

Westminster eForum Keynote Seminar: Efficiency in the public sector

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th May 2011

Venue: Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office and Olympics
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Delivering efficiency savings in Government: assessing the progress made**
Keith Davis, Director, Cross-Government, National Audit Office
- 9.20 - 10.10 **Assessing the upside: progress on efficiency and reform, the ERG and current views on the potential for savings**
How far has government moved forward on the reforms suggested in the review of efficiency? What should be the priorities for the Efficiency Reform Group (ERG)? How significant are the barriers to change and how can these be addressed by the ERG? How are different public sector organisations approaching the need to increase efficiency and what successes have they had? How can commercial skills be brought together across departments and agencies? Are there adequate processes in place to facilitate the sharing of ideas, resources and best practice between public sector organisations including national and local government, NGOs and regulators?
James Close, Partner, Ernst & Young
Paul Nowak, Head of the Organisation and Services Department, TUC
Nicholas Griffin, Mayoral Advisor on Budgets and Performance, Greater London Authority
Roger West, Head of Procurement Outsourcing, DHL
Ann Beasley, Director General of Finance, Ministry of Justice
Questions and comments from the floor with **Keith Davis**, Director, Cross-Government, National Audit Office
- 10.10 - 10.15 **Chairman's closing remarks**
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Michael Fallon MP, Member, Treasury Select Committee
- 10.50 - 11.05 **Efficiency through innovation and new technology**
Case study of the use of ICT in the public sector as a driver of efficiency.
Stephen Bates, Managing Director, UK, Research In Motion (RIM)
- 11.05 - 11.50 **ICT as a driver of efficiency – the challenges of procurement, implementation and utilisation**
In what ways can ICT be used to deliver the government's efficiency goals? Would increasing the use of cloud computing, open source software and mobile working improve government efficiency? What progress has been made on the development of a single open standard for Government? How can the Efficiency Review's recommendation to bulk-buy be reconciled with the Conservative Technology Manifesto pledge to break up Government procurement into smaller contracts? Is Government, both locally and nationally, getting a good deal when procuring ICT? How can government departments collaborate to increase their purchasing power? What lessons can the Government exchange with the private sector on how to implement efficiency-saving ICT? What can central government learn from local government; how might IT procurement policy be affected by the 'Big Society'?
Mark Langdale, Client Partner, Government & Health, BT
Dr Mark Ferrar, National Technology Officer, Microsoft UK
Mark Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Sirius
Michael Cross, freelance journalist
Questions and comments from the floor with **Stephen Bates**, Managing Director, UK, Research In Motion (RIM)
- 11.50 - 11.55 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Michael Fallon MP, Member, Treasury Select Committee
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Stewart Hosie MP, Deputy Leader and Chief Whip, SNP Westminster Group and Member, Treasury Select Committee
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Social capital and efficiency**
Allison Ogden-Newton, Chief Executive, Social Enterprise London (SEL)
- 12.10 - 12.55 **The Big Society and encouraging collaboration between the public, private and third sectors**
Examples of partnerships, and best practice, in the public sector. With the Government's Big Society programme encouraging greater collaboration between the sectors, what are the main challenges facing public bodies when entering relationships with private or third sector organisations? What can government learn from practices in other sectors? How can greater links be forged between different public sector organisations to enable joined-up thinking, bulk procurement and unified approaches to public service delivery?
Peter Allenson, National Organiser, Public Services Sector, Unite
Stephanie Elsy, Director of External Affairs, Serco Group
Cllr David Harvey, Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Westminster City Council
Tom Levitt, Consultant, Sector 4 Focus
Rosie Seymour, Deputy Director, Local Government Productivity and Reform Division, Department for Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor with **Allison Ogden-Newton**, Chief Executive, Social Enterprise London (SEL)
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Stewart Hosie MP, Deputy Leader and Chief Whip, SNP Westminster Group and Member, Treasury Select Committee
Thomas Raynsford, Senior Producer, Westminster eForum