
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; administering 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. Further details of the expenditure contained in this Estimate can be found in the Office for National Statistics Departmental report 2007 (Cm 7112).
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office for National Statistics

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Providing statistical and registration services	161,563,000
Total net resource requirement	161,563,000
Net cash requirement	164,200,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 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	161,563,000	72,655,000	88,908,000
Total net resource requirement	161,563,000	72,655,000	88,908,000
Net cash requirement	164,200,000	74,962,000	89,238,000

Part II: Subhead detail

£'000

2007-08 Provision						2006-07 Provision	2005-06 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
RfR 1: Providing statistical and registration services									
197,224	550	-	197,774	36,211	161,563	27,830	250	196,125	171,177
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Administration (Gross Control)									
197,224	550	-	197,774	36,211	161,563	27,830	250	196,125	171,177
Total for Estimate:									
197,224	550	-	197,774	36,211	161,563	27,830	250	196,125	171,177

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	161,563	196,125	171,177
Voted capital items			
Capital	27,830	27,830	24,630
Less Non-operating A-in-A	250	250	-
Total net voted capital	27,580	27,580	24,630
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-3,300	-3,100	-7,432
Depreciation	-21,933	-24,903	-15,967
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-20,770	-60
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-32	-32	18
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-119	-119	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-
Use of provisions	441	441	-1,144
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-24,943	-48,483	-24,585
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	164,200	175,222	171,222

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2007-08 or 2006-07. None were received in 2005-06.

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Administration Costs			
RfR 1	161,013	194,889	170,520
Total Net Administration costs	161,013	194,889	170,520
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	550	1,236	657
Total Net Programme costs	550	1,236	657
Total Net Operating Cost	161,563	196,125	171,177
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	161,563	196,125	171,177
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	168,590	196,902	171,177

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	161,563	196,125	171,177
<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)	161,563	196,125	171,177
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
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	7,027	777	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	168,590	196,902	171,177
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	168,590	196,902	171,177
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	27,580	27,580	24,630
<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)	27,580	27,580	24,630
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	27,580	27,580	24,630
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

In accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 the Treasury has made the following Accounting Officer appointment for the Request for Resources within this Estimate.

Request for Resources 1: Karen Dunnell, Director of the Office for National Statistics

Karen Dunnell as the Accounting Officer of the Office for National Statistics has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the department's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation, or by the Treasury, and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, remains in general overall charge of the Office for National Statistics.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in Annex 4.1 of Government Accounting. In essence these responsibilities include a personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable; for keeping of proper accounts; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; and for the efficient and effective use of all the available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the organisation's policies, aims and objectives and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
RfR 1: Providing statistical and registration services			
Administration	36,211	49,300	40,981
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	36,211	49,300	39,981
EU Income	-	-	1,000
Programme	-	-	343
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	-	-	1,000
EU Income	-	-	-657
Total RfR 1	36,211†	49,300	41,324
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating 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.</i>			
Total Operating A in A	36,211	49,300	41,324

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

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
RfR 1: Providing statistical and registration services			
Programme	250	250	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	250	250	-
Total RfR 1	250†	250	-
<i>† Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid, arising from: the recovery of income from the sale of surplus assets.</i>			
Total Non-Operating A in A	250	250	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	161,563	7,027	168,590
<i>of which:†</i>			
Administration budget	161,013	7,027	168,040
Near-cash in RDEL	136,298	7,468	143,766
Capital DEL††	27,580	-	27,580
Less Depreciation†††	-21,933	-	-21,933
Total DEL	167,210	7,027	174,237

† 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 2007-08 of £161,563,000 is 17.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2006-07 of £196,125,000 and 16.3 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2006-07 of £193,053,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 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.	36,461	49,550	41,324