

Budget Module: Parliamentary Approval of the Budget

FINAL PROJECT ASSIGNMENT

Dear Participants,

As you know, during the course of this moderated learning program each participant is responsible for completing a final project. The project is designed to allow you to work independently or in groups on a topic closely related to the content of the Parliament and the Budget Module.

Final Project Options (choose one):

1. Critically assess the role and performance of your legislature in the budget process. Does it exercise effective financial scrutiny?
2. Analyze the three variables identified in the module as determining the actual role of legislatures through the budget process (institutional capacity; constitutional and legal powers; and political will of individual legislators).
3. Compare and contrast the roles, functions and performance of two or more legislatures in the budget process.
4. You can frame your own project, but the title will need to be approved by the Moderator to ensure it meets the requirements of the Module. You can email the Moderator through parliamentarystrengthening@gmail.com.

Project Requirements:

1. Individual assignments should be between **2500-3000 words** (excluding bibliography, tables and graphs). Group assignments should be between **3500-4000 words** (excluding bibliography, tables and graphs).
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2. The project must be typed, paginated and double-spaced. It must include a bibliography of the sources used and be properly referenced. Projects will be assessed on the basis of your own critical engagement with, and evaluation of, the material you are presenting or discussing.
3. Projects should be emailed to parliamentarystrengthening@gmail.com by **Friday 20 March 2009**.

Group Projects:

You are encouraged to work in groups from your country if possible and of interest. If you would like to work with a course participant from another country for whom you do not know the contact information, please email parliamentarystrengthening@gmail.com with your project and partner suggestion and we will try to arrange. You may refer to the [participant list](#) from the website. However, there are no guarantees that your fellow participants would be interested in collaborating.

Course Completion:

Participants will be deemed to have completed the Parliament and the Budget course if they have met the following requirements:

1. Participating every week in the online [discussion forum](#); and
2. Completing the final project (a pass mark of at least 50% is required)

You will be notified whether you have successfully completed the Module by **Monday 20 April 2009**.

Please email any questions to Brooke at parliamentarystrengthening@gmail.com.
