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Spending Review 2021 – Capital Expenditure Review 2006-2020

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Spending Review 2021 – Overview, Aims & Objectives



Overview

- This paper thematically analyses the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment's (DETE) capital expenditure over the period 2006 to 2020.
- Each programme is categorised into one of seven distinct themes and 21 sub-themes.
- By providing a comprehensive thematic overview of expenditure, the review aims to inform discussions on the alignment between Departmental enterprise policy and expenditure.

Aims and Objectives

- Assess how well the programmes supported under DETE's capital budget align to policy priorities.
- Identify whether there are specific areas that should be prioritised for additional capital expenditure or opportunities to reallocate existing expenditure.
- To identify areas for future programme reviews and evaluations in the medium-term.

Spending Review 2021 – Key Findings



Key Policy Relevant Findings

- Entrepreneurship and Scaling has increased from 17% of expenditure in 2006 to consistently over 33% of expenditure and has become the main focus for DETE in terms of expenditure.
- Innovation remains a core part of the Department's expenditure and has consistently made up over 33% of expenditure.
- There are a number of themes with a consistent low share of funding: Digital Transformation and Green transition, productivity, and sectoral investment.
- The use of loan and equity supports has grown. Having made up 2.5% of DETE expenditure in 2006, these instruments now account for 14% of expenditure annually.
- The proportion of funds going to non-agency clients has risen over the study period, the Department now offers considerable support outside of its traditional client base.