

Category	Savings (\$m)	EPP Measures in 2002-03	Safeguards for Quality Service
		<p>(Amount of savings represents balance of 10 months brought forward from preceding year, when deletion of post was effected. Savings for 2 months have been included in preceding year's report.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="470 555 922 741">• Sharpen the focus of research and improve the mode of survey and communication to reduce research and survey costs <li data-bbox="470 1106 922 1261">• Develop new joint tests with overseas consumer organisations so as to reduce test project costs. <li data-bbox="470 1424 922 1615">• Provide mastercopy of publicity materials to schools in place of printed copies, and place teaching materials on the Council's website <li data-bbox="470 1626 922 2051">• Economise on the use of provision for departmental expenses, optimise the use of the new Resource Centre and existing equipment, rationalise the frequency of Council/Committee meetings and maximise the use of e-mails to reduce the incidence of overseas calls and fax transmission. 	<p>Emphasis of research projects will be placed on specific areas of consumer interests rather than general aspects of products and services. Market surveys will replace large-scale opinion surveys or testing of services which may not deliver high quality findings. E-mail will be used in conducting market surveys to enhance efficiency and to save fax line resources, call charges and postage.</p> <p>International joint tests can cover a great number of product types and models than the test programmes conducted by the Consumer Council alone. Thus, this would provide more comprehensive test reports while reducing test costs.</p> <p>Schools are encouraged to make use of the master copy and downloaded materials to reproduce optimal copies for distribution to their students.</p> <p>These measures will be implemented with a view to enhancing the cost-effectiveness of routine office operations</p>

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	0.120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimise the use of the Council's website and the new Resource Centre, thereby reducing expenses on publicity and promotional activities through other media. 	Contents and hit rate of the Council's website as well as the utilization of the Resource Centre will be closely monitored to ensure cost-effectiveness.
Total	1.331		

- 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