

Extension of the NSW Government Cash and Banking Services Contract

The NSW Treasurer directs pursuant to s9 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* that accounting officers and officers of an authority, except State Owned Corporations, use the contracted service provider(s) for banking requirements.

NSW Treasury currently administers the contracts for transactional banking, customer payments and NSW Government Cards (purchasing card) (collectively 'the Services') on behalf of authorities.

The current agreements were entered into in 2012 by the then Treasurer pursuant to s15 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* ('the PFA Act') for the whole of government and for a five-year term beginning 1 April 2013 and expiring on 31 March 2018.

The Treasurer has since entered into an agreement to extend the provision of Services from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

As a consequence the Treasurer directs that from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 accounting officers and officers of an authority, except State Owned Corporations, use the services of the contracted service provider(s) in accordance with the agreements(s) between the service provider(s) and the Treasurer.

The Treasurer may grant an exemption from use of the contracted service provider(s) for all or some of the Services in cases where specific authority based arrangements (such as corporate or private sponsorship agreements and partnership arrangements) are expected to lead to a benefit to the authority, to the NSW Public sector or to the NSW Community. All current exemptions are also approved till 31 March 2019.

This Circular is issued as a Direction in accordance with s9 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (and replaces Treasury Circular NSW TC12/17 NSW Government Cash and Banking Services Tender 2012) to accounting officers or officers of an authority as these terms are defined in that Act.

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