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Panel 3: Using Performance Information: Making Better Budget Decisions

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Helmer Vossers studied econometrics at the University of Groningen.

From 1985 he was a member of the staff of the CPB. The Dutch central Planning Office makes independent economic analyses and forecast of the Dutch economy. Helmer Vossers filled various post at the CPB: analyses of the old-age pensions, the forecasting of the government expenditures and tax receipts and for many years he was also responsible for the analyses of the social security outlays. Besides these activities Helmer Vossers contributed to the research on election programs of political parties and the impact of these programs on the economy and the budget. Finally in these years he has contributed to long term economic projections and international overviews of social security programs and collective expenditures.

Since 1995 Helmer Vossers works for the Ministry of Finance. First as deputy director Budget Affairs with main responsibilities the yearly budget memorandum, the design and operation of fiscal rules and medium-term fiscal framework.

From 1998-2002 Helmer Vossers was deputy director for tax policy. In this capacity Helmer Vossers was responsible for the yearly tax plan, which is send to parliament together with the budget-memorandum and contains the proposals for the tax-amendments. Helmer Vossers was also involved in an overall revision of the income-tax law in the Netherlands. Besides these responsibilities he was head of the coordition of the Dutch tax policy in the European Union.

From 2002 Helmer Vossers is Director Budget Affairs. The Budget Affairs directorate coordinates the whole budget management in the Netherlands. This responsibility includes the General Government Account Act, other regulations regarding the budget process and financial management, the budget memorandum and the Financial Annual Report.