

FMR - CHANGE LEADERS BRIEFING

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

(For Information)

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This paper provides an update of the FMR implementation progress, focusing on the major components of FMR.

2.0 Drafting of the new Finance Management Bill

- 2.1 The Financial Management Bill was further discussed by the Joint Sector Committee on Economic and Administrative Services. Briefing on the Bill to the Joint Sector Committee was also conducted.

3.0 Drafting of Finance Instruction

- 3.1 The draft Finance Instruction 2004 is expected to be circulated to stakeholders after detailed scrutiny by selected accounting and audit personnel in Government. The drafting of the pro-forma Financial Manual 2004 is in progress with the first draft to be due in mid-September.
- 3.2 The guides for the FMR Framework and Output Specification will be printed by September and circulated to other ministries and departments thereafter.

4.0 Change Management

4.1 Training

- 4.1.1 USP-led training is awaiting the passage of the new legislation. It is expected to be conducted in November. GTC has been requested to identify how their existing courses can include awareness of the FMR.
- 4.1.2 ITC has been identified to coordinate basic computer courses for FMIS direct users whilst awaiting training from the suppliers.
- 4.1.3 To ensure sustainability of the FMR training, training divisions of Ministries and Departments will work closely with the MOF

Training Division to be able to run their own FMR courses after USP's contract expires.

4.2 Communication

4.2.1 The second issue of the FMR newsletter will be ready for circulation by mid- September. The FMR website has been launched. The project team continues to conduct presentations to Ministries/Departments on special requests.

4.2.2 The Change Leaders first briefing was conducted on Friday 13th August 2004. They will be holding monthly meetings.

5.0 Performance Budgeting

5.1 Questionnaires handed out to Ministries/Departments intend to:

- evaluate the internal processes that were followed when preparing the corporate plans and budget submissions;
- assess the difficulties faced by the ministries and departments in specifying their outcomes, outputs and performance measures;
- obtain feedback on the corporate plan template and budget submission forms.

5.2 Meetings to finalise the 2005 Budget will be held over the next few months with pilot ministries to ensure that their performance statements is rightfully supported by their outcomes and output performance measures.

6.0 FMIS

6.1 Evaluation is almost completed and a new system is expected to be selected by end of October.

6.2 FMIS Awareness briefings to Ministries/Departments are on going.

6.0 Recommendation

7.0 The FMR Change Leaders are invited to note the progress as highlighted in the paper.

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