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Invitation to the Performance Community of Practice

We would like to invite interested parties to attend the next series of Performance Community of Practice workshops on “Lessons Learned from 2016-17 Corporate Plans”. The 2016-17 corporate plan lessons learned paper will be released next week prior to the communities of practice being held.

The workshops provide the opportunity to share and discuss what are considered to be better practice examples of various components of 2016-17 corporate plans. They also provide participants the opportunity to share and discuss their experiences in developing 2016-17 corporate plans and what they might do to improve future plans.

These workshops are exclusively aimed at Commonwealth officers responsible for non-financial performance information for corporate plans, portfolio budget statements, annual performance statements and annual reports.

Please use the following links to book a workshop:

- [Canberra workshop on Tuesday 6 December 2016](#) from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- [Canberra workshop on Wednesday 7 December 2016](#) from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- [Melbourne workshop on Tuesday 13 December 2016](#) from 9.00am to 12.00pm
- [Sydney workshop on Thursday 15 December 2016](#) from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you're not yet a member of the Performance Community of Practice and would like to join or have any questions please contact the Performance Framework Team via pmra@finance.gov.au.

The APS Corporate Governance Forum (hosted by the ATO)

All things governance – What governance things keep our Secretaries and Senior Management awake at night – Unplugged.

This is a Chatham House Rules session – what is said in the room stays in the room

Wednesday 7 December 2016

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am (9am arrival for 9:30am start. Please allow time for parking or consider public transport/taxi.)

Venue: Robert Ewing Corporate Centre, Australian Taxation Office, 26 Narellan Street, Canberra City

Master of Ceremonies:

Jodie Thomas - Executive Director, ATO Corporate, Australian Taxation Office

Key Note Speakers:

- Cindy Briscoe – Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Jenet Connell – Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Rosemary Deininger – Group Manager, Department of Employment.

To register contact APSGovernanceForum@ato.gov.au by Tuesday 6 December.

This session is aimed at Commonwealth Officials only.

Red Tape Rebels Network Launched!

Last Thursday, 24 November 2016, saw the launch of the Red Tape Rebels network, a group of people devoted to driving the reduction of red tape in their entities. Read all about the launch, who the rebels are and what they're up to in the Quit Red Tape blog: [“Launch of the Red Tape Rebels network”](#).

While you're there, check out another recent post, [“ATO: Change culture and empower staff to stop the return of red tape”](#), about how the Australian Taxation Office is taking steps to stop red tape creeping back.

Got a red tape reduction story you'd like to share? Get in touch - you can contact us at AccountabilityProjects@finance.gov.au or phone Kayelle Drinkwater, Assistant Secretary, Accountability Projects on 02 6215 3929.

Updated Resource Management Guidance

Finance is continuing to review and streamline resource management guidance to ensure that it supports officials across the public sector to understand their duties and responsibilities and perform to a high standard. Over the course of 2016, our review of guidance has also been guided by recommendations of the Belcher Review of Internal Red Tape. The following updated RMGs are now available on the Finance website:

- [RMG 106 – Guidance on the Assurance Reviews Process](#)
- [RMG 107 – Risk Potential Assessment Tool General Guidance](#)
- [RMG 109 – Accounting for internally developed software](#)
- [RMG 110 – Accounting for operating lease expenses and incentives](#)

- [RMG 111 – Accounting for non-current assets held for sale](#)
- [RMG 112 – Identification of general insurance contracts for accounting purposes](#)
- [RMG 113 – Accounting for subsequent expenditure on property, plant and equipment](#)
- [RMG 114 – Accounting for decommissioning, restoration and similar provisions \('make good'\)](#)
- [RMG 115 – Accounting for concessional loans](#)
- [RMG 118 – Accounting for machinery of government changes](#)
- [RMG 123 – Deeming or designating transfers of assets and liabilities as 'contributions by owners' \(equity\)](#)
- [RMG 206 – Model AAls for non-corporate Commonwealth entities](#)
- [RMG 403 – Meeting the Senate Order on Entity Contracts](#)
- [RMG 404 – Official Domestic Travel - Use of the Lowest Practical Fare](#)
- [RMG 405 – Official International Travel - Use of the Best Fare of the Day](#)
- [RMG 407 – Restrictions on Advertising for Open Approaches to Market \(ATMs\) in the Media Policy](#)
- [RMG 408 – Recruitment Advertising Policy](#)
- [RMG 415 – Commonwealth Grants and Procurement Connected Policies](#)
- [RMG 416 – Facilitating Supplier Payment Through Payment Card](#)
- [RMG 417 – Supplier Pay On-Time or Pay Interest Policy](#)
- [RMG 418 – Payment Terms for Australian Government Travel Arrangements – Card Services](#)

More RMGs will be updated over summer. We are interested in your feedback on whether the RMGs meet your needs. Comments can be sent to pmra@finance.gov.au.

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 and we will send you an invite to join.

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