

# Update on the 2013 reporting changes to the Public Finance Act

Central Government update for Departments  
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# Agenda



- Objectives for the legislative changes (recap)
- Initial focus & early successes
- Next steps/challenges
- Common Questions (+ Q&A)

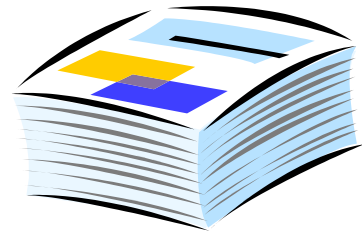
# Objectives (recap)



Changes to State Sector, Crown Entities & Public Finance Acts:

- Strengthen leadership at the system, sector and departmental level
- Support collaboration & organising around results
- Encourage sharing functions and services, leveraging the scale and expertise of the State services
- Provide financial and reporting flexibility – **more meaningful reporting**

# More meaningful reporting changes (recap)



- Greater focus on *what is intended to be achieved*
- *How to assess performance* required for all appropriations (unless exempted)
- Lift strategic focus of Statements of Intent (renew < 3 years)
- Greater flexibility in when and how to report
- Financial flexibility – MCAs and “use of appropriations”
- Capital injections replace Net Asset rules

# PFA: initial focus (phase 1)



- Budget 2014
  - Estimates redesign
  - Supporting systems & processes
- Statements of Intent
  - Content & timing guidance
- Greater financial flexibility
  - Early examples / pilots
  - Supporting systems & processes

# PFA: early successes



- Estimates have greater focus on *trends and traceability*, and *what is intend to be achieved*)
- Multi-category appropriations established for MSD & DIA (support results and reduce complexity)
- Other departments using an appropriation administered by DIA (financial flexibility)
- IRD's financial forecasts integrated into its 2013/14 Annual report (reporting flexibility; more meaningful)

# IRD 2013/14 Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Notes	2011-12 Actual \$000	2012-13 Budget* \$000	2012-13 Revised Budget* \$000	2012-13 Actual \$000	2013-14 Forecast* \$000
<b>Income</b>						
Revenue Crown		638,419	662,226	659,000	659,000	690,618
Other income	1	32,739	29,687	25,887	36,444	26,187
<b>Total income</b>		<b>671,158</b>	<b>691,913</b>	<b>684,887</b>	<b>695,444</b>	<b>716,805</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Personnel	2	409,666	433,788	421,536	395,992	447,965
Operating	3	174,400	177,366	184,449	181,350	187,264
Depreciation	4	16,542	19,818	19,315	18,994	18,339

# Next steps/challenges



**Strategy:** linking strategy and delivery across reporting products (PIF, 4YPs & SOIs)?

**Appropriation reporting:** meaningful measures and self-contained Estimates

**Year-end reporting:** opportunities to better integrate information & election implications (publish within 15 days of audit report)





# Common questions

*“What is intended to be achieved”: should this reflect output, impact, outcome, or something else?*

It should to explain ‘what difference will the expenditure make’ – how this is best expressed differs across appropriations

*How to report multi-year performance?*

Signal through ‘what is intended to be achieved’ & SOI, and include in ‘performance’ statements and Annual Report

*Is there an SOI template we can follow?*

There is guidance on content & timing, but no ‘template’

*Should SOIs have performance measures?*

Should have milestones for assessing (and reporting at year-end) progress against the strategy



# Other Questions