

**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:*

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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)

General comment	We believe that the introductory chapter is clear,easy to understand and provides the right platform for the rest of the chapter. It provides up front a clear and concise definition of government and the public sector and therefore allows the reader to follow the rest of the chapter quite easily.
22.1	Click here and start typing.
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\* Insert rows in this Word table for each paragraph on which you wish to comment.

### B. Defining the general government and public sectors (paragraphs 22.13-22.66)

General comment	We think that a very good job was done in spelling out both the government and the public sectors. Click here and start typing.
22.13	Click here and start typing.
22.14	Instead of using the term “the criterion”, you should have said “ one of the major criteria...”One needs to remember that NPI’S are also producers of goods and services at prices that are not economically significant.

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### C. The government finance presentation of statistics (paragraphs 22.67-22.92)

General comment	We have no comment to make on this section
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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)**

General comment	This section appears as an anticlimax. It can be omitted and the chapter on the government would suffer no loss 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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