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2009 PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

On behalf of the Government, I am inviting submissions from individuals, businesses, community groups and other non-government organisations on their views regarding priorities for the 2009 budget.

The Government believes that by consulting with a broad range of the community in developing its strategies and policies for the 2009 budget, it is likely to make better informed budget decisions.

The 2009 budget will be consistent with the priorities identified in the Medium Term Development Strategy and the proposed new Medium Term Fiscal Strategy (2007-2012).

In the past submissions have purely been made for additional resources. This year, all are encouraged to be more constructive by offering more than just seeking for additional resources. The Government is also interested in receiving feedback from the wider community on issues regarding implementation and monitoring of recent budgets, the supplementary budgets and any occurrences in funding to priority areas that may be of concern.

The government encourages interested parties to forward their submissions by 30 April 2008.

Submissions proposing changes to current policy that would require changes to legislation should be submitted a week prior to the deadline above, to allow sufficient time for consideration and development of legislation.

All submissions should be forwarded to the address below.

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