

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 22: The general government and public sectors**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

General comment	<p>I had some quick comments to make before making a detailed reading of the chapter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does this chapter need to make specific comments for sovereign wealth funds? They are perhaps similar to a social security fund if treated as government units. The (quasi-) corporations managing these SWF’s will be classified as belonging to the publicly controlled financial corporations sector presumably unless they do not carry the risk of incurring liabilities. Clearly they operate with market prices but then how they interact with their own domestic economy (ie retained earnings/equity vs withdrawals such as suggested in the last sentence of 22.140) could be quite ‘non-market’. <p>Perhaps some clarification could be given somewhere about 22.22 – 22.24 or around 22.50-22.52</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. I wondered if there is a word omitted from the first sentence of 22.19. It reads “... there is an important institutional unit of the general government sector in terms of size and power...”
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="462 174 1360 241">3. Perhaps the decision tree could be drawn out in a figure (perhaps encompassing that shown in the existing figure 22.1.<li data-bbox="462 273 1360 340">4. The section on nationalisation of assets is also a welcome addition to the Manual.<li data-bbox="462 371 1360 438">5. I hope that the chapter can be expanded in these sort of details. Are there sample tables intended for this chapter?
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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 22.1-22.12)

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22.1	Click here and start typing.
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B. Defining the general government and public sectors (paragraphs 22.13-22.66)

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22.13	Click here and start typing.
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C. The government finance presentation of statistics (paragraphs 22.67-22.92)

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22.67	Click here and start typing.
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D. Accounting issues particular to the general government and public sectors (paragraphs 22.93-22.168)

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E. The public sector presentation of statistics (paragraphs 22.169-22.175)

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22.169	Click here and start typing.
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Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Are the extended examples about how to decide when a unit supplying to government is market or non-market helpful/too extensive?
2. Is the relationship between the SNA and GFS clear?
3. Is the description of privatisation and nationalisation helpful/sufficient?
4. Is the section on debt sufficiently comprehensive given the existence of other manuals e.g. external debt guide?
5. Do you have comments on the treatment of tax credits?

Specific comments:

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