
Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England

Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England's Estimate includes one request for resources. RfR 1 – 'To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England' includes staff salaries, general administrative costs and capital expenditure programmes. In addition, this RfR covers expenditure in support of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Northern Ireland Ombudsman, together with cost sharing arrangements with the Commission for Local Administration in England and the Information Commissioner. Expenditure incurred on behalf of these bodies is recovered through appropriations in aid.

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

Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England	20,495,000
Total net resource requirement	20,495,000
Net cash requirement	20,577,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England on:

RfR 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England

Administration costs; capital expenditure; providing services to support the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Northern Ireland Ombudsman; and associated non-cash items.

The **Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	20,495,000	10,285,000	10,210,000
Total net resource requirement	20,495,000	10,285,000	10,210,000
Net cash requirement	20,577,000	11,417,000	9,160,000

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: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England									
-	20,679	-	20,679	184	20,495	1,500	-	23,056	22,580
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Administration								
-	20,679	-	20,679	184	20,495	1,500	-	23,056	22,580
Total for Estimate:									
-	20,679	-	20,679	184	20,495	1,500	-	23,056	22,580

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	20,495	23,056	22,580
Voted capital items			
Capital	1,500	4,999	1,324
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	5	-
Total net voted capital	1,500	4,994	1,324
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-75	-75	-8
Depreciation	-1,490	-1,355	-813
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	98	-
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-4
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-53	-53	62
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-
Use of provisions	200	200	-396
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-1,418	-1,185	-1,159
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	20,577	26,865	22,745

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 Programme Costs			
RfR 1	20,495	23,056	22,580
Non-voted	157	157	-
Total Net Programme costs	20,652	23,213	22,580
Total Net Operating Cost	20,652	23,213	22,580
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	20,495	23,056	22,580
Non-voted expenditure	157	157	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	20,652	23,413	22,576

Notes to the Main Estimate (continued)**Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets**

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	20,495	23,056	22,580
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Non-voted expenditure in the OCS	157	157	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	20,652	23,213	22,580
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-4
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	-	200	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	20,652	23,413	22,576
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	20,652	23,413	22,576
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	1,500	4,994	1,324
<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)	1,500	4,994	1,324
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1,500	4,994	1,324
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England (known as the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)) is appointed by Her Majesty by Letters Patent and is ex-officio Accounting Officer for the Request for Resources within the Office's Estimate.

Request for Resources 1: Ms Ann Abraham, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England

Ann Abraham, as the ex-officio Accounting Officer of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England, has agreed with the Treasury that the Accounting Officer duties as laid down in Government Accounting apply.

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: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England			
Programme	184	338	329
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	184	338	329
Total RfR 1	184†	338	329
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: charges levied on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, the Northern Ireland Ombudsman, the Commissioner for Local Administration in England and the Commissioner for Information for the provision of Ombudsman and support services; and recovery of costs of staff on loan.</i>			
Total Operating A in A	184	338	329

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

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
RfR 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England			
Programme	-	5	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	-	5	-
Total RfR 1	-	5	-
Total Non-Operating A in A	-	5	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	20,495	157	20,652
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	-	-	-
Near-cash in RDEL	18,877	357	19,234
Capital DEL ††	1,500	-	1,500
Less Depreciation †††	-1,490	-	-1,490
Total DEL	20,505	157	20,662

† 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 £20,495,000 is 11.1 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2006-07 of £23,056,000 and 13.3 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2006-07 of £23,638,000.

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.	184	343	329