

**Budget and Fiscal Oversight Workshop: 4 – 5 May 2021**

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**The relationship between a legislature and a treasury –  
philosophical reflections in the light of the “Money Bills  
Amendment Procedure and Related Matters Act”**

1. Background of the presentation.
2. Basic concepts: *separation of powers* and *power of the purse*.
3. Need to balance legislature and treasury in our situation.
4. Technocracy or "the people shall govern"?
5. Technical economic and financial expertise vs appropriation.
6. The appropriation problem: politics or efficiency?
7. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996
8. The structure and workings of the Act.
9. Did the "Money Bills Act" strengthen the power of the purse?
10. Building capacity in the legislature.