

MEDIA INVITATION: PRE BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Minister of Finance, Mr Trevor A Manuel, MP will present the 2006 Budget to Parliament (his tenth) on 15 February 2006. The National Treasury will once again be arranging workshops for journalists to guide and assist them on how to work with the various documents. The National Treasury and SARS produce a host of different documents around the budget, namely

- The Budget Speech
- The Budget Review
- Estimates of National Expenditure (ENE)
- Estimates of National Revenue (ENR)
- Division of Revenue Bill (DOR)
- Tax Pocket Guide from SARS
- Budget Proposal from SARS
- Peoples Guide to the Budget

The workshop will include presentations by senior National Treasury and SARS officials about some of the key areas of the Budget that journalists may need some guidance on. The same officials will be available to assist during the lock-ups. We welcome your ideas and suggestions on topics you would like us to cover and request that you bring along copies of the 2005 Budget documents, as these will be used throughout the workshop. Copies are available on the website, <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u>.

Date:Monday, 13 February 2006Venue:Good Hope Chambers, Tuinhuis
Cape Town (Around Parliament)Time:08:15 for 08:30 registration

All journalists who would like to attend the workshop must please forward their details to <u>lindani.mbunyuza@treasury.gov.za</u> or call (012) 315 5645 before Monday, 6 February 2006.

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