

The purpose of the Guide is to enable departments to do an "as-is" analysis (i.e to assess the current governance maturity level in the department) on all governance processes. The "as-is" analysis strategy would fast track the identification of gaps in existing governance practices.

The Guide further allows those responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the Framework to monitor the progress made by departments in a standardised manner.

### 3. WAY FORWARD

The Guide has an attachment marked "Annexure A". This attachment should ideally be completed by the identified departmental governance champion or his/her delegate by:

- (i) identifying the governance area which is at a critical level;
- (ii) if critical, decide whether an immediate response strategy is required or if it should be addressed in a phased-in approach and/or
- (iii) training is needed to remedy the identified short-coming; or
- (iv) if a particular governance area is matured - confirm this by marking the 'complete' column

Kindly note that "Annexure A" does not provide all the detail that could be applied during the alignment process for each department. But it can form the basis to develop similar schedules to meet the unique requirement(s) of an individual department. It is a guide rather than a prescript. Hence, we recommend that "Annexure A" be customised to your department's unique operational requirements.

### 4. REQUEST

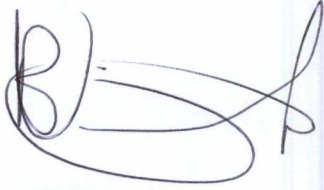
Please note that the timeframe of 90 days is provided for completion of the Guide, counting from the date of receipt.

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