"Enhanced Productivity Programme: 2000-01" Booklet

Report on EPP Savings -- Duty Lawyer Service

Total value of EPP Savings: **\$1.826m**, equivalent to **1.6%** of total Recurrent Baseline Expenditure in 2000-01 which is subject to EPP, made up of \$0.05m savings already achieved in 1999-2000 through advance implementation of EPP and \$1.776m additional savings in 2000-01.

Category	\$m	EPP Measures	Safeguards for Quality Service
Subventions	1.826	Reduce the number of acting appointments so as to substantially cut down the acting allowance.	In order to achieve EPP savings, the staff is prepared to take on additional responsibilities without acting allowance where necessary.
		Monitor critically the distribution of works amongst the Duty Lawyers at each court in order to avoid wastage.	This is done always with the interest of justice and interest of the defendants in mind.
		Economise on the use of departmental expenses such as employment of temporary staff, replacement of furniture and office equipment	
		• Negotiate with the service providers for freezing or reducing their service charges, for example, the auditor's and company secretarial fees have been cut by 20%.	The reduction requested is within a reasonable limit so that the quality of the service provided to the Duty Lawyer Service can be maintained.
		Review critically the programme of social function so as to cut down its expenses by 20%.	
Total	1.826		

Note

Subventions

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