

Cabinet Office strategic objectives



The Cabinet Office’s aim – making government work better – is wide-ranging. The Department’s responsibilities include:

- supporting the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- coordinating national security;
- tackling social exclusion; and
- transforming the skills and capability of the UK Civil Service.

These are all central to the Government’s ability to deliver its objectives and Public Service Agreements (PSA).

Announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 (CSR 2007), in October 2007, were 30 new PSAs. These set out the Government’s highest priority outcomes for the CSR 2007 period, from 2008/09 to 2010/11. The Cabinet Office is leading on the delivery of one PSA; *Increase the proportion of socially excluded adults in settled accommodation and employment* and is also a delivery partner for three further PSAs:

- build more cohesive, empowered and active communities;
- reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism; and
- reduce the impact of conflict through enhanced UK and international efforts.

Also agreed as part of the Government’s CSR settlement were six Departmental Strategic Objectives (DSOs). All the main government departments set themselves varying numbers of DSOs which are intended to cover the wider span of their departmental activities. These objectives include business as usual, while at the same time underpin delivery of the Government’s highest priorities as set out in the 30 PSAs.

Our DSOs demonstrate how everyone in the Cabinet Office is contributing to our overall aim of ‘making government work better’

For further information on CSR, PSAs and the key performance indicators used to measure successful delivery of our DSOs, please see page 68.

Cabinet Office Departmental Strategic Objectives

- DSO 1.** Build an effective UK intelligence community in support of UK national interests; and the capabilities to deal with disruptive challenges to the UK.
- DSO 2.** Support the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in domestic, European, overseas and defence policy-making.
- DSO 3a.** Improve outcomes for most excluded people in society.
- DSO 3b.** Enable a thriving third sector.
- DSO 4.** Transform public services so that they better meet the individual needs of the citizen and business.
- DSO 5.** Build the capacity and capability of the Civil Service to deliver the Government’s objectives.
- DSO 6.** Promote the highest standards of propriety, integrity and governance in public life.