Standing Committee on Finance 20 August 2019





Overview

- Role & Mandate
- Key strategic objectives
- Establishment & operations
- Communication and outreach



Role & Mandate

Setting Accounting Standards for all spheres of government

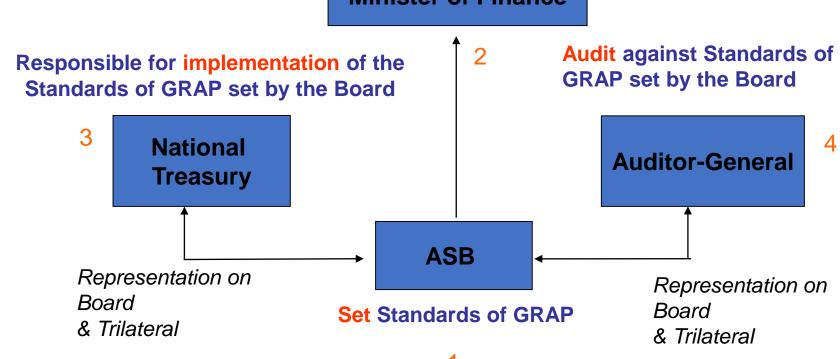
- —To ensure transparency & expenditure control
- —To manage REAL effectively
- —Uniform reporting requirements
 - Best practice
 - Capacity to implement



Interaction between the ASB & key role players

Approve effective dates for Standards of GRAP

Minister of Finance





Uniform reporting requirements?

National government						
Departments & Government components	Public entities	State-owned entities (GBEs)	Trading entities	Constitutional institutions		
Cash	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual		
MCS	GRAP	IFRS	GRAP	GRAP		

Provincial government					
Departments	Public entities	GBEs	Trading entities		
Cash	Accrual	Accrual	Accrual		
MCS	GRAP	GRAP	GRAP		

Local government				
Municipalities	Municipal entities			
Accrual	Accrual			
GRAP	GRAP			



Key Strategic Objectives

- Set Standards of GRAP
 - Local initiatives (Combined AFS, PIR of GRAP 103, Review of GRAP 3, Liquidation basis of accounting)
 - Research (GRAP for small entities)
 - Convergence with IASB & IPSASB (Employee benefits & IFRIC 22)
- Promote the adoption of the Standards of GRAP (transitional provisions)
- Monitor the application of the Standards of GRAP
 - Post-implementation reviews (heritage assets & Principals & Agents)
 - Desktop reviews (Cash flow statements & Comparison with budget)
- Influence development of international standards (Social benefits & Leases)
- Manage resources to ensure the ASB is operationally effective

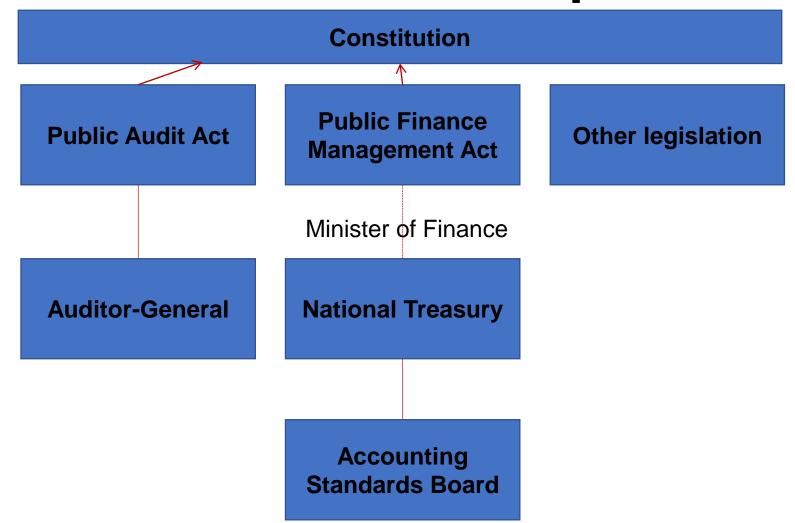


Establishment and operations

- Chapter 11 of the PFMA established Board
- Juristic person (public entity)
- Wholly funded by transfer payment from National Treasury
- Report to Minister of Finance, but establish own operating procedures



Establishment and operations





Communication & outreach



Outreach activities

- Continuous promotion of GRAP by improving outreach to stakeholders (workshops, meetings, seminars, SAICA webinars)
- Stakeholders should liaise with ASB when requiring any engagements
- Newsletters & Meeting Highlights
- Handbook



Translation

- Standards translated into isiZulu, Sesotho and Afrikaans
- The official version is the English language version
- Available on website



Website

- Overview of changes made to reporting framework for 2018 onwards.
- Three set of Standards:
 - Those entities with a December year-end
 - The Standards applicable for the current year
 - The Standards applicable for the next financial year
- Please register on website to be advised of changes:

http://www.asb.co.za/GRAP/Subscribe-to-email-alerts

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