

Systems Management Principles Statement (SMPS) Audit Report 2018/19 Publication Explanation



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The SMPS Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2019 should have been completed and published by [May 2019]. The Report is now ready for publication. The delay in publication was due to the following reasons:-

- i. The impact of COVID19 on enabling access to information within a control room environment which is commercially sensitive. Access to this facility became challenging, with tight restrictions based upon the COVID19 guidelines;
- ii. Changes to the audit approach and data collection were required as a result of implementing the Electronic Data Submission System (EDSS);
- iii. The impact of strategic business changes, including the delays in the Data Centre Project, which were absorbing resource and placing pressure on departments where information and data gathering was needed due to their vast involvement in delivery of the Data Centre

Whilst there has been a time delay, PWC have confirmed that none of these factors have impacted the quality of the audit work undertaken.

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