

Sustainability Committee

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Michael German: Members will have your briefing paper before them, but I want to clarify something for the record. In the third paragraph from the end, you say that you spend around 43 per cent of your money on flood and coastal risk management, 27 per cent on environmental protection, 22 per cent on safeguarding water resources and 8 per cent on fisheries, recreation, conservation and navigation. The figures that you just gave us were 35 per cent on environmental protection, 18 per cent on safeguarding water resources 38 per cent on flood-risk management and 9 per cent on the rest. I wanted to check which figures were correct—the ones that you read out or the ones in your paper.

Response

The two sets of functional expenditure percentages are both correct, but they are analysing different expenditure totals.

The percentage figures in the briefing paper are for expenditure on direct activities in delivering environmental outcomes in Wales.

The percentage figures that Chris Mills discussed at the Committee are for the total expenditure of Environment Agency Wales. Total expenditure includes spend on direct activities (as above) plus a share of national support services that are provided on an England and Wales basis, such as the National Laboratory Service and IT infrastructure.