

### Building the evidence supply: Supporting experimental government

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## 1. Establishing a baseline







What Works Review of the Use of Evidence in the Department for International Development (DFID)

Evidence into Action and What Works Team - June 2014

'Evidence audits' on the use and generation of evidence in departments



# 2. Stimulating interest in experimentation

#### Talent programs

- Training
- Coaching

More than

800

participants in the Civil Service Future Leaders Scheme



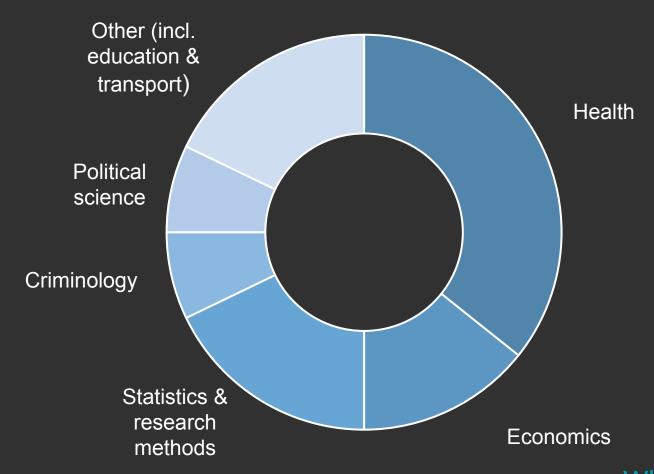
# 3. Providing technical support

# **Cross-Government Trial Advice Panel**

28 academic experts



**18** government experts

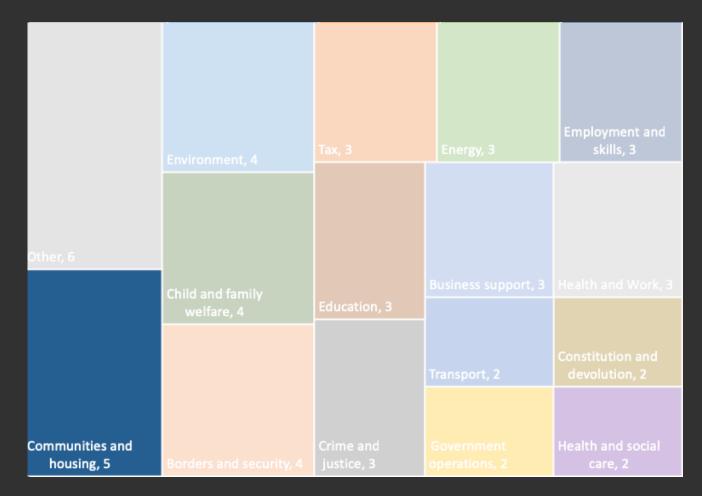






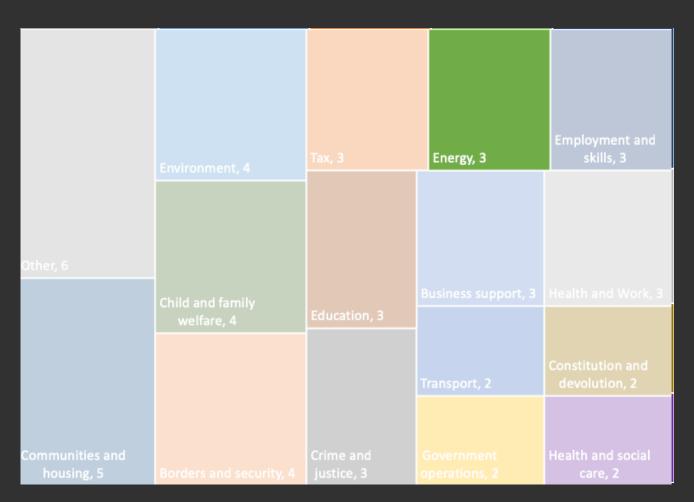


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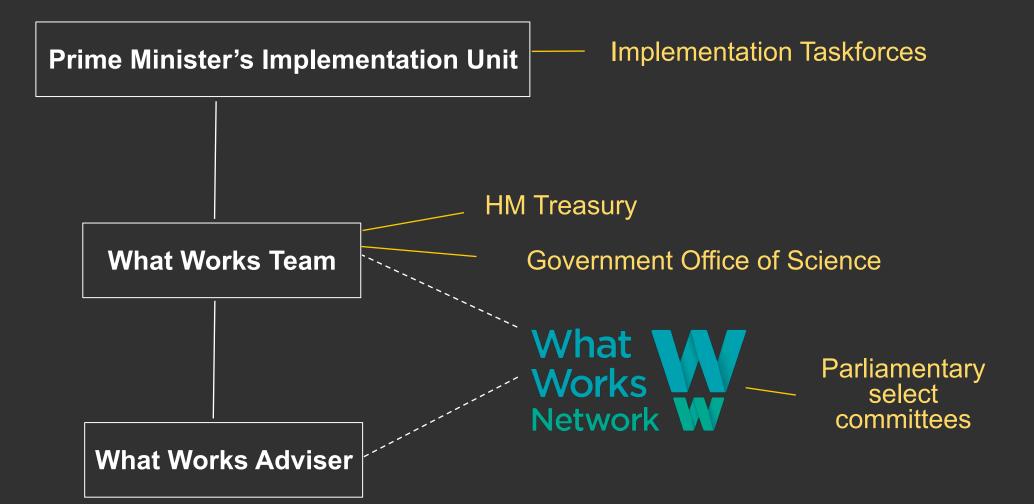


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- Reduced fraud and environmental harm by tackling the illegal disposal, misclassification, and export of waste

	Environment, 4	Tax, 3	Energy, 3	Employment and skills, 3
Other, 6	Child and family			Health and Work, 3
	welfare, 4	Education, 3	Transport, 2	Constitution and devolution, 2
Communities and housing, 5	Borders and security, 4	Crime and justice, 3	Government operations, 2	Health and social care, 2



# 4. Creating incentives

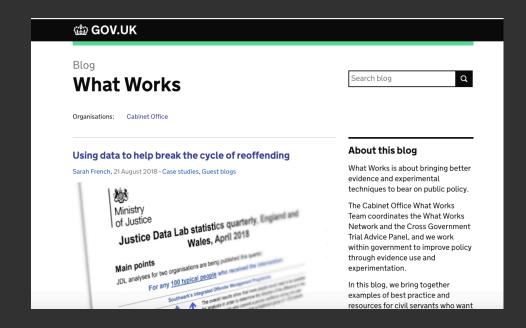




## 5. Raising Awareness and Transparency



Anniversary reports (1, 3, 5 years)



https://whatworks.blog.gov.uk/



#### 6. International collaboration





#### **Impact**

- 1. Helping embed a culture of experimentation
- 2. Tackling complex policy issues
- 3. Better use of evaluation budgets
- 4. Making academic research more policy-relevant

