



# Public Management Reform Agenda

Newsletter 42

21 December 2016

## Content

[New guide to the PGPA Act for accountable authorities \(RMG 200\)](#)

[Performance Community of Practice on Lessons Learned](#)

[Revised model accountable authority instructions \(AAs\) for corporate Commonwealth entities \(RMG 206\)](#)

[Implementing the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy \(RMG 211\)](#)

[Seeking good practice case studies](#)

[Other updated Resource Management Guidance](#)

---

## New guide to the PGPA Act for accountable authorities (RMG 200)

New [Guide to the PGPA Act for accountable authorities \(RMG 200\)](#) is designed to support accountable authorities to govern their entity and contribute to the priorities and objectives of the government. The new Guide sets out the key duties and responsibilities of accountable authorities at a high level with links to FAQs or other RMGs that set out more detailed guidance where required.

The new Guide replaces former *RMG 200: Duties of accountable authorities*.

---

## Performance Community of Practice on Lessons Learned

Following the release of the draft 'Lessons Learned from 2016-17 Corporate Plans' paper, Finance held a series of Performance Community of Practice sessions to share and discuss better practice examples taken from a range of Commonwealth entities corporate plans throughout December. December Performance Community of Practice sessions PowerPoint presentation on the 2016-17 Corporate Plans lessons learned is available [here](#).

If you're not yet a member of the Performance Community of Practice and would like to join or have any questions please contact the Performance Framework Team via [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au).

---

## Revised model accountable authority instructions (AAs) for corporate Commonwealth entities (RMG 206)

Over 2016, Finance reviewed and updated the [model AAs for Commonwealth entities](#). The model AAs are designed to assist accountable authorities to develop appropriate instructions and operational guidance that meet the specific needs of their entity. The revised model AAs are now available for:

- [non-corporate Commonwealth entities](#) (July 2016)
- [corporate Commonwealth entities](#) (Dec 2016)

---

## Implementing the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy (RMG 211)

The [Guide to Implementing the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy](#) (RMG 211) is now available as an eBook to support entities to develop an appropriate risk management framework.

The Guide provides a broad explanation of key risk management concepts and includes practical tips to assist Commonwealth entities to improve their risk management programs. It provides additional explanations and context to each of the nine elements in the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy and includes practical tips on how entities can implement each element.

In addition eight [risk management information sheets](#) are available to support the Guide, providing additional detail on specific risk management concepts including:

- maintaining an entity's risk profile
- developing a positive risk culture
- communicating risk.

---

## Seeking good practice case studies

To support entities to collaborate and improve the quality of governance, performance and accountability Finance is collecting good practice examples and case studies from entities to share on the Finance website. In particular, we are looking for examples of improved governance, performance and accountability in your entity arising from:

- cooperating with others
- integrating risk management in to programs and activities
- reduced/improved internal controls

If you have good practice examples that you would like to share with other entities, please provide them to [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au). We intend to launch the new webpage with case studies and examples early in 2017.

---

## Other updated Resource Management Guidance

Finance continues to review and streamline resource management guidance to ensure that it supports officials across the Commonwealth public sector to understand their duties and responsibilities and perform to a high standard. The following RMGs have been updated over the second half of 2016:

- [RMG 106 – Guidance on the Assurance Reviews Process](#)
- [RMG 107 – Risk Potential Assessment Tool General Guidance](#)
- [RMG 109 – Accounting for internally developed software](#)
- [RMG 110 – Accounting for operating lease expenses and incentives](#)
- [RMG 111 – Accounting for non-current assets held for sale](#)
- [RMG 112 – Identification of general insurance contracts for accounting purposes](#)
- [RMG 113 – Accounting for subsequent expenditure on property, plant and equipment](#)
- [RMG 114 – Accounting for decommissioning, restoration and similar provisions \('make good'\)](#)
- [RMG 115 – Accounting for concessional loans](#)
- [RMG 118 – Accounting for machinery of government changes](#)
- [RMG 123 – Deeming or designating transfers of assets and liabilities as 'contributions by owners' \(equity\)](#)
- [RMG 206 – Model AAls for non-corporate Commonwealth entities](#)
- [RMG 210 – Clarification of the terms 'Audit' and 'Assurance'](#)
- [RMG 212 – Prescribing officials for non-corporate Commonwealth entities](#)
- [RMG 301 – Investment](#)
- [RMG 303 – Other CRF money](#)
- [RMG 402 – Payment of amount owed to a person at time of death](#)
- [RMG 403 – Meeting the Senate Order on Entity Contracts](#)
- [RMG 404 – Official Domestic Travel - Use of the Lowest Practical Fare](#)
- [RMG 405 – Official International Travel - Use of the Best Fare of the Day](#)
- [RMG 407 – Restrictions on Advertising for Open Approaches to Market \(ATMs\) in the Media Policy](#)
- [RMG 408 – Recruitment Advertising Policy](#)
- [RMG 414 – Contingent liabilities](#)
- [RMG 415 – Commonwealth Grants and Procurement Connected Policies](#)
- [RMG 416 – Facilitating Supplier Payment Through Payment Card](#)
- [RMG 417 – Supplier Pay On-Time or Pay Interest Policy](#)
- [RMG 418 – Payment Terms for Australian Government Travel Arrangements – Card Services](#)

We are interested in your feedback on whether the RMGs meet your needs. Feedback can be provided to [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au).

---

## PMRA Community on Govdex

PMRA Community on Govdex is an online community for Commonwealth officials to:

- be informed about ongoing reforms, events and consultations
- discuss issues and reforms relating to the PGPA Act and internal controls
- share ideas for improving the way we operate across government.

If you have questions or want more information on the PMRA or PGPA Act, visit the PMRA Community on Govdex. Access to the PMRA Community on Govdex is open to all officials of Commonwealth entities. If you are not a member, please email [pmra@finance.gov.au](mailto:pmra@finance.gov.au) and we will send you an invite to join.

---

## Finally, for 2016

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and relaxing break over the holiday period.



---

You are receiving this email because you have subscribed to the PMRA Newsletter.

[Contact us](#) | [Resource Management guidance](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)