

“Enhanced Productivity Programme: 2002-03” Booklet

Report on EPP Savings – Duty Lawyer Service

Total value of EPP savings in 2002-03: **\$2.284m**, equivalent to **2.0%** 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
Subventions	2.284	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Court Liaison Officers have left the employment of the Duty Lawyer Service in late 2001. In order to comply with EPP, we will not be recruiting replacements to fill these vacancies. The actual salaries and fringe benefits of these three Court Liaison Officers which will otherwise be incurred in 2002-03, will become EPP savings. • To reduce the number of acting appointments so as to cut down the acting allowance. • To reduce the number of summer students recruited from 9 to 5 and their employment period from 7 weeks to 4 weeks. • To reduce the subsidies for staff’s studying programmes from \$99,000 to \$50,000. • To apply strict constraint on other operational expenses. • To critically monitor the distribution of work amongst Duty Lawyers at each court in order to reduce wastage and legal costs. 	<p>For the purpose of EPP savings, the staff is prepared to share out the additional workload arising therefrom amongst themselves.</p> <p>The staff is prepared to take on additional responsibilities without acting allowance where necessary.</p> <p>Some summer students still have the chance to gain exposure to the criminal hearings at Magistracy level.</p> <p>For the purpose of achieving EPP, the staff is willing to accept the subsidies reduction.</p> <p>This is done with the interest of justice and the defendants in mind.</p>
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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