

House of Commons: Members

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for expenditure by the House of Commons on remunerating and supporting the Members of the House of Commons in discharging their duties and responsibilities in the constituency, in Parliament and elsewhere.
2. It allows for:
 - i. payment of parliamentary salaries and associated pension contributions;
 - ii. reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by Members (including travel, office costs, staff and equipment);
 - iii. payment for insurance;
 - iv. central provision of IT equipment;
 - v. provision of training for Members and their staff; and
 - vi. other associated costs and non-cash items.
3. The Estimate also provides for: financial assistance to Opposition parties to support them in the discharge of their parliamentary or representative duties; and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

	£
Request for Resources 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs	147,000,000
Total net resource requirement	147,000,000
Net cash requirement	149,500,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2007 for expenditure by the House of Commons: Members on:

RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs

Remunerating and supporting the Members of the House of Commons in discharging their duties and responsibilities in the constituency, in Parliament and elsewhere by funding: payment of parliamentary salaries and associated pension contributions; reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by Members (including travel, office costs, staff and equipment); payment for insurance; central provision of IT equipment; provision of training for Members and their staff; financial assistance to Opposition parties to support them in the discharge of their parliamentary or representative functions; an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund; other associated costs; and non-cash items.

The Clerk of the House of Commons will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	147,000,000	68,710,000	78,290,000
Total net resource requirement	147,000,000	68,710,000	78,290,000
Net cash requirement	149,500,000	68,378,000	81,122,000

Part II: Subhead detail

										£'000	
2006-07 Provision										2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Resources							Capital Non- operating A		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources	
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	in A				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs											
-	140,500	6,500	147,000	-	147,000	1,203	3	155,689	141,501		
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
A Members' salaries, allowances and other costs											
-	140,500	6,500	147,000	-	147,000	1,203	3	155,689	141,501		
Total for Estimate:											
-	140,500	6,500	147,000	-	147,000	1,203	3	155,689	141,501		

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	147,000	155,689	141,501
Voted capital items			
Capital	1,203	1,950	83
Less Non-operating A-in-A	3	2	-
Total net voted capital	1,200	1,948	83
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	5,000	124	272
Depreciation	-700	-1,129	-1,187
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-2,900	-	-
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-2
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-100	-82	-82
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-54
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-1,763
Use of provisions	-	-	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	1,300	-1,087	-2,816
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	149,500	156,550	138,768

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2006-07 or 2005-06. None were received in 2004-05.

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	147,000	155,689	141,501
Total Net Programme costs	147,000	155,689	141,501
Total Net Operating Cost	147,000	155,689	141,501
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	147,000	155,689	141,501
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	147,000	155,689	141,501

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	147,000	155,689	141,501
<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	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	147,000	155,689	141,501
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
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 (Budget)	147,000	155,689	141,501
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	147,000	155,689	141,501
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	1,200	1,948	83
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-2
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-	-	-
Capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget (Budget)	1,200	1,948	81
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1,200	1,948	81
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Clerk of the House of Commons, Mr R B Sands, has been appointed as Accounting Officer for the House of Commons: Members' Estimate by the Speaker.

The responsibilities of the 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 House's assets, are broadly in line with those set out in the Accounting Officers' Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in *Government Accounting*.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

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

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs			
Programme	3	2	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	3	2	-
Total RfR 1	3†	2	-
† Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: the sale of IT equipment.			
Total Non-Operating A in A	3	2	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	147,000	-	147,000
<i>of which:*</i>			
Administration budget	-	-	-
Near-cash in RDEL	151,200	-	151,200
Capital DEL**	1,200	-	1,200
Less Depreciation†	-700	-	-700
Total DEL	147,500	-	147,500

* 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 for the previous year

The total net resource budget sought for 2006-07 of £147,000,000 is 5.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2005-06 of £155,689,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 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.	3	2	-

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

RfR/Section	Body	£'000
RfR1 - A	Financial assistance to Opposition parties ♥	6,285
RfR1 - A	Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund ♥	215

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