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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2025

Question

"In relation to the £10m per annum efficiency savings target as part of the Value for Money Programme included in the Government Plan 2023-2026, will the Minister –

(a) advise if the annual £10m target was met for the last Financial Year;
(b) detail the total cashable savings achieved by the Government in the last Financial Year, broken down by department;
(c) explain which savings, if any, are recurrent, and which were 'one off';
(d) outline the methodologies used to clarify and verify efficiency savings figures; and
(e) advise what independent audit or assurance was applied to these savings?"

Answer

Government Plan 2024-2027 provided an update on the Value for Money programme, including updating the target to £14.4 million (later amended to £16.3 million), to reflect additional amounts to be delivered through the HCS Financial Recovery Programme.

a) The Annual Report and Accounts 2024 includes disclosures on the delivery of savings (page 60). £18.0 million was delivered in 2024.
b) The departmental breakdown is included in the ARA, but is reproduced below for ease:

Department	Savings £'000
Health and Community Services	6,750
Children, Young People, Education and Skills	3,633
Cabinet Office	2,907
Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture	2,065
Infrastructure and Environment	877
Other Departments	1,783
TOTALs	**18,015**

c) Departmental expenditure limits have been reduced by the allocated amount of savings on a recurring basis. Where recurring savings have taken longer to implement, non-recurring actions may have been used.
d) Information on savings are collated from departments as part of the information required by the Treasurer to allow him to prepare the Annual Report and Accounts. This is prepared and then reviewed by Finance Business Partners to verify the figure.
e) All returns and disclosures were reviewed by the Group Director – Business Partnering and Analytics before finalisation. As disclosure forms part of the Financial Review, the external auditors only review for consistency with the financial statements, and do not provide specific assurance.