
Department for Communities and Local Government

Introduction

1. The Estimate for 2009-10 consists of two Requests for Resources:

RFR1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions

RFR2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework

2. This Estimate provides for expenditure by the Department for Communities and Local Government on Housing, Homelessness, Planning, Neighbourhood Renewal, Local and Regional Government, Fire, Civil Resilience, Race and Faith Equalities, Community Cohesion and related administration costs.

3. The resources requested are used to meet the six Departmental Strategic Objectives, details of which can be found in Chapter 2 of the Communities and Local Government Annual Report 2009. Chapters 3 to 9 of the Departmental Annual Report (DAR) reports on progress made in delivery of previous targets. Chapter 10 details how the resources are managed.

4. The Estimate includes provision for three executive agencies, eleven executive and five advisory non-departmental public bodies, Ordnance Survey and the administration of nine government offices. Annex E to the DAR 2009 also provides further information relating to strategic objectives and achievements of the agencies and non-departmental public bodies.

5. Further, more detailed information, will be provided in tables throughout the DAR.

6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department for Communities and Local Government

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions	12,663,852,000
Request for Resources 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework†	26,080,222,000
Total net resource requirement	38,744,074,000
Net cash requirement	38,741,496,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2010 for expenditure by the Department for Communities and Local Government on:

RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions

housing revenue account subsidy; homelessness, rough sleepers and housing reform; payments to the Homes and Communities Agency; the Tenant Services Authority; mortgage support for homeowners; Housing for an Ageing Society; payments to the Audit Commission for registered social landlord inspections; disabled facilities grant; capacity building and efficiency improvements; home buying and selling; payments to local authorities in respect of Area Based Grant; rent and leasehold services; social housing mobility including choice-based local authority lettings; tenant engagement; housing transfers; regional housing boards advice; the Supporting People programme; capital grants to local authorities for housing; Shanghai Expo 2010; payments to the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment; payments to the Valuation Office Agency in respect of Right to Buy and fair rent work; deprived neighbourhoods, including the New Deal for Communities programmes; payments to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in respect of free swimming; payments to the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform for Regional Development Agencies and the London Development Agency; Groundwork; initiatives to accelerate the growth areas, including transport schemes and payments to development corporations and other local delivery agencies; Support for the construction of venues and infrastructure related to the Olympic Games; grants and payments for creating and improving parks and public spaces; co-ordinating strategy for dealing with abandoned vehicles; payments that derive from European Structural Funds Regulations; exchange rate losses and other losses relating to European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) projects; coalfields regeneration; planning; the Planning Inspectorate;

Fire and Rescue services, including the grants paid to Chief Fire Officers' Association and measures to deal with the aftermath of terrorism; purchase of fire radio systems; payments and loans to the Fire Service College (trading fund); payments for provision of services to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the fire service; Emergency Fire Service Closure costs; fire service pensions; fire service dispute(s); payments to Firebuy; work on improving race, gender and faith equalities; payments to the Community Development Foundation ; Community Cohesion; Community empowerment; mapping data and services; Ordnance Survey trading fund; regional assemblies, payments for the Mersey Basin Campaign; special grants paid under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003; minor grants and payments in support of housing, planning, regeneration, liveability, urban design, building regulation, research, development, surveys;

monitoring, statistics, advice and consultancies; initiatives to tackle areas of low demand housing; publicity, promotion and publications; communications; Special Grants Programme support to voluntary bodies; subscriptions and contributions to international organisations; the residual functions of Property Services Agency (PSA); payments and loans in connection with the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre trading fund; the administration and operation of the department including the Government Offices; the purchase, acquisition, hire, lease and rent of land, buildings, plant, equipment, machinery, vehicles and capital assets; housing statistics, special payments; and associated non-cash items.

RfR 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework

payments to the Valuation Office Agency for rating and valuation services; payments to the Audit Commission for Best Value inspections; revenue support grant and redistributed non-domestic rates to receiving authorities in England; repayments of excess contributions made by local authorities in respect of non-domestic rates in 2008-09 and previous years; preparation for the Greater London Authority and related bodies; Greater London Authority (GLA) general grant and pension payments; intervention action and capacity building in local authorities; local Public Service Agreement (PSA) performance fund payments; grants paid under section 31 and 36 of the Local Government Act 2003;

emergency financial assistance to local authorities; payments to bodies specified by the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, as amended; mapping and other costs associated with local government reviews and revisions to administrative and electoral boundaries following Parish and Electoral Commission reviews; grant in aid to the Standards Board for England; the Valuation Tribunal Service and to the Commission for Local Administration in England; payments in respect of the capital element of contracts let under the private finance initiative; research, development, surveys, monitoring, statistics, advice and consultancies; publicity, promotion and publications; special payments; subscriptions to the Commonwealth Local Government forum and associated non-cash items.

The **Department for Communities and Local Government** will account for this Estimate.

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	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	12,663,852,000	5,027,157,000	7,636,695,000
RfR 2	26,080,222,000	11,326,993,000	14,753,229,000
Total net resource requirement	38,744,074,000	16,354,150,000	22,389,924,000
Net cash requirement	38,741,496,000	16,364,128,000	22,377,368,000

† Part of the provision under subhead I3 of RfR2 (relating to the function of the Commission for Local Administration concerning complaints from people who have arranged their own adult social care) is subject to the passage of the Health bill, which has passed second reading in the House of Commons and is currently in the House of Lords. The provision sought (£772,000) will not be used for the service or for any other purpose until the enabling legislation has been enacted

Part of the provision under subhead I3 of RfR2 (relating to the function of the Commission for Local Administration concerning parental complaints) is subject to the passage of the Apprenticeship Skills, Children and Learning bill, which has passed first reading in the House of Lords. The provision sought (£470,000) will not be used for the service or for any other purpose until the enabling legislation has been enacted

Part II: Subhead detail**£'000**

2009-10 Provision						2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn		
Resources						Capital	Non-operating	Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	A in A		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions									
302,658	1,111,964	11,848,200	13,262,822	598,970	12,663,852	41,181	113	11,776,897	10,835,602
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Supporting local government								
-	1,464	-	1,464	-	1,464	-	-	464	50
B	Improving the supply and quality of housing								
-	53,092	197,743	250,835	300	250,535	-	-	110,532	162,726
C	Building prosperous communities, promoting regeneration and tackling deprivation								
-	36,407	2,214,441	2,250,848	-	2,250,848	-	-	1,973,922	1,670,037
D	Developing communities that are cohesive, active and resilient to extremism								
-	33,647	29,950	63,597	1,000	62,597	-	-	31,979	28,168
E	Providing a more efficient, effective and transparent planning system								
-	87,157	10,981	98,138	-	98,138	11,530	-	85,024	64,319
F	Ensuring safer communities by providing the framework to prevent and respond to emergencies								
-	126,385	5,764	132,149	1,107	131,042	5,727	31	111,077	72,768
G	Central Administration								
186,723	22,631	-	209,354	19,755	189,599	21,064	-	197,974	168,633
H	Government Office Administration								
115,935	-	-	115,935	10,000	105,935	2,860	-	125,161	122,291
I	European Structural Funds- income relating to 2007-13 programmes								
-	-	-	-	525,760	-525,760	-	-	-66,318	-
J	European Structural Funds - Communities and Local Government								
-	2,300	8,001	10,301	-	10,301	-	-	60,901	61,816
K	Ordnance Survey								
-	39,460	1,320	40,780	26,439	14,341	-	-	5,518	8,686
L	Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency								
-	-	117	117	1,409	-1,292	-	82	-4,092	-1,136
<i>European Structural Funds- net (expenditure and income relating to old programmes)</i>									
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-41,282
<i>Local Area Agreements</i>									
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,079,488

Part II: Subhead detail**£'000**

2009-10 Provision						2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn		
Resources						Capital	Non-operating	Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	A in A	Resources	Resources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Support for Local Authorities									
M	Improving the supply and quality of housing					-	-	2,255,808	2,886,895
	-	-	2,322,930	2,322,930	13,200	2,309,730			
N	Building prosperous communities, promoting regeneration and tackling deprivation					-	-	267,471	259,560
	-	-	210,493	210,493	-	210,493			
O	Developing communities that are cohesive, active and resilient to extremism					-	-	3,670	56
	-	-	35,822	35,822	-	35,822			
P	Providing a more efficient, effective and transparent planning system					-	-	116,696	110,965
	-	-	163,369	163,369	-	163,369			
Q	Ensuring safer communities by providing the framework to prevent and respond to emergencies					-	-	92,996	74,948
	-	11,700	94,690	106,390	-	106,390			
R	Area Based Grant					-	-	645,084	-
	-	-	674,491	674,491	-	674,491			
S	European Structural Funds- payments to London Development Agency for 2007-13 programme					-	-	2,976	-
	-	-	30,705	30,705	-	30,705			
	<i>European Structural Funds- net (expenditure and income relating to old programmes)</i>					-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	<i>Local Area Agreements</i>					-	-	-	1,850,475
	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Spending in Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)									
Central Government spending									
T	Improving the supply and quality of housing					-	-	586,538	749,646
	-	697,800	-	697,800	-	697,800			
U	Ensuring safer communities by providing the framework to prevent and respond to emergencies					-	-	44	103
	-	-79	156	77	-	77			
Support for Local Authorities									
V	Ensuring safer communities by providing the framework to prevent and respond to emergencies					-	-	231,400	167,052
	-	-	228,400	228,400	-	228,400			

Part II: Subhead detail**£'000**

						2008-09	2007-08		
						Provision	Outturn		
2009-10									
Provision									
Resources						Capital			
Admin	Other	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non-operating	Net Total	Net Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	A in A	Resources	Resources
							8	9	10
Non-Budget									
W	Improving the supply and quality of housing	-	-	5,120,689	5,120,689	-	-	4,870,324	3,493,472
X	Ensuring safer communities by providing the framework to prevent and respond to emergencies	-	-	1,582	1,582	-	-	8,353	4,842
Y	European Structural Funds- payments to Regional Development Agencies for 2007-13 programme	-	-	495,055	495,055	-	-	63,342	-
Z	Area Based Grant	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
AA	Providing a more efficient, effective and transparent planning system	-	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	50	-
	RfR 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework	-	196,140	25,884,617	26,080,757	535	26,080,222	25,510,463	23,540,214
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Valuation Services	-	172,937	-	172,937	-	-	172,211	169,450
B	Best Value Inspection Subsidies to public corporations & Best Value Intervention costs	-	19,848	-	19,848	-	-	21,755	20,169
C	Local Government research and publicity, boundary reviews: mapping costs	-	3,355	-	3,355	65	-	3,173	3,170
	<i>Local governance</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
<i>Support for Local Authorities</i>									
D	Revenue Support Grants	-	-	5,400,431	5,400,431	-	-	3,586,446	3,756,682
E	Non-Domestic Rates Payments	-	-	19,500,000	19,500,000	-	-	20,500,000	18,500,000
F	London governance	-	-	47,868	47,868	-	-	48,006	38,348

Part II: Subhead detail

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2009-10 Provision						2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn			
Resources						Capital	Non-operating	Net Total	Net Total	
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	A in A	Resources	Resources	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
G	Other grants and payments									
	-	-	438,787	438,787	-	438,787	-	-	457,742	190,763
Spending in Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)										
<i>Support for Local Authorities</i>										
H	Non-Domestic Rates outturn adjustments and Local Authority Business Growth Incentive									
	-	-	463,000	463,000	-	463,000	-	-	701,709	841,717
Non-Budget										
I	Non-Departmental Public Bodies									
	-	-	34,531	34,531	470	34,061	-	-	19,421	19,901
Total for Estimate:										
	302,658	1,308,104	37,732,817	39,343,579	599,505	38,744,074	41,181	113	37,287,360	34,375,816

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

£'000

	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	38,744,074	37,287,360	34,375,816
Voted capital items			
Capital	41,181	95,525	66,292
Less Non-operating A-in-A	113	1,053	64
Total net voted capital	41,068	94,472	66,228
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-11,340	6,324	25,773
Depreciation	-36,023	-36,206	-25,698
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-4,917	-69,672	-80,339
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-10	-261
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-	-	11,580
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-8,000	-7,529
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	735,033	-
Use of provisions	8,634	66,322	6,209
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-43,646	693,791	-70,265
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	38,741,496	38,075,623	34,371,779

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

In addition to appropriations in aid the following income relates to the Department and is payable to the Consolidated Fund (cash receipts being shown in italics):

	£'000					
	2009-10		2008-09		2007-08	
	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>
Operating income not classified as A in A	700,400	<i>700,400</i>	1,099,927	<i>1,099,927</i>	1,294,211	<i>1,294,211</i>
Non-operating income not classified as A in A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	700,400	<i>700,400</i>	1,099,927	<i>1,099,927</i>	1,294,211	<i>1,294,211</i>

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

£'000

	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
Net Administration Costs			
RfR 1	272,903	289,449	278,064
RfR 2	-	-	-
Total Net Administration costs	272,903	289,449	278,064
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	12,390,949	11,487,448	10,557,538
RfR 2	26,080,222	25,510,463	23,540,214
Non-voted	-700,400	-1,099,927	-1,293,311
Total Net Programme costs	37,770,771	35,897,984	32,804,441
Total Net Operating Cost	38,043,674	36,187,433	33,082,505
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	38,744,074	37,287,360	34,375,816
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	900
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-700,400	-1,099,927	-1,294,211
Reduction in planned spend unable to be included in Estimate	-	-	-
Resource Budget	31,137,965	29,944,965	28,088,075

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

£'000

	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	38,744,074	37,287,360	34,375,816
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Non-voted expenditure in the OCS	-	-	900
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-700,400	-1,099,927	-1,294,211
Reductions in planned spend unable to be included in Estimate	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	38,043,674	36,187,433	33,082,505
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-10	-261
Capital grants	-766,484	-917,908	-1,548,897
European Union income related to capital grants	57,268	57,268	57,268
Voted expenditure outside the budget	-6,531	-7,981	8,823
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	176,000	293,300	609,855
Resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	-6,181,687	-5,259,167	-3,050,639
Unallocated resource provision	32,283	22,424	-
Other adjustments	-216,558	-430,394	-1,070,579
Resource Budget (Budget)	31,137,965	29,944,965	28,088,075
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	30,140,808	29,097,401	26,973,765
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	997,157	847,564	1,114,310

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

£'000

	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	41,068	94,472	66,228
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	6,771,484	5,103,674	3,323,177
Capital grants	766,484	917,908	1,548,897
European Union income related to capital grants	-57,268	-57,268	-57,268
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	1,207,021	1,230,038	1,295,351
Capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated capital provision	81	213,976	-
Reductions in planned spend unable to be included in Estimate	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-74,014
Capital Budget (Budget)	8,728,870	7,502,800	6,102,371
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	8,728,870	7,502,800	6,102,371
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Accounting Officer prepares resource accounts for each financial year.

The following Accounting Officer appointments have been made for the Request for Resources within this Estimate:

Request for Resources 1:	Peter Housden, Permanent Head of the Department for Communities and Local Government
Request for Resources 2:	Lindsay Bell, Additional Accounting Officer and Acting Director General of the Local Government and Regeneration Group of the Department

Peter Housden, has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the resource accounts and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. Peter Housden is also responsible for the use of public money and stewardship of assets.

In discharging these responsibilities particular regard is given to:

- Observing any accounting and disclosure requirements (including any Accounts Direction) and applying suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- making judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis;
- stating whether applicable accounting standards, as set out in the *Financial Reporting Manual* (FReM), or an organisation's version of it, have been followed, and explain any material departures in the accounts; and
- preparing the accounts on a going concern basis.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and safeguarding assets, are set out in chapter 3 of *Managing Public Money* issued by the Treasury.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

£'000

	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions			
Administration	29,755	45,700	48,467
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	29,755	45,700	48,467
Programme	569,215	148,432	1,228,053
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	750	28,990	30,533
EU Income	525,760	66,318	-
Other grant income (including repayments of grants/subsidies)	13,200	18,257	110,536
Interest and dividends	3,406	5,935	5,745
Other income (including receipts)	26,099	28,932	1,081,239
Total RfR 1	598,970†	194,132	1,276,520
† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: research and administrative services, fee paying enquiries, dissemination and sales of information, royalties, the loan, hire and storage of equipment, seminars, patent rights, conferences and publications (in print and non-print media); sponsorship, including contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys; other government departments including agencies and non-departmental public bodies and overseas government; receipts from the European Union; adjustments to commuted loan charges or residual loan charge grants; pooled housing capital receipts from local authorities; housing revenue receipts from local authorities; donations; receipts from the Tenant Services Authority; charges for services provided by leasehold valuation tribunals and other receipts by Rent Assessment Panels; recovered grants relating to housing and regeneration programmes; charges made by the Planning Inspectorate executive agency in England and Wales; receipts from inspections by Crown Property Inspection Group; dividend payment from Ordnance Survey; dividend payment from the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre and interest payments on voted loans; receipts from other government departments for research in support of fire and rescue services; receipts from medical appeals to cover BUPA expenditure; receipts from regional fire and rescue control centres building developers; interest payments on deemed and voted loans made to the Fire Service College; dividend payment from the Fire Service College; receipts from Firelink contractor; the disposal of land, buildings, water stores, plant, equipment, machinery, vehicles and capital assets; recoveries of seconded staff salaries; receipts for the use of accommodation; rental income and receipts from property and land; legal claims, including extra-contractual claims for defective work, awards of court costs and out of court settlements; residual items from the sale of the Building Research Establishment; receipts associated with the Emergency Fire Services; receipts from devolved administrations in relation to Firelink; former SRB programme receipts; and the sale of Property Services Agency businesses.			
RfR 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework			
Programme	535	33,565	31,198
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	65	65	2
Other grant income (including repayments of grants/subsidies)	-	32,000	31,196
Other income (including receipts)	470	1,500	-
Total RfR 2	535†	33,565	31,198
† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: sponsorship, including contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and publicity; the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the return of capital grants from local authorities.			
Total Operating A in A	599,505	227,697	1,307,718

Analysis of non-operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

£'000

	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions			
Programme	113	1,053	64
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	-	940	35
Loan, etc, repayments	113	113	29
Total RfR 1	113†	1,053	64
<i>† Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid, arising from: the disposal of land, buildings, plant, equipment, machinery, vehicles and capital assets; the loan, hire or storage of equipment; repayment of deemed and voted loans made to the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre and the Fire Service College; receipts from the Tenant Services Authority and the sale of PSA businesses.</i>			
Total Non-Operating A in A	113	1,053	64

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

£'000

	2009-10		2008-09		2007-08	
	Income	Provision <i>Receipts</i>	Income	Provision <i>Receipts</i>	Income	Outturn <i>Receipts</i>
Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Δ	524,400	524,400	806,627	806,627	683,745	683,745
Large Scale Voluntary Transfer Levy \bullet	20,000	20,000	16,300	16,300	22,548	22,548
Pooled capital receipts from local authorities \bullet	156,000	156,000	167,000	167,000	587,307	587,307
EU Solidarity Fund \bullet	-	-	110,000	110,000	-	-
Central admin - outside Admin Costs Limit Φ	-	-	-	-	204	204
Planning Inspectorate - outside Admin Costs Limit Φ	-	-	-	-	407	407
Total	700,400	700,400	1,099,927	1,099,927	1,294,211	1,294,211

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	29,424,452	716,356	30,140,808
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	272,903	-	272,903
Near-cash in RDEL	29,372,249	570,041	29,942,290
Capital DEL ††	2,318,525	6,410,345	8,728,870
Less Depreciation †††	-36,023	-13,769	-49,792
Total DEL	31,706,954	7,112,932	38,819,886

† The total of the 'Administration Budget' and 'Near-cash in Resource DEL' figures may well be greater than total resource DEL, due to the definitions overlapping.

†† Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and accounts but which are treated as Capital DEL in budgets.

††† Depreciation, which forms part of resource DEL, is excluded from total DEL since capital DEL includes capital spending and to include depreciation of those assets would lead to double counting.

Comparison of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2009-10 of £38,744,074,000 is 3.9 per cent higher than the final net provision for 2008-09 of £37,287,360,000 and 6.9 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for 2008-09 of £36,238,680,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2009-10 Provision	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Outturn
Cash which may be retained by the department to offset expenditure in the year due to its relationship with income (operating and non-operating) that has been, or will be, appropriated in aid.	599,618	228,750	1,307,782

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)
Grants in aid

RfR/Section	Body	£'000
RfR1		
B	Commission for Architecture in the Built Environment ♥	6,940
W	Homes and Communities Agency ♥	4,760,000
W	Other Growth Areas- West Northamptonshire Urban Development Corporation ♥	16,741
W	Tenant Services Authority ♥	35,623
W	Leasehold Advisory Service ♥	1,325
X	Firebuy ♥	1,582
AA	Infrastructure Planning Commission ♥	1,500
RFR 2		
I	Valuation Tribunal Service ♥	11,034
I	Standards Board for England ♥	7,342
I	The Commission for Local Administration in England ♥	15,685

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Contingent liabilities

Nature of Liability	£'000
Statutory	
Fire Service Act 1947 s17 and the Fire Service (Discipline Regulations) 1985. Liability to litigation by Fire Authorities resulting from delays in processing appeals to the Secretary of State.	220
Housing Association Act 1987, s84. Indemnity of building society mortgages for shared ownership schemes.	120
Indemnity given for the Land Stabilisation Project to proceed in Northwich under Section 1 of the Derelict Land Act 1982	25,000
Non-Statutory	
Possible administrative irregularities (Article 4 and 10 checks) in respect of the European Regional Development Fund Programme, where approximately 50% of the total irregularities value would not be recovered due to insolvency occurring.	24,900
Three Local Authorities (Corby, Slough and Cannock Chase) have launched legal action against the Department for underpayment of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme grant. There is a chance that the court will rule in favour of the Local Authorities. This would result in an additional payment to the Local Authorities.	101,000
Possible obligations from Employment Tribunal decision including asbestos claims against the Department.	4,300
Liability to pay grant in future years relating to the annual gap-funding agreements for negative values transfers of council housing stocks	656,255
Planning appeals brought by the developers against a decision from West Northamptonshire Development Corporation - one of CLG's Non Departmental Public Bodies. Decision expected from SoS July 2009	10,000
Indemnity given to the Nationwide Building Society as lender for claims relating to the treatment or removal of asbestos in connection with housing stock transfers	Unquantifiable
Indemnity given to the Fire and Rescue Services in respect of possible incidents as a result of mass decontamination.	Unquantifiable

Possible financial corrections for irregularities with EC funds in respect of the 2000-2006 European Regional Development Fund programmes	46,000
Possible financial corrections in relation to the Interreg programme and for European Regional Development Fund projects undertaken by Business Links	18,000
On 21st April, CLG announced the Homeowners Mortgage Support Scheme guaranteeing mortgage lenders against a proportion of any loss incurred on deferred interest payments in circumstances where the borrower defaults	500,000

Gifts

The Department for Communities and Local Government will make purchases for the upgrade of fire service radio systems and pass ownership by way of gift to fire authorities; and Gifts may be presented by Ministers on official delegations.

