

Public Sector Financial Management

The Basics + Beyond

WEBINAR SERIES





A **six-part webinar series** that introduces public sector financial management and explores elements in more detail with case study examples.

The series is suitable for employees across each of the Commonwealth, State and Local Government public sectors.

PRESENTER

Mark Priadko



Mark Priadko has over 25 years of experience in public sector financial management.

Mark has worked for the last 14 years as a freelance consultant based in Adelaide, South Australia helping his clients manage their finances and assisting their financial decision making.

Clients include organisations across all levels of government (state, federal and local).

Prior to his freelance work, Mark held Executive roles in South Australian Treasury and Finance gaining a deep knowledge of government decision-making, processes and public sector financial management.

Mark's former responsibilities in Treasury and Finance included providing advice on the State Government's financial strategy, legislation and financial policies. He and his teams also managed financial reporting and related financial systems and he worked closely with agencies as part of the annual budget process and weekly Cabinet processes.

Mark's love of learning, his experience and understanding of finances and strategy and his curiosity lead him to insights into how organisations and their various functions and projects can be progressed or improved.



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Financial
Management as a
Foundation Skill**



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Webinar 1

Introducing Financial Management as a Foundation Skill

6th April 2018
10am - 11am (CST)

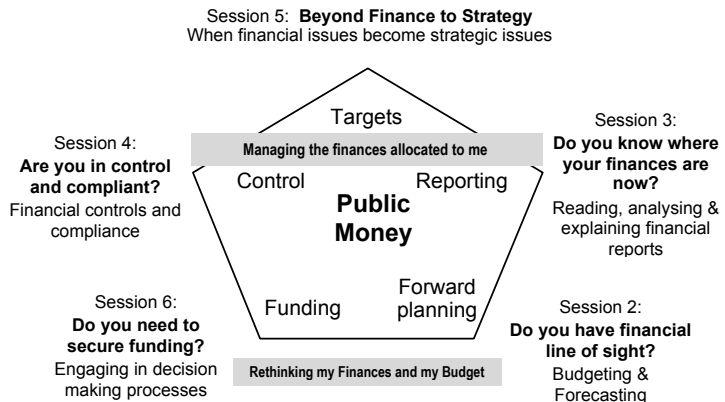
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Session One covers:

- **Basic financial concepts**
Financial position, financial performance and cashflow
- **Putting numbers to the financial concepts**
- **Introducing Financial Management Capabilities**
Strategy/Targets, Reporting, Forward Planning, Funding and Control

This session lays the foundation for the other parts of the series. The diagram below provides an overview the other five sessions.





Webinar 2

Do you have financial line of sight?

Budgeting and Forecasting

13th April 2018
10am - 11am (CST)

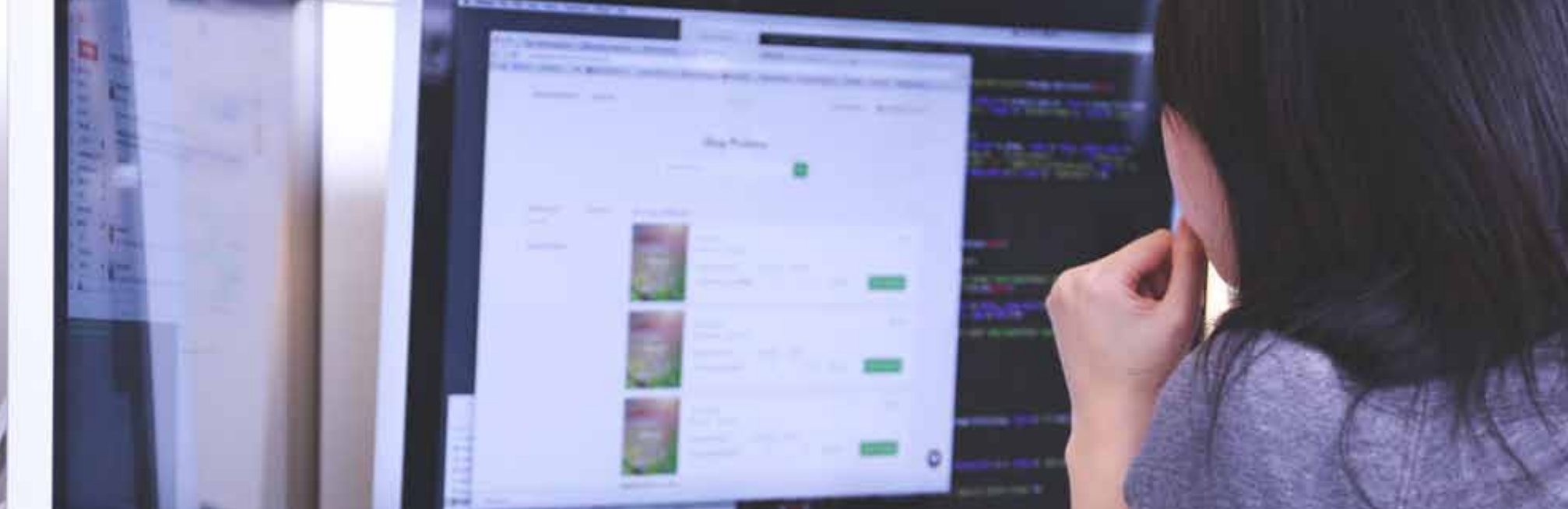
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We want to attend to two questions:

1. Do you know what you need to deliver what is expected of you?
2. Do you know what you can deliver with the funds allocated to you?
 - Incremental budgeting vs zero based budgeting
 - The webinar will include an example of building a budget
 - The importance of linking our finances to our activity – line of sight
 - Whole of life costing

The third and fourth Webinars present information relating to what we can do to manage the finances that have been allocated to us.



Webinar 3

Do you know where your finances are now?

Reading, analysing and explaining financial reports

27th April 2018
10am - 11am (CST)

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Management reports vs statutory reports

Reading the reports

Examples of reports and analysing the variations in the reports

Explaining variations

Other types of financial analysis:

- Compositional analysis
- Temporal analysis
- Ratio analysis
- Benchmarking
- Multivariate analysis



Webinar 4

Are you in control and compliant?

Financial controls and compliance

4th May 2018
2pm - 3pm (CST)

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We control transactions – buying goods and services and, in some cases, selling goods and services.

Following on from Webinar 3, this webinar will start by looking at what variations in our reporting can reveal about our financial controls.

We will consider different transaction processes like hiring staff, purchasing goods, paying invoices and making grants. Each of these brings with them types of risks that we need to be aware of and manage.

This webinar will include information on:

- Guiding Legislation
- Procurement rules and guidelines
- The role of Auditors, Independent Commissioners Against Corruption
- Parliamentary scrutiny of public finances
- Authorisations and delegations
- Temptations and circumstances that can lead to misappropriation and fraud

The last two webinars will explore what we can do when we need to rethink our finances and budget and engage in decision making processes to secure additional funding.



Webinar 5

Beyond Finance to Strategy

When financial issues become strategic issues

11th May 2018
2pm - 3pm (CST)

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When we operate to a budget and when we are delivering what is expected of us, financial management is relatively straightforward.

What happens when the finances start to go astray?

- Finances are an expression of strategy – Finance and your business model
- The relationship between strategy and finances in the Government
- The why of Government
- How public sector business models are different
- Top-down & Bottom-up relationships in public finances



Webinar 6

Engaging in Decision Making

18th May 2018
2pm - 3pm (CST)

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We cannot change our budget unilaterally or embark on new strategies without being confident of our funding sources. To change our budgets or secure funding we need to engage in decision-making processes.

The webinar series will conclude by looking at:

Understanding the decision-making processes in government that can impact our budget

- The budget process
- Cabinet/Council approvals

Building proposals and business cases

- What are decision makers looking for versus what we know?
- PRAISE as a narrative structure for business cases and proposals
- Having financial clarity in our cases.



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