

Accounting gibberish from the National Audit Office

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I got an email late last week from the National Audit Office inviting me to explore the latest Whole of Government Accounts. Given that I may be one the handful of people in the UK who does read these accounts I marked the mail for attention later and just took a look. [I was presented with this graphic:](#)

Very politely, this is akin to gibberish.

Whatever the NAO was trying to communicate they have clearly failed to do so.

We deserve vastly better public accounting than this.

No wonder the public are confused.

I would classify it as a 'fail'. And a pretty spectacular one at that.

NB 6pm 6 June: I have had a response from the NAO on this blog. I am waiting for their permission to publish it