# **TECHNICAL INDICATOR DESCRIPTORS** 2015/16

# PROGRAMME 1: **ADMINISTRATION**



| Indicator title           | Cost efficient management of goods and services  |
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| Short definition          | Reduce overall spending on procuring assets and on operating expenditure   |
| Purpose/importance        | To respond to cost containment measures and ensure maximum value received for funds spent; through bulk buying and other possible techniques.                              |
| Source/collection of data | <ul> <li>Evidence that robust negotiations with suppliers routinely takes place</li> <li>Evidence that prices paid for commodities are well within market norms</li> </ul> |
| Method of calculation     | Actual spend versus planned spending in terms of cost per unit – based on quotes.  |
| Data limitations          | Market conditions, where savings on certain spending categories cannot be realised   |
| Type of indicator         | The indicator measures efficiency and input  |
| Calculation type          | Calculation is cumulative  |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly reporting  |
| New indicator             | No   |
| Desired performance       | To reduce the overall spending amount on good and services by decreasing the cost per unit price for assets.   |
| Indicator responsibility  | Chief Financial Officer  |

| Indicator title           | Provide an effective and efficient information and communication technology (ICT) service  |
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| Short definition          | Ensure that the National Treasury is provided with effective ICT solutions and services  |
| Purpose/importance        | To ensure that the department is capacitated to achieve its objectives   |
| Source/collection of data | <ul> <li>Evidence that ICT plans are aligned with the priorities of the organisation</li> <li>Evidence that identified solutions are implemented and effective</li> <li>Evidence that services are delivered in accordance with expectations of the organisation.</li> </ul> |
| Method of calculation     | Measurement of delivery against plans and agreed service levels  |
| Data limitations          | None   |
| Type of indicator         | The indicator measures outputs and outcomes  |
| Calculation type          | Non-cumulative   |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly  |
| New indicator             | Yes  |
| Desired performance       | t To best equip the organisation, from an ICT perspective, with available resources  |
| Indicator responsibility  | Chief Director: Information and Communication Technology   |

| Indicator title           | Retain appropriately skilled personnel   |
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| Short definition          | Ensure that vacant positions are filled and improve the retention levels of staff in NT  |
| Purpose/importance        | Ensure that the department is capacitated to achieve its objectives  |
| Source/collection of data | Data is sourced from PERSAL reports  |
| Method of calculation     | The percentage of the funded filled positions versus the number of funded approved positions in NT; and the percentage of the employees retained within NT against the filled establishment at the start of the period |
| Data limitations          | None   |
| Type of indicator         | The indicator measures inputs and outcomes   |
| Calculation type          | Cumulative   |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly  |
| New indicator             | No   |
| Desired performance       | Increase the percentage of positions filled and the percentage of employees retained   |
| Indicator responsibility  | Chief Director: Human Resource Management  |

| Indicator title           | Business Continuity Management (BCM) facility, established and fully functional (people, systems and assets)  |
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| Short definition          | <ul> <li>Outcome: Minimal disruption to business operations in the event of a disaster</li> <li>Output: Established business continuity sites in relation to or in order of identified priority business operations</li> <li>Activity: Co-ordinate the establishment of identified business continuity sites</li> </ul> |
| Purpose/importance        | To enable NT to increase its capability to respond to any existing, emerging or unknown risks in an effort to attain operational resilience   |
| Source/collection of data | BCM facility establishment  |
| Method of calculation     | Percentage % achievement of the BCM facility establishment  |
| Data limitations          | None  |
| Type of indicator         | Output  |
| Calculation type          | Cumulative  |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly   |
| New indicator             | No  |
| Desired performance       | NT has a fully functional BCM facility established (identified priority business operations)  |
| Indicator responsibility  | Chief Risk Officer  |

| Indicator title           | Implement Enterprise Risk Management strategy and vetting of identified employees. |
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|                           | Enterprise Risk Management   |
|                           | Outcome: NT achieves its set strategic goals                                       |
|                           | Output: through relevant governance structures, provide assurance reports to the   |
|                           | Accounting Officer that risks are sufficiently mitigated to achieve strategic      |
|                           | objectives   |
| Short definition          | Activity: perform enterprise-wide risk assessments and submit reports to relevant  |
|                           | governance structures  |
|                           | Vetting of identified employees  |
|                           | Outcome: More secure environment   |
|                           | Output: Increased number of vetted NT employees                                    |
|                           | Activity: vetting of employees   |
|                           | Implementing an Enterprise Risk Management strategy is necessary to assess and     |
|                           | monitor risk from all sources in order to increase NT's short and long term value  |
| Purpose/importance        | to its stakeholders  |
| Tarpose, importance       | The importance of vetting identified employees is to assess the integrity of       |
|                           | employees in order to minimise risks associated with breaches that may             |
|                           | negatively affect NT and the country   |
|                           | Enterprise Risk Management   |
|                           | Approved risk registers and reports submitted to governance structures, such as    |
| Source/collection of data | the Risk Management Committee  |
|                           | Vetting of identified employees  |
|                           | Security clearance certificates  |
|                           | Enterprise Risk Management   |
|                           | Percentage % implementation against the risk management strategy                   |
| Method of calculation     | Vetting of identified employees  |
|                           | Percentage % of number of vetted employees against number of identified            |
|                           | employees  |
| Data limitations          | Lack of an adequate data electronic system may compromise data integrity           |
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| Type of indicator         | Output   |
| Calculation type          | Cumulative   |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly  |
| New indicator             | Yes  |
| Desired performance       | Risk strategy implemented 100% and all identified employees vetted                 |
| Indicator responsibility  | Chief Risk Officer   |

| Indicator title           | Retention of intellectual capital and institutional memory through knowledge management (KM).   |
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| Short definition          | Retain National Treasury's knowledge assets by harvesting intellectual and institutional memory of employees in the Treasury.                                     |
| Purpose/importance        | Ensure that there is a platform where NT's knowledge assets can be deposited, shared and retained for research and for the development of a learning organisation |
| Source/collection of data | Knowledge assets and information are sourced from employees, functional divisions, social interactions, publications, business processes and stakeholders         |
| Method of calculation     | Number of active knowledge repositories deposited with knowledge assets   |
| Data limitations          | None  |
| Type of indicator         | The indicator measures outcomes   |
| Calculation type          | Cumulative  |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly reporting   |
| New indicator             | No  |
| Desired performance       | To ensure that an effective process is place to retain and share knowledge assets in NT on a continuous basis   |
| Indicator responsibility  | Director: Knowledge Management  |

| Indicator title           | Exercise oversight over public entities   |
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| Short definition          | Exercise oversight over the public entities reporting to the Minister of Finance to enable the achievement of government's policy objectives in a financially sustainable manner  |
| Purpose/importance        | Ensure compliance with the PFMA and enable public entities to meet government's policy objectives   |
| Source/collection of data | <ul> <li>Evidence of review of relevant public entity data, including:</li> <li>Annual Reports</li> <li>Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans</li> <li>Engagements with management</li> <li>Industry reports</li> <li>National Development Plan (NDP)</li> <li>Evidence of conducting relevant analyses, engagement with stakeholders and submission of information to the Ministry and/or other internal stakeholders</li> <li>Evidence of having examined relevant entity compliance with the PFMA, Treasury Regulations and Practice Notes, the Companies Act and government regulations</li> </ul> |
| Method of calculation     | Extent of analyses and stakeholder engagement conducted, in relation to mandate of the unit   |
| Data limitations          | None  |
| Type of indicator         | The indicator measures outcomes   |
| Calculation type          | Cumulative  |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly reporting   |
| New indicator             | No  |
| Desired performance       | Ensure that the public entities are directed to serve government's strategic objectives as outlined in the NDP, MTSF and further articulated in the New Growth Path   |
| Indicator responsibility  | Director: Public Entities Oversight Unit  |

| Indicator title           | Implement the risk-based internal audit plan  |
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| Short definition          | Conducting assurance and consulting engagements on governance, risk management and control processes  Outcome: NT achieves its set strategic goals  Outputs:  provide reasonable assurance reports to the Accounting Officer through relevant governance structures that risks are adequately mitigated to achieve strategic objectives  provide robust and practical recommendations to improve the governance, risk management and control processes  Activity: perform risk-based audit engagements and submit reports to relevant governance structures |
| Purpose/importance        | Assist NT to achieve its strategic goals by evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the department's governance, risk management and control processes, and providing robust and practical recommendations to improve them   |
| Source/collection of data | <ul> <li>Approved risk registers from Enterprise Risk Management</li> <li>NT's strategy documents and Operational Plans</li> <li>External audit reports</li> <li>Specific information requests to NT management that is relevant</li> </ul>   |
| Method of calculation     | Percentage % completion of audit engagements against the risk-based internal audit plan   |
| Data limitations          | Lack of an adequate electronic data system may compromise data integrity  |
| Type of indicator         | Output  |
| Calculation type          | Cumulative  |
| Reporting cycle           | Quarterly   |
| New indicator             | Yes   |
| Desired performance       | Risk-based internal audit plan implemented 100%   |
| Indicator responsibility  | Chief Audit Executive   |