

ABSTRACT

The research aims at providing empirical evidence about the influence of local government characteristic (the size, the wealth, the dependence level to central government and capital expenditure), public supervision and BPK audit findings toward the performance of local government in the regencies/districts of Sumatera in 2011-2012 fiscal years. This research uses 264 samples consisting of 308 regencies/districts in Sumatera during the 2011-2012 periods. The data were analyzed using multiple linear regression analysis with Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) software version 15.

The result of this research shows that the level of local wealth, the capital expenditure and public supervision give positive influence toward performance of local government. Whereas, the size of the local government, the dependence level to central government and BPK audit findings do not influence the performance of the local government.

Key words: *local government characteristic, public supervision, audit findings, local government performance, evaluation of local government performance (EKPPD).*