

Section 3a of request - *The minutes of any meetings at which you discussed the future of the Government Office Network (GON), and any reports, papers or internal correspondence dealing with this issue (this should include meetings, papers and correspondence from Cabinet meetings, meetings between yourself and civil servants, board members and ministerial or other Government colleagues).*

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1. Factual part of slides for Secretary of State meeting, 20 May 2010
2. Factual part of briefing for Secretary of State phone meeting, 15 June 2010
3. Factual part of briefing for submission to Secretary of State, 17 June 2010
4. Factual part of briefing for Secretary of State meeting, 1 July 2010
5. Factual part of submission from GO Network Centre and Services (GONCS) to Secretary of State, 16 July

Factual part of slides for Secretary of State meeting, 20 May 2010

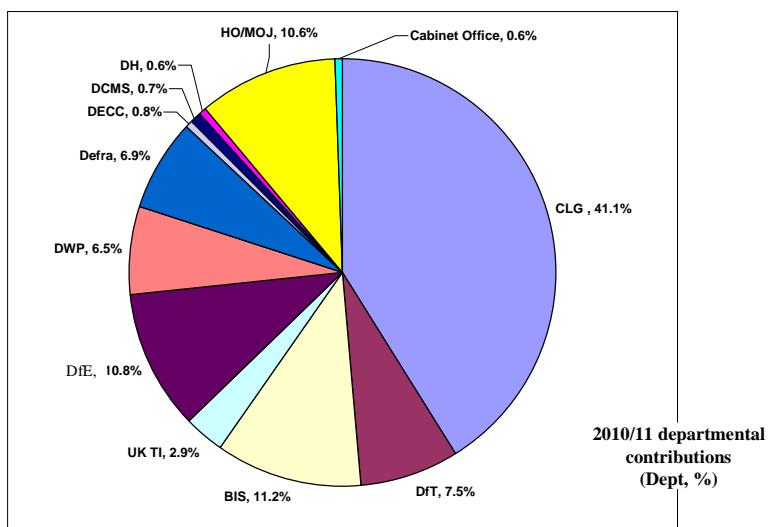
The GO Network

- 9 Government Offices, one for each English region (plus a small central team) supporting Ministers and 12 Departments for the last 16 years
- 79% of stakeholders rated the Network as having credibility with partners (IpsosMORI, March 2010)
- 1700 staff, down from 3000 in 2004 – a reduction of 43%
- £118m funding in 2010/11 – a reduction of 15% from 2004 (£139m)

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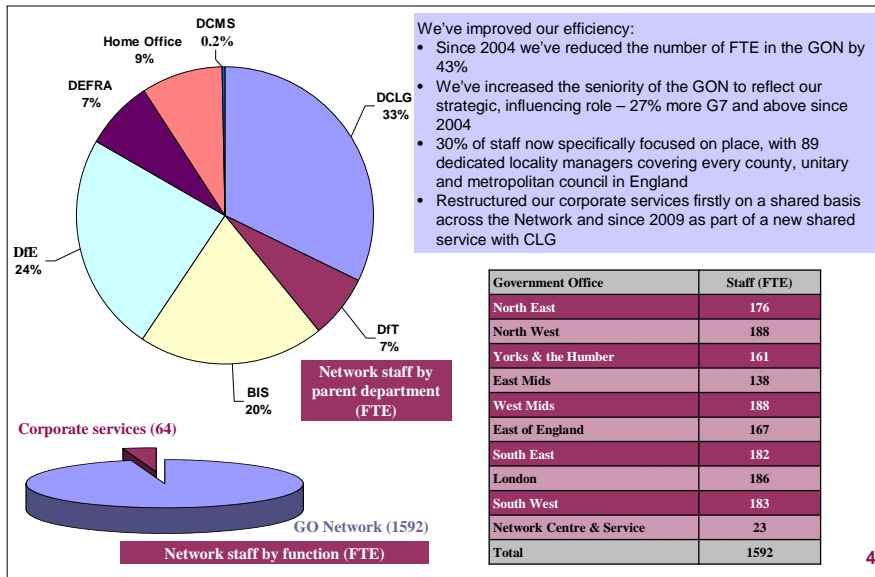
GO Network 2010/11 budget: £118m



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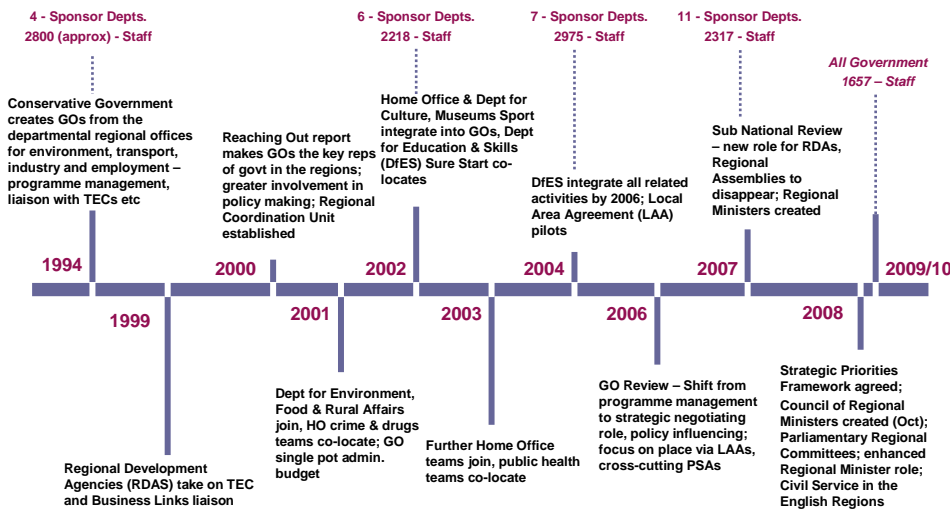
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GO Network staffing



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The evolution of the GO Network



The GO Network is Whitehall Departments in the regions, staff are civil servants drawn from and remain citizens of Departments. It is owned by its Sponsor Departments - CLG has the majority share (40%).

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GO Network governance and policy structures

Governance CLG

Secretary of State, CLG
 Peter Housden, Permanent Secretary
 (Accounting Officer)
 Joe Montgomery,
 Director General, Regions and Communities
 (Additional Accounting Officer)

The GO Network is accountable to Sponsor Departments via the GO Network Sponsorship Board. The Sponsorship Board acts as a non executive board which decides priorities and resourcing for the GO Network on behalf of Sponsor Departments, and provides collective oversight, scrutiny and accountability. A Strategic Priorities Framework sets out Departments' collective priorities for the Network and its role in delivery of Government priorities.

Regional Directors have policy/departmental responsibilities for the Network's delivery of departmental functions providing senior level accountability and policy expertise for senior officials and Ministers.

Regional Director	Responsibilities
GONE Jonathan Blackie	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
GOSW Jon Bright	Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs Department of Energy and Climate Change
GOSE Colin Byrne	Department for Transport Communities and Local Government (housing & planning)
GOWM Trudi Elliott	Department for Culture, Media and Sport Olympics (national) Communities and Local Government (resilience) Cabinet Office (resilience)
GOYH Felicity Everiss	Department for Education Communities and Local Government (local government & regeneration)
GO Network Centre & Services Brian Hackland	HM Treasury Cabinet Office (corporate services & modernising government) Communities and Local Government (corporate services)
GO London Chris Hayes	Department for Work and Pensions Olympics (London & legacy)
GOEM Stephen Hillier	Ministry of Defence Office of Government Commerce
GONW Liz Meek	Cabinet Office (social exclusion & Office of the Third sector) Communities and Local Government (cohesion)
GO East Paul Pugh	Home Office Ministry of Justice Department of Health Government Equalities Office

Section 3d of request - *all meetings of the GO Sponsorship Board which discussed the future of the GON, and any reports, papers or internal correspondence emanating from the Sponsorship Board and dealing with this issue.*

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1. Factual part of minutes for GO Network Sponsorship Board meeting, 8 June 2010.
2. Factual part of paper 3 for GO Network Sponsorship Board meeting, 12 July 2010.
3. Factual part of paper 5 for GO Network Sponsorship Board meeting, 12 July 2010.

Factual part of minutes for GO Network Sponsorship Board meeting, 8 June 2010

Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) for example had 200 staff compared to 34,000 civil servants across West Midlands in total.

Factual part of paper 3 for GO Network Sponsorship Board meeting, 12 July 2010

Current property costs

The gross current annual cost of the Network estate is £30.3m. The GON property budget for the financial year 2010-11 (effective net costs) is c. £21m, as around £9.3m of property costs are funded by receipts from tenants. As a consequence of the Memorandum of Terms of Occupation (MOTO) break opportunities and the flexible nature of tariff agreements in place, c. £6.5m of the receipts are 'unprotected' and if tenants left could see the Network budget requirement increase.

The property costs are split as follows:

- Existing leases £22.3m (for all rent and rates charges). This includes £3.56m for GOL, reducing the costs to £18.7m;
- Other related property costs (including utilities, building services charges, FM contracts and maintenance); £8m. The GOL costs are £1.1m, reducing the cost to £6.9m.

ICT

Current contract:

The GO Network has a 5 year contract with Fujitsu to provide IT services, which runs to September 2011.

Britannic additionally provide the communications for the Network, through a contract for the telecommunications infrastructure and the VOIP facility.

The estimated expenditure in the current year for the IT outsourced contract and the GO Network telecommunications costs is £8.46m.

Budget management

2010-11:

The Network budget for 2010-11 is £118.75m.

Factual part of paper 5 for GO Network Sponsorship Board meeting, 12 July 2010

Total number of staff affected by the closure of GOL was 205 at the outset, but has reduced to 182 at 8 July due to a combination of management action and efforts of staff themselves to find other positions.