

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Topic: Grants - Staffing**

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**Senator Moore, Claire asked:**

What has been the savings from the streamlined contract arrangements?

**Answer:**

It is Government policy to reduce red tape costs. The Department has calculated the total regulatory savings of the programme reform measure to the community sector at being around \$11 million per annum.

The identified red tape saves include changes such as; improved and reduced application processes; targeted and risk based approach to grant acquittals and reduced reporting requirements.