WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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Question

"Further to his response to Written Question 247/2026, should a department be unable to deliver its share of the £9.6 million in proposed staff savings for 2027 without reducing frontline services, will the Minister advise what criteria will be used to decide whether to revise that savings target; and explain how any shortfall will be funded?"

Answer

I expect all departments to be able to deliver their savings targets without reducing frontline services to Islanders.

The savings allocations made through the Budget process were focused on reducing administrative overheads, simplifying governance, eliminating duplication and improving productivity. The targets have been considered and accepted by Ministers and their Accountable Officers, who would not have agreed to them unless they were confident they could be delivered while maintaining essential services.

There are no standing criteria under which savings targets would automatically be reduced or withdrawn and it may not be affordable to do so. Delivery of savings will be closely monitored on a monthly basis. Should it become apparent that credible plans are not in place to ensure savings are achieved, the Treasury will work with the relevant department to identify further efficiencies and ensure credible delivery plans are in place.

Any proposal to revise the agreed savings target would require a robust supporting business case and consideration by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, taking account of the Government's wider fiscal position and competing priorities.

The Government remains committed to improving value for money across the public service. Comparable savings programmes have been included in recent Budgets and delivered successfully. Accordingly, departments are expected to deliver their agreed savings targets in full.