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- investment rising to nearly £150 million over the CSR07 period in third sector programmes through the Office of the Third Sector, while supporting implementation of the review on the future role of the third sector in social and economic regeneration;
- a cross-government programme of work on the new Public Service Agreement (PSA) to increase the proportion of socially excluded adults in settled accommodation and employment, education or training;
- a cross-cutting package of initiatives to make all public sector services more accessible, more personalised to the individual needs of citizens and businesses, and more efficient to deliver, as set out in the new Service Transformation Agreement; and
- further enhancement in the capabilities of the Security and Intelligence Agencies whose budget will rise from £1.5 billion in 2007-08 to £2.1 billion in 2010-11, sustaining the historic rates of growth since 9/11.

Achievements so far

DI7.1 The role of the Cabinet Office is to make Government work better through:

- supporting the Prime Minister;
- supporting the Cabinet; and
- strengthening the capability of the Civil Service.

Responding to challenges ahead

DI7.2 The Cabinet Office will work with departments across government to deliver the Prime Minister's cross-cutting priorities. These include improving outcomes for the most excluded in society, building on the partnerships between the public and third sector, transforming and personalising public services and coordinating intelligence, security policy and funding across Government to respond effectively to the growing threat from international terrorism.

RESOURCES AND REFORM

DI7.3 Over the CSR07 period the Cabinet Office will be taking forward an ambitious value for money reform programme, generating annual net cash-releasing savings of £35 million by 2010-11. Supported by £12 million modernisation funding, this will allow the Cabinet Office to continue to deliver its priorities within a budget that falls by 2.9 per cent per year in real terms over the CSR07 period. The programme consists of a number of initiatives including:

- procurement savings including on travel services, IT and telecoms, realising £14.7 million annual net cash-releasing savings by 2010-11; and
- savings in administration costs realising £20.1 million net cash-releasing savings by 2010-11.

MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER

DI7.4 Over the CSR07 period the Cabinet Office will pursue the Government's ambitions across a range of programmes. These are reflected in the following Departmental Strategic Objectives the Cabinet Office has set itself for the period:

- build an effective UK intelligence community in support of UK national interests, and the capabilities to deal with disruptive challenge to the UK;
- support the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in domestic, European, overseas and defence policy making;
- drive delivery of the Prime Minister's cross-cutting priorities to improve outcomes for the most excluded adults in society and enable a thriving third sector;
- transform public services so that they are better for citizens, staff and taxpayers;
- build the capacity and capability of the Civil Service to deliver the Government's objectives; and
- ensure the highest standards of propriety and integrity in public life.

Social exclusion **DI7.5** Through the Social Exclusion Task Force, the Cabinet Office will continue to lead the Public Service Agreement (PSA) to increase the proportion of socially excluded adults in settled accommodation and employment, education or training across government. In addition to leading on the socially excluded adults PSA, the Cabinet Office will coordinate Government's drive to reduce social exclusion and enhance life chances, meeting the needs of the most excluded individuals and families.

Service transformation **DI7.6** The Cabinet Office is leading work across the public sector to transform public services. The Service Transformation Agreement published today covers a broad and diverse agenda, involving almost every part of central and local government as well as the wider public sector. The role of the Cabinet Office is to lead and coordinate: supporting cross-government structures, spreading best practice, and resolving obstacles to progress.

Security and intelligence **DI7.7** The settlement for the Security and Intelligence Agencies reflects the priority attached to their contribution to national security, particularly in countering international terrorism. The Cabinet Office will continue to ensure that the Government's foreign, defence and security policy decisions are usefully informed by accurate and objectively assessed intelligence, and to maintain and improve intelligence assessment standards across government.

Third sector **DI7.8** The 2007 CSR has included a review into the role of the third sector in society. The review was informed by the largest ever consultation with the sector, which involved over 1,000 organisations. 93 consultation events were held throughout England. This led to the publication in July 2007 of the final report on *The Future Role of the Third Sector in Social and Economic Regeneration*.

DI7.9 Taking forward the recommendations of the review, the Office of the Third Sector will continue to ensure a thriving third sector through its £515 million delivery programme. This includes overseeing the delivery of two action plans to promote the role of the sector in public service delivery and promoting social enterprise; and continuing to invest in the £215 million Futurebuilders programme, a £117 million programme for youth volunteering, £80 million in micro grants for small community organisations, and a £50 million local endowment match fund.

- Civil Service reform** **DI7.10** Building on existing reform and improvement of leadership, skills and diversity in the Civil Service, the Cabinet Office will develop and implement further policies to ensure the Civil Service has the right staff in the right place at the right time to deliver Government priorities and excellent public services.
- Policy coordination** **DI7.11** The Cabinet Office Secretariats will continue to carry out a proactive and effective role in the coordination of policy and advice in domestic and international affairs.
- Propriety and integrity** **DI7.12** The Cabinet Office will continue to promote standards that ensure good governance, including adherence to the Ministerial and Civil Service Codes.

Table D24: Cabinet Office baseline and additions

	£ million			
	Baseline	Additions		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Resource DEL	1,775	335	483	667
of which near-cash	1,514	273	394	567
of which administration	310	-9	-16	-23
Capital DEL	287	73	102	65
Total DEL¹	1,868	346	499	636
of which:				
Cabinet Office	368	-1	-2	-3
Single Intelligence Account	1,508	347	501	639

¹ Full resource budgeting basis, net of depreciation.

CHARITY COMMISSION

DI7.13 The Charity Commission is the regulator of the Charities sector. Over the CSR07 period it will deliver its ongoing regulatory commitments; ensure that it can implement counter terrorist financing initiatives; modernise its structure and workforce; and meet obligations under the Charities Act.

Table D25: Charity Commission baseline and additions

	£ million			
	Baseline	Additions		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Charity Commission total DEL ¹	31.5	-0.7	-1.5	-2.2

¹ Full resource budgeting basis, net of depreciation.