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Communique 1 **Re-Listed Journals**

In the past 12 months the DHET has been in an exchange on information with the representative of the *Scopus Index* regarding the de-listing and re-listing of the following journals:

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>ISSN</i>	<i>EISSN</i>
<i>Banks and Bank Systems</i>	1816-7403	1991-7074
<i>Investment Management and Financial Innovations</i>	1810-4967	1812-9358
<i>Problems and Perspectives in Management</i>	1727-7051	1810-5467

The journals were in the 2018 list of the *Scopus Index* of accredited journals, which the Department received from the Elsevier, owners of *Scopus*, and distributed in January 2019 to all the universities. The *Research Outputs Policy* enjoins the Department to distribute the list of the approved journals indexes and lists.

The Department was then alerted to the above three journals, apparently, that had been removed in the latest index released at the beginning of 2019. Subsequently, confirmation was received from Scopus that the three journals were indeed removed from the list and confirmed that the list distributed by the Department in January is the latest which gets updated in September of the previous year. The removal meant that the 2018 articles published in the above journals did not accrue subsidy from the Department. This information was provided to the institutions in their institutional research outputs reports.

The Department received a notification of the reversal of the previous decision from *Elsevier*, upon a successful appeal by the journals' representatives. The three journals

had, therefore, been reinstated. Scopus further explained that the removal was based on incorrect information about their predatory status. The Scopus Content Selection and Advisory Board (CSAB), therefore, reviewed its decision and reinstated them.

In addition, the following journal was erroneously added on the list of “predatory journals”:

<i>Journal Title</i>	<i>ISSN</i>	<i>EISSN</i>
<i>Cogent Social Science</i>	-	23311886

Therefore, the Department will return the subsidy units in lieu of the papers that were published in the journals in 2018. The units will appear in the reporting of the relevant institutional reports of their research outputs. The Department will accept 2019 publications from these journals as late submissions in 2021.

The Department is working with all the indexes/lists to permanently resolve the matter in the future.



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