
SUMMARY

December 2012

REPORT ON THE SOCIAL GRANTS REVIEW

As part of the 2010/11 Corporate Audit Plan, Internal Audit & Advisory Services (IAAS) was requested by Cabinet to undertake a review of Social Grants awarded across government during fiscal year 2009/10.

The review included an assessment of the effectiveness of ministries' controls in ensuring that grant objectives were successfully achieved and whether value-for-money (VFM) was achieved in each of the programs. IAAS selected 17 social grant programs for review.

IAAS found that overall, the ministries included in the review awarded grants with sufficient due diligence and in accordance with Core Policy and Procedures Manual (CPPM). IAAS also found a number of minor exceptions in the award process.

IAAS identified a number of opportunities to strengthen controls in the award process, such as developing an evaluation tool, training evaluation committee members for consistent practices and, revising reporting requirements.

The IAAS report contains 19 recommendations and all have been accepted by the ministries responsible for the social grant programs. IAAS has reviewed management's action plan and is comfortable that it adequately addresses key recommendations in the report.

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