

MEDIA INVITATION: 2011 PRE BUDGET WORKSHOP

Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan will present the 2011 Budget to Parliament on 23 February 2011. National Treasury will host a workshop for journalists on Monday, 21 February 2011. The workshop will focus on the budget process, the impact of Parliament's power to amend money bills on the budget, the functions of the National Treasury, Minister's Committee on the Budget and Cabinet in the budget process, and an explanation of the roles of the Auditor General, Parliament and National Treasury in public finance management.

This is intended especially for those who will be covering the budget for the first time. The workshop assists journalists in understanding, analysing and using the information contained in the different documents.

Journalists should bring along copies of the 2010 Budget documents, as these will be used throughout the workshop. Copies are available on our website, <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u>.

Date: Monday, 21 February 2011 Venue: Imbizo media room, Parliament Cape Town Time: 09:30 until 12:30

All journalists wishing to attend the workshop must forward their details to <u>lindani.mbunyuza@treasury.gov.za</u> before Monday, 14 February 2011.

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