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PSD parliamentary whip demands cuts in state's "useless spending"

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PSD parliamentary whip, Miguel Macedo, confronted the prime minister today, Friday, on the budget enforcement rates, accusing the government of being "lax" on state budget constraints.

The PSD whip confronted the prime minister regarding the figures on budget enforcement in the first five months of the year, which "was positive on the revenue side", but the spending "increased more than forecast".

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"On the primary spending side, there was a 4% increase, whereas we had foreseen an increase of just 1.9% in the 2010 state budget and, on the primary current spending side, which is where the state wastes money, we saw an increase of 4.8%", he said.

"Don't you think it is time the government demanded that the state should give the example of making serious cuts in useless state spending, finishing with institutes, public services, departments that often have duplicated jobs, which means useless spending?", he asked.

Miguel Macedo argued that the state "starting with government offices, by the multiple press officers" should "make an effort to contain spending".

"The government is lax in letting time go by and not managing, as this budget enforcement shows, to contain spending as it had promised", he said.