

Financial and Performance Management Amendment Standard (No. 1) 2017

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 46

made under the

Financial Accountability Act 2009

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 57 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The amendments to the *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009* (Standard) are largely administrative in nature, and relate to changing document names or realigning departmental requirements with those of statutory bodies.

Section 11 changes the name of the referenced document from 'A Guide to the Queensland Government Performance Management Framework' to 'Queensland Government Performance Management Framework Policy.' Section 23 changes the name of the referenced documents from 'Queensland's Project Assurance Framework' and 'Value for Money Framework' to 'Project Assessment Framework.' Section 25 changes the name of the referenced document from 'Leasing in the Public Sector – policy guidelines' to 'Queensland Leasing Approval Policy for Public Sector Entities.'

Section 59 of the Standard has also been amended, the objective of which is to reduce compliance requirements for departments reporting on derivative transactions, while ensuring that sufficient oversight of risk is maintained.

Achievement of policy objectives

The objective of the amendment of section 59 is achieved by decreasing the reporting time on derivatives from monthly to quarterly, while leaving the option opened to the Treasurer to increase the reporting time if the risk on the transaction is deemed appropriately high.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment Standard is consistent with the FA Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Standard is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The benefit of amending sections 11, 23 and 25 is that the Standard remains current in light of changes to internally referenced documents. Departments benefit from changes to section 59 by reducing the frequency of reporting on their derivative transactions, while allowing flexibility for the Treasurer to require more frequent reporting given the risk attached to the transaction.

The amendment Standard will not result in additional expenditure.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment Standard is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with the Queensland Audit Office on the amendments to the Standard. A letter was forwarded to the Auditor-General of the Queensland Audit Office giving opportunity for feedback on the proposed amendments to the Standard. The Queensland Audit Office raised no objections to the amendments.