

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 8th JULY 2003, BY SENATOR E.P. VIBERT**

**Question**

Would the President identify any savings to date in public service personnel and the value of these savings as a result of the re-organisation in preparation for the final stage of implementing ministerial government?

**Answer**

Significant savings will be achieved through the restructuring of States departments and from the concurrent work being undertaken to deliver more responsive, effective and efficient public services, but such savings will not become truly meaningful until the beginning of 2005 when the new structures are in place.

To date, a number of Committees have identified specific staff savings of about £477,000 per annum which are being put into effect during this transitional period. The Education, Sport and Culture Committee is on course to save five posts within its administration by the end of this year, which will save approximately £260,000 per annum and the Economic Development Committee has identified a further five posts, one of which is the Chief Officer of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department, which will save approximately £217,000 per annum. Work in this area is ongoing and further savings will be achieved over the next 18 months or so.

However, members will be aware that there is now a target for the States to be making real savings of £8 million in 2005 rising to £33 million per annum by 2008. In setting such a target, we will all have to work hard to ensure that it is delivered in the short term. Continuing to deliver savings and improvement of this magnitude will only be possible once we have moved to the new system of government and its supporting structures.