

Value For Money Report – Email versus Fax (Saint Helena Government)

The Saint Helena Audit Service today publishes their report that concludes the Value For Money review of whether the continuing use of fax machines by individual Departments within Saint Helena Government is still justified. The concluding audit opinion is that the current use of fax machines is “*generally conducive to achieving Value For Money*” but notes that some enhancements could be made resulting in a saving of £1,800 per year to Government. Whilst this saving may be considered insignificant, it contributes to improving the efficiency of departmental activities within Government.

All Departments surveyed made use of both e-mail and fax as means of communication. Although e-mail was used to a far greater extent, faxes were being sent under appropriate circumstances.

The full report including recommended enhancements is available for download at the Audit Service web site at www.audit.gov.sh/publications.htm, and a copy has also been placed for reference in the Public Library, Jamestown.

Background information for editors:

- 1) All Value For Money audit reports undertaken by the Saint Helena Audit Service in the public interest are issued into the public domain as soon as the final report is concluded. This has been the case since February 2006 and follows Audit Service recognition that the public are a primary audience for all of our Value For Money activities and conclusions.
- 2) A guide to Value For Money auditing can be downloaded from the publications page of our web site at www.audit.gov.sh
- 3) Any member of the public can put forward ideas and suggestions for future areas to be covered by VFM reviews simply by contacting the Audit Service and speaking to Helena Bennett (Acting VFM Manager).

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