

“Enhanced Productivity Programme: 2002-03” Booklet

Report on EPP Savings -- Audit Commission

Total value of EPP savings in 2002-03: **\$2.223 m**, equivalent to **1.7 %** of total recurrent baseline expenditure in that year that is subject to EPP. Total EPP savings (as a percentage of recurrent baseline expenditure subject to EPP) achieved by 2002-03 on a **cumulative** basis is **5.0%**.

| Category | Savings (\$m) | EPP Measures in 2002-03 | Safeguards for Quality Service |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|---|
| PE/PRE | 0.803 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline the operations in regularity audits by using improved audit methodology. <p><i>Savings:</i> Deletion of the following posts:</p> <p>2 Examiners in 2001-02 1 Assistant Clerical Officer in 2002-03</p> | Deletions of these posts are unlikely to affect the quality of the service of the Audit Commission. We shall be able to accommodate all deletions of posts through internal redeployments or deletion of vacant posts arising from retirement. No staff redundancy will arise. Where redeployment out of department is involved, we have already obtained the agreement of the relevant Head of Grade. In addition, we have consulted the staff side, who have no objection to the EPP initiatives. |
| | 0.200 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce expenditure on acting allowance | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>1.003</i> | | |
| DE/OC | 1.220 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place less reliance on the support provided by contract staff | Re-deploy in-house staff to absorb the workload of the contract staff through re-scheduling of work |
| | <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>1.220</i> | |
| Total | 2.223 | | |

PE : Personal Emoluments

i.e. Staff salaries and allowances

PRE : Personnel Related Expenses

i.e. Costs related to the employment of staff other than pay and allowances e.g. pensions, staff housing

DE: Departmental Expenses

i.e. The day to day operating expenses of departments e.g. fuel, travelling expenses and furniture

OC: Other Charges

i.e. Significant expenditure peculiar to a particular department's operation

Subventions

i.e. Recurrent payment to non-government bodies in support of their on-going expenses