BRIEF GIVEN TO SERVICE PROVIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2007 REVIEW OF THE NRF SYSTEM FOR THE EVALUATION AND RATING OF INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS

A review of the processes used to manage the rating system in the past five years. The NRF system of evaluation and rating has different sub-processes in which various groups of individuals are involved, i.e. applicants, research offices of the institutions to which the applicants are affiliated, peer reviewers and members of panels at three different levels within a hierarchy. These processes will be analysed, commenting on their efficiency, fitness-for-purpose, effectiveness, transaction costs, etc. This study should also comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the overall evaluation and rating processes.