

ANTI POVERTY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

BREAKDOWN OF MAIN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO PROPOSALS ON SKEWING OF RESOURCES

POSITIVE

Summary of <u>main emerging views</u> received on: SKEWING OF RESOURCES - Do you agree that skewing resources approach should continue?	
Summary of comments	Approximate Level of Support:
Agree outright	12
<p>In addition:</p> <p>Agree, but need effective mechanisms in place to ensure that the allocated skewed resources can be measured.</p>	16
<p>Recognise generally skewing principle but point out its limitations / disadvantages, eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has potential to disadvantage certain groups / reinforce inequalities - existing budgets already stretched and earmarked for particular objectives / targets 	10
<p>Agree, but should be combined with dedicated fund, eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OFMDFM should manage fund for piloting anti-poverty initiatives, and to ensure joined up consistent approach. - use top-slicing approach to enable identification of expenditure on anti poverty initiatives. 	23

NEGATIVE

Summary of main emerging views received on SKEWING OF RESOURCES - Do you agree that skewing resources approach should continue?

Summary of comments.

Level of Support:

Disagree outright, as skewing of resources has proved to be ineffective. Alternative suggestions include:

- a dedicated budget is necessary to achieve outcomes and effect change. :
- a focus instead on improving economy as a whole.
- 3% of the NI Block should be top-sliced for departmental anti-poverty initiatives + border areas to receive additional supplementary funding from EU funds, eg INTERREG and PEACE.

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