



BACKGROUND

- “ Section 27 (1) of Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) states that the Minister must table the annual budget to the National Assembly before the start of a financial year
- “ The Minister of Finance tables the national budget in March of each year

BACKGROUND Cont...

- “ Section 27 (4) of PFMA requires that on introduction of the annual budget, the Accounting Officer for each department must submit to Parliament measureable objectives for each main programme in the Department's budget vote
- “ These measureable objectives are contained in the Strategic Plan of each department
- “ The Executive Authority tables the Strategic Plans and the Annual Performance Plan of each department

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BACKGROUND Cont...

- “ Upon tabling of Budget Votes and Strategic Plans by the Executive, the Speaker refers these to relevant committees to report on within a certain timeframe;
- “ NA Rule 137 requires of committees to report on its work before a debate in the House on a particular vote;
- “ These debates take place in the Extended Public Committees (EPCs);
- “ Committees are required to process budget votes and finalise by 11 July 2014;
- “ EPCs will start on 15 July 2014.

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PURPOSE of PRESENTATION

The *purpose* of this presentation is to outline the processes to be followed by committees in processing the budget votes

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PROCESSING OF BUDGET VOTES BY COMMITTEES

In order to facilitate the processing of a budget vote, the following will be done in the following 3 phases:

“ Phase 1: Administrative Support

- A program for processing of the vote is developed and presented by a Committee Secretary;
- A briefing on sector analysis is presented by a Content Advisor;
- A briefing on the research analysis of each department's budget is presented by a Researcher;
- Out of these processes questions to departments are formulated to solicit information on the substance of the budget vote;
- The committee's process of interacting with the department and other stakeholders is considered and adopted.

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“ Phase 2: Departmental Inputs

- Overview by the relevant Minister or Member of the Executive is presented to the committee;
- Briefing by the relevant Accounting Officers on the actual **detail** of the budget vote, including account for programmes and associated allocations;
- Scrutiny of the vote by Members of the Committee through questions to the Minister and the team in the meeting

(NB source documents: Strategic Plan, APP, Relevant budget vote contained in the ENE)

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“ Phase 3: Committee Deliberations & Reporting

- Members of the committee deliberate on each main programme of the vote and associated budget allocation;
- A committee makes recommendations on the vote for a decision to be made by the House;
- A draft report of the committee is drafted from these deliberations for adoption;
- A committee deliberates on the content of its draft report;
- Upon adoption, a committee reports to the House through the publication of its report in the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, also known as ATC.

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