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## **Implementing the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy**

Comcover has released its *Implementing the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy – Guidance (the Guide)* in support of the *Commonwealth Risk Management Policy (the Policy)*. The Guide provides practical advice to assist Commonwealth officials in implementing the requirements of the Policy. It also features information on each element of the Policy and is itself further supported by a series of eight new information sheets that expand on specific areas of interest including:

- *Understanding Risk Appetite and Tolerance*
- *The Risk Management Process* and
- *Developing a Positive Risk Culture*

These information sheets are aimed at a variety of audiences in line with Comcover's Education Pathways, ranging from material that is suitable to all Commonwealth Officials to information that is specifically targeted at experienced risk professionals.

It is important to note that these resources are designed to assist the work of entity risk management officers and other staff that are required to manage risks. The suggestions included in these resources are not mandatory and it is up to each entity to tailor their risk management frameworks to their specific context.

If you would like to access the Guide or any of the new Information sheets please go to the Comcover Learning Centre ([learningcentre.comcover.gov.au](http://learningcentre.comcover.gov.au)).

Comcover will continue to develop and release a range of learning resources to illustrate and promote good risk management within the public sector. If you would like to speak to Comcover about the Guide or risk management in general please call 1800 651 540 or email [Comcover@Comcover.com.au](mailto:Comcover@Comcover.com.au).

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## ***Comcover Education Program - SES Professional Development Program in Risk Management – Final event for 2016***

Places are available for the final event in the 2016 SES Professional Development Program in Risk Management as follows:

**SES Discussion Forum: Taking your Share - Shared Risk in the Commonwealth**

**Facilitated by Sal Sidoti, Major Training Services**

**Assisted by Emma Chandrabose, Deloitte Risk Advisory**

**Thursday, 24 November (7.30am – 9.00am), National Portrait Gallery, Parkes ACT**

The Comcover SES Professional Development Program in Risk Management – *Not all superheroes wear capes* - is supported by opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and networking. SES Discussion Forums are an element of the program developed to further explore the challenges of managing risk in your entity, hear about developments in risk management across the APS and share your experiences with colleagues. Comcover invites you to continue building your knowledge and expertise by attending the final SES Discussion Forum for 2016: **Taking your share: Shared Risk in the Commonwealth.**

Section 17 of the *PGPA Act 2013* requires entities to encourage its officials to cooperate with others to achieve common goals. Element Seven of the *Commonwealth Risk Management Policy* defines Shared Risk as “those risks extending beyond a single entity which require shared oversight and management”. Mr Sidoti and Ms Chandrabose will facilitate a discussion relevant to all Commonwealth officials on the inextricable link between these legislative and policy requirements relating to Shared Risk. The conversation will encourage participants to consider how entities can face the challenge through a consistent and considered approach to key principles such as governance arrangements and communication.

Please register via the [online form](#) (selecting the “Discussion Forum” Thursday, 24 November session).

For further information please contact Comcover on 1800 651 540 (option 4) or email [comcover@comcover.com.au](mailto:comcover@comcover.com.au).

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## ***Invitation to Request Finance Feedback on 2016-17 Corporate Plans***

A number of Community of Practice events were held in November on improving performance information. At these events entities expressed interest in seeking feedback from Finance on their 2016-17 Corporate Plans.

Entities who would like Finance to provide feedback on their 2016-17 corporate plans, should contact us at [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au).

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## ***Paul Levi is leaving Finance!***

Yes, that’s right Paul Levi, Director, Advisory Services, is leaving Finance after 17 years. Many of you will have known Paul in other roles in Finance from his early days in Agency Banking, the development of Grant Guidelines and his role in the Government Businesses Advice Branch. Paul has seen the evolution of the FMA Act, the CAC Act and the PGPA Act and played a fundamental role in governance policy and advice and, of course, in managing the Flip Chart.

You can track Paul down at the Department of Human Services, after he has 8 hours rest, from 16 November. We wish Paul all the very best in his new role.

For the next few months, the Advisory Services team will be led by Kathleen McCarron and Shaun Bagley until a permanent arrangement is made. We continue to be contactable at [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au).

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### **Public Management Reform Agenda (PMRA) CFO Survey 2016**

The Public Management Reform Agenda (PMRA) CFO Survey 2016 has now closed. Thank you to all those who took the time to contribute to the survey, we have had more than 100 responses across Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies. In addition to completing the survey, a good proportion of CFOs indicated that they would be interested to discuss their survey responses further. We will contact those CFOs shortly. The report of the survey, along with an action plan, will be released once analysis is complete.

As always we welcome your feedback and comments on all aspects of the Resource Management Framework at any time, you can contact us at [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au) or phone Thea Daniel, Assistant Secretary, Governance and Public Management Reform Taskforce on 02 6215 3657.

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### **JCPAA inquiry: Commonwealth Performance Framework – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s Reports 6 (2016-17) and 31 (2015-16)**

The JCPAA has announced an inquiry into the Commonwealth Performance Framework having considered Auditor-General Reports [No. 6 \(2016-17\) Corporate Planning in the Australian Public Sector](#) and [No. 31 \(2015-16\) Administration of Higher Education Loan Program Debt and Repayments](#). Submissions to this inquiry are currently being accepted prior to a scheduled public hearing for Wednesday 23 November 2016.

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### **PMRA Community on Govdex**

PMRA Community on Govdex is an online community for Commonwealth officials to:

- be informed about ongoing reforms, events and consultations
- discuss issues and reforms relating to the PGPA Act and internal controls
- share ideas for improving the way we operate across government.

If you have questions or want more information on the PMRA or PGPA Act, visit the PMRA Community on Govdex. Access to the PMRA Community on Govdex is open to all officials of Commonwealth entities. If you are not a member, please email [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au) and we will send you an invite to join.

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