

## **Paper (werkstuk) - Economics of the Public sector (bv)**

The total length of the paper ought to be approximately five pages, that are between 1200 and 1500 words. When grading the paper I shall look in particular at the following.

### **Economic content**

The paper has to be about the Miljoenennota 2001 (chapters 1 to 4 and chapter 8). The Miljoenennota covers a variety of topics (like e.g. labor market development, social security, new technologies, security and safety etc.). You are expected to choose one or several of the topics covered in the Miljoenennota. You have to survey and discuss the chosen topic(s) critically with the help of the material used in the lecture (Rosen and Reader) as well as with the help of other economic sources of high quality (like Economisch Statistische Berichten and international economic journals). If you are choosing more than one topic ensure that they are interconnected in form and content. Developing your own ideas and opinion about the chosen topic(s) is encouraged. Take care to support your opinion and ideas with references to the literature.

Only writing a summary of the Miljoenennota is not sufficient!

### **Structure**

#### Title page

The paper has to start with a title page containing the title of the paper, the name and "collegekaart nummer" of the author, and the date of submission.

#### Design and central question/topic

The paper has to have a clear structure. It is important that the reader can easily figure out the central question/topic the author deals with.

#### Introduction

The introduction has to contain a short summary of the central question/topic chosen and include arguments why the author thinks this question/topic is of particular importance. Furthermore, it has to contain a short outline of the methodology and/or framework used in the paper.

#### Main part

It is important that the reader can easily follow the main arguments. In this respect it is useful to divide this part in different sections. Ensure that the structure of this part is consistent in form and content. This structure can be along different approaches to or different aspects of the topic(s) chosen. It can also follow a chronological order.

#### Conclusion

The conclusion has to contain a short repetition of the most important issues and main arguments. It also should provide an answer to the central question or a definite conclusion with respect to the chosen topic(s).

#### Reference list

The paper has to be closed with an alphabetical list of references used in text. This list of references has to be complete. The style of this list has to be the same as in the "Content" of the Reader.

#### General

Use paragraphs and sub-titles. This makes the paper more easy to read.

### **References**

References in the text should be put at the end of the sentence where the reference occurs by putting "Author, year of publication" between parenthesis. If you are citing you have to indicate this by putting the cited (part) of sentence(s) between quotation marks. After the closing quotation mark you have to put the "author, year, page number" between parenthesis.

### **Language**

The paper may be written in either Dutch or English.

### **Style**

The paper has to be typed. Handwritten papers are not accepted.

### **Deadlines**

Deadline for submitting the paper is June 27, 2001 for the exam on July 4, 2001 and August 23, 2001 for the exam on August 30, 2001.