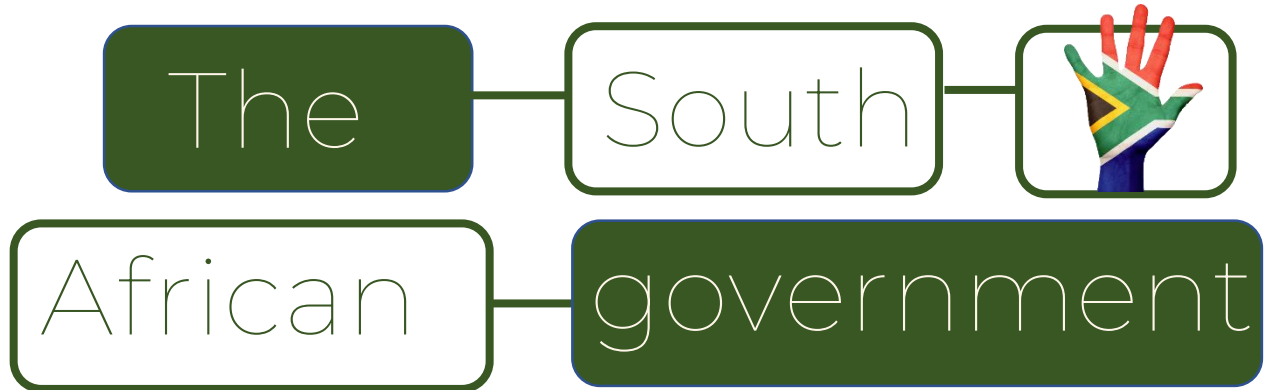




# EMS: GRADE 8 SUMMARISED NOTES



## A country's government ...

...must ensure that order is maintained in the country. The government controls and administers the country / the state.

...must ensure that there is enough money to use for infrastructure and services, such as roads, hospitals, schools, police, water and electricity.

... Consists of a group of people who set policies and make laws for the country.

## SA = democratic country:

National elections: The citizens vote for the government which they think should run the country.



## Taxes should be used by the government to...

... ensure that services and infrastructure are put in place for the citizens. This will also help to grow the economy.

... ensure that the citizens obey the country's laws.

...ensure that the country is managed effectively.





## Different levels of the Government



SA approximately has 61 million citizens.

These citizens are managed by various levels of the government.



**Shares responsibilities with the provinces.**

**The parliament consists of two Houses:**

1. National Assembly
2. National council of Provinces

**Legislative branch:** SA's Parliament = Makes laws.

**Executive branch:**  
President, Deputy President and the ministers = Lead the country.

**Judicial branch:**  
Constitutional Court, Supreme Court of Appeal, Magistrates' Court = See that justice is served if laws are broken.



**Makes the national government's job easier.**

**Each province has its own government.**

**Each province has its own Premier (head of government & province) and legislative branch.**

Are bound by laws and policies that are drawn up at national level, but they can draw up their own laws and policies within the framework of these laws in order to meet the province's needs. The laws may not conflict with the Constitution of SA.

Report to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP).

**Each province has various municipalities to help manage the province.**

SA has 257 municipalities.

Municipalities report back to the Provincial Government.

**The objectives of our municipalities:**

- To provide a democratic and accountable government for communities.
- To provide services to communities.
- To promote social and economic development.
- It is the local government's task to provide citizens with a safe and healthy environment and to provide services such as: water, electricity and housing.





## The Government, households & businesses

All people must have access to resources and services, in order to ensure that the country can function effectively.

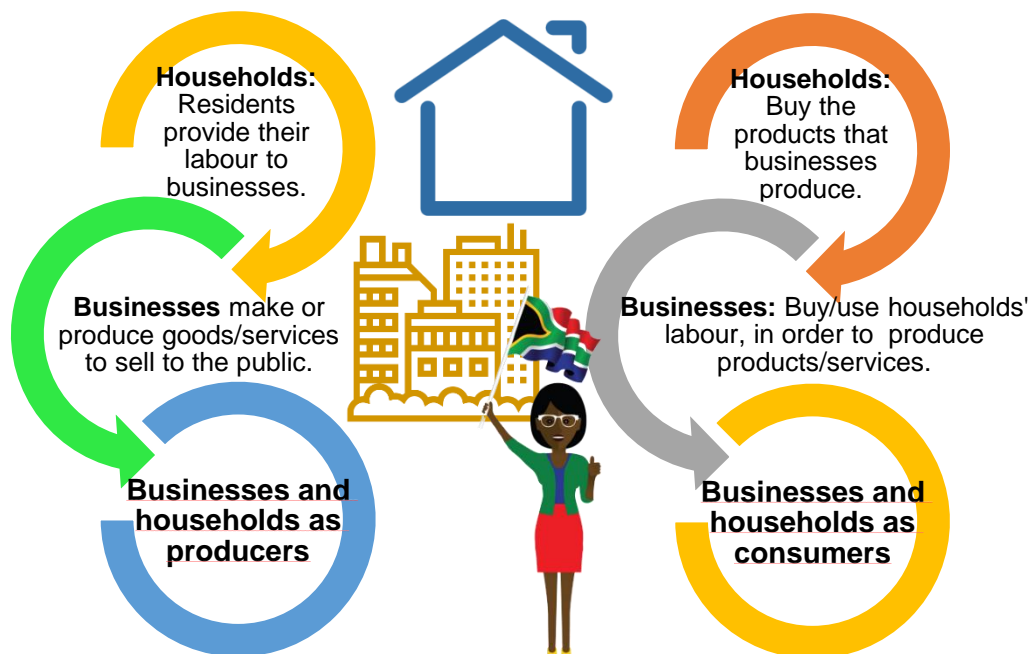
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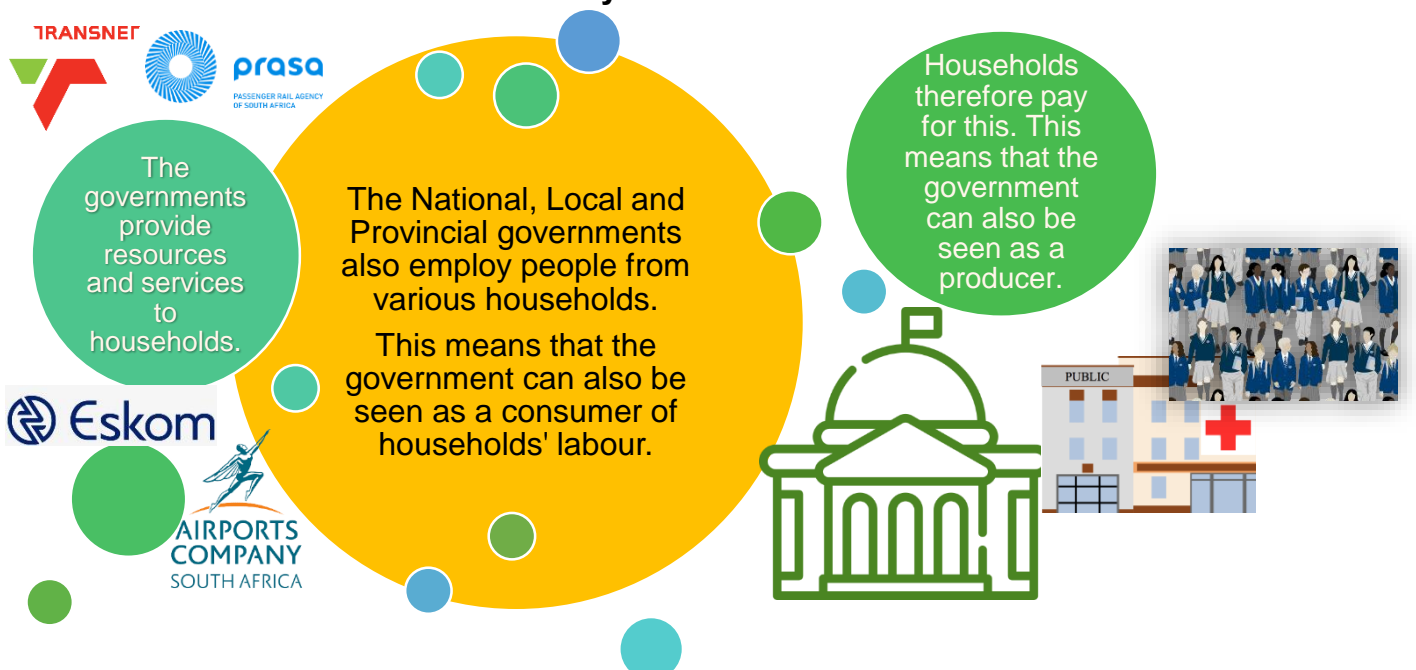
Money moves through the economy when households 'sell' their labour to businesses.

The businesses give money to the households in return, in the form of salaries and wages.

This means that the businesses and the households can be seen as producers as well as consumers.



The Government's role while money flows between households and businesses:

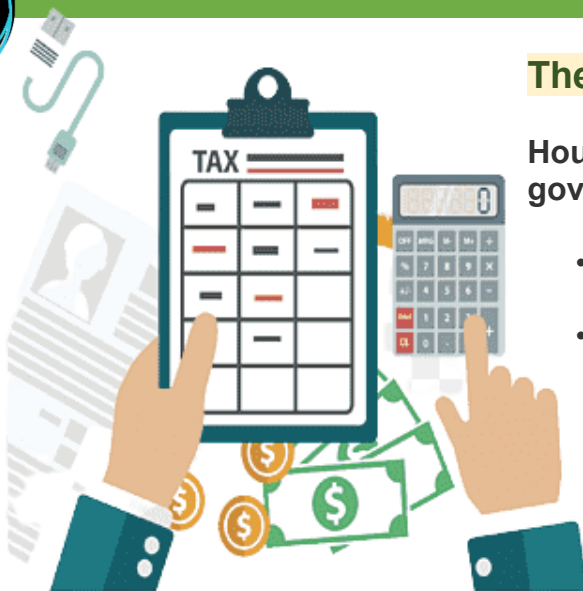




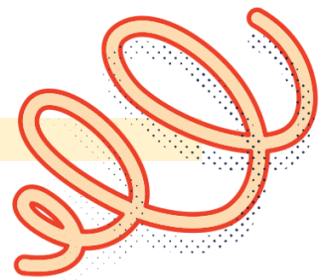
## The Government & taxation

### Households pay taxes to the national government

- Taxes are added to many consumer goods.
- The government then uses the tax again and gives it to local and provincial governments to run municipalities and provide services that households use.



### Cash flow between the Government & households



Households pay for government resources and services.

The National government gives money to provincial and local governments to provide services to households.

Households earn money from businesses, by providing their labour to these businesses.

Households pay taxes to the national government.







## The Government & Businesses

### Businesses...

- ... employ members from the community (households) and pay them for their labour.
- ... also pay taxes.
- ... also use the services provided by the provincial / local government.



### A strong economy helps businesses grow.

- Businesses will be able to hire more people and therefore more people will pay taxes.
- Now the government can give more money to local and provincial governments, to provide more and better services to households.



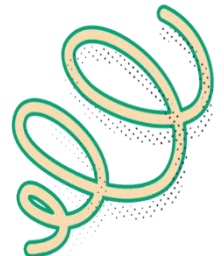
### The Government...

- ... has laws in place to ensure fair competition among businesses.

The laws also help the economy to grow effectively.

### Cash flow between the Government & Businesses

The National government can provide more money to provincial and local governments, which will enable them to provide more and better services to businesses and households.



The government will receive more taxes if more people from the households have a job.

Businesses pay taxes to the government and employ members of households. They use services and resources provided by the government.

Businesses can also grow if the economy is strong. Businesses can then employ more people and more households will then pay taxes.

The National government regulates the way businesses operate and helps to strengthen the economy.

