Governance Reforms for Improved State Sector Performance

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Outline

- Concept of public governance
- Govt effectiveness
 - legislation
 - Regulation
- Governance and accountability frameworks around key institutions
- Voice and accountability
- Some thoughts on the way forward

Concepts of governance

- Relevance to current situation
- State sector wide approach
- International context
 - World bank
 - IFAC
- An open systems approach to governing for performance

Legislation and regulation

Some legislative failures and solutions

- Campaign financing
- Terrorism
- Regulation failures and solutions
 - Electricity
 - Telecommunications
 - Productivity or re-distribution?

Governance of key public bodies: a few issues

- SOEs
- Crown entities
- Accountability instruments and processes
- Ministries and departments
- Free and frank advice
- Performance information and evaluation
- Policy review and evaluation

Thoughts on reworking the PSM system

- Whose responsibility
- Fragmentation at the top
- Credible transparent performance information
- World class policy analysis and evaluation
- Addressing the contradictions
- Strengthening incentives
- Cultural change

Voice and accountability

- Le Grand summary of the issues
- Workman like consideration of all options for performance improvement
- Keep ideology in its place
- Recognise distortions and follow the money

Conclusions

- Dynamic balancing of reform agendas
- Strong evidence base
- Deep an open system analysis of the issues
- Demand value added from the governors
- Recognise and resolve the contradictions



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