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The Financial Secretary in his capacity as the responsible member of Executive Council submits an update on the action that has either been taken or is planned in response to recommendations contained in the reports of the Public Accounts Committee which have been adopted by Legislative Council.

In accordance with Section 69 (9) of the Constitution of St. Helena "if the Legislative Council adopts a report of the Public Accounts Committee, and requests the responsible member of the Executive Council to advise the Legislative Council of the action proposed to be taken by the Government of St Helena in respect of the report, the member concerned shall convey the Government's response to the Council not later than the first sitting day following the expiration of six weeks after the date of the Council's request, unless the Council extends the time for the response.

Recommendations will continue to be reported upon until such time as the Public Accounts Committee has confirmed that it is their view that the recommendation has been implemented.

The table below explains the colour coding applied by the Public Accounts Committee for the disposal of recommendations.

Implemented - no further action required and the matter is recommended to be closed.
Accepted – but matter not fully implemented and remains open for action in monitor.
Disputed – requires reconsideration and therefore remains open to monitor.

No	Date Reported to Legco by PAC	Body/Name of Report	Recommendation	Responsibility	Response	Management's Recommendation
1	SP 5/20	Government Response to Previous PAC Recommendations	The Government reconsiders its position to those recommendations where the proposed response is deemed inadequate as detailed in the Appendix.	Financial Secretary	Response November 20 – Management have revisited its responses however the position remains the same and no changes are proposed to those responses.	Accepted
2	SP 5/20	Government Response to Previous PAC Recommendations	Those recommendations marked as complete in the Appendix may now be transferred to the closed register.	Financial Secretary	Response November 20 – this action has been completed.	Accepted
3	SP 5/20	Government Response to Previous PAC Recommendations	The Financial Secretary communicates the due process for handling PAC recommendations to SHG departments and public bodies and uses the agreed standard terminology when reporting.	Financial Secretary	Response November 20 – Corporate Finance will issue a communique to all SHG departments and other public bodies regarding the process for addressing PAC recommendations in qtr 4 of 2020/21.	Accepted
4	SP 5/20	Government Response to	The Financial Secretary responds to any new	Financial Secretary	Response November 20 – this process will	Accepted

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		Previous PAC Recommendations	recommendations raised by PAC in a separate Sessional Paper consistent with section 36(9).		<i>be followed for all future reports.</i>	
5	SP 5/20	Government Response to Previous PAC Recommendations	In the event the Financial Secretary is not able to respond within the stipulated timeline as indicated in section 69(9), he must notify Legislative Council and furnish them with reasons for the non-compliance and the specify the new timeline for the response to be submitted.	Financial Secretary	<i>Response November 20 – this process will be implemented as and when necessary. However, it is the intention to respond to all PAC Reports within the statutory timeframe.</i>	Accepted
6	SP 5/20	Government Response to Previous PAC Recommendations	The Financial Secretary provides a routine six-monthly update on progress in addressing PAC recommendations as a separate Sessional Paper.	Financial Secretary	<i>Response November 20 - it is the intention to respond to provide an update to Legislative Council on progress with implementation PAC recommendation every six months.</i>	Accepted

