

HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the administrative costs of the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency within DEL and other expenditure of the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency (section A), which includes capital DEL expenditure. Section B covers the administration costs of the Attorney General's Office including the salaries of two Ministers of the Crown. Section C covers the operational costs of the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency as explained in paragraph 3. Section D covers the costs of HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate. Further details of the Department's administration costs are provided in Chapter 4 of the 2007 Departmental Report of the Law Officers' Departments (Cm 7114).

2. The Treasury Solicitor's Department, which became an Agency on 1 April 1996, has operated a system of full repayment of the majority of its legal services since 1990-91. The greater part of its administrative costs are now met by receipts. Since 1999-2000, the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency has operated under a net operating cost control, allowing it the flexibility to respond to an increasing demand for its services. A small section of the Agency's work, which is directly related to European matters or considered to be in the public interest, remains centrally funded.

3. This Estimate also covers the operational costs of the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency (section C). Operational costs arise on the provision of legal services to government departments. Except for those associated with centrally funded services, these costs are fully recovered from client departments as disbursements on legal cases. The principal areas of this expenditure are adverse costs, counsel fees, expert witnesses and solicitors agents. Further details of the Department's operational costs are provided in Chapter 4 of Cm 7114.

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

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Part I

| | £ |
|---|-------------------|
| Request for Resources 1: Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies | 14,321,000 |
| Total net resource requirement | 14,321,000 |
| Net cash requirement | 16,571,000 |

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor on:

RfR 1: Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies

Expenditure by the HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor's Department comprising the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency, the Attorney General's Office and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate on administration, costs and fees for legal and related services, residual matters following the closure of the Government Property Lawyers Agency and associated non-cash items.

The HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor will account for this Estimate.

| | Net total | Allocated in Vote on Account | Balance to complete |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| RfR 1 | 14,321,000 | 5,926,000 | 8,395,000 |
| Total net resource requirement | 14,321,000 | 5,926,000 | 8,395,000 |
| Net cash requirement | 16,571,000 | 7,434,000 | 9,137,000 |

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 comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 72,254 | 34,697 | - | 106,951 | 92,630 | 14,321 | 4,000 | - | 14,560 | 9,921 |
| Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Central Government spending</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | TSD Administration | | | | | | | | | |
| | 63,399 | - | - | 63,399 | 60,630 | 2,769 | 3,900 | - | 2,708 | -302 |
| B | AGO Administration | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4,884 | - | - | 4,884 | - | 4,884 | 100 | - | 5,184 | 4,080 |
| C | Operational Costs | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | 34,697 | - | 34,697 | 32,000 | 2,697 | - | - | 2,697 | 2,406 |
| D | CPSI Administration | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3,971 | - | - | 3,971 | - | 3,971 | - | - | 3,971 | 3,737 |
| Total for Estimate: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 72,254 | 34,697 | - | 106,951 | 92,630 | 14,321 | 4,000 | - | 14,560 | 9,921 |

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

| | £'000 | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2007-08 Provision | 2006-07 Provision | 2005-06 Outturn |
| Net Resource Requirement | 14,321 | 14,560 | 9,921 |
| Voted capital items | | | |
| Capital | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,942 |
| Less Non-operating A-in-A | - | - | - |
| Total net voted capital | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,942 |
| Accruals to cash adjustment | | | |
| Adjustments to remove non-cash items: | | | |
| Cost of Capital charges | -300 | -300 | -806 |
| Depreciation | -2,100 | -1,600 | -1,227 |
| New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions | - | - | -155 |
| Profit/loss on sale of assets | - | - | 5,508 |
| Prior period adjustments | - | - | - |
| Other non-cash items | - | -100 | -127 |
| Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock | 300 | 700 | 871 |
| Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors | 100 | 600 | 1,689 |
| Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors | 250 | -450 | -2,870 |
| Use of provisions | - | 500 | 28 |
| Total accruals to cash adjustments | -1,750 | -650 | 2,911 |
| Excess cash to be CFERd | - | - | - |
| Net Cash Requirement | 16,571 | 17,910 | 16,774 |

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):

| | £'000 | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | 2007-08 | | 2006-07 | | 2005-06 | |
| | Provision | | Provision | | Outturn | |
| | Income | <i>Receipts</i> | Income | <i>Receipts</i> | Income | <i>Receipts</i> |
| Operating income not classified as A in A | - | - | - | - | 723 | <i>723</i> |
| Non-operating income not classified as A in A | - | - | - | - | 33,067 | <i>33,067</i> |
| Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - | 33,790 | <i>33,790</i> |

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

| | £'000 | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2007-08 Provision | 2006-07 Provision | 2005-06 Outturn |
| Net Administration Costs | | | |
| RfR 1 | 11,624 | 11,863 | 6,792 |
| Total Net Administration costs | 11,624 | 11,863 | 6,792 |
| Net Programme Costs | | | |
| RfR 1 | 2,697 | 2,697 | 2,406 |
| Total Net Programme costs | 2,697 | 2,697 | 2,406 |
| Total Net Operating Cost | 14,321 | 14,560 | 9,198 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | |
| Net Resource Requirement | 14,321 | 14,560 | 9,921 |
| Non-voted expenditure | - | - | - |
| Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts | - | - | -723 |
| Resource Budget | 14,321 | 14,560 | 14,678 |

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) | 14,321 | 14,560 | 9,921 |
| <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 | - | - | -723 |
| Other adjustments | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Cost (Accounts) | 14,321 | 14,560 | 9,198 |
| <i>Adjustments to remove:</i> | | | |
| Gains / losses from sale of capital assets | - | - | 5,508 |
| 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 | - | - | -28 |
| Resource Budget (Budget) | 14,321 | 14,560 | 14,678 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | |
| Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) | 14,321 | 14,560 | 14,678 |
| 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) | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,942 |
| <i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i> | | | |
| Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts | - | - | -33,067 |
| 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) | 4,000 | 4,000 | -29,125 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | |
| Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) | 4,000 | 4,000 | -29,125 |
| 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: Paul Jenkins QC

Paul Jenkins QC as the Accounting Officer of the HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor 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 HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor.

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 comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies | | | |
| Administration | 60,630 | 58,168 | 47,528 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | |
| Sale of goods and services | 60,630 | 58,168 | 48,251 |
| CFERs | - | - | -723 |
| Programme | 32,000 | 31,000 | 20,559 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | |
| Sale of goods and services | 32,000 | 31,000 | 20,559 |
| Total RfR 1 | 92,630† | 89,168 | 68,087 |
| <i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: recovery of costs from other government departments including costs recovered through legal and administrative services provided, charges for Bona Vacantia work, recovery of costs for tenants in jointly occupied buildings, utilisation of provisions, income in relation to GLS operations, subscription charges, photocopying charges and European fast streamers.</i> | | | |
| Total Operating A in A | 92,630 | 89,168 | 68,087 |

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

| | £'000 | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 2007-08 | | 2006-07 | | 2005-06 | |
| | Provision | | Provision | | Outturn | |
| | Income | Receipts | Income | Receipts | Income | Receipts |
| Proceeds on sale of land and buildings Φ | - | - | - | - | 33,000 | 33,000 |
| Proceeds on sale of fixed assets Φ | - | - | - | - | 67 | 67 |
| Other operating income and receipts not classified as A in A Φ | - | - | - | - | 723 | 723 |
| Total | - | - | - | - | 33,790 | 33,790 |

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

| | £'000 | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Voted | Non-voted | Total |
| Resource DEL | 14,321 | - | 14,321 |
| of which:† | | | |
| Administration budget | 11,624 | - | 11,624 |
| Near-cash in RDEL | 11,921 | - | 11,921 |
| Capital DEL †† | 4,000 | - | 4,000 |
| Less Depreciation ††† | -2,100 | - | -2,100 |
| Total DEL | 16,221 | - | 16,221 |

† 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 £14,321,000 is 1.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2006-07 of £14,560,000 and 14.0 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for 2006-07 of £12,560,000.

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. | 92,630 | 89,168 | 68,087 |

