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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OECD VALUE FOR MONEY STUDY

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**OECD Conference Centre, Paris
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Draft Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2010

11:00 - 11:10	Welcome to participants and introduction to the meeting	Jon Blondal (OECD Secretariat) Roel Bekker (Ministry of Interior, The Netherlands)
11:10 - 11:20	Tour de Table Introduction of participants	<i>Country delegates</i>
11:20 - 11:30	Aims and background of the Value for Money study	Barry Anderson (United States – Supervisor of the OECD Value for Money Study)
<i>Session 1: Value for Money Country Assessment of Australia</i>		
11:30 - 11:50	Presentation of the OECD Value for Money Country Assessment of Australia	Ian Hawkesworth (OECD Secretariat)
11:50 - 13:00	Questions and Discussion	Country Delegates
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Luncheon – meeting of the supervisory committee (delegates of lead countries)</i>	
<i>Session 2: Value for Money Country Assessment of the Netherlands</i>		
14:30 - 14:50	Presentation of the OECD Value for Money Country Assessment of the Netherlands	Colin Forthun (OECD Secretariat)
14:50 - 16:00	Questions and Discussion	Country Delegates
16:00 - 16:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<i>Session 3: Building on Basics</i>		
16:20 - 16:40	Presentation of Chapter 1 of the final report “Building on Basics”	Dirk Jan Kraan (OECD Secretariat)
16:40 - 17:00	Comments on Chapter 1 of the final report “Building on Basics”	Patrick Dunleavy - tbc (London School of Economics, UK)
17:00 - 17:50	Questions and Discussion	Country Delegates
17:50 - 17:55	Next Steps in the OECD Value for Money Project	Dirk Jan Kraan (OECD Secretariat)
17:55 - 18:00	Final remarks and closing	Roel Bekker (Ministry of Interior, The Netherlands)
18:00	<i>Cocktail</i>	

Notes

Session 1

Value for Money Country Assessment of Australia

In this session, Ian Hawkesworth (OECD Secretariat) will present the Australian Country Assessment which is the first in a series of similar reports that will look at the organisation of central government in a particular country from the perspective of Value for Money. Next to quantitative benchmarks for the Australian government, the report contains sections on the ten highest priorities for reform in Australia as seen by the OECD Secretariat. Among these are a reduction of the number of political appointees in the central government, a more consistent task division between levels of government, establishment of an independent forecasting bureau and service sharing and amalgamation among agencies.

Session 2

Value for Money Country Assessment of the Netherlands

In this session, Colin Forthun (OECD Secretariat) will present the Dutch Country Assessment which is the second in a series of similar reports that will look at the organisation of central government in a particular country from the perspective of Value for Money. The report contains a chapter on quantitative benchmarks in which the Dutch central government is compared to that of other OECD countries. The report is mainly devoted to the ten highest priorities for reform in the Netherlands, as seen by the OECD Secretariat. Among these are sectoral career development, integration of executive and professional expertise in policy making, independent supervisory/regulatory authorities and reform of the steering of agencies.

Session 3

“Building on Basics”

The final report of the OECD Value for Money Study will be called “Building on Basics”. Dirk Jan Kraan (OECD Secretariat) will present the first chapter that contains the story line of the report. This chapter will argue that in view of recent developments in OECD countries it may be concluded that the era of New Public Management is over. The reforms of New Public Management have led to a number of unexpected results such as increasing employment in back office tasks, deteriorating service quality for citizens and businesses, demotivated executive and professional staff, and weakening control by ministers over the quality of services for which they are responsible. The report will argue that apart from restitution of basic institutional guarantees for service quality and efficiency, the time has come for practices of public administration that are closer to the citizens (more decentralisation) and more responsive to their individual preferences (more choice). Modern ICT technology opens opportunities to realise these targets at affordable costs. Apart from the first chapter the annex of the report will be available. The annex lists seventy reforms and reform trend in central government that have been observed in OECD countries and that lead to better service quality and more efficiency (savings).



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