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PRODUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT IN THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR
Expert Meeting, OECD, Paris, 18-19 March, 1999

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Thursday 18 March 1999

Chair – Richard Murray, Chief Economist, Statskontoret

09.30-13.00¹ Session 1 – Introduction and Presentation of National Experiences

Introduction, objective of the meeting and the link with PUMA work.

- J. Brumby, PUMA.

Introduction and overview of productivity measurement issues.

- R. Murray, Statskontoret.

Government sector productivity measurement in the context of the national accounts.

- P.McCarthy, Statistics Directorate.

The Dutch Experience.

– J. Eefting, Statistics Netherlands.

The Swedish Experience.

- R.Murray, Statskontoret.

The Australian Experience.

- K. Tallis, Australian Bureau of Statistics (to be confirmed).

The Finnish Experience.

- A. Aaltonen, Statistics Finland.

The United Kingdom Experience.

– A. Milne, Office for National Statistics.

Participants invited to ask questions after each country presentation.

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-17.30 Session 2 – Advantages and Policy Application of Presented Methods

Participants discuss respective advantages of using methods for measuring productivity in the general government sector, focussing specifically, among other things on the:

- measurement of output;
- ability of productivity measures to take account of quality changes; and

1. Timing is approximate. Coffee breaks are planned mid-way through the morning and afternoon sessions.

- aggregation of output measurement.

Participants review how methods are used in the policy context.

Conclusion of day by R. Murray.

Friday 19 March 1999

09.30-10.30 Conclusion of Session 2

Participants review findings of session.

Participants identify an appropriate set of principles for measurement of general government productivity.

10.30-13.00 Session 3 – Future Work of PUMA

Outline of PUMA's future work, introduced by J. Brumby, PUMA.

Participants advise about applying productivity measures in future work. Specifically to:

- measure general government productivity levels;
- assess productivity impacts of technological change and public sector reforms;
- make cross country comparisons of public sector reform impacts; and
- measure potential productivity at the general government level.

Participants may discuss appropriate project design for the general government sector productivity based projects.

Conclusion of expert meeting by R. Murray.