TO ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS AND GOVERNMENT COMPONENTS

CIRCULARS: REQUEST TO REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE SIGNING OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE FOR THE 2012/2013 PERFORMANCE CYCLE BY 31/07/2012

Introduction

1. This Circular serves to request all Heads of National Departments to ensure compliance with the signing of Performance Agreements (PAs) by members of the Senior Management Service (SMS) in their respective departments for the 2012/2013 performance cycle and to report thereon to the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) by 31 July 2012.

Concluding Performance Agreements

2. In June 2009 the Minister for the Public Service and Administration (MPSA), in terms of regulation 4/III/B.3 of the Public Service Regulations, 2001, read with section 41(3) of the Public Service Act, 1994, amended the Directive on the Performance Management and Development System for members of the SMS set out in Chapter 4 of the SMS Handbook. In terms of this amendment, with effect from 1 April 2009, all members of the SMS must conclude their performance agreements within the first two months of the financial year, i.e. by 31 May of each year. In the event of a national and provincial election occurring within the first three months of any financial year all members of the SMS must conclude their performance agreements for that financial year within three months following the month in which the elections took place. A newly appointed member of the SMS must conclude her/his PA within the first three months of appointment. The 2009 directive determined that members of the SMS who do not comply with the above-mentioned directive shall not qualify for any performance incentive, including pay progression for the relevant performance cycle.

Reporting on the signing of Performance Agreements

3. For purposes of reporting to the Minister for the Public Service and Administration, please furnish the DPSA by 31 July 2012 with the following information for the 2012/2013 performance cycle:
3.1 The number of signed Performance Agreements of SMS members as on 31 May 2012, provided in the template attached to this Circular (Annexure A).

3.2 Please note that changing the date of 31 May 2012 on the template to a later date and submitting it will not be considered a valid response.

4. The report for your Department must by 31 July 2012 be forwarded to Ms Onthulametse Baloyi of the DPSA at the following address:

- Email: pmds@dpsa.gov.za
- Tel. no. 012 336 1474
- Fax: 012 336 1812

5. Your cooperation is appreciated.

[Signature]
Mr. M Diphofo
Director-General

Date: 05/07/2012
REPORT ON THE SIGNING OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS BY HODS AND OTHER SMS MEMBERS

Please provide the following data for your department on the signing of PAs by SMS members as at 31 May 2012 (the same information that must be included in the departmental Annual Report). The completed template must be signed off by the Executive Authority or HoD.

NAME OF DEPARTMENT: _____________________________  PROVINCE (IF APPLICABLE): _______________________

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT: NAME: ___________________________  DESIGNATION: _______________________

TELEPHONE NO: ____________________________  CELL NO. ____________________________  E-MAIL ____________________________

DATE OF SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE DPSA: (On or before 31 July 2012)

Information for performance cycle 2012/2013 Performance Cycle (Please provide detailed data in the fields)

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Executive Authority Signature: _____________________________  Date: ____________________________

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