Section 1. Public Availability of Budget Docs. “Section One: The Availability of Budget Documents” contains a series of four tables that allow the researcher to examine and map the public availability and dissemination of its country’s key budget documents (i.e., Pre-Budget Statement, Executive’s Budget Proposal (EBP) and Supporting EBP Documents, Citizens Budget, Enacted Budget, In-Year Reports, Mid-Year Review, Year-End Report, and Audit Report), as well as any national laws regulating budget processes and financial management. Once filled in, these tables will serve as a foundation for the completion of the rest of the questionnaire, as researchers will reference the specific documents cited in the tables to answer the questions contained in Sections 2-5 of the questionnaire.

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**Sources:** Additional Supporting Documents: "State Debt Budget Appendix" (სახელმწიფო ვალი), Fiscal year: 2014, published
Comments: Pre-Budget Statement is one of the supporting documents to the EBP. Some documents such as IYR for Q1 (BY 2014) was not downloadable in bulk. Therefore, 9 different PDFs are uploaded under the description "IYR for Q1 of BY 2014".

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July, each year the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, which covers broad area of issues including reviews of past and the current years. Also it covers updated information of 6 months data. (BDD 2014-2017 პირველადი ვარიანტი)

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE

According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

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Sources: <www.mof.ge>; The rest of the chapters of EB are available here: <http://mof.ge/5233>;

Comments: Initially, the Ministry of Finance stressed that hard copies of the budget documents are available upon request. After sending a FOI request on behalf of a regular citizen, we received a call from the Ministry saying that printing is inconvenient and is related to additional costs (although they did not specify how much would it cost for a citizen if a document is printed even though we asked a few times). The Ministry kept stressing that the documents are available online and can be printed. Thus, we consider the documents unavailable in hard copies. Generally, neither the MOF, nor the public library holds hard copies of the budget documents.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: http://mof.ge/Budget on this link you can find the “citizens version” of the enacted budget.
### Table 2b. Details about Availability

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If available online, provide internet/URL address


Is it machine readable? [only for electronic copies]

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Is there a “citizens version” of the budget document?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**Sources**: [www.mof.ge](http://www.mof.ge) The rest of the chapters of the Year-End Report are available here: [http://mof.ge/5301](http://mof.ge/5301); Link provided above for the In-Year Report is a link to Q1 IYR for BY 2014. Links to the other three reports are available here:
Comments: The Ministry of Finance of Georgia treats 2nd Quarter In-Year Report both as In-Year Report and as Mid-Year Review. Therefore, they do not produce a separate Mid-Year Review. However, important information such as forecast for the second half of the year is missing from the Q2 IYR, which is why we will not treat it as Mid-Year Review. The Ministry of Finance of Georgia treats 4th Quarter In-Year Report both as In-Year Report and as Year-End Report. Therefore, they do not produce a separate Year-End Review.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

Table 3. When Are the Key Budget Documents Made Available to the Public?

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In-Year Report: When are In-Year Reports made available to the public?

- 100. At least every month, and within one month of the period covered
- 67. At least every quarter, and within three months of the period covered
- 33. At least semi-annually, and within three months of the period covered
- 0. Does not release to the public

Mid-Year Review: How long after the mid-point in the fiscal year (i.e., six months into the fiscal year) is the Mid-Year Review made available to the public?

- 100. Six weeks or less after the mid-point
- 67. Nine weeks or less, but more than six weeks, after the mid-point
- 33. More than nine weeks, but less than three months, after the mid-point
- 0. Does not release to the public, or is released more than three months after the mid-point

Year-End Report: How long after the end of the budget year is the Year-End Report made available to the public?

- 100. Six months or less after the end of the budget year
- 67. Nine months or less, but more than six months, after the end of the budget year
- 33. More than nine months, but within 12 months, after the end of the budget year
- 0. Does not release to the public, or is released more than 12 months after the end of the budget year

Audit Report: How long after the end of the fiscal year are the final annual expenditures of national departments audited and released (except for secret programs)?

- 100. Six months or less after the end of the budget year
- 67. Twelve months or less, but more than 6 months, after the end of the budget year
- 33. More than 12 months, but within 18 months, after the end of the budget year
- 0. Does not release to the public, or is released more than 18 months after the end of the budget year

Sources: We have contacted the Ministry of Finance for the exact dates for the Budget Tracker.

Comments: The Ministry of Finance of Georgia treats 2nd Quarter In-Year Report both as In-Year Report and as Mid-Year Review. Therefore, they do not produce a separate Mid-Year Review.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
Is there a website or web portal for government fiscal information?   

- Yes
- No

- Yes

www.mof.ge

Is there a law (or laws) guiding public financial management?  

- Yes
- No

- Yes

Budgetary Code of Georgia

<http://www.mof.ge/show_law.aspx?id=419>

Are there additional laws regulating:
- Access to information?
- Transparence?
- Citizens participation?

- Yes
- No

General Administrative Code of Georgia,
Constitution of Georgia,
Parliamentary Rules of Procedure

Sources: General Administrative Code of Georgia guarantees access to information of a citizen, specifically articles 36, 37, 38, 40, and 42. <http://humanrights.ge/files/code_admin_general.pdf>; Parliamentary Rules of Procedure of Georgia guarantee citizens participation by multiple means including, but not limited to, granting the right to attend sessions (Article 5.6), the right to meet and consult with MPs (Article 13.2), obligation of MPs to introduce citizens’ letters to the Parliament (Article 15.2.d). <http://www.parliament.ge/files/819_18559_127313_reglamenti.pdf>; The Constitution of Georgia underlines principles of transparency and accountability of the state with regards to the citizen. <http://www.parliament.ge/files/68_1944_951190_CONSTIT_27_12.06.pdf>

Comments: Transparency, and access to information is guaranteed by the General Administrative Code of Georgia. The main law that guides public management of finances is the Budget Code of Georgia. As for the website for government fiscal information, it is the website of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia. Other sources can be the website of the National Bank of Georgia, and the website of the Chamber of Control.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

Section 2. Comprehensiveness of the Executive's Budget Proposal

001. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for the budget year that are classified by administrative unit (that is, by ministry, department, or agency)?

A. Yes, administrative units accounting for all expenditures are presented.
B. Yes, administrative units accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures are presented.

C. Yes, administrative units accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures are presented.

D. No, expenditures are not presented by administrative unit.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.
Score: 100


Comments: The Chapter VI of the 2014 EBP classifies all expenditures of the budget by ministries, departments, and administrative agencies. Additionally, the supporting document to EBP on public spenders addresses specifically administrative classification of all expenditures.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

002. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for the budget year by functional classification?

A. Yes, expenditures are presented by functional classification.

B. No, expenditures are not presented by functional classification.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.
Score: 100


Comments: Chapter III Article 9 of the 2014 EBP presents all expenditures by functional classification.
003. If the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation presents expenditures for the budget year by functional classification, is the functional classification compatible with international standards?

A. Yes, the functional classification is compatible with international standards.

B. No, the functional classification is not compatible with international standards, or expenditures are not presented by functional classification.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: Functional classification of expenditures presented in the 2014 EBP of Georgia is in compliance with the OECD and the UN's Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG). The expenditures in the 2014 EBP of Georgia are split into ten "functional" groups (first-level COFOG), which are further divided into sub-sections (second-level COFOG). The 2014 EBP of Georgia provides additional divisions of the sub-sections when applicable. For example, one of the sub-sections of the the "functional" group "Education" in the 2014 EBP of Georgia is "General Education", which is further divided into "Primary Education" and "Secondary Education" (Draft Law of Georgia on the 2014 State Budget of Georgia, pg. 17).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

004. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for the budget year by economic classification?
A. Yes, expenditures are presented by economic classification.

B. No, expenditures are not presented by economic classification.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. 

Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP presents economic classification for all expenditures of the state budget. The categories presented in the 2014 EBP are wages and salaries, goods and services, interest payments, subsidies, grants, social benefits, and other expenditures.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

005. If the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation presents expenditures for the budget year by economic classification, is the economic classification compatible with international standards?

A. Yes, the economic classification is compatible with international standards.

B. No, the economic classification is not compatible with international standards, or expenditures are not presented by economic classification.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. 

Score: 100

Comments: The 2014 EBP of Georgia lists all expenditures of the state budget in the following economic categories: wages and salaries, goods and services, interest payments, grants, subsidies, social benefits, other expenditure. The breakdown is compatible with the GFS requirements. The economic breakdown of expenditures is presented in the updated version of Basic Data and Directions (BDD) 2014-2017 as well, which is one of the supporting documents to the EBP.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

006. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for individual programs for the budget year?

A. Yes, programs accounting for all expenditures are presented.
B. Yes, programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures are presented.
C. Yes, programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures are presented.
D. No, expenditures are not presented by program.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A.
Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP and the Program Budget Appendix give an extensive listing of all expenditures for individual programs of the spending units.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
007. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditure estimates for a multi-year period (at least two-years beyond the budget year) by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, multi-year expenditure estimates are presented by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, multi-year expenditure estimates are presented by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, multi-year expenditure estimates are presented by only one of the three expenditure classifications.

D. No, multi-year expenditure estimates are not presented by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The 2014 EBP of Georgia presents administrative, economic, and functional classification for all expenditures for the current budget year. The 2014 The BDD, which is one of the supporting documents to the EBP, provides estimates for multi-year period according to economic classification (Basic Data and Dimensions 20014-2017, pg. 50). Additionally, Chapter III of the BDD presents estimates for expenditures for multi-year period according to administrative classification (pg. 52). However, neither the EBP, nor any of its supporting document provide expenditure estimates for multi-year by functional classification.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

008. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditure estimates for a multi-year period (at least two-years beyond the budget year) by program?
A. Yes, multi-year estimates for programs accounting for all expenditures are presented.

B. Yes, multi-year estimates for programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures are presented.

C. Yes, multi-year estimates for programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures are presented.

D. No, multi-year estimates for programs are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: The Program Budget Appendix and the Capital Budget Appendix of the 2014 EBP of Georgia provide expenditure estimates for BY+3 by program and project, correspondingly. Additionally, the Program Budget Appendix presents expected outcomes and indicators of the individual programs.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.


009. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present the individual sources of tax revenue (such as income tax or VAT) for the budget year?

A. Yes, individual sources of tax revenue accounting for all tax revenue are presented.

B. Yes, individual sources of tax revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, tax revenues are presented.

C. Yes, individual sources of tax revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all tax revenues are presented.

D. No, individual sources of tax revenue are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A. Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP identifies the different sources of tax revenue such as income tax, taxes on goods and services, excise, and etc.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

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010. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present the individual sources of non-tax revenue (such as grants, property income, and sales of government-produced goods and services) for the budget year?

A. Yes, individual sources of non-tax revenue accounting for all non-tax revenue are presented.
B. Yes, individual sources of non-tax revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, non-tax revenues are presented.
C. Yes, individual sources of non-tax revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all non-tax revenues are presented.
D. No, individual sources of non-tax revenue are not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. Score: 67


Comments: Chapter II of the 2014 EBP provides information on individual sources of non-tax revenue for the budget year including grants (Article 5), sales of government-produced goods and services, sanctions, etc. (Article 6)

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
The amount of "miscellaneous" revenues in non-tax revenue category exceeds 3 percent. Therefore, the answer was changed to "b".

011. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present revenue estimates by category (such as tax and non-tax) for a multi-year period (at least two-years beyond the budget year)?

A. Yes, multi-year estimates of revenue are presented by category.
B. No, multi-year estimates of revenue are not presented by category.
C. Not applicable/other (please

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: Basic Economic and Financial Indicators, which is supporting document to the 2014 EBP of Georgia presents revenue estimates by tax and non-tax categories for BY+3 for Consolidated Budget.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

012. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates for individual sources of revenue presented for a multi-year period (at least two-years beyond the budget year)?

A. Yes, multi-year estimates for individual sources of revenue accounting for all revenue are presented.
B. Yes, multi-year estimates for individual sources of revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue are presented.
C. Yes, multi-year estimates for individual sources of revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of revenue are presented.

D. No, multi-year estimates for individual sources of revenue are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The supporting document to the 2014 EBP on Basic Economic and Financial Indicators presents multi-year estimate for the budget year and BY+3 for some individual sources of revenue such as direct and indirect tax payments, social contributions, and grants, which account to more than two-thirds of the revenue presented. The category "other sources of revenue", even though estimated for multi-year period is not broken down further into individual sources.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: The category "other sources of revenue" includes penalties, fines and other sources and it is not expedient to break down further into individual sources of revenue for multi-year period.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

013. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present three estimates related to government borrowing and debt: the amount of net new borrowing required during the budget year; the total debt outstanding at the end of the budget year; and interest payments on the debt for the budget year?

A. Yes, all three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

B. Yes, two of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

C. Yes, one of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

D. No, none of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.
DOES THE EXECUTIVE’S BUDGET PROPOSAL OR ANY SUPPORTING BUDGET DOCUMENTATION PRESENT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE TOTAL DEBT OUTSTANDING AT THE END OF THE BUDGET YEAR? (THE CORE INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE INTEREST RATES ON THE DEBT INSTRUMENTS; MATURITY PROFILE OF THE DEBT; AND WHETHER IT IS DOMESTIC OR EXTERNAL DEBT.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for the composition of the total debt outstanding.

B. Yes, the core information is presented for the composition of the total debt outstanding.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to composition of total debt outstanding is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on the macroeconomic forecast upon which the budget projections are based? (The core information must include a discussion of the economic outlook with estimates of nominal GDP level, inflation rate, real GDP growth, and interest rates.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for the macroeconomic forecast.

B. Yes, the core information is presented for the macroeconomic forecast.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to the macroeconomic forecast is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The supporting document to the 2014 EBP of Georgia on the Basic Economic and Financial Indicators provides the "core" information including nominal GDP, real GDP growth, and interest rates for the budget year and BY+3. Forecast for inflation rate is provided in the supporting document to EBP Basic Data and Directions 2014-2017 (pg. 43-44). Additionally, the Basic Economic and Financial Indicators presents supplementary information such as GDP deflator and current account,
whereas Basic Data and Directions 2014-2017 provides information on composition of GDP growth (Chapter II).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: b.
Comments: The Basic Data and Directions Document (2014-2017) provide a very general (one sentence) prognosis about inflation rate for 2014-2017. There is a more detailed prognosis of the GDP growth. However, there is no information about the prognosis of the interest rates.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
Answer choice revised from "a" to "b' as an interest rate for BY is not provided.

016. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation show the impact of different macroeconomic assumptions (i.e., sensitivity analysis) on the budget? (The core information must include estimates of the impact on expenditures, revenue, and debt of different assumptions for the inflation rate, real GDP growth, and interest rates.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented to show the impact of different macroeconomic assumptions on the budget.
B. Yes, the core information is presented to show the impact of different macroeconomic assumptions on the budget.
C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.
D. No, information related to different macroeconomic assumptions is not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0


Comments: The supporting document to the 2014 EBP on Basic Economic and Financial Indicators provides data on GDP real and nominal growth, inflation, debt, and other macroeconomic indicators. However, neither the EBP, nor any of its supporting documents provide sensitivity analysis in order to demonstrate possible impact of changes in macroeconomic assumptions.
on expenditures, revenues, and debt.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: 2014 budget and its supporting documents do not provide such sensitivity analysis, but as for 2015 budget, budget supporting documents include the information about macro-fiscal projections and main fiscal and macroeconomic indicators, different scenarios (basic, optimistic and pessimistic scenarios) are presented.


PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

017. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information for at least the budget year that shows how new policy proposals, as distinct from existing policies, affect expenditures?

A. Yes, estimates that show how all new policy proposals affect expenditures are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates that show how all new policy proposals affect expenditures are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, information that shows how some but not all new policy proposals affect expenditure is presented.

D. No, information that shows how new policy proposals affect expenditure is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33


Comments: The updated version of Basic Data and Directions 2014-2017 which is a supporting document to EBP, as well as Chapter V of the EBP provide extensive narrative discussion of programs and priorities for 2014-2017. The Program Budget Appendix presents the impact of the programs on expenditures for BY+3. The Program Budget Appendix provides narrative discussion as well, including the expected outcomes is presented. However, none of the budget documents explicitly distinguish between the existing and new programs, and the estimated impact of new programs on expenditures for BY.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
**Opinion:** No, I do not agree with the score.

**Suggested Answer:** c.

**Comments:** One of the budget supporting documentations is explanatory note and when the new policy is introduced or policy is changing for BY information about these kinds of changes are presented in this document. Evaluation should be "c - Yes, information that shows how some but not all new policy proposals affect expenditure is presented".


**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE**

An explanatory note, which is one of the supporting documents of the EBP indeed presents information on how some of the policy proposals affect the expenditures. Therefore, the answer is changed to "C".

**IBP COMMENT**

Researcher also confirmed that the document was tabled in Parliament with the rest of the EBP documents.

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**018. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information for at least the budget year that shows how new policy proposals, as distinct from existing policies, affect revenues?**

- **A.** Yes, estimates that show how all new policy proposals affect revenues are presented, along with a narrative discussion.
- **B.** Yes, estimates that show how all new policy proposals affect revenues are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.
- **C.** Yes, information that shows how some but not all new policy proposals affect revenues are presented.
- **D.** No, information that shows how new policy proposals affect revenues is not presented.
- **E.** Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

**Score:** 0


**Comments:** Neither 2014 EBP, nor any of its supporting documents provide estimates or a narrative discussion on changes in revenues due to new policy proposals. The situation is similar to the previous round of survey where such such information was omitted.
GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: c.

Comments: One of the budget supporting documentations is explanatory note and when the new policy is introduced or policy is changing for BY information about these kinds of changes are presented in this document. http://mof.ge/common/get_doc.aspx?doc_id=10571 http://mof.ge/common/get_doc.aspx?doc_id=11386 The answer of this question should be "c - Yes, information that shows how some but not all new policy proposals affect revenues are presented"

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: Agree completely. EBP and no other supporting budget documentation has this information. However, in some cases draft laws which are related to certain policies contain a brief analysis how the enactment of the law will affect revenues. This is a very general and not a comprehensive analysis though.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

I disagree with the government reviewer's comment. The explanatory comment does provide a limited information on change in expenditures due to new policy proposals. However, a similar information regarding the revenues is not presented in the document.

019. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for the year preceding the budget year (BY-1) by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-1 are presented by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-1 are presented by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-1 are presented by only one of the three expenditure classifications.

D. No, expenditure estimates for BY-1 are not presented by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Comments: Chapter III of the Draft Law of Georgia on the 2014 State Budget of Georgia provides information on expenditures for BY-1 according to economic and functional classification (Articles 7 and 9, respectively). Chapter IV Article 15 of the 2014 EBP of Georgia presents expenditures for BY-1 according to administrative classification. The expenditure estimates are presented for all the administrative classifications for BY-2 as well.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

020. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for individual programs for the year preceding the budget year (BY-1)?

A. Yes, programs accounting for all expenditures are presented for BY-1.
B. Yes, programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures are presented for BY-1.
C. Yes, programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures are presented for BY-1.
D. No, expenditures are not presented by program for BY-1.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: Chapter VI of the Draft Law of Georgia on the 2014 State Budget of Georgia presents expenditures for BY-1 and BY-2 for individual programs.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
021. In the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation, have expenditure estimates of the year prior to the budget year (BY-1) been updated from the original enacted levels to reflect actual expenditures?

A. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-1 have been updated from the original enacted levels.

B. No, expenditure estimates for BY-1 have not been updated from the original enacted levels.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides actual expenditures for BY-2, expenditure estimates for BY-1, and enacted levels for BY. The 2014 EBP presents the same expenditure estimates for BY-1 as presented in the 2013 EBP.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: According to the Budget Code of Georgia (chapter V, article 38) budget supporting documents include the information about short description of the state budget for the current year and actual data as well. State budget is presented to the government two times – in October and in November and because of the fact that at this period of time the year is not ended, complete expenditure estimates prior to the budget year could not be presented. Herewith, annual adjusted data is presented in the draft state budget, thus Basic Data and Direction Document and budget explanatory note includes the actual data according at least the last 9 months data.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: The decree N411 issued on December 31, 2013 by the Minister of Finance (file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/Ganwera%202014%20brzaneba%20N441.pdf) provides the expenditure estimates for the BY with the sub-levels in each quarter

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

The explanatory note, which is one of the supporting documents to the EBP provides update to reflect actual expenditures. Therefore, the answer was changed to "a".
022. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of expenditure for more than one year prior to the budget year (that is, BY-2 and prior years) by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-2 and prior years are presented by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-2 and prior years are presented by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, expenditure estimates for BY-2 and prior years are presented by only one of the three expenditure classifications.

D. No, expenditure estimates for BY-2 and prior years are not presented by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides expenditure estimates for BY-1 and BY-2 by all three classifications. Estimates according to economic classification for BY-2 are provided in Chapter I, Article 1 as well as Chapter III Article 7. Chapter VI, Article 15 provides estimates for BY-2 according to administrative classification, while Chapter III, Article 9 presents information on BY-2 expenditure by functional classification.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

023. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present expenditures for individual programs for more than one year preceding the budget year (that is, BY-2 and prior years)?

A. Yes, programs accounting for all expenditures are presented for BY-2 and prior years.
B. Yes, programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures are presented for BY-2 and prior years.

C. Yes, programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures are presented for BY-2 and prior years.

D. No, expenditures are not presented by program for BY-2 and prior years.

E. Not applicable/other (please

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**Georgia**

**A.**

**Score:** 100


**Comments:** Chapter VI of the 2014 EBP provides expenditures for individual programs for BY-2 the earliest.

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**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

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**024. In the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation, what is the most recent year presented for which all expenditures reflect actual outcomes?**

A. Two years prior to the budget year (BY-2).

B. Three years prior to the budget year (BY-3).

C. Before BY-3.

D. No actual data for all expenditures are presented in the budget or supporting budget documentation.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

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**Georgia**

**A.**

**Score:** 100

**Sources:** Draft Law of Georgia on the 2014 State Budget of Georgia, Chapter I, Article 1, available here: [http://mof.ge/common/get_doc.aspx?doc_id=10430];
Comments: The most recent budget year that the 2014 EBP of Georgia presents actual expenditures for is BY-2. For BY-1 only updated expenditure estimates are provides, as the budget year is not through at the time when the EBP is submitted.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

025. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present revenue by category (such as tax and non-tax) for the year preceding the budget year (BY-1)?

A. Yes, revenue estimates for BY-1 are presented by category.
B. No, revenue estimates for BY-1 are not presented by category.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A. Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides revenues by categories of tax and non-tax for BY-1. Similar information is provided for BY-2 as well.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

026. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present individual sources of revenue for the year preceding the budget year (BY-1)?

A. Yes, individual sources of revenue accounting for all revenue are presented for BY-1.
B. Yes, individual sources of revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue for BY-1 are presented.
C. Yes, individual sources of revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all revenues for BY-1 are presented.

D. No, individual sources of revenue are not presented for BY-1.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. Score: 67


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides individual sources of revenue for BY-1 including revenues from taxes broken into categories such as as income tax, VAT, excises and other, and revenues from non-tax sources such as grants, property income, sales of government-produced goods and services, and etc. The same information on individual revenues is provided for the BY-2 as well.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE

The "other" non-tax revenues for BY-1 exceeds 3 percent. Thus, in accordance with the OBS methodology, the answer has been changed from "a" to "b".

027. In the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation, have the original estimates of revenue for the year prior to the budget year (BY-1) been updated to reflect actual revenue collections?

A. Yes, revenue estimates for BY-1 have been updated from the original enacted levels.

B. No, revenue estimates for BY-1 have not been updated from the original enacted levels.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. Score: 0

Sources: Draft Law of Georgia on the 2014 State Budget of Georgia, Chapter II, Articles 3-6, available here:
Comments: The 2014 EBP of Georgia provides actual revenues for BY-2, and revenue estimates for BY-1. The enacted levels of revenue for BY-1 presented in the 2014 EBP are the same as the estimates provided in 2013 EBP.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

028. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present revenue estimates by category (such as tax and non-tax) for more than one year prior to the budget year (that is, BY-2 and prior years)?

A. Yes, revenue estimates for BY-2 and prior years are presented by category.
B. No, revenue estimates for BY-2 and prior years are not presented by category.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: Chapter II of the 2014 EBP of Georgia provides revenue estimates for BY-2 by categories of tax and non-tax revenues, including breakdown of these categories into further types of tax and non-tax revenues.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

029. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present individual sources of revenue for more than one year prior to the budget year (that is, BY-2 and prior years)?
A. Yes, individual sources of revenue accounting for all revenue are presented for BY-2 and prior years.

B. Yes, individual sources of revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue are presented for BY-2 and prior years.

C. Yes, individual sources of revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all revenues are presented for BY-2 and prior years.

D. No, individual sources of revenue are not presented for BY-2 and prior years.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides information on individual sources of revenue for BY-2, including individual income tax, VAT, excises, and other revenues from taxes, as well as non-tax revenues such as grants, property income, sales of government-produced goods and services, and etc.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
The non-tax revenue category of "other" exceeds 3 percent. In accordance with the OBS methodology, I changed the answer from "a" to "b".

030. In the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation, what is the most recent year presented for which all revenues reflect actual outcomes?

A. Two years prior to the budget year (BY-2).

B. Three years prior to the budget year (BY-3).

C. Before BY-3.

D. No actual data for all revenues are presented in the budget or supporting budget documentation.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The most recent year for which the 2014 EBP and its supporting document provide actual revenues is BY-2.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

031. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on government borrowing and debt, including its composition, for the year proceeding the budget year (BY-1)? (The core information must include the total debt outstanding at the end of BY-1; the amount of net new borrowing required during BY-1; interest payments on the debt; interest rates on the debt instruments; maturity profile of the debt; and whether it is domestic or external debt.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for government debt.

B. Yes, the core information is presented for government debt.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to government debt is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33

Comments: The State Debt Budget Appendix presents the breakdown of debt into domestic and external (pg.1). Maturity profile is presented on page 4 of the State Debt Budget Appendix. In interest rates for BY-1, as well as the total debts outstanding at the end of BY-1 is also presented in the State Budget Appendix (pg.2). Additionally, some information beyond core elements is presented, such as information on the fixed or variable interest rates. However, core elements such interest payments on the debt for BY-1 (even though presented for BY), as well as the net new borrowing are missing.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

032. In the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation, what is the most recent year presented for which the debt figures reflect actual outcomes?

A. Two years prior to the budget year (BY-2).
B. Three years prior to the budget year (BY-3).
C. Before BY-3.
D. No actual data for government debt are presented in the budget or supporting budget documentation.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.
Score: 100


Comments: BY-2 is the most recent budget year for which actual outcomes for debt are presented. The debt figures are laid out in the 2014 EBP and its supporting document on Economic and Financial Indicators.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
033. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on extra-budgetary funds for at least the budget year? (The core information must include a statement of purpose or policy rationale for the extra-budgetary fund; and complete income, expenditure, and financing data on a gross basis.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for all extra-budgetary funds.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for all extra-budgetary funds.
C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements or some extra-budgetary funds.
D. No, information related to extra-budgetary funds is not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0


Comments: The Partnership Fund was established in 2011, and it co-invests medium to large-scale projects across Georgia. The Partnership Fund owns Georgian Railway and Oil and Gas Company among other assets. The projects include USD 6 million manufacturing initiative. The EBP provides no information regarding the Partnership Fund.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: e.
Comments: Budget system of Georgia does not recognize extra-budgetary funds (<http://mof.ge/show_law.aspx?id=711>), Partnership is SMO (small and middle organization) established by state and brings together different associations. So, the answer of the question should be “e - Not applicable”.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
The Partnership Fund is a state owned investment fund. It has two separate units, one of them actively involved in investment activity within Georgia. The other unit deals with asset management. The portfolio of the Partnership Fund is comprised of 100% shares of state companies such as of Georgian Railway, Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation, Georgian State Electrosystem, and Electricity System Commercial Operator. Out coming from the nature of the fund, we believe that it counts as an extra-budgetary fund, and its financial activity has no mention in the budget documents.
034. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present central government finances (both budgetary and extra-budgetary) on a consolidated basis for at least the budget year?

A. Yes, central government finances are presented on a consolidated basis.
B. No, central government finances are not presented on a consolidated basis.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 0


Comments: The government provides information on budgetary funds, but neither the EBP nor any of its supporting documents provide information on the finances of the Partnership Fund which serves as the extra-budgetary fund in Georgia.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: c.

Comments: Budget system of Georgia does not recognize extra-budgetary funds [http://mof.ge/show_law.aspx?id=711]. Partnership is SMO (small and middle organization) established by state and brings together different associations. So, the answer of the question should be “c - Not applicable”.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE

The Partnership Fund is a state owned investment fund. It has two separate units, one of them actively involved in investment activity within Georgia. The other unit deals with asset management. The portfolio of the Partnership Fund is comprised of 100% shares of state companies such as of Georgian Railway, Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation, Georgian State Electro system, and Electricity System Commercial Operator. Out coming from the nature of the fund, we believe that it counts as an extra-budgetary fund, and its financial activity has no mention in the budget documents.
035. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of intergovernmental transfers for at least the budget year?

A. Yes, estimates of all intergovernmental transfers are presented, along with a narrative discussion.
B. Yes, estimates of all intergovernmental transfers are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.
C. Yes, estimates of some but not all intergovernmental transfers are presented.
D. No, estimates of intergovernmental transfers are not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides information on the amount and purpose of intergovernmental transfers to the local administrative units of Georgia. The categories for the transfers include equalizing transfers, earmarked transfers, special transfers and transfers for the implementation of regional programs. The table is followed by a narrative discussion.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

036. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present alternative displays of expenditures (such as by gender, by age, by income, or by region) to illustrate the financial impact of policies on different groups of citizens, for at least the budget year?

A. Yes, at least three alternative displays of expenditures are presented to illustrate the financial impact of policies on different groups of citizens.
B. Yes, two alternative displays of expenditures are presented to illustrate the financial impact of policies on different groups of citizens.
C. Yes, one alternative display of expenditures is presented to illustrate the financial impact of policies on different groups of citizens.
D. No, alternative displays of expenditures are not presented to illustrate the financial impact of policies on different groups of citizens.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides expenditure estimates for all three classifications such as administrative, economic, and functional. The Program Budget Appendix, which is a supporting document to the 2014 EBP lists all programs, expenditures related to programs, as well as narrative discussion of the objectives, indicators, and expected outcomes of the programs including its impact on different social groups. However, neither the 2014 EBP, nor the Program Budget Appendix provide what the question refers to as "alternative display" of expenditures. However, the EBP does present estimates of policies intended to benefit the most impoverished populations (see Question 52) that are considered an alternative display for purposes of answering this question.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

037. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of transfers to public corporations for at least the budget year?

A. Yes, estimates of all transfers to public corporations are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of all transfers to public corporations are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of some but not all transfers to public corporations are presented.

D. No, estimates of transfers to public corporations are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

E.
Score: 0


**Comments**: The transfers to public corporations is done through National Agency for State Property Management, which is under the Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia. Generally, 2014 reflects expenditures in the program spending, which means that transfers to public corporations (if applicable) are made under a specific program. Similarly to the previous round of survey, there are no direct budgetary transfers to public corporations, and only insignificant means transferred pertain to staffing and administrative costs. Therefore, answer “e” has been selected.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**
**Opinion**: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**PEER REVIEWER**
**Opinion**: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

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038. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on quasi-fiscal activities for at least the budget year? (The core information must include a statement of purpose or policy rationale for the quasi-fiscal activity and the intended beneficiaries.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for all quasi-fiscal activities.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for all quasi-fiscal activities.
C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements or some quasi-fiscal activities.
D. No, information related to quasi-fiscal activities is not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

D. 

Score: 0


**Comments**: The 2014 EBP does not include information on quasi-fiscal activities.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**
**Opinion**: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
039. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on financial assets held by the government? (The core information must include a listing of the assets, and an estimate of their value.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for all financial assets.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for all financial assets.
C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements or some financial assets.
D. No, information related to financial assets is not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides listing of financial assets and their value, and presents information on currency and deposits, securities other than shares, loans, shares and other equity, and other accounts receivable. Additionally, domestic and external financial assets are shown. However, the narrative discussion is missing.

040. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on nonfinancial assets held by the government? (The core information must include a listing of the assets by category.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for all nonfinancial assets.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for all nonfinancial assets.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some nonfinancial assets.

D. No, information related to nonfinancial assets is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33


Comments: The 2014 EBP provides limited information on non-financial assets, mostly describing the flow of assets. Decrease in non-financial assets is shown in a few categories of fixed assets, materials and supplies, and non-produced assets. Increase in non-financial assets is not broken down into categories. Considering the fact that only flow of non-financial assets is presented, and not stocks, and that the information on flow lacks important details, answer "C" is chosen.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

041. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of expenditure arrears for at least the budget year?

A. Yes, estimates of all expenditure arrears are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of all expenditure arrears are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of some but not all expenditure arrears are presented.

D. No, estimates of expenditure arrears are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

E.

Score: 0
042. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on contingent liabilities, such as government loan guarantees or insurance programs? (The core information must include a statement of purpose or policy rationale for each contingent liability; the new guarantees or insurance commitments proposed for the budget year; and the total amount of outstanding guarantees or insurance commitments (the gross exposure) at the end of the budget year.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for all contingent liabilities.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for all contingent liabilities.
C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements or some contingent liabilities.
D. No, information related to contingent liabilities is not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33


Comments: The government has not taken on new contingent liabilities in 2014. The Ministry of Finance stresses (and the previous round of survey attests in the comments) that government does not issue guarantees to creditors since 2000. However, the previous round of survey refers to one loan guarantee in 2012. The same loan guarantee to Germany is still

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
ongoing, but has not statement of purpose or policy rationale presented along.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

043. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present projections that assess the government’s future liabilities and the sustainability of its finances over the longer term? (The core information must cover a period of at least 10 years and include the macroeconomic and demographic assumptions used and a discussion of the fiscal implications and risks highlighted by the projections.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented to assess the government’s future liabilities and the sustainability of its finances over the longer term.

B. Yes, the core information is presented to assess the government’s future liabilities and the sustainability of its finances over the longer term.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to future liabilities and the sustainability of finances over the longer term is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0


Comments: Chapter V of the EBP, as well as BDD which is one of the supporting documents to EBP provide narrative discussion on policy directions and programs. The Program Budget Appendix presents estimated expenditures for BY+3, along with a narrative discussion. Basic Economic and Financial indicators presents macroeconomic indicators for BY+3. That being said, neither EBP nor any of its supporting documents present projections for 10 years and demographic and macroeconomic assumptions. Therefore, we believe that the core information is missing.
044. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of the sources of donor assistance, both financial and in-kind?

A. Yes, estimates of all sources of donor assistance are presented, along with a narrative discussion.
B. Yes, estimates of all sources of donor assistance are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.
C. Yes, estimates of some but not all sources of donor assistance are presented.
D. No, estimates of the sources of donor assistance are not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

B.

**Score:** 67


**Comments:** The 2014 EBP provides a breakdown of financial assistance from donors. There is no in-kind assistance from donors for the BY. Even though individual grants are identified, narrative discussion is missing.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

045. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on tax expenditures for at least the budget year? (The core information must include a statement of purpose or policy rationale for each tax expenditure, the intended beneficiaries, and an estimate of the revenue foregone.)
A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for all tax expenditures.

B. Yes, the core information is presented for all tax expenditures.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements or some tax expenditures.

D. No, information related to tax expenditures is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

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Georgia

C.

Score: 33


Comments: The 2014 EBP does not present information on government's tax expenditures.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: c.


PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

Researcher accepts explanatory note as part of the EBP.

IBP COMMENT

Answer is revised from "d" to "c" as an estimate of the tax free minimum is presented.

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046. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of earmarked revenues?

A. Yes, estimates of all earmarked revenues are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of all earmarked revenues are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of some but not all earmarked revenues are presented.

D. No, estimates of earmarked revenues are not presented.
047. Does the Executive’s Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on how the proposed budget (both new proposals and existing policies) is linked to government’s policy goals for the budget year?

A. Yes, estimates that show how the proposed budget is linked to all the government’s policy goals for the budget year are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates that show how the proposed budget is linked to all the government’s policy goals for the budget year are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, information that shows how the proposed budget is linked to some but not all of the government’s policy goals for the budget year is presented.

D. No, information on the link between the budget and the government’s stated policy goals for the budget year is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Sources: Draft Law of Georgia on the 2014 State Budget of Georgia, Chapter V, Article 14, available here:
Comments: The BDD, which is one of the supporting documents to the 2014 EBP presents a narrative discussion on policy goals for BY+3. Discussion on the policies and programs is presented in Chapter V of the 2014 EBP as well, along with detailed expenditures for individual programs in Program Budget Appendix accompanied by a narrative discussion. The link between programs and policy directions is shown clearly, along with expenditures according to administrative, functional, and economic classification.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

048. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present information on how the proposed budget (both new proposals and existing policies) is linked to government's policy goals for a multi-year period (for at least two years beyond the budget year)?

A. Yes, estimates that show how the proposed budget is linked to all the government's policy goals for a multi-year period are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates that show how the proposed budget is linked to all the government's policy goals for a multi-year period are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, information that shows how the proposed budget is linked to some but not all of the government's policy goals for a multi-year period is presented.

D. No, information on the link between the budget and the government's stated policy goals for a multi-year period is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A.

Score: 100

**Comments:** Program Budget Appendix provides expenditure estimates for each program for BY+3, along with a narrative discussion. Chapter V and the BDD as a supporting document to the 2014 EBP provide detailed narrative discussion on the programs and policy directions, where the latter document covers BY+3. Therefore, the estimates for both new and existing programs are provided, and the link between the programs and policy goals is shown in narrative discussions.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

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049. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present nonfinancial data on inputs to be acquired for at least the budget year?

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**Score:** 33


**Comments:** Chapter V of the EBP as well as the Program Budget Appendix, which is the supporting document to the EBP provide narrative discussion on individual programs. However, even though performance indicators and overall objectives of the programs are well laid out in the documents, the only non-financial data on inputs is presented in terms of the number of employees working at the administrative units.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**
050. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present nonfinancial data on results (in terms of outputs or outcomes) for at least the budget year?

A. Yes, nonfinancial data on results are provided for each program within all administrative units (or functions).
B. Yes, nonfinancial data on results are presented for all administrative units (or functions) but not for all (or any) programs.
C. Yes, nonfinancial data on results are presented for some programs and/or some administrative units (or functions).
D. No, nonfinancial data on results are not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A. Score: 100


Comments: Non-financial data on outputs and outcomes is presented for all programs under each administrative unit in the Program Budget Appendix, which is the supporting document to the 2014. However, another issue is the quality of the assessment of outputs and outcomes provided in the document.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

051. Are performance targets assigned to nonfinancial data on results in the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation?

A. Yes, performance targets are assigned to all nonfinancial data on results.
B. Yes, performance targets are assigned to most nonfinancial data on results.
C. Yes, performance targets are assigned to some nonfinancial data on results.

D. No, performance targets are not assigned to nonfinancial data on results, or the budget does not present nonfinancial data on results.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

Score: 100


Comments: Even though the listing of outputs and outcomes are presented in the Program Budget Appendix and are incorporated into the discussion on the objectives of each program. Additionally, the document presents performance indicators for each program. However, the quality of the content is another issue.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

052. Does the Executive's Budget Proposal or any supporting budget documentation present estimates of policies (both new proposals and existing policies) that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations in at least the budget year?

A. Yes, estimates of all policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of all policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of some but not all policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations are presented.

D. No, estimates of policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Georgia

Score: 67


Comments: Chapter V provides a detailed narrative discussion regarding all programs, and among them identifies the programs that will directly affect the most impoverished populations. Such programs include social welfare, healthcare, education, and others. Program Budget Appendix presents expenditure estimates for these programs for BY+3, along with an additional narrative discussion.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

IBP COMMENT

For cross-country consistency purposes, answer is revised from "a" to "b", as not all programs included in the section of the Program Appendix cited by researcher are focused on the most impoverished populations.

053. Does the executive release to the public its timetable for formulating the Executive’s Budget Proposal (that is, a document setting deadlines for submissions from other government entities, such as line ministries or subnational government, to the Ministry of Finance or whatever central government agency is in charge of coordinating the budget’s formulation)?

A. Yes, a detailed timetable is released to the public.

B. Yes, a timetable is released, but some details are excluded.

C. Yes, a timetable is released, but it lacks important details.

D. No, a timetable is not issued to the public.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.
Score: 100


Comments: The Budget Code of Georgia provides a detailed timetable for formulation of the Executive’s Budget Proposal. For this reason, a separate timetable is not released on annual basis.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

Section 3. Comprehensiveness of Other Key Budget Documents

054. Does the Pre-Budget Statement present information on the macroeconomic forecast upon which the budget projections are based? (The core information must include a discussion of the economic outlook with estimates of nominal GDP level, inflation rate, real GDP growth, and interest rates.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for the macroeconomic forecast.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for the macroeconomic forecast.
C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.
D. No, information related to the macroeconomic forecast is not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. Score: 67

Sources: Basic Data and Directions 2014-2017, soft copy available in Section 1

Comments: The Pre-Budget Statement presents macroeconomic indicators including real GDP growth (pg. 24), nominal GDP (pg. 24), inflation rate (pg. 27). Additionally, information beyond the core elements is presented such as current account (pg. 26), exchange rate (pg. 28), and composition of GDP growth (pg. 24-25). However, one of the core elements is missing, specifically the interest rates, which is why answer "B" is selected.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
055. Does the Pre-Budget Statement present information on the government’s expenditure policies and priorities that will guide the development of detailed estimates for the upcoming budget? (The core information must include a discussion of expenditure policies and priorities and an estimate of total expenditures.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for the government’s expenditure policies and priorities.

B. Yes, the core information is presented for the government’s expenditure policies and priorities.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to the government’s expenditure policies and priorities is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Sources: Basic Data and Directions 2014-2017, soft copy available in Section 1

Comments: The BDD provides discussion of expenditure policies and priorities, as well as estimates of total expenditures. Additionally, the estimates for individual programs is presented, along with the classification of expenditures by administrative units (pg. 86-90).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

056. Does the Pre-Budget Statement present information on the government’s revenue policies and priorities that will guide the development of detailed estimates for the upcoming budget? (The core information must include a discussion of revenue policies and priorities and an estimate of total revenues.)
A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for the government’s revenue policies and priorities.

B. Yes, the core information is presented for the government’s revenue policies and priorities.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to the government’s revenue policies and priorities is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Sources: Basic Data and Directions 2014-2017, soft copy available in Section 1

Comments: The BDD provides an estimate of total revenue for BY+3, as well as the estimates by revenue category such as tax and non-tax for BY-1 (broken down into individual sources of revenue such as VAT, property tax, and others). Some narrative discussion on revenue policies is presented including policy directions with regards to development of tax paying mechanisms (such as electronic systems), improvement of legal basis, and others.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

057. Does Pre-Budget Statement present three estimates related to government borrowing and debt: the amount of net new borrowing required during the budget year; the total debt outstanding at the end of the budget year; and interest payments on the debt for the budget year?

A. Yes, all three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

B. Yes, two of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

C. Yes, one of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

D. No, none of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.
058. Does the Pre-Budget Statement present estimates of total expenditures for a multi-year period (at least two-years beyond the budget year)?

A. Yes, multi-year expenditure estimates are presented.
B. No, multi-year expenditure estimates are not presented.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The BDD provides expenditure estimates for BY+3 according to administrative classification and individual programs (pg. 86-90).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

059. Does the Enacted Budget present expenditure estimates by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents expenditure estimates by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative,
economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents expenditure estimates by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents expenditure estimates by only one of the three expenditure classifications.

D. No, the Enacted Budget does not present expenditure estimates by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: Budget of Georgia, available here: <http://mof.ge/5233>.

Comments: The Budget of Georgia presents expenditure according to all three types of classification: administrative, functional, and economic. Chapter III Article 9 provides functional classification of expenditures, Chapter I presents expenditures according to economic classification, whereas Chapter VI presents expenditures by administrative units.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

060. Does the Enacted Budget present expenditure estimates for individual programs?

A. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents estimates for programs accounting for all expenditures.

B. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents estimates for programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures.

C. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents estimates for programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures.

D. No, the Enacted Budget does not present expenditure estimates by program.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: Budget of Georgia, available here: <http://mof.ge/5233>.

Comments: Chapter VI of the EB presents all expenditures by individual program.
061. Does the Enacted Budget present revenue estimates by category (such as tax and non-tax)?

A. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents revenue estimates by category.
B. No, the Enacted Budget does not present revenue estimates by category.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: Budget of Georgia, available here: <http://mof.ge/5233>.

Comments: Chapter II of the EB presents revenue by categories such as tax and non-tax.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

062. Does the Enacted Budget present individual sources of revenue?

A. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents individual sources of revenue accounting for all revenue.
B. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents individual sources of revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue.
C. Yes, the Enacted Budget presents individual sources of revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all revenues.
D. No, the Enacted Budget does not present individual sources of revenue.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A. Score: 100

Sources: Budget of Georgia, available here: <http://mof.ge/5233>:

Comments: Chapter II of the EB presents individual sources of revenue from taxes such as income tax, tax on goods and services, excises and others, and from non-tax sources such as grants, sales of government-produced services, sanctions and others.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

063. Does the Enacted Budget present three estimates related to government borrowing and debt: the amount of net new borrowing required during the budget year; the total debt outstanding at the end of the budget year; and interest payments on the debt for the budget year?

A. Yes, all three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.
B. Yes, two of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.
C. Yes, one of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.
D. No, none of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are not presented.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. Score: 67

Sources: Budget of Georgia, available here: <http://mof.ge/5233>:

Comments: Chapter I of the EB presents information on total debt outstanding at the end of the budget year, as well as the amount of the new net borrowing required during the BY. However, the interest payments on the outstanding debt for the BY are presented only in the State Budget Appendix, which is the supporting document to the EBP.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
064. What information is provided in the Citizens Budget? (The core information must include expenditure and revenue totals, the main policy initiatives in the budget, the macroeconomic forecast upon which the budget is based, and contact information for follow-up by citizens.)

A. The Citizens Budget provides information beyond the core elements.
B. The Citizens Budget provides the core information.
C. The Citizens Budget provides information, but it excludes some core elements.
D. The Citizens Budget is not published.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

Score: 67


Comments: The Citizens Budget provides total estimates of expenditure (pg. 9-10) and revenue (pg. 6), the main policy initiatives of the budget on pages 15-20 (including its direction in terms of development of education system, agricultural development, and healthcare), and macroeconomic indicators such as real GDP growth, nominal GDP, inflation rate, and information on state debt (in the table pg. 2). Additionally, the document presents programs of certain ministries such as Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science, and Ministry of Agriculture. The contact information is not being presented in the document. However, the document is only available on the website of the Ministry of Finance, which contains contact information for the Ministry.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

065. How is the Citizens Budget disseminated to the public?

A. A Citizens Budget is disseminated widely through a combination of at least three different appropriate tools and media (such as the Internet, billboards, radio programs, newspapers, etc.).
B. A Citizens Budget is published by using at least two, but less than three, means of dissemination, but no other
dissemination efforts are undertaken by the executive.

C. A Citizens Budget is disseminated only by using one means of dissemination.

D. A Citizens Budget is not published.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

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Georgia

C.

Score: 33

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: The only means of dissemination of the document is the website.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

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066. Has the executive established mechanisms to identify the public’s requirements for budget information prior to publishing the Citizens Budget?

A. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s requirements for budget information in the Citizen’s Budget, and these mechanisms are accessible and widely used by the public.

B. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s requirements for budget information in the Citizen’s Budget; while these mechanisms are accessible they are not widely used by the public.

C. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s requirements for budget information in the Citizen’s Budget, but these mechanisms are not accessible.

D. No, the executive has not established any mechanisms to identify the public’s requirements for budget information in the Citizen’s Budget.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0
067. Are “citizens” versions of budget documents published throughout the budget process?

A. A citizens version of budget documents is published for each of the four stages of the budget process (budget formulation, enactment, execution, and audit).

B. A citizens version of budget documents is published for at least two of the four stages of the budget process.

C. A citizens version of budget documents is published for at least one stage of the budget process.

D. No citizens version of budget documents is published.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33

Sources: Ministry of Finance Website: <mof.ge>

Comments: Georgian legislation does not oblige the government to publish citizen’s version of key budget documents. The Citizens Budget for the EBP is published due to good will of the Ministry of Finance. Citizen versions of other documents are not being published.
068. Do the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures by only one of the three expenditure classifications.

D. No, the In-Year Reports do not present actual expenditures by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: Considering that the 2014 4th Quarter Implementation Report is treated as Year-End Report, the other three IYRs are consulted for these questions. The IYRs present actual expenditures for all three classifications, along with a narrative discussion for economic and functional classifications. Administrative classification (pages 180-240), economic is in the table on page 2 (fourth row saying "ხარჯები"), functional-narrative discussion pages 20-24 (including the chart on pg. 24).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

069. Do the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures for individual programs?

A. Yes, the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures for programs accounting for all expenditures.

B. Yes, the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures for programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures.

C. Yes, the In-Year Reports present actual expenditures for programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures.
D. No, the In-Year Reports do not present actual expenditures by program.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The three In-Year Report provide actual expenditures for individual programs under administrative units. In the 3rd quarter IYR, pages 180 - 240.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

070. Do the In-Year Reports compare actual year-to-date expenditures with either the original estimate for that period (based on the enacted budget) or the same period in the previous year?

A. Yes, comparisons are made for expenditures presented in the In-Year Reports.

B. No, comparisons are not made for expenditures presented in the In-Year Reports.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The In-Year Reports provide comparisons between enacted levels and actual expenditures.
071. Do In-Year Reports present actual revenue by category (such as tax and non-tax)?

A. Yes, In-Year Reports present actual revenue by category.
B. No, In-Year Reports do not present actual revenue by category.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: Chapter I and II in the three In-Year Reports present actual revenue by category such as tax and non-tax.

072. Do In-Year Reports present the individual sources of revenue for actual revenues collected?

A. Yes, In-Year Reports present individual sources of actual revenue accounting for all revenue.
B. Yes, In-Year Reports present individual sources of actual revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue.
C. Yes, In-Year Reports present individual sources of actual revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all revenue.
D. No, In-Year Reports do not present individual sources of actual revenue.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: Chapter I and II of the IYRs present individual sources of revenue for all revenues including VAT, income tax, property tax, import tax, excises, grants, and "other revenues".

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

073. Do the In-Year Reports compare actual year-to-date revenues with either the original estimate for that period (based on the enacted budget) or the same period in the previous year?

A. Yes, comparisons are made for revenues presented in the In-Year Reports.
B. No, comparisons are not made for revenues presented in the In-Year Reports.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The three IYRs provide comparison of enacted levels of revenue with actual revenue to-date.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
074. Do In-Year Reports present three estimates related to actual government borrowing and debt: the amount of net new borrowing; the total debt outstanding; and interest payments?

A. Yes, all three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

B. Yes, two of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

C. Yes, one of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are presented.

D. No, none of the three estimates related to government borrowing and debt are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: The IYRs present information on the actual net new borrowing to-date (page 2). The information on total debt burden at the point in year is presented on page 64 of the IYR for the third quarter. Additionally, interest payments to-date are presented (pg. 49). The information on net new borrowing is given on page 2 in table 1 of the IYR.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

075. Do In-Year Reports present information related to the composition of the total actual debt outstanding? (The core information must include interest rates on the debt instruments; maturity profile of the debt; and whether it is domestic or external debt.)

A. Yes, information beyond the core elements is presented for the composition of the total actual debt outstanding.
B. Yes, the core information is presented for the composition of the total actual debt outstanding.

C. Yes, information is presented, but it excludes some core elements.

D. No, information related to composition of total actual debt outstanding is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The IYRs present breakdown of debt into domestic and external debt (page 64), whereas maturity profile on t-bills is presented as a narrative discussion on page 63. The interest rates on debt are missing. However, information beyond the core, such as external debt by creditor, is presented.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

076. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget include an updated macroeconomic forecast for the budget year underway?

A. Yes, the estimates for the macroeconomic forecast have been updated, and an explanation of all of the differences between the original and updated forecasts is presented.

B. Yes, the estimates for macroeconomic forecast have been updated, and an explanation of some of the differences between the original and updated forecasts is presented.

C. Yes, the estimates for macroeconomic forecast have been updated, but an explanation of the differences between the original and updated forecast is not presented.

D. No, the estimates for macroeconomic forecast have not been updated.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0
Sources: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> TI Georgia’s correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: c.
Comments: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July each year when the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, it covers updated information of 6 months data including detailed discussion on macroeconomic challenges and governments priorities and policy. (BDD 2014-2017 - პირველადი ვარიანტი) The answer of this question should be "c - Yes, the estimates for macroeconomic forecast have been updated, but an explanation of the differences between the original and updated forecast is not presented."

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
Suggested Answer: c.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

077. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget include updated expenditure estimates for the budget year underway?

A. Yes, expenditure estimates have been updated, and an explanation of all of the differences between the original and updated expenditure estimates is presented.
B. Yes, expenditure estimates have been updated, and an explanation of some of the differences between the original and updated expenditure estimates is presented.
C. Yes, expenditure estimates have been updated, but an explanation of the differences between the original and updated expenditure estimates is not presented.
D. No, expenditure estimates have not been updated.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
Score: 0

Sources: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> TI Georgia’s correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: c.
Comments: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July each year when the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, it covers updated information of 6 months data including detailed discussion on macroeconomic challenges and governments priorities and policy. (BDD 2014-2017 - პირველადი ვარიანტი). Herewith within 30 days after the end of 6 months, Performance report is submitted to the Parliament which includes information about macroeconomic parameters both in narrative and in quantitative terms; http://mof.ge/common/get_doc.aspx?doc_id=10333 http://mof.ge/common/get_doc.aspx?doc_id=10332 The answer of this question should be "c - Yes, expenditure estimates have been updated, but an explanation of the differences between the original and updated expenditure estimates is not presented."

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

078. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget present expenditure estimates by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents expenditure estimates by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents expenditure estimates by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents expenditure estimates by only one of the three expenditure classifications.
D. No, the Mid-Year Review does not present expenditure estimates by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> TI Georgia's correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: b.

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July each year when the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, it covers updated information of 6 months data including detailed discussion on macroeconomic challenges and governments priorities and policy. Herewith, expenditure estimates are presented by two types of expenditure classification - economic and functional classification. (BDD 2014-2017 - პირველადი ვარიანტი). The answer of this question should be "b - Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents expenditure estimates by two of the three expenditure classifications"

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

079. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget present expenditure estimates for individual programs?

A. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents estimates for programs accounting for all expenditures.

B. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents estimates for programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures.

C. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents estimates for programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures.
D. No, the Mid-Year Review does not present expenditure estimates by program.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> TI Georgia's correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

Suggested Answer: c.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

080. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget include updated revenue estimates for the budget year underway?

A. Yes, revenue estimates have been updated, and an explanation of all of the differences between the original and updated revenue estimates is presented.

B. Yes, revenue estimates have been updated, and an explanation of some of the differences between the original and updated revenue estimates is presented.

C. Yes, revenue estimates have been updated, but an explanation of the differences between the original and updated revenue estimates is not presented.

D. No, revenue estimates have not been updated.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> Ti Georgia's correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: c.

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July each year when the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, it covers updated information of 6 months data including detailed discussion on macroeconomic challenges and governments priorities and policy. Herewith, revenue estimates have been updated but an explanation of differences between the original and updated revenue estimates is not presented. (BDD 2014-2017 - პირველადი ვარიანტი). The answer of this question should be "c - Yes, revenue estimates have been updated, but an explanation of the differences between the original and updated revenue estimates is not presented."

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

081. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget present revenue estimates by category (such as tax and non-tax)?

A. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents revenue estimates by category.

B. No, the Mid-Year Review does not present revenue estimates by category.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
082. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget present individual sources of revenue?

A. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents individual sources of revenue accounting for all revenue.

B. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents individual sources of revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue.

C. Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents individual sources of revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all revenues.

D. No, the Mid-Year Review does not present individual sources of revenue.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Score: 0

Sources: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> TI Georgia’s correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

Comments: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: b.
Comments: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July each year when the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, it covers updated information of 6 months data including detailed discussion on macroeconomic challenges and governments priorities and policy. Herewith, individual sources of revenues are not presented for all revenue but it is presented for most of individual sources of revenue. (BDD 2014-2017 - პირველადი ვარიანტი). The answer of this question should be "b - Yes, the Mid-Year Review presents revenue estimates by category."

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE
According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

083. Does the Mid-Year Review of the budget include updated estimates of government borrowing and debt, including its composition, for the budget year underway?

A. Yes, estimates of government borrowing and debt have been updated, and information on all of the differences between the original and updated estimates is presented.

B. Yes, estimates of government borrowing and debt have been updated, and information on some of the differences between the original and updated estimates is presented.

C. Yes, estimates of government borrowing and debt have been updated, but information on the differences between the original and updated estimates is not presented.

D. No, estimates of government borrowing and debt have not been updated.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).
Georgia

D.

Score: 0

**Sources**: Ministry of Finance: <mof.ge> Ti Georgia's correspondence with the Deputy Head of the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, May 2014

**Comments**: Mid-Year Review is not produced.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**

**Opinion**: No, I do not agree with the score.

**Suggested Answer**: c.

**Comments**: Mid-Year Review is not prepared as a separate document but by 10th of July each year when the Government of Georgia approves the Basic Data and Direction Document, it covers updated information of 6 months data including detailed discussion on macroeconomic challenges and governments priorities and policy. Herewith, estimates of government borrowing and debt have been updated, but information on the differences between the original and updated estimates is not presented. (BDD 2014-2017 - პირველადი ვარიანტი). The answer of this question should be “c - Yes, estimates of government borrowing and debt have been updated, but information on the differences between the original and updated estimates is not presented.”

**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion**: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE**

According to IBP standards, MYR must contain following information: (1) records of actual revenues and expenditures to date, (2) updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year, and (3) updated estimates of revenue, expenditure, and debt, reflecting the impact of actual experience to-date, revised macro-economic assumptions, and new policy proposals. Even though the BDD gives an overview of past years, as well as future projections, it does not dwell into the detailed account of already accomplished 6 months, nor does it provide updated macro-economic assumptions for the remainder of the year. Additionally, even though the general priorities and policies are presented for next few years, new policy proposals for remaining 6 months (based on updated estimates) are missing. Therefore, BDD does not qualify as mid-year review. If is a general document providing overview of past and future years, which does not provide necessary details regarding the current year to pass as MYR.

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084. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the enacted levels (including in-year changes approved by the legislature) and the actual outcome for expenditures?

**A.** Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for all expenditures are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

**B.** Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for all expenditures are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

**C.** Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for some but not all expenditures are
D. No, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for expenditures are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: Chapter I of the 2013 YER presents difference between enacted levels and the actual outcome for all expenditures, whereas Chapter III of the YER presents a narrative discussion on expenditures for the BY, including the spending on individual programs and policy directions.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

085. Does the Year-End Report present expenditure estimates by any of the three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, or functional classification)?

A. Yes, the Year-End Report presents expenditure estimates by all three expenditure classifications (by administrative, economic, and functional classification).

B. Yes, the Year-End Report presents expenditure estimates by two of the three expenditure classifications.

C. Yes, the Year-End Report presents expenditure estimates by only one of the three expenditure classifications.

D. No, the Year-End Report does not present expenditure estimates by any expenditure classification.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: Chapter I of the 2013 YER presents expenditure according to economic classification, Chapter VI by
administrative classification. The expenditures by functional classification are presented by supporting document to YER on Functional Classification of State Expenditures.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

086. Does the Year-End Report present expenditure estimates for individual programs?

A. Yes, the Year-End Report presents estimates for programs accounting for all expenditures.
B. Yes, the Year-End Report presents estimates for programs accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures.
C. Yes, the Year-End Report presents estimates for programs accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures.
D. No, the Year-End Report does not present expenditure estimates by program.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: Chapter VI of the YER provides all expenditures by individual programs listed under specific administrative units.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

087. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the enacted levels (including in-year changes approved by the legislature) and the actual outcome for revenues?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for all revenues are presented, along with a narrative discussion.
B. Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for all revenues are presented, but a
narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for some but not all revenues are presented.

D. No, estimates of the differences between the enacted levels and the actual outcome for revenues are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: Chapter I of the 2013 presents difference between the enacted levels and actual outcome of revenues, whereas Chapter II presents narrative discussion on revenues for the BY (pages 9-14).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

088. Does the Year-End Report present revenue estimates by category (such as tax and non-tax)?

A. Yes, the Year-End Report presents revenue estimates by category.

B. No, the Year-End Report does not present revenue estimates by category.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: Chapter II of the 2013 YER presents revenue estimates by tax and non-tax categories (pg. 10).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
089. Does the Year-End Report present individual sources of revenue?

A. Yes, the Year-End Report presents individual sources of revenue accounting for all revenue.

B. Yes, the Year-End Report presents individual sources of revenue accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, revenue.

C. Yes, the Year-End Report presents individual sources of revenue accounting for less than two-thirds of all revenues.

D. No, the Year-End Report does not present individual sources of revenue.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: Chapter II of the 2013 YER presents individual sources of revenue such as income tax, VAT, excises, import tax, property tax, and others, as well as grants, and category of "other revenues" covered in narrative discussion below the table (pg. 12).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

090. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the original estimates of government borrowing and debt, including its composition, for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of government borrowing and debt for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of the differences between all the original estimates of government borrowing and debt for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of the differences between some but not all of the original estimates of government borrowing and debt for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year are presented.
D. No, estimates of the differences between the original estimates of government borrowing and debt for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: Chapter I of the 2013 Year-End Report provides information on the difference between the original estimates and actual outcome of the new net borrowing for the year. The total debt burden of the central government, further broken down into external and domestic debt is provided as a narrative discussion in Chapter IV (pg. 102). However, information on interest payments, maturity profile of the debt, and interest rates is missing.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

091. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the original macroeconomic forecast for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original macroeconomic assumptions for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of the differences between all the original macroeconomic assumptions for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of the differences between some but not all of the original macroeconomic assumptions for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year are presented.

D. No, estimates of the differences between the original macroeconomic forecast for the fiscal year and the actual outcome for that year is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;
The 2013 End-Year Report presents information on difference between the original macroeconomic forecast and actual outcome of real GDP growth and nominal GDP level (pg.4), inflation (pg. 6), as well as interest rates along with a narrative discussion (Chapter II).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

092. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the original estimates of nonfinancial data on inputs and the actual outcome?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of nonfinancial data on inputs and the actual outcome are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of nonfinancial data on inputs and the actual outcome are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimate of the differences between some but not all of the original estimates of nonfinancial data on inputs and the actual outcome are presented.

D. No, estimates of the differences between the original estimates of nonfinancial data on inputs and the actual outcome are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
D.
Score: 0


Comments: The 2013 YER presents actual outcome of non-financial data on inputs, and a detailed narrative discussion on the undertakings with regards to individual programs. However, the initial estimates of non-financial data on inputs is not presented, and neither is the difference between the original estimates and actual outcomes.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: b.

Comments: Program budget execution report provides the information about programs’ description expected and achieved results and performance indicators. The answer should be "b - Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of non-financial data on inputs and the actual outcome are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included."
RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
I partially agree with the government’s comment. The Program Budget Appendix does in fact provide information on the expected results of the program. However, the question concerns the difference between the estimated inputs and the actual inputs for the programs. Such information is not provided in the appendix, or in other supporting documents of EBP.

093. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the original estimates of nonfinancial data on results and the actual outcome?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of nonfinancial data on results and the actual outcome are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of nonfinancial data on results and the actual outcome are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimate of the differences between some but not all of the original estimates of nonfinancial data on results and the actual outcome are presented.

D. No, estimates of the differences between the original estimates of nonfinancial data on results and the actual outcome are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

Score: 67

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: The 2013 provides presents actual outcome regarding non-financial data on results. However, even though the narrative discussion is extensive, the difference between the original estimates of non-financial data on results and actual outcome is not presented.
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE
Considering that the Program Budget Execution report is a supporting document to YER, we reviewed it for the purpose of answering this question. The document presents information on the difference between original estimates of nonfinancial data on results and the actual outcome in bullet points. Therefore, we agree with the government reviewer, that answer "b" must be selected.

094. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the enacted level of funds for policies (both new proposals and existing policies) that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations and the actual outcome?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted level for all policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations and the actual outcome are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted level for all policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations and the actual outcome are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of the differences between the enacted level for some but not all of the policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations and the actual outcome are presented.

D. No, estimates of the differences between the enacted level for policies that are intended to benefit directly the country's most impoverished populations and the actual outcome are not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>;

Comments: The 2013 YER presents expenditures for all individual programs, including the health insurance program specifically directed to include the most impoverished populations (pg.107) , as well as program on providing students in public schools with necessary school books (pg. 151). Chapter V presents narrative discussion for the programs.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
095. Does the Year-End Report present the differences between the original estimates of extra-budgetary funds and the actual outcome?

A. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of extra-budgetary funds and the actual outcome are presented, along with a narrative discussion.

B. Yes, estimates of the differences between all of the original estimates of extra-budgetary funds and the actual outcome are presented, but a narrative discussion is not included.

C. Yes, estimates of the differences between some but not all of the original estimates of extra-budgetary funds and the actual outcome are presented.

D. No, estimates of the differences between the original estimates of extra-budgetary funds and the actual outcome is not presented.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0


Comments: There is one extra-budgetary fund in Georgia established in 2011 (the Partnership Fund). The Year-End Report does not provide any information about the fund's estimates or actual outcome.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: e.

Comments: Budget system of Georgia does not recognize extra-budgetary funds (<http://mof.ge/show_law.aspx?id=711>). Partnership is SMO (small and middle organization) established by state and brings together different associations. So, the answer of the question should be “e - Not applicable”.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE

The Partnership Fund is a state owned investment fund. It has two separate units, one of them actively involved in investment activity within Georgia. The other unit, is asset management. The portfolio of the Partnership Fund is comprised of 100% shares of state companies such as of Georgian Railway, Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation, Georgian State Electrosystem, and
Electricity System Commercial Operator. Out coming from the nature of the fund, we believe that it counts as an extra-budgetary fund, and its financial activity has no mention in the budget documents.

096. Is a financial statement included as part of the Year-End Report or released as a separate report?

A. Yes, a financial statement is part of the Year-End Report or is released as a separate report.

B. No, a financial statement is neither part of the Year-End Report nor released as a separate report.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 0

Sources: 2013 Year-End Report, available here: <http://mof.ge/5301>; <www.mof.ge>;

Comments: Financial statement is not released, neither as a part of the YER, nor separately.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

097. What type of audits (compliance, financial, or performance) has the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) conducted and made available to the public?

A. The SAI has conducted all three types of audits (compliance, financial, or performance) and made them available to the public.

B. The SAI has conducted two of the three types of audits, and made them available to the public.

C. The SAI has conducted one of the three types of audits, and made them available to the public.

D. The SAI has not conducted any of the three types of audits, or has not made them available to the public.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia
A. Score: 100


Comments: The State Audit Office conducts all three types of audits during the year, and the findings of the audits are available on SAO’s website. Additionally, the important findings of the reports are discussed in the Parliament, where all committee sessions are free for public to attend and streamed on radio and television channels.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

098. What percentage of expenditures within the mandate of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) has been audited?

A. All expenditures within the SAI’s mandate have been audited.
B. Expenditures representing at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures within the SAI’s mandate have been audited.
C. Expenditures representing less than two-thirds of expenditures within the SAI’s mandate have been audited.
D. No expenditures have been audited.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. Score: 67


Comments: Under the Article 17 of the Law of Georgia on State Audit Office lays out a detailed account of SAO’s mandate. Out coming from the methodology, SAO reviews 75-80% of the expenditures laid out in the consolidated budget.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
099. What percentage of extra-budgetary funds within the mandate of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) has been audited?

A. All extra-budgetary funds within the SAI's mandate have been audited.
B. Extra-budgetary funds accounting for at least two-thirds of, but not all, expenditures associated with extra-budgetary funds within the SAI's mandate have been audited.
C. Extra-budgetary funds accounting for less than two-thirds of expenditures associated with extra-budgetary funds within the SAI's mandate have been audited.
D. No extra-budgetary funds have been audited.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: The Supreme Audit Office is charged with conducting an audit of the Partnership Fund. In 2012, the SAO published 5 audit reports (1 compliance audit and 4 financial audit reports). SAO looks into the structural and institutional arrangement of the Partnership Fund, its procurement, implemented projects, and the management of finances.

100. Does the annual Audit Report(s) prepared by the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) include an executive summary?

A. Yes, the annual Audit Report(s) includes one or more executive summaries summarizing the report’s content.
B. No, the annual Audit Report(s) does not include an executive summary.
C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 0

Sources: Website of the State Audit Office: <http://sao.ge>;
2013 Audit Report: <http://www.parliament.ge/ge/announcements-all/saxelmwifo-auditis-samsaxuris-moxseneba-2013-wlis-saxelmwifo-
biudjetis-shesrulebis-wliuri-angarishis-shesaxeb.page>.

Comments: The 2013 Audit Report contains a one page summary as a part of the report. Additionally, according to the
representatives of SAO, once the report is uploaded on the website of the State Audit Office it will have a separate executive
summary available on the same page. Currently, the report is only available on the Parliament's website, which is why a
separate executive summary is not published.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

IBP COMMENT
For cross-country consistency, answer choice "b" is selected. While the report includes a one-page summary, the summary
does not qualify as an executive summary as it does not include a summary of the audit results.

101. Does the executive make available to the public a report on
what steps it has taken to address audit recommendations or
findings that indicate a need for remedial action?

A. Yes, the executive reports publicly on what steps it has taken to address audit findings.

B. Yes, the executive reports publicly on most audit findings.

C. Yes, the executive reports publicly on some audit findings.

D. No, the executive does not report on steps it has taken to address audit findings.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of
Comments: The Supreme Audit Institution does not submit its report directly to the executive. Rather, the report is submitted to the Parliament, where the executive has an opportunity to agree or disagree with specific recommendations. However, it does not report on audit recommendations publicly, and nor does it provide information on specific steps it will take to take the recommendations into consideration.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

102. Does either the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) or legislature release to the public a report that tracks actions taken by the executive to address audit recommendations?

A. Yes, the SAI or legislature reports publicly on what steps the executive has taken to address all audit recommendations.
B. Yes, the SAI or legislature reports publicly on most audit recommendations.
C. Yes, the SAI or legislature reports publicly on some audit recommendations.
D. No, neither the SAI nor legislature reports on steps the executive has taken to address audit recommendations.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

A.  

**Score:** 100


**Comments:** The Supreme Audit Institution of Georgia monitors the executive's steps with regards to taking into account the audit recommendations, and reports on them in the audit report for BY+1. Additionally, SAO of Georgia is currently working on an online platform, which will track statistics of how many recommendations of the SAO have been taken into account, what are the time frames for fulfilling them, and etc. Page 14 of the 2013 Audit Report on the Execution of the 2013 State Budget of Georgia reflects on the recommendation given on page 21 of the 2012 Audit Report and assesses the progress. Similar assessment is given on page 49 and 66 of the 2013 Audit Report.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
Section 4. Strength of Oversight Institutions

103. Does the legislature have internal capacity to conduct budget analyses or use independent research capacity for such analyses?

A. Yes, there is a specialized budget research office/unit attached to the legislature, and it has sufficient staffing, resources, and analytical capacity to carry out its tasks.

B. Yes, there is a specialized budget research office, but its staffing and other resources, including adequate funding, are insufficient to carry out its tasks.

C. Yes, there are independent researchers outside the legislature that can perform budget analyses and the legislature takes advantage of this capacity, but there is no specialized office attached to the legislature.

D. No, the legislature has neither internal capacity nor access to independent research capacity for budget analyses.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B. 

Score: 67

Sources: Interview with the Chairman of Budget and Finance Committee, June 23, 2014

Comments: There is a special Budget Office in the parliament, which is charged with the task of research and analysis. However, according to the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Office does not have adequate resources and analytic capacity to conduct budget analysis in addition to lacking transparency. Reformation of the Budget Office is on the agenda.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Suggested Answer: a.

Comments: The budget office at the parliament of Georgia carries out regularly specialized budget research.
104. Does the legislature debate budget policy prior to the tabling of the Executive's Budget Proposal?

A. Yes, the legislature both debates budget policy prior to the tabling of the Executive's Budget Proposal and approves recommendations for the budget, and the executive is obliged to reflect the legislature's recommendations in the budget.

B. Yes, the legislature both debates budget policy prior to the tabling of the Executive's Budget Proposal and approves recommendations for the budget, but the executive is not obliged to reflect the legislature's recommendations in the budget.

C. Yes, the legislature debates budget policy prior to the tabling of the Executive's Budget Proposal, but the legislature does not approve recommendations for the budget.

D. No, neither the full legislature nor any legislative committee debate budget policy prior to the tabling of the Executive's Budget Proposal.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: When the BDD (pre-budget statement) is submitted to the parliament in summer, the legislature holds discussion on the policy priorities laid out in the document. Consequently, recommendations are given to the executive, which the executive must take into account prior to submitting the executive's budget proposal.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

105. Does the executive hold consultations with members of the legislature as part of its process of determining budget priorities?

A. Yes, the executive holds consultations with a wide range of legislators.

B. Yes, the executive holds consultations with a range of legislators, but some key members are excluded.

C. Yes, the executive holds consultations with only a limited number of legislators.

D. No, the executive does not consult with members of the legislature as part of the budget preparation process.
Georgia

B.

Score: 67

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: The Executive holds consultation with the Finance and Budget Committee of the Parliament both on macroeconomic indicators, as well as on broader policy priorities prior to drafting and submitting the EBP to the Parliament.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

IBP COMMENT
For cross-country consistency purposes, IBP revised the response from "a" to "b" as only the Finance and Budget Committee is consulted.

106. How far in advance of the start of the budget year does the legislature receive the Executive's Budget Proposal?

A. The legislature receives the Executive's Budget Proposal at least three months before the start of the budget year.

B. The legislature receives the Executive's Budget Proposal at least six weeks, but less than three months, before the start of the budget year.

C. The legislature receives the Executive's Budget Proposal less than six weeks before the start of the budget year.

D. The legislature does not receive the Executive's Budget Proposal before the start of the budget year.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Comments: The Budget Code of Georgia states that the Executive's Budget Proposal should be submitted to the Parliament no later than October 1st. According to the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, the deadlines are rarely being transgressed only in exceptional cases resulting from political processes. The 2014 EBP was submitted on September 30, 2013.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

107. When does the legislature approve the Executive's Budget Proposal?

A. The legislature approves the budget at least one month in advance of the start of the budget year.

B. The legislature approves the budget less than one month in advance of the start of the budget year, but at least by the start of the budget year.

C. The legislature approves the budget less than one month after the start of the budget year.

D. The legislature approves the budget more than one month after the start of the budget year, or does not approve the budget.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The Budget Code of Georgia states that 31st of December is the latest when the budget for BY can be approved. Usually, the approval happens before the third Friday of December.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
108. Does the legislature have the authority in law to amend the Executive’s Budget Proposal?

A. Yes, the legislature has unlimited authority in law to amend the Executive’s Budget Proposal.
B. Yes, the legislature has authority in law to amend the Executive’s Budget Proposal, with some limitations.
C. Yes, the legislature has authority in law to amend the Executive’s Budget Proposal, but its authority is very limited.
D. No, the legislature does not have any authority in law to amend the Executive’s Budget Proposal.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0


Comments: According to provisions in Budget Code of Georgia, the parliament can make comments on the Executive’s Budget Proposal and sent it to the executive for revisions, but cannot amend the EBP. It can either accept or reject it. Article 39 of the Budget Code of Georgia provides a detailed account of the procedure.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

109. Does the executive seek input from the legislature prior to shifting funds between administrative units that receive explicit funding in the Enacted Budget, and is it legally required to do so?

A. The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to shifting funds between administrative units, and it does so in practice.
B. The executive obtains approval or input from the legislature prior to shifting funds between administrative units, but is not required to do so by law or regulation.
C. The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to shifting funds between administrative units, but in practice the executive shifts funds without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature.
The executive shifts funds between administrative units without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature, and there is no law or regulation requiring it to obtain such prior approval or input from the legislature.

Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

**A.**

Score: 100

**Sources:** Budget Code of Georgia, Article 31, available here: <https://matsne.gov.ge/index.php?option=com_ldmssearch&view=docView&id=91006&lang=ge>; Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

**Comments:** When funds are being shifted between administrative units, such as ministries, the Parliament is legally required to approve the change, and does so in practice.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

**Comments:** A spending unit may shift up to 5% of its total assignations from one function to a different function with the approval of the Ministry of Finance.

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110. Does the executive seek input from the legislature prior to shifting funds within administrative units that receive explicit funding in the Enacted Budget, and is it legally required to do so?

**A.** The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to shifting funds within administrative units, and it does so in practice.

**B.** The executive obtains approval or input from the legislature prior to shifting funds within administrative units, but is not required to do so by law or regulation.

**C.** The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to shifting funds within administrative units, but in practice the executive shifts funds without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature.

**D.** The executive shifts funds within administrative units without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature, and there is no law or regulation requiring it to obtain such prior approval or input from the legislature.

**E.** Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

**A.**
Score: 100

Sources: Budget Code of Georgia, Article 31, available here: <https://matsne.gov.ge/index.php?option=com_ldmssearch&view=docView&id=91006&lang=ge>; Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: According to the Budget Code of Georgia, the executive has receive parliaments approval when shifting funds within administrative units if the funds shifted are more than 5% of the original expenditure estimates, and it does so in practice. If the funds transferred between the administrative units are less than 5% of the original expenditures, approval of the legislature is not needed by law.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

111. Does the executive seek input from the legislature prior to spending excess revenue (that is, amounts higher than originally anticipated) that may become available during the budget execution period, and is it legally required to do so?

A. The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to spending excess revenues, and it does so in practice.

B. The executive obtains approval or input from the legislature prior to spending excess revenue, but is not required to do so by law or regulation.

C. The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to spending excess revenue, but in practice the executive spends these funds without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature.

D. The executive spends excess revenues without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature, and there is no law or regulation requiring it to obtain such prior approval or input from the legislature.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The executive cannot spend excess revenue without the approval of the Parliament.
112. When was the most recent supplemental budget approved?

A. The most recent supplemental budget was approved before the funds were expended.

B. The most recent supplemental budget was approved after the funds were expended, or the executive implemented the supplemental budget without ever receiving approval from the legislature (please specify).

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: No supplemental budget requests can be accepted without the approval of the Parliament.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

113. Does the executive seek input from the legislature prior to spending contingency funds or other funds for which no specific purpose was identified in the Enacted Budget, and is it legally required to do so?

A. The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to spending contingency funds, and it does so in practice.

B. The executive obtains approval or input from the legislature prior to spending contingency funds, but is not required to do so by law or regulation.

C. The executive is required by law or regulation to obtain approval or input from the legislature prior to spending
contingency funds, but in practice the executive spends these funds without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature.

D. The executive spends contingency funds without seeking prior approval or input from the legislature, and there is no law or regulation requiring it to obtain such prior approval or input from the legislature.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0


Comments: Once the contingency funds have been agreed upon in the EBP and approved by the legislature as EB, the executive can spend them without seeking approval from the legislature. In other words, legally the parliament is not required to give consent to spending from contingency funds.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: e.


PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE

The question asks that even if the contingency funds are approved as a part of the budget, does the executive need an approval from parliament when actually spending them. In this case, answer "d" must be selected, because no input from the parliament is required when the funds are being spent.

114. Does a committee of the legislature hold public hearings to review and scrutinize Audit Reports?

A. Yes, a committee holds public hearings to review and scrutinize a wide range of Audit Reports.
B. Yes, a committee holds public hearings to review and scrutinize the main Audit Reports.
C. Yes, a committee holds public hearings to review and scrutinize a small number of Audit Reports.
D. No, a committee does not hold public hearings to review and scrutinize Audit Reports.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The legislature holds discussion sessions to review variety of audit reports, including financial, compliance, and performance audit reports. However, the committee discusses main audit reports and finding instead of every single audit report submitted to the parliament. The committee is currently planning on making changes to the practice, by discussing all audit findings submitted to the parliament. The hearings are broadcast, and the public can attend them.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

115. Does the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) have the discretion in law to undertake those audits it may wish to?

A. The SAI has full discretion to decide which audits it wishes to undertake.

B. The SAI has significant discretion, but faces some limitations.

C. The SAI has some discretion, but faces considerable limitations.

D. The SAI has no discretion to decide which audits it wishes to undertake.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: State Audit Office of Georgia is not constrained by law in conducting any of the three types of audits whether its performance audit, compliance audit, or financial audit. This is an addition to competences of the SAO, because prior to
January of 2012, the entity's competences were limited to conducting finance and compliance audits.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

116. Has the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) established a monitoring system to provide on-going, independent evaluations of its audit processes (a quality assurance system)?

A. Yes, the SAI has established a quality assurance system, and both a sample of completed audits are reviewed annually and the findings of these reviews are made available to the public.

B. Yes, the SAI has established a quality assurance system, but either a sample of completed audits are not reviewed annually or the findings of these reviews are not made available to the public.

C. Yes, the SAI has established a quality assurance system, but neither a sample of completed audits are reviewed annually nor are the findings of these reviews made available to the public.

D. No, the SAI has not established a quality assurance system.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: Recent amendments to the Law of Georgia on State Audit Office grant the parliament the right to carry out performance and compliance audit of SAO along with financial audit. General assessment of SAO's work is conducted by international organizations annually, whereas assessment of specific audits conducted by SAO is carried out by GIZ and Swedish National Audit Office within the framework of SAO's projects (planned for next 3 years). The assessment and recommendations by some international organizations such as the World Bank and OECD are public, whereas others (such as reports by GIZ ) are available upon request.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
117. Must a branch of government other than the executive (such as the legislature or the judiciary) give final consent before the head of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) can be removed from office?

A. Yes, the head of the SAI may only be removed by the legislature or judiciary, or the legislature or judiciary must give final consent before he or she is removed.

B. No, the executive may remove the head of the SAI without the final consent of the judiciary or legislature.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A. Score: 100


Comments: Auditor General of Georgia can only be removed by the parliament, or according to legal procedure on the basis of a statement of judiciary regarding individual's inadequate performance of his duties.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

118. Who determines the budget of the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI)?

A. The budget of the SAI is determined by the legislature or judiciary (or some independent body), and the funding level is broadly consistent with the resources the SAI needs to fulfill its mandate.

B. The budget of the SAI is determined by the executive, and the funding level is broadly consistent with the resources the SAI needs to fulfill its mandate.

C. The budget of the SAI is determined by the legislature or judiciary (or some independent body), but the funding level is not consistent with the resources the SAI needs to fulfill its mandate.

D. The budget of the SAI is determined by the executive, and the funding level is not consistent with the resources the SAI
needs to fulfill its mandate.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100

Sources: Interview with the Director of State Budget Analysis and Strategic Planning Department and Deputy Auditor General, June 23, 2014 The Law of Georgia on State Audit Office, Article 34, available here: <https://matsne.gov.ge/index.php?option=com_ldmssearch&view=docView&id=17506&lang=ge>;

Comments: Budget of SAO of Georgia is determined by legislature, and is adequate for fulfilling the institute's tasks.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

Section 5. Public Engagement in the Budget Process

119. Does the executive make available to the public clear (accessible, nontechnical) definitions of terms used in the budget and other budget-related documents (for instance, in a glossary)?

A. Yes, clear definitions of all key budget terms are provided.

B. Yes, definitions are provided for all key budget terms, but they are not always clear.

C. Yes, definitions are provided for some but not all key budget terms.

D. No, definitions are not provided.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67

**Comments:** Technical definition of budget terms is provided in Article 6 of Georgia's Budgetary Code. A separate list of the budget terms, which would be understandable for general public, is not provided by the executive.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**
**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**PEER REVIEWER**
**Opinion:** Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

**IBP COMMENT**
No comment.

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120. Is the executive formally required to engage with the public during the formulation and execution phases of the budget process?

A. A law, a regulation, or a formal procedural obligation requires the executive to engage with the public during both the formulation and execution phases of the budget process.

B. A law, a regulation, or a formal procedural obligation requires the executive to engage with the public during either the formulation or the execution phase of the budget process but not both.

C. There is no formal requirement for the executive to engage with the public during either the formulation or the execution phase of the budget process, but informal procedures exist to enable the public to engage with the executive during the formulation or execution phase of the budget process or during both phases.

D. There is no formal requirement and the executive does not engage with the public during the budget process.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

C.

**Score:** 33

**Sources:** Budget Code of Georgia, available here: [https://matsne.gov.ge/index.php?option=com_ldmssearch&view=docView&id=91006&lang=ge](https://matsne.gov.ge/index.php?option=com_ldmssearch&view=docView&id=91006&lang=ge); Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014; TI Georgia's correspondence with National Democratic Institute (NDI) June 2, 2014

**Comments:** There is no formal requirement for the executive to engage with the public during the budget formulation and execution phase. National Democratic Institute along with the Budget and Finance Committee of the Parliament of Georgia have organized series of meetings with the public, including for the BY. The executive was one of the participants of the meetings.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: c.

Comments: There is no formal requirement to engage with the public during the formulation and execution phases of the budget process, but some informal procedures exist to enable the public to engage in budget process, it is not very sufficient but it is exists. http://survey.mof.ge/ http://mof.ge/5335 So the answer should be “c - There is no formal requirement for the executive to engage with the public during either the formulation or the execution phase of the budget process, but informal procedures exist to enable the public to engage with the executive during the formulation or execution phase of the budget process or during both phases.”

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE

The Ministry of Finance has launched an online tool, which allows the citizens to select their budget priorities. Therefore, even though no formal requirement exists for the executive to engage public in budget execution and planning, some steps have been taken to engage the public in latter.

121. When the executive engages with the public during the budget formulation process, does it articulate what it hopes to achieve from the engagement and provide other information far enough in advance so that the public can participate in an informed manner?

A. The executive provides sufficient information (including what it hopes to achieve from its engagement with the public) in advance of the engagement.

B. The executive provides information to the public, but it is either insufficient or is not provided in advance of the engagement.

C. The executive provides information to the public, but it is neither sufficient nor provided in advance of the engagement.

D. The executive does not provide information, or does not engage with the public during the budget process.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

Score: 0

Sources: Budget Code of Georgia, available here: <https://matsne.gov.ge/index.php?option=com_ldmssearch&view=docView&id=91006&lang=ge>; Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014 TI Georgia’s correspondence with the National Democratic Institute, July 2, 2014

Comments: The executive is not formally obliged to engage with the public and does not do so in practice, other than being a
GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: c.
Comments: The executive is not formally obliged to engage with the public, but maybe it is not very sufficient but public engagement exists in this process. http://survey.mof.ge/ http://mof.ge/5335 So the answer should be “c - The executive provides information to the public, but it is neither sufficient nor provided in advance of the engagement.”

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
The Ministry of Finance has indeed launched an online tool to engage citizens in determining budget priorities, despite the lack of formal requirement to so. However, this question asks about the outreach of the ministry prior to launching the survey. Such an active engagement from the executive was not present. Therefore, we maintain the answer choice "d" for this question.

122. When the executive engages with the public during the budget execution process, does it articulate what it hopes to achieve from the engagement and provide other information far enough in advance so that the public can participate in an informed manner?

A. The executive provides sufficient information (including what it hopes to achieve from its engagement with the public) in advance of the engagement.
B. The executive provides information to the public, but it is either insufficient or is not provided in advance of the engagement.
C. The executive provides information to the public, but it is neither sufficient nor provided in advance of the engagement.
D. The executive does not provide information, or does not engage with the public during the budget process.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: The executive holds press conferences to inform media about budget execution. However, they do not engage
with the public during budget execution.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: c.

Comments: The executive is not formally obliged to engage with the public, but maybe it is not very sufficient but public engagement exists in this process. [http://survey.mof.ge/](http://survey.mof.ge/) [http://mof.ge/5335](http://mof.ge/5335) The answer should be “c - The executive does not provide information, or does not engage with the public during the budget process.”

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score but wish to add a comment, clarification, or suggest another reference.

Comments: The budget hearings at the parliamentary committees are open for the public to attend

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE

I agree with the peer reviewer. The only possibility for the public to get engaged in the discussions on the execution of budget is at the parliamentary committees that are open to the public. However, I believe the question asks about the executive’s initiatives to inform the public in advance, so that they can participate in a productive manner. Such active information campaigns or educational meetings are not being held.

123. Has the executive established mechanisms to identify the public's perspective on budget priorities?

A. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget priorities, and these mechanisms are accessible and widely used by the public.

B. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget priorities; while these mechanisms are accessible they are not widely used by the public.

C. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget priorities, but these mechanisms are not accessible.

D. No, the executive has not established any mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget priorities.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: The executive has not established mechanisms to identify public's perspective on budget priorities. However, the Ministry of Finance is planning more initiatives for upcoming years in terms of engaging the public in the budget process.
GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.
Suggested Answer: c.
Comments: The mechanism exists to identify public’s perspectives on budget priorities. [http://mof.ge/5335](http://mof.ge/5335) [http://survey.mof.ge/] The answer should be “c - Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget priorities, but these mechanisms are not accessible.”

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE
The Ministry of Finance has launched an online tool, which enables the citizens to determine their budget priorities. Therefore, our answer is changed to "C".

124. Has the executive established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget execution?

A. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget execution, and these mechanisms are accessible and widely used by the public.

B. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget execution; while these mechanisms are accessible they are not widely used by the public.

C. Yes, the executive has established mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget execution, but these mechanisms are not accessible.

D. No, the executive has not established any mechanisms to identify the public’s perspective on budget execution.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: The executive has not implemented any mechanisms in order to hear public’s perspective on budget execution phase.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.
125. Does the executive provide formal, detailed feedback to the public on how its inputs have been used to develop budget plans and improve budget execution?

A. Yes, the executive issues reports on the inputs it received from the public and provides detailed feedback on how these inputs have been used.

B. Yes, the executive issues reports on the inputs it received from the public, but provides only limited feedback on how these inputs have been used.

C. Yes, the executive issues reports on the inputs it received from the public, but provides no feedback on how these inputs have been used.

D. No, the executive does not issue reports on the inputs it received from the public or provide feedback on how these inputs have been used.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

D.

Score: 0

Sources: Interview with the Head of the Budget Department and Deputy Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, June 18, 2014

Comments: The executive does not give feedback on the input of the public in budget formulation process, as there are no mechanisms for involvement of public in budget planning and execution phase (except for the meetings organized by National Democratic Institute and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Parliament).

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

126. Does a legislative committee (or committees) hold public hearings on the macroeconomic and fiscal framework presented in the budget in which testimony from the executive branch and the public is heard?

A. Yes, public hearings are held on the macroeconomic and fiscal framework in which testimony is heard from the executive branch and a wide range of constituencies.
B. Yes, public hearings are held on the macroeconomic and fiscal framework in which testimony is heard from the executive branch and some constituencies.

C. Yes, public hearings are held on the macroeconomic and fiscal framework in which testimony from the executive branch is heard, but no testimony from the public is heard.

D. No, public hearings are not held on the macroeconomic and fiscal framework in which testimony from the executive branch and the public is heard.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: All committee hearings in the Parliament are public as they are streamed on television and radio, and members of public are free to attend. In the discussion on pre-budget statement as well as during the discussion on executive’s budget proposal, macroeconomic and fiscal framework is debated upon. The representatives of the Executive are free to speak and contribute to the debate. The public has the ability to make any proposals on the issue.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE
The committee sessions are public, and some constituencies present their testimony along with the executive branch. Therefore, response is revised to "b" from "a"

127. Do legislative committees hold public hearings on the individual budgets of central government administrative units (i.e., ministries, departments, and agencies) in which testimony from the executive branch is heard?

A. Yes, public hearings in which testimony from the executive branch is heard are held on the budgets of a wide range of administrative units.

B. Yes, public hearings in which testimony from the executive branch is heard are held on the budgets of the main administrative units.

C. Yes, public hearings in which testimony from the executive branch is heard are held on the budgets of a small number of
administrative units.

D. No, public hearings in which testimony from the executive branch is heard are not held on the budgets of administrative units.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: The committee meetings of the Parliaments are public as they are streamed on the television and radio, and members of public are free to attend. During the discussion on BDD, individual budgets of the administrative units can be discussed if the attendees wish so, where the representatives of the executive can express their opinion. Such discussions can be held during any of the committee sessions regarding budget documents.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

128. Do legislative committees hold public hearings on the individual budgets of central government administrative units (i.e., ministries, departments, and agencies) in which testimony from the public is heard?

A. Yes, public hearings in which testimony from the public is heard are held on the budgets of a wide range of administrative units.

B. Yes, public hearings in which testimony from the public is heard are held on the budgets of some administrative units.

C. Yes, public hearings in which testimony from the public is heard are held on the budgets of a small number of administrative units.

D. No, public hearings in which testimony from the public is heard are not held on the budgets of administrative units.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.
Score: 100


Comments: The committee sessions of the parliament are public. They are streamed on television and radio, and representatives of the public are free to attend. During the committee sessions of the parliament, the public can freely attend and make legislative proposals.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

RESEARCHER'S RESPONSE
I spoke with the head of the administration of the budgetary and finance committee. The way it works is that ministers speak regarding their individual budgets in the respective committees, and not the finance committee. However, at the final hearings at the finance committee, the conclusions reached at the other committees are voiced out. The transcript of the hearing at the budget and finance committee is attached.

129. Do the legislative committees that hold public hearings on the budget release reports to the public on these hearings?

A. Yes, the committees release reports, which include all written and spoken testimony presented at the hearings.
B. Yes, the committees release reports, which include most testimony presented at the hearings.
C. Yes, the committees release reports, but they include only some testimony presented at the hearings.
D. No, the committees do not release reports, or do not hold public hearings.
E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67


Comments: The reports of the committee sessions including written and spoken testimony are collected and published on
the website of the parliament. However, most of the reports serve as summaries of the sessions, and do not provide a detailed account of the discussions. Therefore, option "b" was selected.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

130. Does the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) maintain formal mechanisms through which the public can assist in formulating its audit program (by identifying the agencies, programs, or projects that should be audited)?

A. Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can assist in formulating its audit program, and these mechanisms are accessible and widely used by the public.

B. Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can assist in formulating its audit program; while these mechanisms are accessible, they are not widely used by the public.

C. Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can assist in formulating its audit program, but these mechanisms are not accessible.

D. No, the SAI does not have formal mechanisms through which the public can assist in formulating its audit program.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

B.

Score: 67

Sources: Interview with the Director of State Budget Analysis and Strategic Planning Department and Deputy Auditor General, June 23, 2014

Comments: SAO of Georgia has established formal mechanisms for identifying public's priorities with regards to future audits through a specific section on the website, where citizens can identify their preference for audits. Public opinion is one of the factors determining the choice of entities and projects to be audited. However, the public participation is low considering that in December of 2013 only 9 such requests were filed by the citizens. In addition to the website tool, communication is acceptable via mail. SAO is currently working on an update of the website tool.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: I am not qualified to judge this indicator.
131. Does the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) maintain formal mechanisms through which the public can participate in audit investigations (as respondents, witnesses, etc.)?

A. Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can participate in audit investigations, and these mechanisms are accessible and widely used by the public.

B. Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can participate in audit investigations; while these mechanisms are accessible, they are not widely used by the public.

C. Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can participate in audit investigations, but these mechanisms are not accessible.

D. No, the SAI does not have formal mechanisms through which the public can participate in audit investigations.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

C.

Score: 33

Sources: Interview with the Director of State Budget Analysis and Strategic Planning Department and Deputy Auditor General, June 23, 2014

Comments: SAO has held focus group meetings on performance audit throughout the year, but the meetings did not have widespread and systematic character. Additionally, due to the format of the meetings the participants were selected by the SAO itself.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER

Opinion: No, I do not agree with the score.

Suggested Answer: b.

Comments: current evaluation is “C”, should be at least “B”- Yes, the SAI maintains formal mechanisms through which the public can participate in audit investigations; while these mechanisms are accessible, they are not widely used by the public: The State Audit Office of Georgia (SAO) has formal mechanisms through which the society can participate in audit investigations. In general, public is involved in audit investigation process in two ways. (1) For those, who prefers to deliver information by anonymous way, SAO provides them opportunity to use online services (from the official website – Plan with us; Fight corruption). (2) On the other hand, interested parties can send official correspondence/letters to SAO and openly contribute in audit process, in this case SAO is obligated by law to respond to the inquiry in 10 days, and if the issue is not still closed in that period, SAO updates those citizens about the actions taken to respond to the inquiry. Above mentioned sources of public participation are mainly used for compliance and performance audits. (3) Besides, during the performance audit process, audit team holds meetings with target groups: NGOs, professional associations and civil society to share their opinions and discuss problematic issues regarding audit topic. As for financial audits, this type of audit does not require such kind of contribution according to its nature

PEER REVIEWER

Opinion: I am not qualified to judge this indicator.
IBP COMMENT
Researcher retained answer choice "c" as the researcher does not consider the first two mechanisms described the government reviewer to qualify as participating in an audit investigation.

132. Does the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) maintain any communication with the public regarding its Audit Reports beyond simply making these reports publicly available?

A. Yes, in addition to publishing Audit Reports, the SAI maintains other mechanisms of communication to make the public aware of audit findings (such as maintaining an office that regularly conducts outreach activities to publicize previously released audit findings).

B. No, the SAI does not maintain any formal mechanisms of communication with the public beyond publishing Audit Reports.

C. Not applicable/other (please comment).

Georgia

A.

Score: 100


Comments: SAO of Georgia publishes the report on the website, along with its executive summary which is accessible to the public. Additionally, SAO holds press conferences in order to publicize specific findings of the reports, as well as presentations of specific audit findings such as the findings of performance audit of Professional Education Program.

GOVERNMENT REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

PEER REVIEWER
Opinion: Yes, I agree with the score and have no comments to add.

133. Does the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) provide formal, detailed feedback to the public on how their inputs have been used to determine its audit program or in Audit Reports?

A. Yes, the SAI issues reports on the inputs it received from the public and provides detailed feedback on how these inputs have been used.

B. Yes, the SAI issues reports on the inputs it received from the public but provides only limited feedback on how these inputs
C. Yes, the SAI issues reports on the inputs it received from the public but provides no feedback on how these inputs have been used.

D. No, the SAI does not issue reports on the inputs it received from the public through public consultations.

E. Not applicable/other (please comment).

**Georgia**

**Score:** 0

**Sources:** Interview with the Director of State Budget Analysis and Strategic Planning Department and Deputy Auditor General, June 23, 2014

**Comments:** SAO of Georgia does not have formal mechanisms to give feedback to people regarding their input.

**GOVERNMENT REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** No, I do not agree with the score.

**Suggested Answer:** b.

**Comments:** current evaluation is “D”, should be at least “B”- Yes, the SAI issues reports on the inputs it received from the public but provides only limited feedback on how these inputs have been used: SAO provides formal feedback to the public on how their inputs have been used. Audit reports (especially performance audit reports) indicate the sources/references of information they are obtained from. Also, after the end of the performance audits, audit team conducts meeting with the same interested parties (NGOs, professional associations and civil society) again and discusses audit findings and recommendations, as well as their contribution in the audit process. In addition, in its Annual Performance Report, SAO states the number of audits that were planned and conducted on request of stakeholders (The Parliament, society...).

**PEER REVIEWER**

**Opinion:** I am not qualified to judge this indicator.

**RESEARCHER’S RESPONSE**

During the interview with the representatives of the State Audit Office it became clear that SAO does not have formal mechanisms to give a detailed feedback to public regarding how their input was used.