

Government Financial Reporting Review

Next steps

Next Steps (1)

HMT will continue to look at ways to help improve the quality and usability of government financial and performance reporting.

Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) Review - Phase 2

- Follow up on public consultation responses:
 - Issues that require further consideration (e.g. materiality, accessibility, structure of guidance)
 - Potential audit implications of suggested changes
 - Suggested improvements where responsibility sits outside the team (e.g. Cabinet Office – staff report)
 - Specific departmental issues
- Further review of usability, accessibility and structure of FReM

Best Practice Examples

- Review Government 2018-19 Annual Reports and Accounts
- Establish new bank of examples of best practice in reporting to assist preparers
- Publish Spring 2020



Next Steps (2)

Financial Reporting Landscape

- Monitor map of financial reporting landscape produced in GFR Review and update as necessary
- Develop user-friendly webpage on gov.uk

Thematic Reviews

Improve the quality of reporting with further reviews

Departmental Engagement

Increased engagement through GFA and regional training, Finance Leadership Group,
Government Finance Conference and RASIG

Changes to the Financial Reporting Advisory Board

Support FRAB in its review of its role and scope

Digital Transformation

Continue to look for opportunities to make ARAs and guidance more digitally focussed

