

82. BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

Goal	To ensure transparency in the budgetary process through availing extensive information about the budget to citizens
Analysis	According to the Open Budget Index, South Africa continued its impressive record. South Africa increased to first position in 2010 out of 94 countries surveyed, with an impressive score of 92 out of 100.

OPEN BUDGET INDEX

Provides extensive information to citizens (OBI Scores 81 - 100)				
	2006	2008	2010	2012
	France	France	South Africa	New Zealand
	Slovenia	South Africa	France	South Africa
	United Kingdom	United States	Norway	United Kingdom
	South Africa	New Zealand	Sweden	Sweden
	New Zealand	United Kingdom	New Zealand	Norway
	United States		United States	France
			United Kingdom	

Definition	<p>The International Budget Partnership's (IBP) Open Budget Survey assesses the availability in each country of eight key budget documents, as well as the apprehensiveness of the data contained in these documents. The survey also examines the extent of effective oversight provided by legislatures and supreme audit institutions (SAI), as well as the opportunities available to the public to participate in national budget decision-making processes.</p> <p>The International Budget Partnership's (IBP) Open Budget Survey assesses the availability in each country of eight key budget documents, as well as the comprehensiveness of the data contained in these documents.</p>
Data source	www.openbudgetindex.org .
Data note	<p>The rating is based on a questionnaire with 92 questions relating to categories of availability of budget documentation, the executive's budget proposal and the budget process.</p> <p>Additional data on to what extent a country provides information to its citizen, is available in the excel version on the DPME website: www.thepresidency-dpme.gov.za</p>