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18 December 2012

### **Dear Accounting Officer**

#### **ACCOUNTS DIRECTIONS 2012-13**

This letter gives most departments and pension schemes, agencies and trading funds the Treasury's statutory directions for the format and content of their resource accounts (as part of annual report and accounts), other accounts and trust statements for 2012-13. The accounts directions are annexed and the organisations to which they apply are listed in appendices.

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2. Please address enquiries to Larry Pinkney in Government Financial Reporting (telephone 020 7270 4585; email: larry.pinkney@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk).

### Application

- 3. This DAO letter applies to those government departments and pension schemes, agencies and trading funds listed in the appendices to the relevant accounts directions. There are separate arrangements for remaining government departments and some agencies and trading funds, as described in the notes to the respective accounts directions.
- 4. The statutory deadline for submitting resource and other accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General is 30 November 2013. It is best practice for departments to aim to lay resource accounts and the accounts of agencies and trading funds in parliament by 30 June 2013 and by no later than the parliamentary summer recess, which is provisionally 18 July 2013. The timetable for preparing resource accounts and for providing information to the Treasury for the preparation of Whole of Government Accounts is set out in the concurrent DFD letter of December 2012 (MS FD (12) 23.
- 5. This DAO letter is effective immediately. The generic directions in DAO(GEN) 05/11 (20 December 2011) are now spent.

Yours sincerely. Paule Diggle

> Paula Diggle Treasury Officer of Accounts



# ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5(2) OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS ACT 2000

- 1. This direction applies to those government departments and pension schemes listed in the attached appendix.
- 2. These departments and pension schemes shall prepare resource accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual issued by H M Treasury ("the FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. If the Treasury has made an order for the year under section 4A(3) and (4) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000, a department must detail the same information for each body designated in the Order under its name. This means that the department must also detail in its accounts the resources acquired, held or disposed of during the year by each of its designated bodies, and each such body's use of resources during the year.
- 4. The Treasury made the following designation order for financial year 2012-13: the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/717). The list of bodies designated in the Schedule to that Order will be amended by the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. number not yet available due to be laid week commencing 17 December). The amendment will designate some additional bodies and remove some bodies from the list.
- 5. The accounts of Government departments, with the details outlined above (for itself and its designated bodies) shall be prepared so as to:
- (a) give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 March 2013 and of the net resource outturn, the application of resources, changes in taxpayers' equity and cash flows for the financial year then ended;
- (b) provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 6. The accounts for pension schemes shall be prepared so as to:
- (a) give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 March 2013 and of the net resource outturn, changes in taxpayers' equity and cash flows for the financial year then ended;
- (b) provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them; and

- (c) demonstrate that the contributions payable to the Scheme during the year have been paid in accordance with the Scheme rules and the recommendations of the Actuary.
- 7. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.

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### APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS DIRECTION

This accounts direction applies to the following government departments and pension schemes:

No	Name	
110	Government Departments	
01	Cabinet Office	
02	Charity Commission	
03	Crown Estate Office	
04	Crown Prosecution Service	
05	Department for Communities and Local Government	
06	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	
07	Department for Education	
08	Department of Energy and Climate Change	
09	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
10	Department for International Development	
11	Department for Transport	
12	Department for Work and Pensions	
13	Department of Health	
14	Export Credits Guarantee Department	
15	Food Standards Agency (Westminster Funded) (*)	
16	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	
17	Government Actuary's Department	
18	H M Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor	
19	H M Revenue and Customs	
20	HM Treasury	
21	Home Office	
22	Ministry of Defence	
23	Ministry of Justice	
24	The National Archives	
25	National Savings and Investments	
26	Northern Ireland Office	
27	Office of Fair Trading	
28	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	
29	Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	
30	Office of Rail Regulation	
31	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	
32	Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General	
33	Serious Fraud Office	
34	The Statistics Board	
35	UK Trade and Investment	
36	United Kingdom Supreme Court	
37	Wales Office	
38	Water Services Regulation Authority	
	Pension Schemes	
39	Armed Forces Retired Pay, Pensions etc	
40	Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation	
41	Department for International Development: Overseas Superannuation	
42	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes	
43	Ministry of Justice: Judicial Pensions Scheme	
44	National Health Service Pension Scheme (England and Wales)	
45	Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales)	
46	Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme	

<sup>\*</sup> The Food Standards Agency was required to prepare consolidated accounts for 2007-08 by virtue of an accounts direction issued by H M Treasury on 14 November 2007 under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 4 of the Food Standards Act 1999. That direction applies to 2007-08 and subsequent financial years.

#### Notes

- 1. A separate accounts direction is issued under section 5(2) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 to:
  - · Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
  - The Security and Intelligence Agencies
- 2. Separate accounts directions are issued under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 to the Forestry Commission.
- 3. Although Estimates have been approved for the following bodies, their status precludes HM Treasury from issuing an accounts direction under section 5(2) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000:
  - Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and the Health Service Commissioner for England
  - · House of Lords
  - · House of Commons: Members
  - · House of Commons: Administration
  - · National Audit Office
  - Electoral Commission (although an accounts direction for 2005-06 and subsequent financial years was issued by H M Treasury on 27 February 2006 under paragraph 17(2) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000).

# ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 (2) OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS ACT 2000

- 1. This direction applies to those executive agencies listed in the attached appendix.
- 2. These executive agencies shall prepare accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual issued by H M Treasury ("the FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. The accounts shall be prepared so as to:
- (a) give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of the income and expenditure (or, as appropriate, net resource outturn), changes in taxpayers' equity and cash flows of the agency for the financial year then ended; and
- (b) provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 4. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.

Karen Sanderson

**Deputy Director, Government Financial Reporting** 

Her Majesty's Treasury

17 December 2012

### **APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS DIRECTION**

This accounts direction applies to the following executive agencies:

No	Name	Department
01	Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency	Attorney General
02	Insolvency Service	BIS
03	National Measurement Office	BIS
04	UK Space Agency	BIS
05	Planning Inspectorate	DCLG
06	Royal Parks	DCMS
07	Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency	DEFRA
80	Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	DEFRA
09	Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera)	DEFRA
10	Rural Payments Agency	DEFRA
11	Veterinary Medicines Directorate	DEFRA
12	Standards and Testing Agency	DFE
13	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	DfT
14	Government Car and Despatch Agency	DfT
15	Highways Agency	DfT
16	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	DfT
17	Vehicle Certification Agency	DfT
18	Wilton Park	FCO
19	Forest Research	Forestry Comm'n
20	Valuation Office	HMRC
21	Asset Protection Agency	HMT
22	UK Debt Management Office	HMT
23	Criminal Records Bureau	НО
24	Identity and Passport Service	НО
25	National Fraud Authority	НО
26	UK Border Agency	НО
27	Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency	MOD
28	Service Children's Education	MOD
29	HM Courts and Tribunals Service	MOJ
30	National Offender Management Service	MOJ
31	Office of the Public Guardian	MOJ

In addition, a separate direction has been issued to the Meat Hygiene Service (Food Standards Agency) (11 January 2006) – issued in respect of 2005-06 and subsequent financial years.

#### **ANNEX C**

# ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4(6)(a) OF THE GOVERNMENT TRADING FUNDS ACT 1973

- 1. This direction applies to the trading funds listed in the attached appendix.
- 2. These trading funds shall prepare accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual issued by H M Treasury ("the FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. The accounts shall be prepared so as:
- (a) to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of the income and expenditure, changes in taxpayers' equity, and cash flows of the trading fund for the year then ended; and
- (b) to provide disclosure of any material income or expenditure that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament, or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 4. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.

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17 December 2012

### **APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS DIRECTION**

This accounts direction applies to the following trading funds:

	Name
01	Companies House
02	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
03	Driving Standards Agency
04	Defence Support Group
05	FCO Services
06	Fire Service College
07	HM Land Registry
80	Met Office
09	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
10	Government Procurement Service
11	Ordnance Survey
12	UK Intellectual Property Office
13	Royal Mint
14	UK Hydrographic Office
15	Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre
16	Vehicle and Operator Services Agency

A separate Accounts Direction will be issued under section 4(6)(a) of the Government Trading Funds Act 1973 to the Central Office of Information.

# ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY HM TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7(2) OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS ACT 2000.

- 1. This direction applies to those government departments listed in appendix 2.
- 2. The Department shall prepare a Trust Statement ("the Statement") for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 for the revenue and other income, as directed by the Treasury, collected by the department as an agent for others, in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual by HM Treasury ("FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. The Statement shall be prepared, as prescribed in appendix 1, so as to give a true and fair view of (a) the state of affairs relating to the collection and allocation of taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties and other income by the Department as agent and of the expenses incurred in the collection of those taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties insofar as they can properly be met from that revenue and other income; (b) the revenue and expenditure; and (c) the cash flows for the year then ended.
- 4. The statement shall also be prepared so as to provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 5. When preparing the Statement, the Department shall comply with the guidance given in the FReM (Chapter 13). The Department shall also agree with HM Treasury the format of the Principal Accounting Officer's Foreword to the Statement, and the supporting notes, and the accounting policies to be adopted, particularly in relation to revenue recognition. Regard shall also be given to all relevant accounting and disclosure requirements in Managing Public Money and other guidance issued by HM Treasury, and to the principles underlying International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 5. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.
- 6. The Statement shall be transmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for the purpose of his examination and report by a date agreed with the Comptroller and Auditor General and HM Treasury to enable compliance with the administrative deadline for laying the audited accounts before Parliament before the Summer Recess.

7. The Trust Statement, together with this direction (but with the exception of the related appendices) and the Report produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General under section 7(2) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 shall be laid before Parliament at the same time as the Department's Resource Accounts for the year unless the Treasury have agreed that the Trust Statement may be laid at a later date.

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### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2013

- 1. The Trust Statement shall include:
- a Foreword by the Principal Accounting Officer;
- a Statement of the Principal Accounting Officer's Responsibilities;
- a Governance Statement;
- a Statement of Revenue, Other Income and Expenditure;
- a Statement of Financial Position;
- a Cash Flow Statement; and
- such notes as may be necessary to present a true and fair view.
- 2. The Notes shall include among other items:
- the accounting policies, including the policy for revenue recognition and estimation techniques and forecasting techniques together with statements explaining any significant uncertainty surrounding estimates and forecasts;
- a breakdown of material items within the accounts;
- any assets, including intangible assets and contingent liabilities;
- summaries of losses, write-offs and remissions;
- post balance sheet events; and
- any other notes agreed with HM Treasury and the National Audit Office.

## Appendix 2 to Annex D

No	Sponsoring Department	Income stream	Responsible Entity
01	DCLG	National Non- Domestic Rates	DCLG
02	DECC	Petroleum licenses	DECC
		EU Emissions Allowance	DECC
		Fines and Penalties	DECC
		CRC Allowances	DECC
03	Office of Fair Trading	Competition Act penalties	OFT
		Merger fees	OFT
04	Ofgem	Fossil Fuel Levy	OFGEM
		Fines and penalties	OFGEM
05	Water Services Regulatory Authority	Fines and penalties	OFWAT
06	DWP	Financial Assistance Scheme	DWP

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# ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY HM TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT DEPARTMENTS ACT 1921.

- 1. This direction applies to those government departments listed in appendix 2.
- 2. The Department shall prepare a Trust Statement ("the Statement") for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 for the revenue and other income, as directed by the Treasury, collected by the department as an agent for others, in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual by HM Treasury ("FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. The Statement shall be prepared, as prescribed in appendix 1, so as to give a true and fair view of (a) the state of affairs relating to the collection and allocation of taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties and other income by the Department as agent and of the expenses incurred in the collection of those taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties insofar as they can properly be met from that revenue and other income; (b) the revenue and expenditure; and (c) the cash flows for the year then ended.
- 4. The statement shall also be prepared so as to provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 5. When preparing the Statement, the Department shall comply with the guidance given in the FReM (Chapter 13). The Department shall also agree with HM Treasury the format of the Principal Accounting Officer's Foreword to the Statement, and the supporting notes, and the accounting policies to be adopted, particularly in relation to revenue recognition. Regard shall also be given to all relevant accounting and disclosure requirements in Managing Public Money and other guidance issued by HM Treasury, and to the principles underlying International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 5. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.
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7. The Trust Statement, together with this direction (but with the exception of the related appendices) and the Report produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General under section 2 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921 shall be laid before Parliament at the same time as the Department's Resource Accounts for the year unless the Treasury have agreed that the Trust Statement may be laid at a later date.

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### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2013

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- a Foreword by the Principal Accounting Officer;
- a Statement of the Principal Accounting Officer's Responsibilities;
- a Governance Statement;
- a Statement of Revenue, Other Income and Expenditure;
- a Statement of Financial Position;
- a Cash Flow Statement; and
- such notes as may be necessary to present a true and fair view.
- 2. The Notes shall include among other items:
- the accounting policies, including the policy for revenue recognition and estimation techniques and forecasting techniques together with statements explaining any significant uncertainty surrounding estimates and forecasts;
- a breakdown of material items within the accounts;
- any assets, including intangible assets and contingent liabilities;
- summaries of losses, write-offs and remissions;
- post balance sheet events; and
- any other notes agreed with HM Treasury and the National Audit Office.

## Appendix 2 to Annex E

No	Sponsoring Department	Income stream	Responsible Entity
01	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance revenues	HMRC
		Fines and penalties	HMRC
		Student loan repayments	HMRC
		Proceeds, less duty, on sale of seized goods	HMRC
		Customs duties relating to Single European Authorisations	HMRC

## ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY HM TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7(2) OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS ACT 2000.

- 1. This direction applies to those executive agencies listed in appendix 2.
- 2. The agency shall prepare a Trust Statement ("the Statement") for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 for the revenue and other income, as directed by the Treasury, collected by the agency as an agent for others, in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual by HM Treasury ("FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. The Statement shall be prepared, as prescribed in appendix 1, so as to give a true and fair view of (a) the state of affairs relating to the collection and allocation of taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties and other income by the agency as agent and of the expenses incurred in the collection of those taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties insofar as they can properly be met from that revenue and other income; (b) the revenue and expenditure; and (c) the cash flows for the year then ended.
- 4. The statement shall also be prepared so as to provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 5. When preparing the Statement, the agency shall comply with the guidance given in the FReM (Chapter 13). The agency shall also agree with HM Treasury the format of the Principal Accounting Officer's Foreword to the Statement, and the supporting notes, and the accounting policies to be adopted, particularly in relation to revenue recognition. Regard shall also be given to all relevant accounting and disclosure requirements in Managing Public Money and other guidance issued by HM Treasury, and to the principles underlying International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 6. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.
- 7. The Statement shall be transmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for the purpose of his examination and report by a date agreed with the Comptroller and Auditor General and HM Treasury to enable compliance with the administrative deadline for laying the audited accounts before Parliament before the Summer Recess.

8. The Trust Statement, together with this direction (but with the exception of the related appendices) and the Report produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General, under section 7(2) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 shall be laid before Parliament at the same time as the Department's Resource Accounts for the year unless the Treasury have agreed that the Trust Statement may be laid at a later date.

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### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2013

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- 2. The Notes shall include among other items:
- the accounting policies, including the policy for revenue recognition and estimation techniques and forecasting techniques together with statements explaining any significant uncertainty surrounding estimates and forecasts;
- a breakdown of material items within the accounts;
- any assets, including intangible assets and contingent liabilities;
- summaries of losses, write-offs and remissions;
- post balance sheet events; and
- any other notes agreed with HM Treasury and the National Audit Office.

## Appendix 2 to Annex F

No	Sponsoring Department	Income stream	Responsible Entity
01	Ministry of Justice	Fines, penalties, costs awarded by the Courts, compensation ordered by the Courts and	HM Courts and Tribunals Service
		confiscation orders	

# ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY HM TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT DEPARTMENTS ACT 1921

- 1. This direction applies to those executive agencies listed in appendix 2.
- 2. The agency shall prepare a Trust Statement ("the Statement") for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 for the revenue and other income, as directed by the Treasury, collected by the agency as an agent for others, in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual by HM Treasury ("FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
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- 5. When preparing the Statement, the agency shall comply with the guidance given in the FReM (Chapter 13). The agency shall also agree with HM Treasury the format of the Principal Accounting Officer's Foreword to the Statement, and the supporting notes, and the accounting policies to be adopted, particularly in relation to revenue recognition. Regard shall also be given to all relevant accounting and disclosure requirements in Managing Public Money and other guidance issued by HM Treasury, and to the principles underlying International Financial Reporting Standards.
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## Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2013

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## Appendix 2 to Annex G

No	Sponsoring Department	Income stream	Responsible Entity
01	Department for Transport	Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) and VED enforcement i.e. fines and penalties	DVLA

## ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY HM TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4(6)(a) OF THE GOVERNMENT TRADING FUNDS ACT 1973.

- 1. This direction applies to those Trading Funds listed in the appendix 2.
- 2. The Trading Fund shall prepare a Trust Statement ("the Statement") for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 for the revenue and other income, as directed by the Treasury, collected by the Trading Fund as an agent for others, in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual by HM Treasury ("FReM") which is in force for 2012-13.
- 3. The Statement shall be prepared, as prescribed in appendix 1, so as to give a true and fair view of (a) the state of affairs relating to the collection and allocation of taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties and other income by the Trading Fund as agent and of the expenses incurred in the collection of those taxes, licence fees, fines and penalties insofar as they can properly be met from that revenue and other income; (b) the revenue and expenditure; and (c) the cash flows for the year then ended.
- 4. The statement shall also be prepared so as to provide disclosure of any material expenditure or income that has not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament or material transactions that have not conformed to the authorities which govern them.
- 5. When preparing the Statement, the Trading Fund shall comply with the guidance given in the FReM (Chapter 13). The Trading Fund shall also agree with HM Treasury the format of the Principal Accounting Officer's Foreword to the Statement, and the supporting notes, and the accounting policies to be adopted, particularly in relation to revenue recognition. Regard shall also be given to all relevant accounting and disclosure requirements in Managing Public Money and other guidance issued by HM Treasury, and to the principles underlying International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 6. Compliance with the requirements of the FReM will, in all but exceptional circumstances, be necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. If, in these exceptional circumstances, compliance with the requirements of the FReM is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view, the requirements of the FReM should be departed from only to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In such cases, informed and unbiased judgement should be used to devise an appropriate alternative treatment which should be consistent with both the economic characteristics of the circumstances concerned and the spirit of the FReM. Any material departure from the FReM should be discussed in the first instance with HM Treasury.
- 7. The Statement shall be transmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for the purpose of his examination and report by a date agreed with the Comptroller and Auditor General and HM Treasury to enable compliance with the administrative deadline for laying the audited accounts before Parliament before the Summer Recess.

8. The Trust Statement, together with this direction (but with the exception of the related appendices) and the Report produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General, under section 4(6)(a) of the Government Trading Funds Act 1973 shall be laid before Parliament at the same time as the Trading Fund's Accounts for the year unless the Treasury have agreed that the Trust Statement may be laid at a later date.

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### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2013

- 1. The Trust Statement shall include:
- a Foreword by the Principal Accounting Officer;
- a Statement of the Principal Accounting Officer's Responsibilities;
- a Governance Statement;
- a Statement of Revenue, Other Income and Expenditure;
- a Statement of Financial Position;
- a Cash Flow Statement; and
- such notes as may be necessary to present a true and fair view.
- 2. The Notes shall include among other items:
- the accounting policies, including the policy for revenue recognition and estimation techniques and forecasting techniques together with statements explaining any significant uncertainty surrounding estimates and forecasts;
- a breakdown of material items within the accounts;
- any assets, including intangible assets and contingent liabilities;
- summaries of losses, write-offs and remissions;
- post balance sheet events; and
- any other notes agreed with HM Treasury and the National Audit Office.

## Appendix 2 to Annex H

No	Sponsoring Department	Income stream	Responsible Entity
01	Department for Transport	Graduated Fixed Penalty Deposit Scheme	VOSA
02	BIS	Late filing penalties	Companies House