

Serious Fraud Office

Introduction

1. This Estimate covers the administration costs, capital costs and operational costs incurred by the Serious Fraud Office. Included are the costs for SFO staff, fees to counsel and outside accountants, witness expenses, use of information technology to improve the presentation of evidence, other investigation and prosecution costs and defendants' costs orders by the court to be paid by the SFO.
2. Further details of the expenditure of the SFO can be found in Chapter 2 of the Law Officers' Departments' Departmental Report 2004 (Cm 6211).
3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law	30,390,000
Total net resource requirement	30,390,000
Net cash requirement	34,500,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2005 for expenditure by the Serious Fraud Office on:

RfR1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law

Administration, investigation, prosecution and associated non-cash items.

The **Serious Fraud Office** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
RfR 1	30,390,000	10,535,000	19,855,000
Total net resource requirement	30,390,000	10,535,000	19,855,000
Net cash requirement	34,500,000	10,980,000	23,520,000

Part II: Subhead detail

£'000

2004-05						2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn		
Resources						Capital		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non- operating A in A		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
RfR 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law									
21,240	9,175	-	30,415	25	30,390	3,500	-	31,850	26,478
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Administration									
21,240	50	-	21,290	-	21,290	3,500	-	20,550	16,754
B Investigations and Prosecutions									
-	9,125	-	9,125	25	9,100	-	-	11,300	9,724
Total for Estimate:									
21,240	9,175	-	30,415	25	30,390	3,500	-	31,850	26,478

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	2004-05		2003-04		2002-03	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
	£'000					
Net Total Resources		30,390		31,850		26,478
Voted capital items						
Capital		3,500		1,430		228
Less Non-operating A-in-A		-		-		-
Total net voted capital		3,500		1,430		228
Accruals to cash adjustment						
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:						
Cost of Capital charges		-15		15		54
Depreciation		-750		-300		-183
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions		-		-		-66
Profit/loss on sale of assets		-		-		-
Prior period adjustments		-		-		-
Other non-cash items		-60		-55		-55
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock		-		-		-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors		700		300		614
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors		700		300		-424
Use of provisions		35		30		40
Total accruals to cash adjustments		610		290		-20
Excess cash to be CFERd		-		-		-
Net Cash Requirement		34,500		33,570		26,686

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):-

	2004-05		2003-04		2002-03	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>
	£'000					
Operating income not classified as AinA	-	-	-	-	264	-
Non-operating income not classified as AinA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	264	-

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn	£'000
Net administration costs:				
RfR 1	21,240	20,475		16,618
Net programme costs:				
RfR 1	9,150	11,375	9,596	
Total net programme costs	<u>9,150</u>	<u>11,375</u>	<u>9,596</u>	
Total Net Operating Cost	30,390	31,850		26,214
<i>of which:</i>				
Net Resource Outturn	30,390	31,850		26,478
CFERs	-	-		-264
Non-voted expenditure	-	-		-
Resource Budget Outturn	30,390	31,850		26,214

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn
Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)	30,390	31,850	26,478
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
non-voted expenditure in the OCS	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-264
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	30,390	31,850	26,214
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed from the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
European Union income and related adjustments	-	-	-
voted expenditure outside the budget	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	-	-	-
unallocated resource provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	30,390	31,850	26,214
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	30,390	31,850	26,214
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn
Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)	3,500	1,430	228
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	-	-	-
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed by the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
local authority credit approvals	-	-	-
capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)	3,500	1,430	228
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	3,500	1,430	228
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Treasury has appointed the Director of the Serious Fraud Office, Robert Wardle, as Principal Accounting Officer with overall responsibility for preparing the Department's Estimate.

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 for safeguarding the Department's assets, are set out in the Accounting Officers' Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in *Government Accounting*.

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Analysis of appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000					
	2004-05 provision		2003-04 provision		2002-03 outturn	
	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A
RfR 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law						
Income received from the award of legal costs to the Serious Fraud Office	25	—	20	—	20	—
Total RfR 1	25*	—	20	—	20	—

*Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the recovery of income arising from costs awarded to the Serious Fraud Office by the Courts.

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

	£'000					
	2004-05 provision		2003-04 provision		2002-03 outturn	
	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts
Miscellaneous ϕ	—	—	—	—	264	—
Total	—	—	—	—	264	—

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Administration costs limits and Departmental Expenditure Limits

Administration costs limits	£'000		
	Gross provision	Income	Total administration costs limit
Gross administration costs limits	21,240	—	21,240
Net administration costs limits	—	—	—

Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	£'000		
	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	30,390	—	30,390
Capital DEL	3,500	—	3,500
Less depreciation	–750	—	–750
Total DEL	33,140	—	33,140

- * i. *Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and Accounts, but which are treated as part of Capital DEL, under stage 2 of Resource Accounting and Budgeting, as implemented in the 2002 Spending Review*
- ii. *Excludes EU receipts included in Estimates, but excluded in Budgets*

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

The total net resource sought for 2004-05 of £30,390,000 is 4.6 per cent lower than the final provision and forecast outturn for 2003-04 of £31,850,000.

Notes to the Main Estimate (continued)**Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure****£'000**

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

	2004-05 provision	2003-04 provision	2002-03 outturn
	25	20	20
