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Date: 18 December 2014

### **Dear Accounting Officer**

Accounts Direction 2014-15

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 2014-15.

#### Contacts

2. Please address enquiries to Philip Trotter in Government Financial Reporting (telephone 020 7270 4538; email: philip.trotter@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 the 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 2015. It is best practice for departments to aim to lay resource accounts and the accounts of agencies and trading funds in fine by 30 June 2015 and by no later than the parliamentary summer recess. 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 18 December 2014 (MS FD (14)10).

5. This DAO letter is effective immediately. The generic directions in DAO(GEN) 03/13 (20 December 2013) are now spent.

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#### **Richard Brown**

### **Treasury Officer of Accounts**

ANNEX A

## 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 2015 in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual issued by HM Treasury ("the FReM") which is in force for 2014-15.
- 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 2014-15: the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/531). The list of bodies designated in the Schedules to that Order are amended by the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. number 2014/3314). The amendments designate additional bodies, change the names of some designated bodies and remove some bodies from being designated.
- 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 2015 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 2015 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.

# Appendix to Annex A APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTS DIRECTION

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

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

41	Water Services Regulation Authority		
	Pension Schemes		
42	Armed Forces Pension Scheme (incorporating the Armed Forces		
	Compensation Scheme)		
43	Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation		
44	Department for International Development: Overseas Superannuation		
45	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes		
46	Ministry of Justice: Judicial Pensions Scheme		
47	National Health Service Pension Scheme (England and Wales)		
48	Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales)		
49	Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme		

#### **Notes**

- 1. A separate accounts direction is issued under section 5(2) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 to 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. The Competition and Markets Authority will be required to produce accounts for 2014-15 under a separate direction that will be issued by HM Treasury.
- 4. The Food Standards Agency was required to prepare consolidated accounts for 2007-08 by virtue of an accounts direction issued by HM 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.
- 5. 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 2015 in compliance with the accounting principles and disclosure requirements of the edition of the Government Financial Reporting Manual issued by HM Treasury ("the FReM") which is in force for 2014-15.
- 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 2015 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.

### **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 and Plant Health Agency	DEFRA
80	Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture	DEFRA
	Science	
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	National College for Teaching and Leadership	DFE
14	Education Funding Agency	DFE
15	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	DfT
16	Highways Agency	DfT
17	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	DfT
18	Vehicle Certification Agency	DfT
19	Wilton Park	FCO
20	Forest Research	Forestry
		Comm'n
21	Valuation Office Agency	HMRC
22	UK Debt Management Office	HMT
23	Criminal Records Bureau	НО
24	Identity and Passport Service	НО
25	National Fraud Authority	НО
26	Defence Equipment and Support	MOD
27	HM Courts and Tribunals Service	MOJ
28	National Offender Management Service	MOJ
29	Office of the Public Guardian	MOJ
30	Legal Aid Agency	MOJ

## 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 2015 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 202014-15.
- 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 2015 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.

### 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	HM Land Registry	
07	Met Office	
80	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory	
	Agency	
09	Government Procurement Service	
10	Ordnance Survey	
11	UK Intellectual Property Office	
12	Royal Mint	
13	UK Hydrographic Office	
14	Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre	
15	Vehicle and Operator Services Agency	

## 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 2015 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 2014-15.
- 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 8). 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.
- 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.

### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015

- 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	DECC	Petroleum licenses	DECC
		EU Emissions Allowance	DECC
		Fines and Penalties	DECC
		CRC Allowances	DECC
02	Office of Fair Trading	Competition Act penalties	OFT
		Merger fees	OFT
03	Ofgem	Fossil Fuel Levy	OFGEM
		Fines and penalties	OFGEM
04	Water Services	Fines and penalties	OFWAT
	Regulatory Authority		
05	DWP	Financial Assistance Scheme	DWP

A separate Accounts Direction will be issued to DCLG for the preparation of a Business Rates Retention Trust Statement.

## 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 2015 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 2014-15.
- 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 8). 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 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.

### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015

- 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 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 2015 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 2014-15.
- 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 8). 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.

### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015

- 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 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 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 2015 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 2014-15.
- 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 8). 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 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.

### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015

- 1. The Trust Statement shall include:
- a Foreword by the Principal Accounting Officer;
- a Statement of the Principal Accounting Officer's Responsibilities;
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- a Statement of Revenue, Other Income and Expenditure;
- · a Statement of Financial Position;
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- such notes as may be necessary to present a true and fair view.
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- 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 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 2015 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 2014-15.
- 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 8). 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.

### Trust Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015

- 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
01	BIS	Late filing penalties	Companies House