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## Performance Community of Practice Workshops

We would like to invite interested parties to attend the next series of Performance Community of Practice workshops being held in late March and early April 2017. The workshops will be focused on Lessons Learned from the 2015-16 Annual Performance Statements.

The workshops will provide Finance's overview of lessons learned across the Commonwealth, as well as input from individual entities' perspectives on the 2015-16 annual performance statement process, with a focus on identifying key strengths, challenges and where there are opportunities for improvement.

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 see below for information on when the Community of Practice workshops will be delivered in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne and follow the links to book your seat.

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](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au).

<i>Location</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Date of Workshop</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>To Book</i>
<b>Canberra</b>	Department of Finance	Monday 27 & 28 March 2017	2 – 5pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/department-of-finance-performance-community-of-practice-workshop-canberra-tickets-32312751309">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/department-of-finance-performance-community-of-practice-workshop-canberra-tickets-32312751309</a>
<b>Melbourne</b>	Bureau of Meteorology	Monday 3 April 2017	2 – 5pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/department-of-finance-performance-community-of-practice-workshop-melbourne-registration-32398037402">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/department-of-finance-performance-community-of-practice-workshop-melbourne-registration-32398037402</a>

<b>Sydney</b>	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Wednesday 5 April 2017	2 – 5pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/department-of-finance-performance-community-of-practice-workshop-sydney-registration-32425820502">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/department-of-finance-performance-community-of-practice-workshop-sydney-registration-32425820502</a>
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## Direction on Requirements for Performance Information

On 3 March 2017, the Finance Secretary issued a revised Direction on Requirements for Performance Information included in Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) to give effect to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's (JCPAA) decision to **no longer require** entities to include their most recent Annual Performance Statements in their 2017-18 (and subsequent) PBS. The revised Direction can be accessed [here](#).

The JCPAA has requested that Finance develop a standard navigation tool, in the form of a schematic for inclusion in the PBS, that clearly communicates the key elements of the Commonwealth performance framework. This will detail how the performance documents link to each other across the performance cycle and explain what performance information is available from which document.

Finance is currently developing the standard schema, including ensuring that it meets budget paper production requirements. It is intended that the standard schema will be situated with the User Guide to the PBS – it will only appear once in the PBS. The template for the standard schema and guidance on its placement will be included in the soon to be released 2017-18 PBS Guidance pack.

The JCPAA also suggested that the PBS include hyperlinks and web addresses for portfolio specific performance information. The approach adopted to meet this requirement is for each entity to include the hyperlink/web address for their most recent corporate plan and annual performance statement in the standard note box which is situated in the introduction to the PBS Section 2: Outcomes and planned performance. The template for the standard note box and guidance on its placement will be included in the soon to be released 2017-18 PBS Guidance pack.

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## Comcover Education Program

Comcover is now taking registrations for the 2017 SES Risk Management Professional Development Program – Not all superheroes wear capes: a strategic perspective to managing risk.

The SES Program focuses on the key leadership requirements necessary to improve managing risk across the Commonwealth by developing and maintaining risk management capability and encouraging a positive risk culture. The program will assist SES to engage with senior decision makers and stakeholders on their entity's ability to manage risk.

The SES program includes participation in a half-day workshop and continued application and learning through a discussion forum and networking opportunities. The program also includes risk-mentoring and access to a library of resources on the [Comcover Learning Centre](#).

**The first event scheduled for the 2017 Program is the interactive half-day workshop:**

**Date:** 8.30am – 2.00pm, 11 April 2017

**Venue:** Department of Finance, One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

The workshop provides participants with a dynamic platform to discuss and evaluate approaches to developing a strategic approach to risk management within the APS.

**Registrations** for this workshop will close on **4 April 2017**. Registrations and can be accessed via the **Learning Centre**. Please contact **Comcover** for a user guide.

If you have any questions please contact Comcover on 1800 651 540 or by email **Comcover@comcover.com.au**.

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## The PGPA entity flipchart updated – 1 February 2017

The Flipchart of commonwealth entities and companies, along with the list of General Government Sector, Public non-Financial Corporations and Public Financial Corporations entities subject to the PGPA Act have been updated. The documents can be found on the Finance website.

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## The Red Tape Rebels in action

After the successful launch of the Red Tape Rebels network last November (see PMRA Newsletter 41, 2 December 2016), 2017 looks set to be another good year.

The next meeting of this proactive group is being scheduled for April 2017.

It was clear from the discussion at the first meeting that there is a wide range of issues that the Red Tape Rebels want to tackle together, so, to focus discussion and make the best use of everyone's time, each meeting will have a key theme.

Topics of interest include shared services, delegations, guidance material, travel, recruitment processes, performance management systems and reporting burdens, to name just a few.

There are already 32 volunteer Red Tape Rebels from 30 non-corporate and corporate Commonwealth entities (see the full list at on the **Quit the Red Tape Habit** website ), but more are needed to reach all APS entities. If you genuinely want to see action on cutting internal red tape and are robust and senior enough in your entity to push for change, you're just the sort of person to be a Red Tape Rebel.

Contact Accountability Projects at Finance for more information on becoming a Red Tape Rebel or simply being part of the broader network of movers and shakers on red tape action:

**AccountabilityProjects@finance.gov.au**.

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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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