

SSC's BASS results for 2014/15

- 1 BASS rates agencies against standard metrics for HR, Finance, ICT, Procurement, and Corporate and Executive Services (CES) functions. The table below outlines SSC's relative spend by function, and notes the trend for each:

Function	Proportion of total						Costs (\$NZ million) 14/15	Long-run trend
	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15		
HR	15	16	17	12	13	9	0.42	↓
Finance	25	18	17	12	8	10	0.43	↓
ICT	21	25	33	38	41	52	2.28	↑
Procurement	1	1	3	0	1	1	0.04	→
CES	39	41	31	39	38	28	1.25	↓
<i>Communications</i>	14	21	9	18	16	14	0.63	→
<i>Strategy & Planning</i>	2	2	2	1	2	2	0.10	→
<i>Information Management</i>	13	9	9	4	6	7	0.33	↓
<i>Risk & audit</i>	3	1	2	4	3	3	0.11	→
<i>Legal</i>	7	8	9	11	11	9	0.39	→
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	4.41	↓

- 2 SSC spends 11% of organisational running costs on A&S, which is the same as the small agency cohort.
- 3 SSC's spend on A&S decreased in 2014/15, continuing a long-run trend which has seen a decrease of 9% since 2011/12. Over time, most of our A&S costs have reduced. The only increase has been ICT costs as infrastructure was upgraded. Investment in ICT infrastructure has facilitated continued improvements in effectiveness.
- 4 SSC's use of communications and legal services is relatively high compared with other agencies. This is because SSC's role requires it to provide services, advice and support using these functions across the State services on particular issues.
- 5 Moving to the Central Agency Shared Services arrangement in 2011/12 resulted in significant A&S savings, which now mean that SSC's A&S costs are low relative to other agencies as a percentage of organisational running costs. Due to SSC's small size, however, the cost of A&S per FTE is comparatively high.