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Question:

With reference to the department's annual report in which Mr Thawley says "In our corporate activities, I have focused on delegating financial and other decisions to the most appropriate level":

Can the committee be provided with details of those delegations.

Answer:

- Mr Thawley has reviewed the financial delegations on four occasions since becoming Secretary in December 2014. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Human Resource delegations have been reviewed on two occasions since December 2014.
- In each review, delegations have been consistently lowered to align authority with work responsibilities, whilst also providing appropriate financial and administrative oversight.