Monthly Treasury Statement

CBO & OMB Meetings

# AGENDA

1. Introductions & Setting expectations
   1. Purpose – To better understand how OMB and CBO contacts use MTS
   2. Outcomes – We walk away able to answer how and why MTS consumers use the data
   3. What’s in it for them? – we’ll re-visualize, make it more useful, they’ll be a part of that process, and they’ll direct and guide us with their knowledge.
   4. Expectations – We are searching for mutually beneficial options, not just work for work’s sake, or an extremely lop-sided relationship, so hopefully they can come forward with ways we could help
   5. Roles – Who will be the main driver of this meeting? Janelle
2. Understanding *why* and *how* they use MTS
3. Getting their reactions to new visualizations
   1. Nitty gritty questions
4. Do they have advice for us?
5. Close & summarize any action items

# QUESTIONS

## Why

1. At a high level, why do you use the MTS?
2. What questions are you trying to answer with your analyses?
3. Who is your analysis for?

## How

1. At a high level, what does the full process look like for using the MTS and creating your analysis?
2. Do you use the PDF or XLS files?
3. Do you use the tables, the figures, or both? All of the tables?
4. What software do you use throughout the process of using the MTS?

# Do they use the visualizations?

No 🡪 Get feedback on purpose of each figure, since it corresponds with Tables, and understand what is important (e.g. corporate tax? net interest?) and for whom

Yes 🡪 Above plus get feedback on graphs, too

## Figure-specific questions

1. Get feedback on each of the 5 figures - audience, purpose, which parts are important?
   1. **Cover figure – One month and FYTD snapshot of Receipts, Outlays, Surplus/Deficit**
      1. who is this for? Would Sankey be helpful?
   2. **Fig 1 – Receipts, Outlays, Surplus/Deficit**
      1. v6 vs. v10a and discussing the pros and cons of each
      2. Side by side comparisons vs different sides of the x-axis
      3. What is the story here?
   3. **Fig 2 – Cumulative version of Figure 1**
      1. What is the importance of this?
      2. Who is this for?
      3. What about debt instead of deficit?
   4. **Fig 3 – Receipts and sources**
      1. What is the story here?
      2. Why do we include these groups but not others, e.g. corporate taxes?
   5. **Fig 4 – Outlays and functions**
      1. Side by side (no mental math) vs. stacking (relational)
      2. Is net interest important?
      3. What is the main story here?
      4. Who uses this?
      5. Why do we include these groups but not others, e.g. health or income security?

## Other questions

1. What is the thought process behind using outlays vs. obligations?
2. If receipts is “money in” and outlays is “money out,” could we take negative outlays, i.e. money in, and combine it with receipts? Why or why not?
3. Which questions are we more concerned with?
   1. What are the trends over time?
   2. Why there was a change in the D/S in a particular period—because of a change in Receipts or a change in Outlays?
4. Do they also use the DTS, and if so, for what purposes that are (dis)similar to using MTS?
5. Interactivity vs. static for reports?

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