
Office for National Statistics

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the administration costs and other expenditure of the Office for National Statistics.
2. The department's main responsibilities include the following: Collection, collation and dissemination of statistics relating to the United Kingdom's national accounts, balance of payments, financial transactions and measures of output; co-ordination of statistics relating to regional matters; compilation of social Labour Market statistics; undertaking of various representational roles in an international context; providing leadership for statistics across government; implementing and issuing information from the decennial census of the population; supplying demographic statistics for national, regional and local planning; conducting social surveys; collecting and supplying statistics relating to the medical condition of the population and maintaining the Titchfield centre of the World Health Organisation; the Secretariat to the Boundary Commission for England and Wales; administrating the law on marriage; controlling the local registration of births, deaths and marriage and maintaining the central record of these events from which copies of certificates are supplied; and maintaining the National Health Service Central Register.
3. A separate net control section is provided for customer-funded activities.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Providing statistical and registration services	131,756,000
Total net resource requirement	131,756,000
Net cash requirement	125,883,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2005 for expenditure by the Office for National Statistics on:

RfR 1: Providing statistical and registration services

collection, preparation and dissemination of economic, social, labour market and other statistics; register services, departmental administration and associated non-cash items.

The **Office for National Statistics** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
RfR 1	131,756,000	59,543,000	72,213,000
Total net resource requirement	131,756,000	59,543,000	72,213,000
Net cash requirement	125,883,000	59,870,000	66,013,000

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: Providing statistical and registration services									
168,067	550	-	168,617	36,861	131,756	9,820	79	141,026	130,193
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Administration (Gross Control)									
146,646	550	-	147,196	14,410	132,786	9,166	-	142,056	132,434
B Customer Funded (Net Control)									
21,421	-	-	21,421	21,451	-30	654	79	-30	-1,338
Non-budget									
C EU Receipts									
-	-	-	-	1,000	-1,000	-	-	-1,000	-903
Total for Estimate:									
168,067	550	-	168,617	36,861	131,756	9,820	79	141,026	130,193

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	2004-05		2003-04		2002-03	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
	£'000					
Net Total Resources		131,756		141,026		130,193
Voted capital items						
Capital		9,820		19,420		13,734
Less Non-operating A-in-A		79		79		28
Total net voted capital		<u>9,741</u>		<u>19,341</u>		<u>13,706</u>
Accruals to cash adjustment						
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:						
Cost of Capital charges		-1,896		-1,896		-3,035
Depreciation		-13,837		-13,837		-8,524
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions		-		-		92
Profit/loss on sale of assets		-171		-171		-223
Prior period adjustments		-		-		-
Other non-cash items		-151		-151		-259
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock		-		-		-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors		-		-		-676
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors		-		-		3,791
Use of provisions		441		441		4,306
Total accruals to cash adjustments		<u>-15,614</u>		<u>-15,614</u>		<u>-4,528</u>
Excess cash to be CFERd		-		-		-
Net Cash Requirement		<u>125,883</u>		<u>144,753</u>		<u>139,371</u>

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>
Operating income not classified as AinA	-	-	-	-	389	<i>389</i>
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	-	-	-	-	389	<i>389</i>

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn	£'000
Net administration costs:				
RfR 1	132,206	141,476	130,113	
Net programme costs:				
RfR 1	-450	-450	-309	
Total net programme costs	<u>-450</u>	<u>-450</u>	<u>-309</u>	
Total Net Operating Cost	131,756	141,026	129,804	
<i>of which:</i>				
Net Resource Outturn	131,756	141,026	130,193	
CFERs	-	-	-389	
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-	
Resource Budget Outturn	153,756	142,026	130,707	

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)	131,756	141,026	130,193
<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	-	-	-389
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	131,756	141,026	129,804
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed from the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
European Union income and related adjustments	1,000	1,000	903
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	21,000	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	153,756	142,026	130,707
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	153,756	142,026	130,707
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)	9,741	19,341	13,706
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-171	-171	-223
<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	15,100	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)	24,670	19,170	13,483
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	24,670	19,170	13,483
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Treasury has appointed the Director of the Office for National Statistics, Mr Len Cook, as the Accounting Officer of the Department with 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: Providing statistical and registration services						
Cash fees for searches, verifications and certified copies of register entries	7,952	—	9,570	—	7,414	—
Repayment Services	22,121	—	26,622	—	21,194	—
Receipts from sale of data, publications etc.	4,978	—	5,991	—	4,775	—
Receipts from EU and other overseas contracts	1,805	—	2,172	—	1,972	—
Car Leasing Scheme for the Registration Inspectorate	5	—	6	—	5	—
Sale of surplus assets	—	79	—	79	—	28
Total RfR 1	36,861*	79**	44,361	79	35,361	28

*Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from sale of statistical information publications and other services to other departments, the European Union and the public.

**Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid, arising from the recovery of income from the sale of surplus assets.

Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

	£'000					
	2004-05 provision		2003-04 provision		2002-03 outturn	
	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	—	—	—	—	389	389
Total	—	—	—	—	389	389

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	168,087	-14,410	153,677
Net administration costs limits	22,421	-22,451	-30

Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) £'000

	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	132,756	21,000	153,756
Capital DEL	9,570	15,100	24,670
Less depreciation	-13,837	—	-13,837
Total DEL	128,489	36,100	164,589

- * 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 £131,756,000 is 6.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2003-04 of £141,026 and 3.4% lower than the forecast outturn for 2003-04 of £136,409,000.

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
	36,861,000	44,361,000	35,361,000
