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# Office for National Statistics

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## Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the administration costs and other expenditure of the Office for National Statistics.
2. The departments' 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 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 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. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

## Part I

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<b>Request for Resources 1: Providing statistical and registration services</b>	<b>137,980,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>137,980,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>129,340,000</b>

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 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
	£	£	£
<b>RfR 1</b>	137,980,000	66,040,000	71,940,000
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	137,980,000	66,040,000	71,940,000
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	129,340,000	70,192,000	59,148,000

## Part II: Subhead detail

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2005-06						2004-05 Provision	2003-04 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
<b>RfR 1: Providing statistical and registration services</b>									
174,291	550	-	174,841	36,861	137,980	9,820	250	156,811	133,575
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Administration (Gross Control)									
174,291	550	-	174,841	35,861	138,980	9,820	250	157,811	134,347
<b>Non-budget</b>									
B EU Receipts									
-	-	-	-	1,000	-1,000	-	-	-1,000	-772
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
174,291	550	-	174,841	36,861	137,980	9,820	250	156,811	133,575

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn
<b>Net Total Resources</b>	137,980	156,811	133,575
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	9,820	33,074	17,235
Less Non-operating A-in-A	250	250	51
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	9,570	32,824	17,184
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-3,000	-1,896	-3,516
Depreciation	-15,500	-13,837	-9,559
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-34
Profit (+) / loss (-) on sale of assets	-	-	51
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-151	-151	136
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-131
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-4,054
Use of provisions	441	441	777
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	-18,210	-15,443	-16,330
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	129,340	174,192	134,429

## Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2005-06. None were received in 2004-05 or 2003-04.

## Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn
<b>Net administration costs:</b>			
RfR 1	138,430	157,261	134,050
<b>Net programme costs:</b>			
RfR 1	-450	-450	-475
<b>Total net programme costs</b>	-450	-450	-475
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	137,980	156,811	133,575
<i>of which:</i>			
<b>Net Resource Outturn</b>	137,980	156,811	133,575
CFERs	-	-	-
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget Outturn</b>	166,980	157,811	134,347

## Notes to the Main Estimate

### Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
<b>Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)</b>	<b>137,980</b>	<b>156,811</b>	<b>133,575</b>
<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	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Cost (Accounts)</b>	<b>137,980</b>	<b>156,811</b>	<b>133,575</b>
<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	772
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	28,000	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)</b>	<b>166,980</b>	<b>157,811</b>	<b>134,347</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	166,980	157,811	134,347
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

### Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
<b>Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)</b>	<b>9,570</b>	<b>32,824</b>	<b>17,184</b>
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	51
<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	18,000	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)</b>	<b>27,570</b>	<b>32,824</b>	<b>17,235</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	27,570	32,824	17,235
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

## Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

### Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

In accordance with 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:** Len Cook, the Director of the Office for National Statistics

Len Cook, as the Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) of the Office for National Statistics has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Office for National Statistics' resource accounts as prescribed in legislation or by the Treasury and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The PAO as the permanent head, in addition to the responsibilities for the assigned RfR, 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 the 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 available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the Office for National Statistics' policies, aims and objectives; and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

## Analysis of appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000					
	2005-06 provision		2004-05 provision		2003-04 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
<b>RfR 1: Providing statistical and registration services</b>						
Fees for searches, verifications and certified copies of register entries	8,776	—	13,241	—	9,928	—
Repayment services	24,473	—	21,713	—	28,735	—
Receipts from the sale of data, publications etc.	1,800	—	9,158	—	2,036	—
Receipts from the EU and other overseas contracts	1,805	—	1,133	—	993	—
Car Leasing scheme for the Registration inspectorate	7	—	5	—	8	—
Sale of surplus assets	—	250	—	250	—	51
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>36,861*</b>	<b>250**</b>	<b>45,250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>41,700</b>	<b>51</b>

*of which: Administration budgets*

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\*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.

## Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

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Details of 2005-06 Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) and Administration budget limits

	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	138,980	28,000	166,980
<i>of which: Administration Budgets</i>	<i>138,430</i>	<i>28,000</i>	<i>166,430</i>
Capital DEL**	9,570	18,000	27,570
Less depreciation†	-15,500	—	-15,500
Total DEL	133,050	46,000	179,050

\* Excludes EU receipts included in Estimates, but excluded in Budgets.

\*\* 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.

† 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.

### Comparisons of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2005-06 of £137,980,000 is 12.0 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 2004-05 of £156,811,000.

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**Notes to the Main Estimate (continued)****Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure**

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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

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	<b>2005-06 provision</b>	<b>2004-05 provision</b>	<b>2003-04 outturn</b>
	37,111	45,250	41,700

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