

**TREASURER'S INSTRUCTION**  
**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ACT 1995**

**GBE 08-52-07**  
**REQUIREMENTS OF AND CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with section 52 of the *Government Business Enterprises Act 1995* (GBE Act) and section 17 of the *Audit Act 2008* the Board must prepare and provide to the Auditor-General, within 45 days after the end of the financial year, the financial statements of the Government Business Enterprise (GBE) relating to that financial year.

Further, section 52(3) of the GBE Act provides that the financial statements must contain the documents, statements and information required by, and otherwise comply with, the Treasurer's Instructions, and must be signed and certified as specified in the Treasurer's Instructions.

**DEFINITIONS**

Words and phrases used in this Treasurer's Instruction have the same meaning as those defined in the GBE Act.

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**Requirements of Financial Statements**

The financial statements in respect of a financial year must comply with the requirements of section 52 of the GBE Act and are to consist of –

- (a) a Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for that financial year; and
- (b) a Statement of Financial Position as at the end of that financial year; and
- (c) a Statement of Changes in Equity for that financial year; and
- (d) a Statement of Cash Flows for that financial year; and
- (e) any other financial information required to be included by any other Treasurer's Instruction; and
- (f) any other financial information required to be included by a direction given under section 52(4) of the GBE Act; and
- (g) where the GBE or subsidiary is liable to pay an income tax equivalent, a statement of income tax equivalence; and
- (h) statements, reports and notes, other than a directors' report or an auditor's report, attached to, or intended to be read with the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity or Statement of Cash Flows.

### *Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income*

A GBE's Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income will be prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

If a GBE receives a contribution to operating deficits from Government this funding shall be considered by the GBE as other revenue and recognised in the financial year of receipt. It must be separately disclosed within the revenue category in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in accordance with all relevant accounting standards. A contribution to operating deficits from Government shall be described as "Government deficit contribution" in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

### *Statement of Financial Position*

A GBE's Statement of Financial Position will be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

### *Statement of Changes in Equity*

A GBE's Statement of Changes in Equity will be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

### *Statement of Cash Flows*

A GBE's Statement of Cash Flows will be prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

## **Certification of Financial Statements**

The financial statements of a GBE shall include a Statement of Certification in the following terms:

"In the opinion of the directors of (name of the Government Business Enterprise):

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the Enterprise and of the consolidated entity (delete 'and of the consolidated entity' if subsidiary(ies) do not exist) are in accordance with the *Government Business Enterprises Act 1995*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the results and cash flows for the (period as specified) and the financial position as at (date), of the Enterprise (together with the words 'and its subsidiary(ies)' if applicable); and
  - (ii) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations and with the Treasurer's Instructions.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Enterprise will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This declaration has been made after receiving the following declaration from the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (or insert appropriate equivalents) of the Enterprise:

- (a) the financial records of the Enterprise for the (period specified) have been properly maintained in accordance with Section 51 of the *Government Business Enterprises Act 1995*;
- (b) the financial statements, and notes for the (period specified) have been prepared in accordance with Section 52 of the *Government Business Enterprises Act 1995*; and
- (c) the financial statements and notes for the (period specified) give a true and fair view.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:”

The Statement of Certification should be signed and dated by two members of the Board.

### **COMMENCEMENT DATE**

This Treasurer’s Instruction applies to all GBEs for the year ended 30 June 2014, and replaces Treasurer’s Instruction GBE 08-52-06 *Requirements of and Certification of Financial Statements*.