

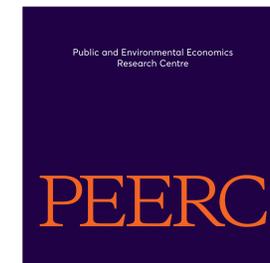


Money bills and public finance engagement – the road ahead

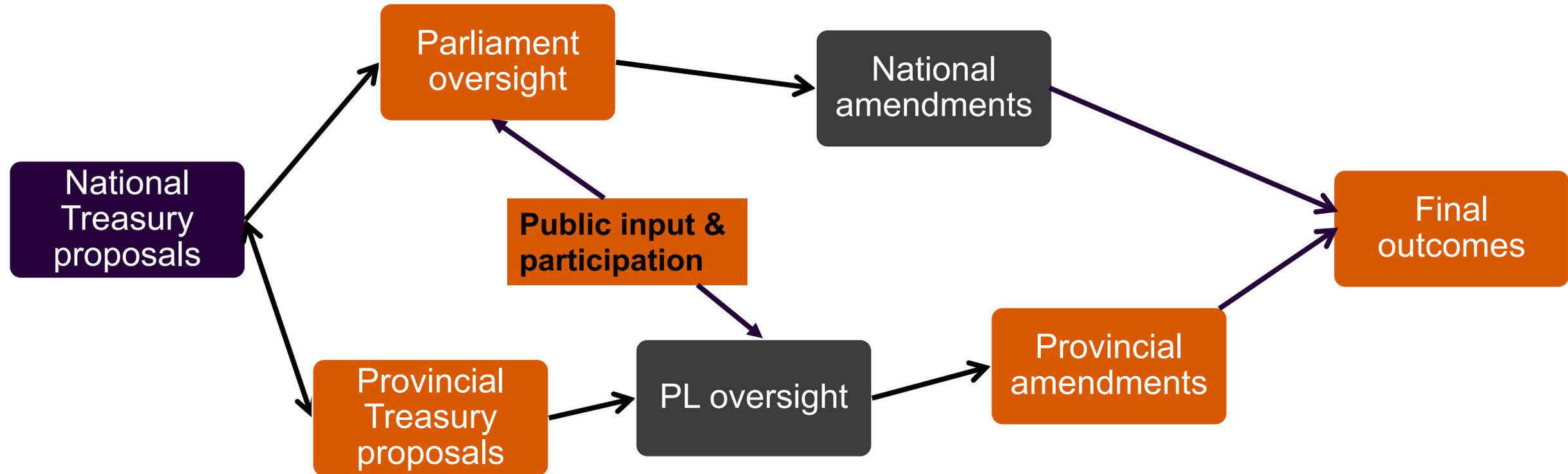
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Background



Fiscal oversight in theory



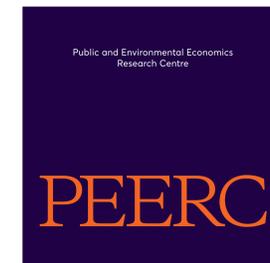
Constitution gives the power to *table* a money bill *only* to the relevant member of the Executive

counterbalanced by giving legislatures the power to *amend* any such money bill

Constitution requires that Parliament (s77(3)) and PLs (s120) pass their own legislation that determines the procedure for amending money Bills

Parliament only passed such legislation 13 years later in 2009 (amended in 2018) and no provincial legislature had until the GPL in early 2019

What have we (PPiPP) done since 2018?



**SUBMISSION ON GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE MONEY BILLS
AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND RELATED MATTERS BILL**

12 March 2019

**Selected comments on the Eastern Cape Money Bills
Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Bill**

Dr [Seán Muller](#)
School of Economics & Public and Environmental Economics Research
Centre (PEERC), University of Johannesburg

Public hearings on ECPL Money Bills (virtual meeting)
5 August 2020

**SUBMISSION TO THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON THE MONEY
BILLS AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND RELATED MATTERS BILL
(NO: 4389-2020)**

**Submission by the Public Service Accountability Monitor,
Rhodes University**

28 May 2020

**SUBMISSION TO THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE ON THE MONEY
BILLS AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND RELATED MATTERS BILL (NO: B4-2020)**

Submission by the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) and Public and
Environmental Economics Research Centre (PEERC) on behalf of the *Putting People in
Parliament Project*

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30 July 2020

FISCAL OVERSIGHT BY PARLIAMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

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Provincial fiscal oversight and money bills legislation

Dr Seán Muller, School of Economics & Public and Environmental Economics Research Centre (PEERC), University of Johannesburg

PPIPP Roundtable, Cape Town

13th November 2019

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PPIPP Roundtable, King Williams Town

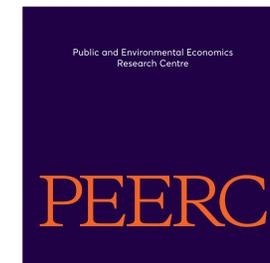
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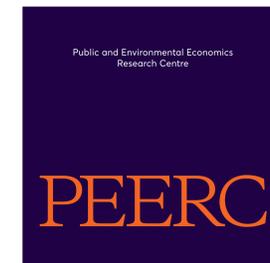
Provincial money bills oversight right now



Where are things at?

- **Gauteng and Eastern Cape:** PLs *have* passed such legislation
 - How are these Acts being implemented in practice or how will they be implemented?
- **KwaZulu Natal and Western Cape:** in the process of drafting such legislation
 - Ought to be opportunities for civil society to engage with these processes and thereby shape the future of public finance oversight
- **Other PLs** are either unaware of the need for such legislation or have not acted upon it, so room to push for that and then engage with the drafting process

Questions?



Questions for participants

- Has anyone ever tried to engage with public finance processes in PLs and what was your experience?
- Do you think PLs should have independent PL Budget Offices or better internal capacity to support MPLs on these technical matters?
- To what extent are provincial treasuries held to account by PLs (and CSOs) for public finance matters - do we have experience of this?

Thank you!

