



South African Reserve Bank

## Media Release

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### Changes to the format of the *Quarterly Bulletin* (QB) media conference

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) is changing the format of the media conference to release the *Quarterly Bulletin*. The new format will exclude a formal presentation on the state of the economy. Instead, journalists will be given copies of the *Quarterly Bulletin* as well as a summary and highlights of key messages from the Bulletin.

Journalists and analysts will sit around a table with the main drafters of the *Quarterly Bulletin* and interact with them in a less formal setup. These changes will come into effect immediately, meaning that the release of the next *Quarterly Bulletin* on Wednesday, 22 March 2017, will be based on the new format.

The current arrangement for journalists to be given access to copies of the *Quarterly Bulletin* two hours before the formal media conference begins will continue.

Historically, the *Quarterly Bulletin* media conference has consisted of a formal overarching presentation of about half an hour on the state of the economy, followed by a question and answer session of no longer than 15 to 20 minutes.

The changes are informed by the feedback from journalists who have expressed a preference for the opportunity to interact directly with the experts on issues that need clarification or elaboration.

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