

Making government work better for you

Our commitment to you:

The government is the servant of the British people. Every pound spent must be scrutinised, and government run as efficiently and effectively as possible. We will:

- *save you money by **cutting government waste***
- ***put more of the essential services you use online**, to make them more convenient*
- *continue to **make government more transparent**, so you can hold us to account for how your money is being spent.*

Government is the servant of the British people, not their master. That simple fact was forgotten when Labour was in power. Quangos grew in number, wasteful projects proliferated and the bureaucracy swelled – symptoms of a Government that believed it always knew best.

Hardworking taxpayers deserve a government that is more efficient and accountable

Conservatives have brought in a new approach. We are determined to measure success not by how much money is spent, but how much it improves people's lives. Whitehall is now leaner and smaller than at any time since the Second World War. We have halved the running costs of the Department for Education. We have abolished or merged over 300 quangos. We have moved paperwork online. We have shone a bright light on government spending – requiring all central government spending over £25,000 to be published online. We have also ensured that people receive a transparent breakdown of how their taxes are spent.

In the next five years, we will ensure this efficiency revolution continues. We will also continue to reform our political system: make votes of more equal value through long overdue boundary reforms, reducing the number of MPs and ensuring the Electoral Commission does more

£14.3 billion was saved in 2014 through efficiencies in government – equivalent to nearly £850 for every working household

to tackle voting fraud. These measures will help to restore public confidence in British politics.

Our plan of action:

We will cut government waste

We have reduced the cost of government, by selling empty buildings, managing big projects better, shrinking the Civil Service, reforming pensions, moving more services online, and improving contracting. We plan a further £10 billion annual savings by 2017-18 and £15-20 billion in 2019-20.

To eliminate the deficit, we must continue to cut out wasteful spending