



# Results of the audit of the draft 2015-16 APP

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## Background

- Review of indicators and targets included in draft 2015-16 APP for usefulness
- Usefulness include:

- Measurability of Indicators

- Are indicators well defined i.e. Does the indicator have a clear unambiguous definition and Is the indicator defined so that data will be collected consistently
- Are indicators verifiable i.e. Is it possible to verify the processes and systems that produce the indicator

- Measurability of targets

- Is the planned target Specific i.e. Is the nature and required level of performance clearly identified
- Is the planned and reported target Measurable i.e. Can the required performance be measured
- Is the planned and reported target Time bound i.e. Is the time period/deadline for delivery specified



## Findings – Programme 3 – Technical indicator descriptions (TIDS) and targets not SMART

Finding	No. of indicators impacted	Percentage
The TIDS for the indicator were not completed	3	5%
The source is unclear	7	12%
The calculation method is not clear	8	14%
Indicator descriptions in the APP and TIDS differ	5	9%
The short definition does not give enough detail to give a general understanding of the indicator	5	9%
Indicator description not clear	2	3%
Targets not SMART	1	2%

### Impact of findings

- Indicators that are not well defined, may not be measurable and can result in a qualified/disclaimer of opinion on usefulness of performance against pre-determined objectives





## Findings – Programme 5 – Technical indicator descriptions and targets not SMART

Finding	No. of indicators impacted	Percentage
The source is unclear	8	25%
The short definition does not give enough detail to give a general understanding of the indicator	1	3%
Indicator description not clear	5	16%
Targets not SMART	3	9%

### Impact of findings

- Indicators that are not well defined, may not be measurable and can result in a qualified/disclaimer of opinion on usefulness of performance against pre-determined objectives

## Other findings

- **Second draft of the strategic plan and APP were not submitted to National Treasury within the required timeframes**
- **Impact: Non-adherence to the timeframes as per the Framework for Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans**
  
- **Omission of details regarding long-term infrastructure and other capital plans as well as conditional grants**  
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## **Correction to the draft APP**

- The findings have been discussed with the management of the national department
- They have agreed to make necessary changes based on the findings
- The corrections will be confirmed once an updated draft is provided for audit