

review which was rolled out in quarter 2 2020 to assess the “as is” situation in governance in 2020

4. commenced planning for a high level time frame for the roll out of periodic critical reviews of the aegis bodies under the remit of the Department
5. delivery of a review process to audit the effectiveness of the internal audit function in four of the Department’s aegis bodies with reports issued in 2019. This review examined
 - resourcing of internal audit
 - how internal audit added value to the bodies
 - the level of conformance with best practice in internal audit and
 - assessed compliance by the bodies with the requirements of the *Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016*

The results of this review process continue to be addressed with the bodies to ensure, as appropriate, that remediation steps or appropriate follow-up action is taking place. Lessons of central application from the review process have also been communicated with the Department’s 14 other aegis bodies.

Continuing Development of Staff who engage in Governance Duties

The Department avails of membership of a Governance Forum for Civil and Public Servants. The forum, which is run by the Institute of Public Administration, promotes good governance and aids the Department with the supply of timely advice and information supports to enhance good governance.