



2018/19 Mid-Year Budget Review Highlights October 2018



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Overview

The Minister of Finance presented the Mid-Year Budget Review Policy Statement in Parliament on the 24th of October 2018. This overview summarises highlights from the speech.

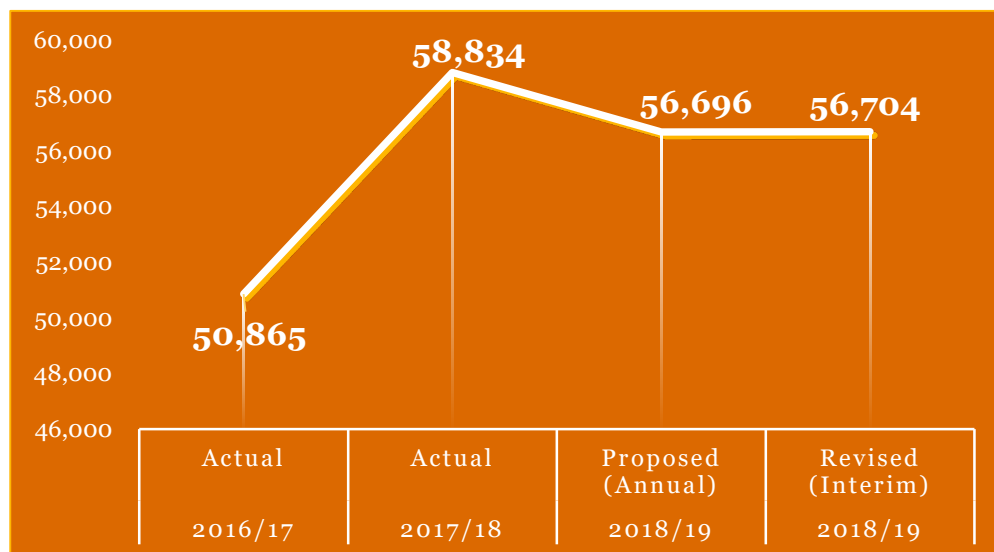


“In our quest to continually improve the living conditions of all Namibians, we need to restart the growth engines within the constraints of a sustainable framework” – Hon. Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Finance

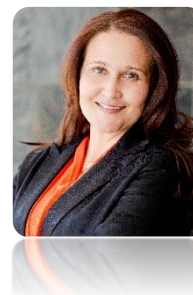
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Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

Total Revenue Comparison (N\$ Million)



Revenue has shown a slight increase over the first half of the year, with a Mid-Year revenue out-turn amounting to N\$28.8 billion. This is equivalent to 50.8% of the budgeted revenue. This indicates better collection performances by government on taxes.



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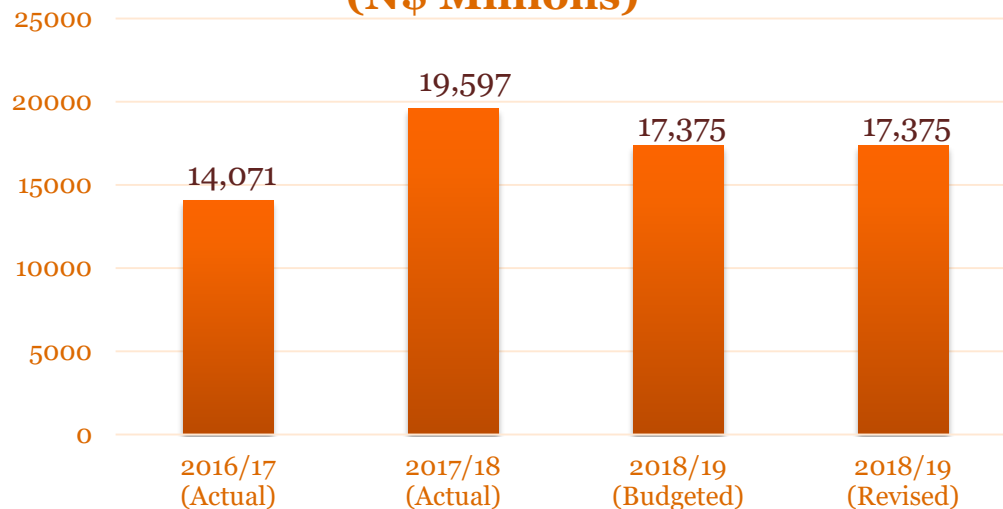
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Revenue Analysis

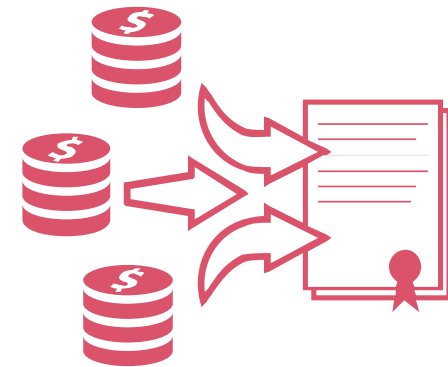
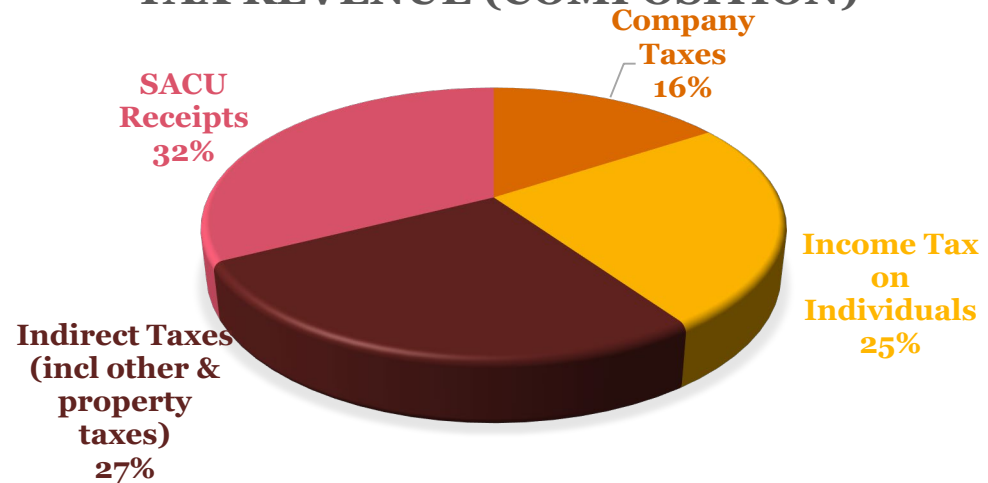
Non Tax Revenue is
estimated to be
N\$ 3.219 Million



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TAX REVENUE (COMPOSITION)



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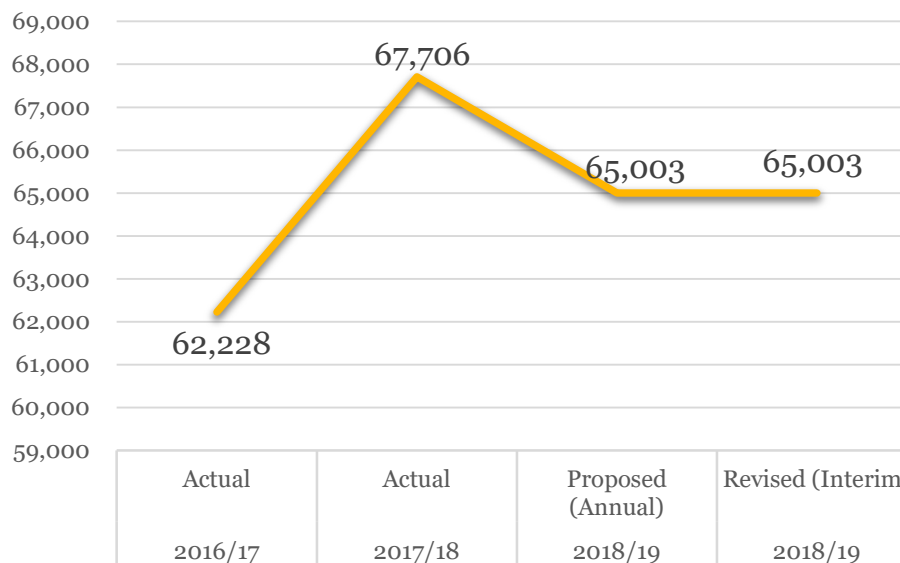
Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

The revised estimated expenditure remains constant as compared to the 2018/19 annual budget. This is a reflection of government's cautious spending practices and focus on priority areas such as settling expenses in arrears.



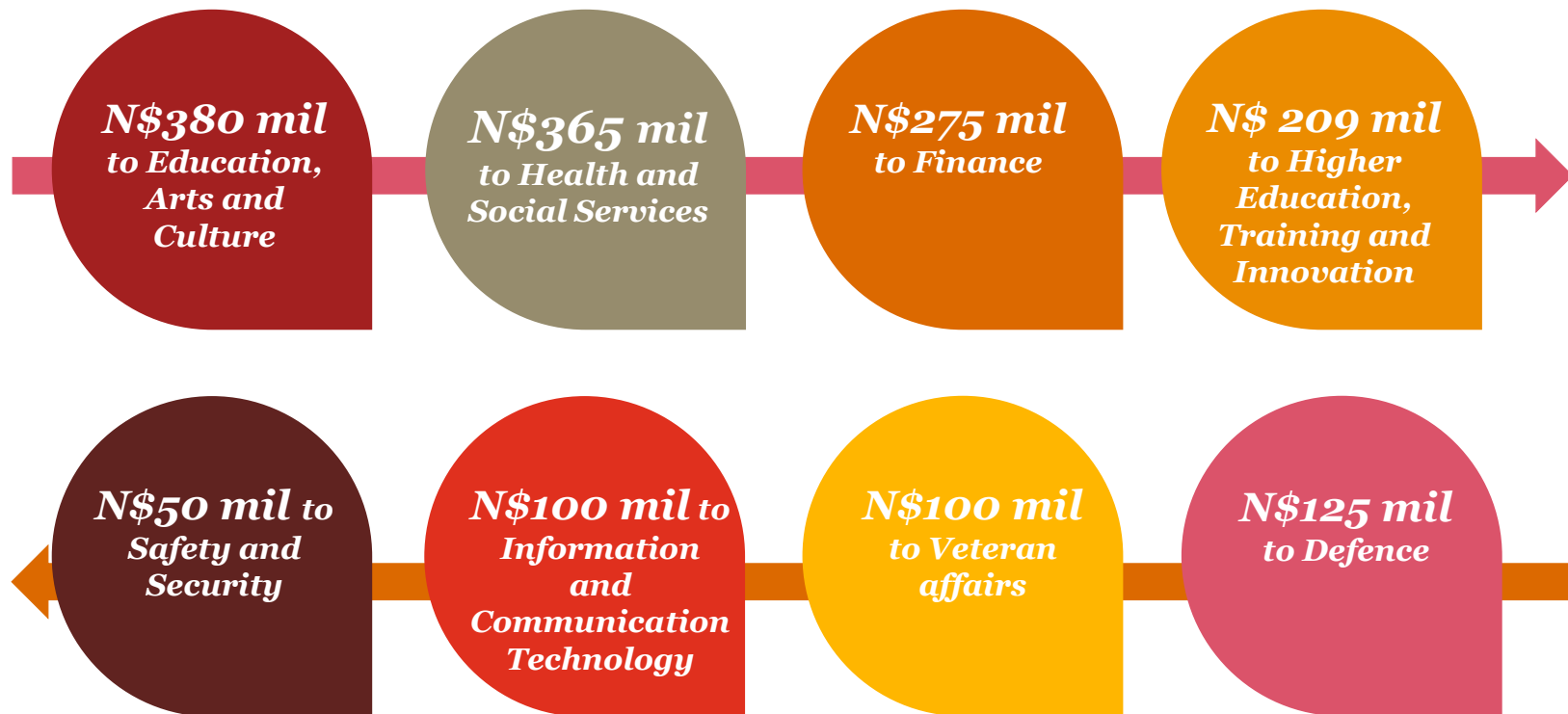
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Total Expenditure (N\$ Million)



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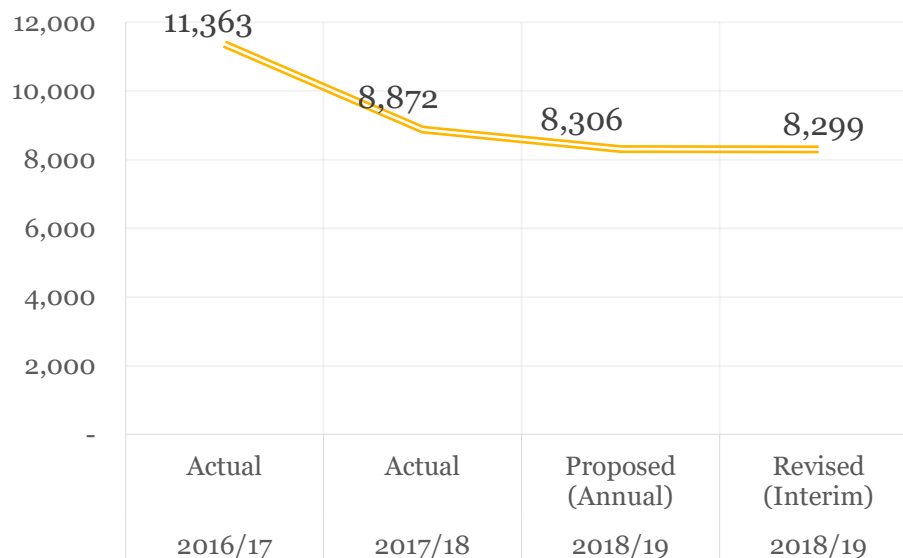
Major reallocations



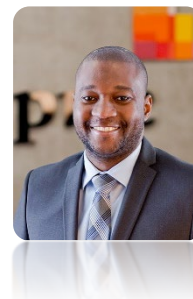
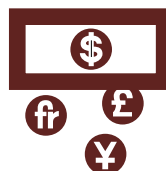
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Total Deficit Comparison (N\$ Million)



The 2018/19 Mid Year budget review reflects a budget deficit that has decreased slightly in comparison to the 2018/19 annual budget. The budget deficit is -4.4% of GDP. This demonstrates Government's intentions in reducing growth in public debt as well as keeping expenditure at acceptable levels.

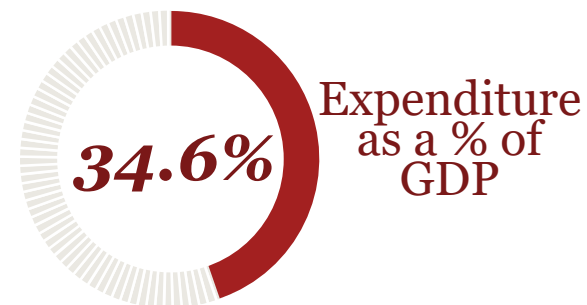
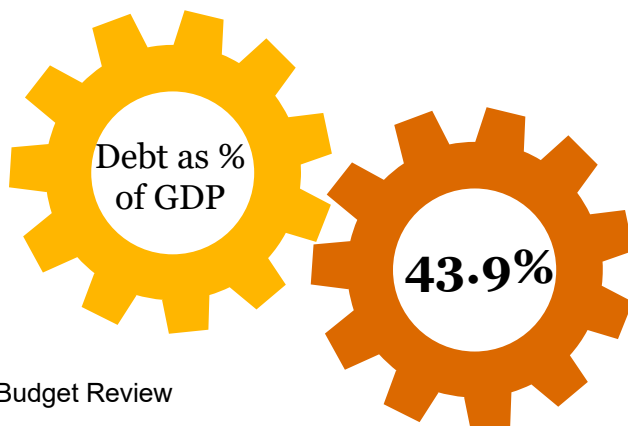
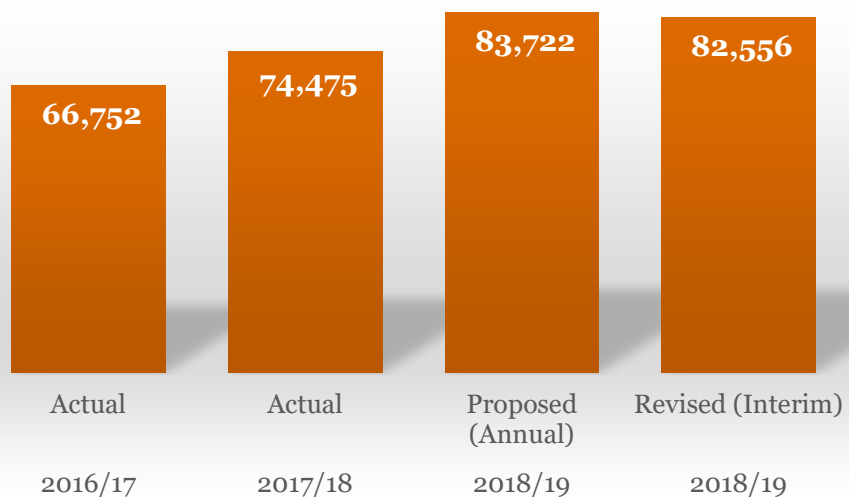


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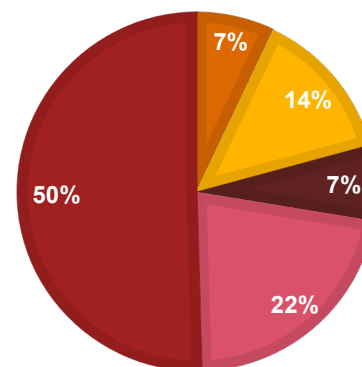
Budget Comparisons (N\$ Millions)

Total Debt



Public Expenditure (Revised budget sectoral allocations)

Administrative Economic Infrastructure Public Safety Social



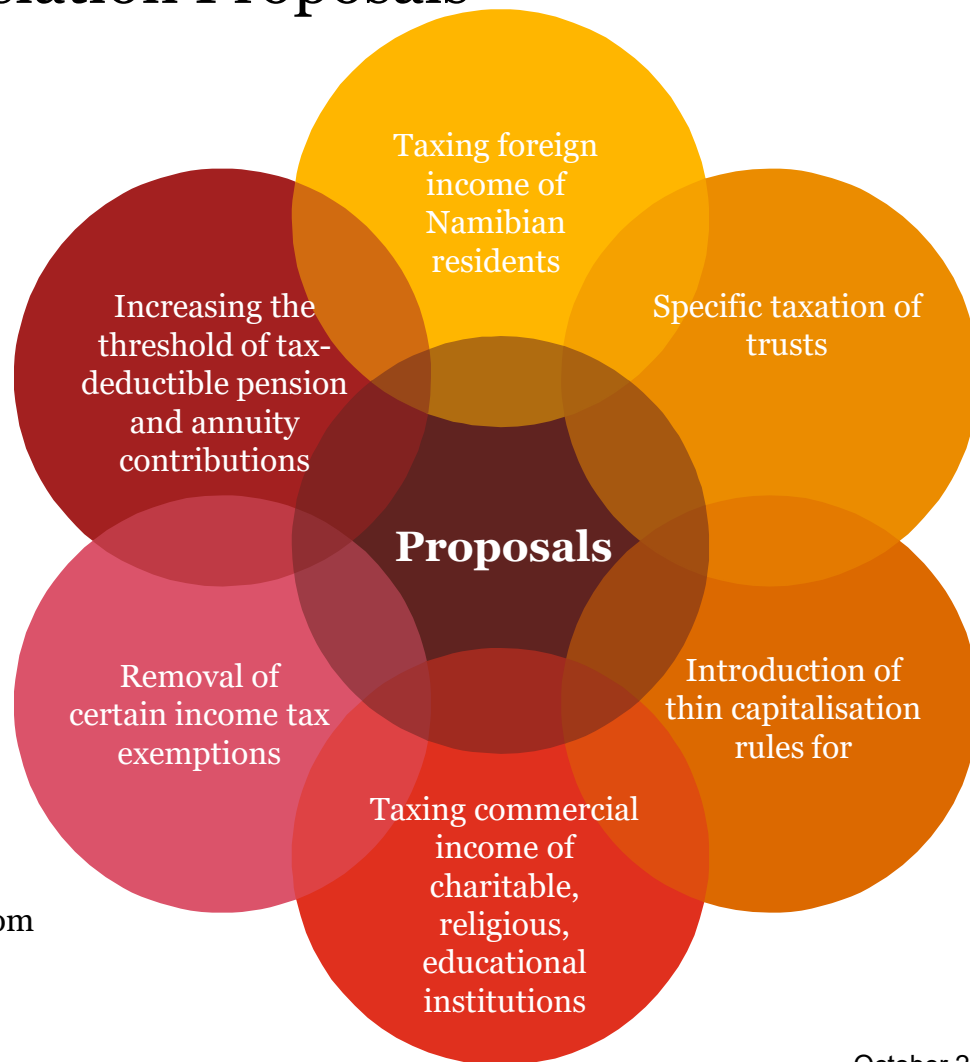
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Main *Income* Tax Legislation Proposals

The proposal to tax foreign income earned by Namibian residents, is a significant change in tax policy that will require additional resources for enforcement. Double Taxation Agreements often limit the ability of Namibia to tax this income.



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Main *Indirect* Tax Legislation Proposals

There were no new proposed amendments during the 2018/19 Mid Year budget review for indirect taxes. The proposed amendments for indirect taxes which arose from the 2018/19 Budget speech as read March 2018 are still being considered by government in collaboration with various industry champions.

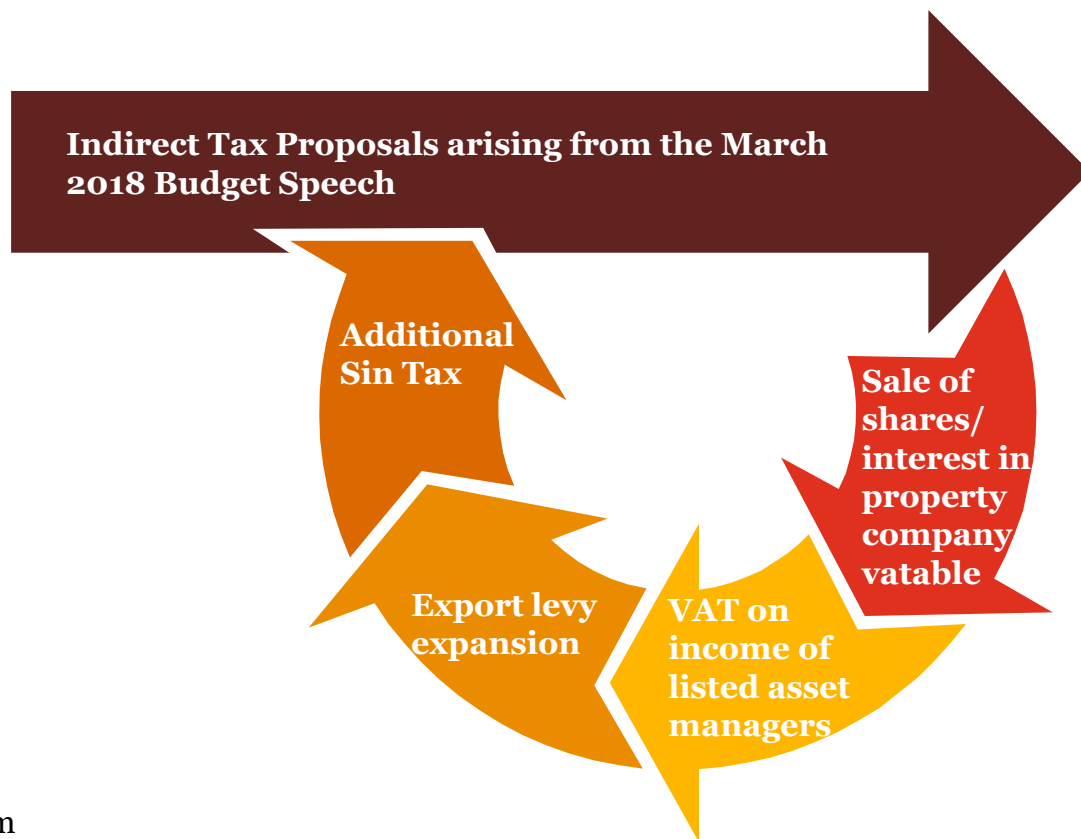


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