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**GOVERNOR-GENERAL**



# STYLE AND BRANDING GUIDE

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## TEXT REQUIRED FROM OOSGG

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## 2. VISUAL BRAND

# VISUAL BRAND

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## 2.1 Logos

The primary brand mark of OOSGG is the Crown and Wattle insignia and this will generally be sufficient on its own. This may be presented in gold (primary), black (secondary), or white (secondary inverted). The coloured Crown and Wattle graphic is reserved for use by the Governor-General themselves.

A text logo may be used in situations where the name of the Office needs to be displayed; for example, on an annual report or other external material.

### Primary Brandmark



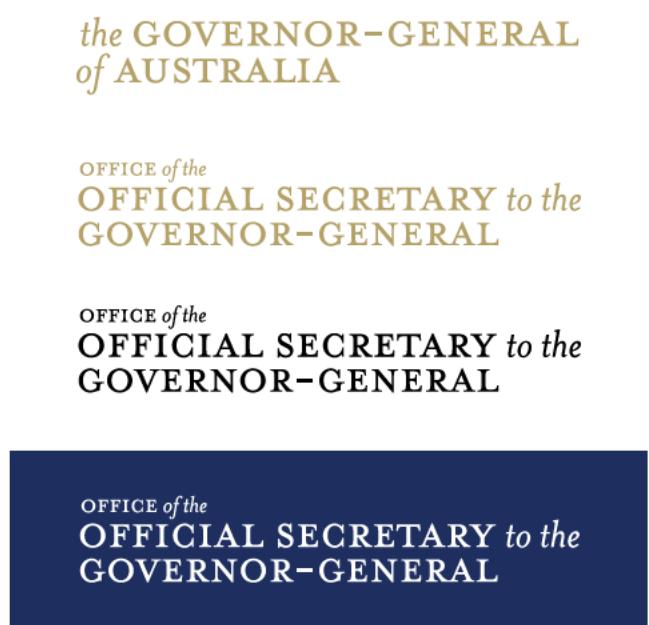
### Primary Text Logo - Inline



## Secondary Text Logo - Stacked



## Supplementary Logo - Text Only



# Logo Guidelines

## Do:

- ✓ Allow plenty of space around the logo - aim for 1cm



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- ✓ Use PNG files for everyday use
- ✓ Use vector files (AI, EPS, PDF) for large-scale and professional design use
- ✓ Ensure there is sufficient contrast or a brand colour overlay if placing the logo over photographs (see below)



**Do not:**

- ✗ Edit or change the logo colour, font or layout



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- ✗ Rotate logos



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- ✗ Place logos on busy or brand-inconsistent background



- ✗ Save logos as JPG files - these files do not support transparent backgrounds

## 2.2 Typography

### External Documents

**Mrs Eaves** should be used for main headings.

### Small Caps

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk  
Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv  
Ww Xx Yy Zz

### Roman Lining

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll  
Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww  
Xx Yy Zz

**Gill Sans** should be used for small headings and body text.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll  
Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv  
Ww Xx Yy Zz

The above fonts are licensed for OOSGG use and must be used in professional external publications. If you require access to these fonts, please contact [NAME] at [EMAIL].

## Headings - External Documents

# TITLE

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Mrs Eaves Roman Small Caps 36pt

## HEADING 1

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Mrs Eaves Roman Small Caps 26pt

## Heading 2

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Mrs Eaves Roman Lining 20pt

## Heading 3

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Mrs Eaves Roman Lining 16pt

## Heading 4

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Gill Sans Bold 11pt

## Heading 5

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Gill Sans Bold 10pt

Body

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Gill Sans Light 10pt

- Bullet Point 1
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Gill Sans Light 10pt, indent 10mm

- Bullet Point 2
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Gill Sans Light 10pt, Indent 20mm

Subtitle/Caption

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Gill Sans Light 9pt

These sizes are guides based on this A4 publication.

## How to access these fonts

Mrs Eaves and Gill Sans are available online for licensing from their type foundries. Mrs Eaves can also be synced to Adobe applications free of charge through Adobe Fonts.

## Spacing

Type should be spaced at 1.5x. This allows easier readability for large swathes of text.

## Internal Documents

**Constantia** should be used for main headings.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll  
Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww  
Xx Yy Zz

**Calibri** should be used for small headings and body text.

### **Bold**

**Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm  
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx  
Yy Zz**

### **Light**

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm  
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy  
Zz

## Headings - Internal Documents

# TITLE

Constantia, small caps, 36pt, expanded by 3pt

## Heading 1

Constantia 26pt, expanded by 1pt

## Heading 2

Constantia 20pt, expanded by 0.5pt

## Heading 3

Constantia 16pt, expanded by 0.5pt

### Heading 4

Calibri Bold 12pt

### Heading 5

Calibri Bold 11pt

Body

Calibri Light 11pt

- Bullet Point 1

Calibri Light 11pt, indent 10mm

- Bullet Point 2

Calibri Light 11pt, Indent 20mm

Subtitle/Caption

Calibri Light 9pt

These sizes are guides based on this A4 publication.

## How to access these fonts

Constantia and Calibri are default Microsoft fonts and will be present in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.

## Spacing

Type should be spaced at 1.15x.

# Typography Guidelines

## Do:

- ✓ Use Mrs Eaves (Headings) and Gill Sans (Small headings, body) for external publications
- ✓ Use Constantia (Headings) and Calibri Light (Small headings, body) for internal publications
- ✓ Use 1.5x line spacing for external publications and 1.15x line spacing for internal publications

## Do not:

- ✗ Use unapproved alternative fonts

## A special exception for typography

Mrs Eaves may be used in place of Gill Sans as a body font in situations where a regal look is required. Print banners are an example of this - see below.

Ensure Mrs Eaves is not used as a body font when the font size is small or there are large amounts of text - as an older-style serif font, it is much harder to read in small print and in paragraphs than Gill Sans.



Investiture ceremonies are held twice a year at Government House.

The ceremonies are a chance to celebrate outstanding Australians recognised through the Australian Honours and Awards system. In front of family and friends, recipients receive the insignia of their award from the Governor-General.

While some well-known people receive awards, many more are known only to those they help and serve day in, day out. All recipients are worthy of recognition and celebration.

## 2.3 Colour

The OOSGG colours are navy blue, dark gold, and white. Black may be used in typesetting or to provide background in shades of grey.

Colour values are as follows:



**Navy**

R34 G42 B93

C100 M90 Y33 K26

PMS 534C

#222A5D

40% and 15% tints



**Gold**

R181 G162 B105

C30 M31 Y68 K2

PMS 4515C

#B5A269

40% and 15% tints



**White**

R255 G255 B255

C0 M0 Y0 K0

#FFFFFF



**Black**

R181 G162 B105

C30 M31 Y68 K2

PMS 4515C

#000000

40% and 15% tints

## Colour Guidelines

### Do:

- ✓ Use the exact colour values specified
- ✓ Use predominantly blue or white, with gold accents
- ✓ Apply colours in solid blocks

### Do not:

- ✗ Use colours which are not brand-consistent
- ✗ Lighten, darken, or blend the colours in any other way, **unless necessary** for the undertaking of the task

An example of a **necessary deviation** is using blue in a feather gradient instead of a solid block to make the OOSGG logo visible on a photograph, as on the cover of this style guide.

## 2.4 Tables

Table design is consistent with annual reports until 2018/19. These feature open rows and plenty of white space.

### Example Table 1: List of Requirements

PGPA Rule Reference	Part of Report	Description	Requirement
<b>17AD(g) Letter of Transmittal</b>			
17AI	i	A copy of the letter of	Mandatory
<b>17AD(h) Aids to access</b>			
17AJ(a)	ii-iii	Table of contents.	Mandatory
17AJ(b)	138	Alphabetical index.	Mandatory
17AJ(c)	136-137	Glossary of abbreviations and acronyms.	Mandatory
17AJ(d)	128-133	List of requirements.	Mandatory
17AJ(e)	<i>Inside front cover</i>	Details of contact officer.	Mandatory
17AJ(f)	<i>Inside front cover</i>	Entity's website address.	Mandatory
17AJ(g)	<i>Inside front cover</i>	Electronic address of report.	Mandatory
<b>17AD(a) Review by accountable authority</b>			
17AD(a)	2-7	A review by the accountable authority of the entity.	Mandatory

### Specifications:

#### Font

Table Title: Heading 3 (Mrs Eaves Roman Lining 16pt)

Table Heading 1: Body (Gill Sans Light 10pt)

Table Subheading: Heading 5 (Gill Sans Bold 10pt)

Table Content: Body

#### Colour (Fill and Borders)

Heading Row: Blue 15% fill

Body Rows: White fill

Borders: Blue 100%, horizontal only, 0.2pt weight

No external borders

### Table Guidelines

#### Do:

- ✓ Create tables using the styles specified in this style guide

#### Do not:

- ✗ Alter the visual design, linework or colours in any way

## 2.5 Iconography

Each department of OOSGG is represented by an icon. This icon should be used in internal communications to visually specify the origin of the communication.



Government House



Admiralty House



IT



Finance



Official Secretary



Deputy to the Official Secretary



Human Resources



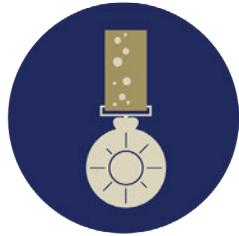
Property



Household



Communications



Honours and Awards



Horticulture



Creative Team

## Composite Icon

A composite icon graphic has been developed to show the interlinking departments of OOSGG. The Office has been provided with different versions of this graphic, each with a separate department highlighted.

This graphic may be used in internal communication as a decorative element. Examples of this can be seen in **Section 4: Templates**.



## Iconography Guidelines

### Do:

- ✓ Use icons as specified in this style guide

### Do not:

- ✗ Alter the visual design, linework or colours in any way

## 2.6 Composition

When designing assets, consider using the Rule of Thirds. This means that pages should be split visually into thirds, with key aspects sitting within those distinct sections. Images, columns, lines and text might use 1/3 or 2/3 of a page either horizontally, vertically, or both. Gold linework may also be used to emphasise section breaks or fill empty spaces.

This compositional style is common in graphic design as it appeals to established psychological principles.. Dividing visual content up into sections of odd numbers is considered more pleasing to the eye than division into even numbers, and three is the most simple multiple odd number. The resulting strategic asymmetry is considered visually pleasing in design and photography.

Applied examples of the Rule of Thirds can be seen below and on the next page.

The image illustrates the application of the Rule of Thirds principle in two different design contexts: a page layout and a map.

**Page Layout (Top Half):**

- Horizontal Grid:** The page is divided into three horizontal sections by two vertical grid lines. The top section is labeled "1/3", the middle section is labeled "1/3", and the bottom section is labeled "2/3".
- Content:** The layout includes a "CHAPTER 1 OVERVIEW" header in the top-left, a "YEAR IN REVIEW" section with a sub-headline "OFFICIAL SECRETARY'S REVIEW" in the center, and a main text area on the right.

**Map (Bottom Half):**

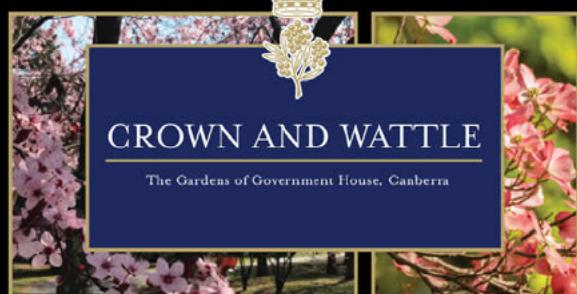
- Horizontal Grid:** The map is divided into three horizontal sections by two vertical grid lines. The top section is labeled "2/3", the middle section is labeled "1/3", and the bottom section is labeled "1/3".
- Content:** The map shows the layout of Government House buildings, including the "Government House Buildings" section with numbered items 1 through 12, and a "Gardening Compound" section. A legend at the bottom left provides symbols for various facilities like Government House, First aid, Toilets and disabled toilets, Food vendors, 300-year-old Yellow Box Eucalypt, Disabled parking, Information, Coffee, House Tour tickets, 180-year-old Himalayan Cedar, Stalholders, RAAF Balloon, House Tour entry and bag check, Mini bus grounds tour pick-up and drop-off, and Water.

2/3



1/3

Crown and Wattle: The Gardens of Government House, Canberra



2/3

1/3

## Composition Guidelines

### Do:

- ✓ Allow sufficient space between elements
- ✓ Use the Rule of Thirds as a guide
- ✓ Make sure elements are correctly aligned left, right, or centrally using a ruler or software

There are no 'do not's' with composition, as long as colour and shape rules are adhered to - but ensure the design is **approved** before going to print.

## 2.7 Shape

Thin linework is used in OOSGG branding to distinguish between sections, provide framing for images, and lead the eye around the page in a logical manner.

These lines should be gold on a predominantly blue or white background, and used sparingly to highlight important information or break sections.

See examples as follows.



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Generally, all other shapes used in OOSGG visual branding are solid blocks of colour. Images should be presented as a simple square, rectangle, or rhombus, accented by a thin gold line frame if desired.

This screenshot shows a dark blue sidebar on the left with the title 'ABOUT THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL' in white. Below it is a portrait of the Governor-General. The main content area has a thin gold border at the top and bottom. It contains text about his Excellency General the Honorable David Hurley and a list of his roles and duties.



This screenshot shows a dark blue sidebar on the right with the title 'GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY' in white. Below it is a gold banner with the event details: '10am - 2pm Saturday 14 March 2020' and 'Free Entry'. The main content area has a thin gold border at the top and bottom. It contains a photograph of the Governor-General interacting with people at an open day.

## Shape Guidelines

### Do:

- ✓ Use shape as specified in this style guide

### Do not:

- ✗ Deviate from shape guidelines in any way, **unless necessary** for the undertaking of the task.

An example of a **necessary deviation** from shape rules can be seen below. The brochure and social media tiles for the Order of Australia Medal needed to look different from standard OOSGG print material, so fan-like diagonal shapes were used to mark out the page. Note that the composition still follows the Rule of Thirds, the predominant colours are still navy and white, and images are still framed by a thin gold line. This style must now only be applied to OAM materials and not standard OOSGG materials to keep the distinction consistent.



## 2.8 Images

Images should be selected as follows:

## 2.9 Signature Blocks

E-mail signatures should be laid out as follows:



<name> | <position>  
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General  
Government House, Canberra ACT 2600  
T: <number> | <mobile if relevant>  
E: <email> | W: www.gg.gov.au

Note that brand fonts are not available in e-mail clients so [NAME] is used instead.





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### 3. WRITING GUIDELINES

# HEADING

## Heading 2

### TEXT REQUIRED FROM OOSGG

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## 4. TEMPLATES

# TEMPLATES

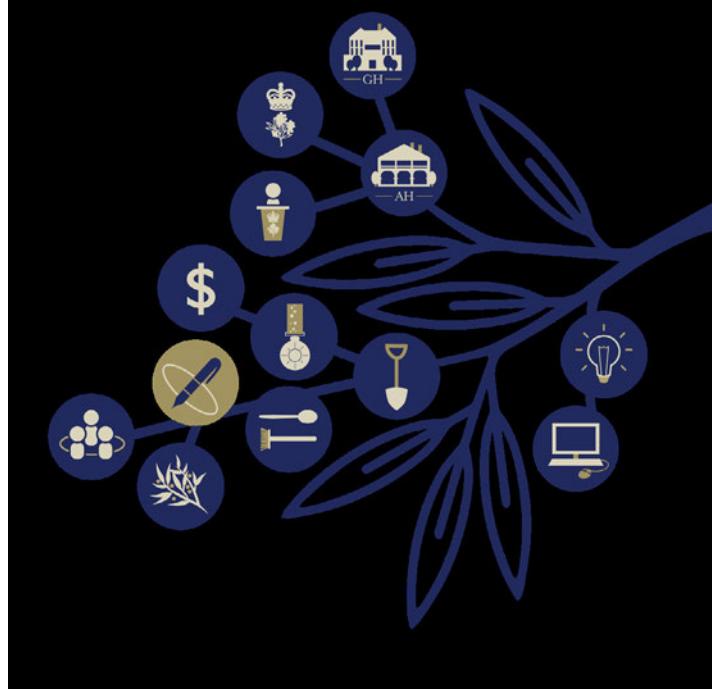
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The following are previews of templates which are available for office use alongside this style guide. For copies of the templates, please consult NAME at EMAIL ADDRESS.

## 4.1 Internal Memo

 <p>OFFICE of the <b>OFFICIAL SECRETARY to the GOVERNOR-GENERAL</b></p> <p><b>Internal Memo Template</b></p> <p>These guidelines are provided to assist your organisation with planning an event involving the Governor-General and/or Mrs Hurley. The Governor-General's Aide-de-Camp (ADC) will be your primary point of contact (POC) at Government House (GH). The information they request from you will be used to convey event specifics to Their Excellencies. Please send all email correspondence to the ADC shared inbox (<a href="mailto:adc@gg.gov.au">adc@gg.gov.au</a>).</p> <p>You will be provided two documents to assist both Government House and your organisation with planning for the Vice-Regal visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Government House external event preparation form.</b> This document captures all the relevant information required by Government House to prepare Their Excellencies for an event.</li><li>• <b>Protocol advice and checklist.</b> This document provides guidance to your organisation around the protocol of a Vice-Regal visit. It includes guidance on modes of address and the role of the host.</li></ul> <hr/> <p><b>Please return the 'event preparation form' to the ADC as soon as practicable (draft formats are acceptable), as this information will greatly assist them in planning the event and to compile a briefing pack for Their Excellencies in the lead up to the event.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Media (if applicable)</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Please note that all information about the Governor-General's attendance must be sent to [REDACTED] by email for approval, prior to being released into the public domain. We would also be grateful if you could advise [REDACTED] by email whether there will be an Official Photographer and/or Official Videographer at your event, and whether you intend to invite media to the event. Please copy the ADC on all correspondence.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speeches (if applicable)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Government House Speechwriter is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If a speech is to be delivered by the Governor-General, please provide key background information to [REDACTED] no later than two weeks before the event.</li></ul>
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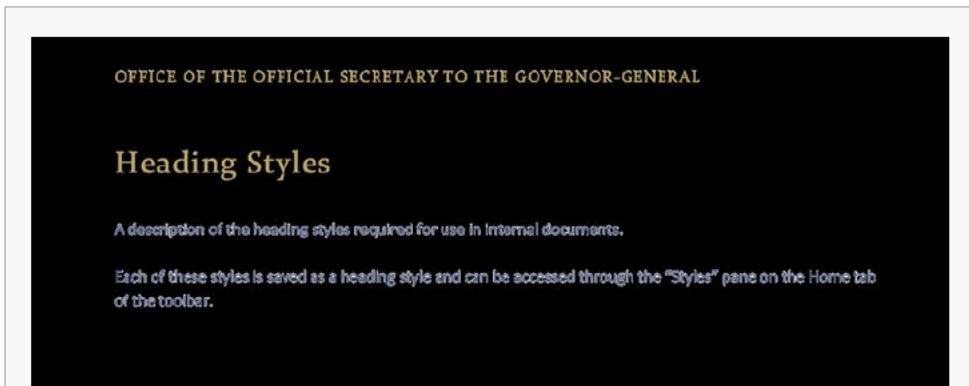
## 4.2 All-Staff E-mail



For consistent official communications: Either

- a) a MailChimp template customised for each department with a different look, feel and 'from' field or
- b) A header or e-mail signature to show who the comms are from and display levels of importance once clicked, followed by etiquette rules by department/importance

## 4.3 Internal Document Template



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### Heading Styles

A description of the heading styles required for use in internal documents.

Each of these styles is saved as a heading style and can be accessed through the "Styles" pane on the Home tab of the toolbar.

# TITLE

## Heading 1

### Heading 2

#### Heading 3

##### Heading 4

###### Heading 5

###### Body

- Bullet Point 1
- Bullet Point 2

Subtitle/Caption

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### Tables

Table 1: Example Table

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## 4.4 Minute Template

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<b>Background</b>  • Dot points on relevant background •  <b>Recommendations</b>  That you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note [details of what is to be noted]</li><li>• Approve [details of what is to be approved]</li><li>• Sign [details of what is to be signed]</li></ul> <b>Attachment/s</b>  • List attachment 1 • List attachment 2 •  INTERNAL DECISION BRIEF FOR OFFICIAL SECRETARY	<b>Decision Flow and Outcome</b>  <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 25%;">Noted</td><td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="width: 25%;">Noted</td><td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Supported</td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Supported</td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Recommended</td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Recommended</td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Please discuss</td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Please discuss</td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Comment:</td><td>Comment:</td><td>Comment:</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Through (if applicable)</td><td colspan="2">Through (if applicable)</td></tr><tr><td><b>Originator Name</b> Title</td><td><b>Director's Name</b> Title</td><td><b>Steve Murtagh</b> Deputy Official Secretary</td><td><b>Paul Singer</b> Official Secretary</td></tr><tr><td>Date:</td><td>Date:</td><td>Date:</td><td>Date:</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"></td><td colspan="2">Return to:</td></tr></table>	Noted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supported	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supported	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please discuss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please discuss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comment:		Comment:	Comment:	Through (if applicable)		Through (if applicable)		<b>Originator Name</b> Title	<b>Director's Name</b> Title	<b>Steve Murtagh</b> Deputy Official Secretary	<b>Paul Singer</b> Official Secretary	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:			Return to:	
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INTERNAL DECISION BRIEF FOR OFFICIAL SECRETARY

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# 4.5 PowerPoint Template



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Insert Presentation Title



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For assistance or questions, contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]