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Dear Colleague

**RE: A Framework for Managing Joint Programmes in the Public Service**

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Framework for Managing Joint programmes in the Public Service as approved by Cabinet on the 07<sup>th</sup> of December 2005.

In 2003, Cabinet mandated the Governance and Administration cluster to develop this Framework. The need for the Framework was as a result of the increasing need for public institutions to work together in delivering public services.

Research was conducted to understand the status quo of joint programmes and also to identify best practices. The findings of that research informed the development of the Framework and addressed issues of: Capacity versus capability for implementing joint programmes; Ambiguity on the nature and scope of the programme; Too wide and ambiguous objectives; Lack of co-ordination and non-integration of efforts; Funding mechanism for joint programmes; and Lack of accountability on failure in joint programmes.

On the 07<sup>th</sup> of December 2005, Cabinet approved the Framework. It also approved that the Department of Provincial and Local Government in consultation with the Department of Public Service and Administration, incorporates the Framework in the guidelines that were being developed in terms of Chapter 5 of the IGR Framework Act.

Cabinet also supported the approach that the Framework immediately be put in practice in all joint programmes. In accordance with that decision, I am attaching the Framework to this letter and will also have it published on the dpsa website ([www.dpsa.gov.za](http://www.dpsa.gov.za)).

Kind regards,

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