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Dear Accounting Officer

MANAGING PUBLIC MONEY (Annexes)

This letter informs departments of updates to certain Managing Public Money (MPM) annexes and the withdrawal of DAO 2/13 Managing Public Money: 12 July 2013.

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Action

3. Each Accounting Officer should ensure that his or her staff are aware of the revised version of MPM, which applies to arms' length bodies as well as to their sponsor departments.

Context

4. In line with normal practice of regularly updating MPM annexes, public sector organisations should note that MPM annexes on the Treasury website have now been updated. The main changes are noted in the attached annex. The revision also includes various grammatical tidying up, which does not affect the sense of the document, and correction of out of date weblinks.

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Treasury Officer of Accounts

Amendments to Managing Public Money Annexes

Annex 2.4 – revised, including new section on Ministerial Directions in new services cases

A3.1.12-14 - consideration of consultation on changes to accountability system statements following the PAC follow up report 'Accountability for Public Money'

A4.2.8 - addition of link to "Guidance on long-term financial modelling".

Annex 4.5 - new Annex on accountability of Senior Responsible Officers, following publication of Osmotherly rules.

A4.12.7 - confirmation that WMS and departmental minute notifying Parliament of gifts should be laid on same day.

A4.13.9 - deletion of "whether or not the proposed amount falls within its delegated limit" – special severance payments are classified as novel and contentious, such classification overrides any delegated authority. Special severance payments always require HMT approval.

A4.13.13 - Links to Cabinet Office guidance on Settlement Agreements, Special Severance Payments and Confidentiality Clauses on Termination of Employment, and templates for approval and reporting of confidentiality clauses and special severance payments.

A4.13.14 – reminder that re-employment on a consultancy basis following severance must be in line with Cabinet Office approvals and controls;

A4.13.21-22 - inclusion of requirement to report special severance payments to Cabinet Office on a quarterly basis.

A4.15.10 – inclusion of link to guidance on new Homes and Communities Agency protocols on Disposal of Surplus Public Sector Land & Buildings.

A.5.4.24 - confirmation that WMS and departmental minute notifying Parliament of contingent liabilities should be laid on same day.

A5.5.5 - confirmation that NLF lending is not available to commercial entities in the private sector.

A5.5.23-25 – new guidance on disciplines applying to loans to public sector organisations operating in commercial markets.