

Privy Council Office

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the administration costs of the Privy Council Office which is mainly responsible for Royal Charters and Orders in Council; and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the highest court of appeals from certain Commonwealth countries, and for devolution issues arising under the devolution legislation 1998. The Estimate also provides the cost of running the private offices and salaries of the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.

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

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business	4,232,000
Total net resource requirement	4,232,000
Net cash requirement	4,257,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 for expenditure by the Privy Council Office on:

RfR 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business

Administration and associated non-cash items

The **Privy Council Office** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
RfR 1	4,232,000	1,871,000	2,361,000
Total net resource requirement	4,232,000	1,871,000	2,361,000
Net cash requirement	4,257,000	1,868,000	2,389,000

Part II: Subhead detail

£'000

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
RfR 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business									
4,272	-	-	4,272	40	4,232	107	-	4,474	3,433
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Administration									
4,272	-	-	4,272	40	4,232	107	-	4,474	3,433
Total for Estimate:									
4,272	-	-	4,272	40	4,232	107	-	4,474	3,433

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn
Net Total Resources	4,232	4,474	3,433
Voted capital items			
Capital	107	69	121
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	<u>107</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>121</u>
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-10	-9	-8
Depreciation	-38	-32	-27
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-
Profit (+) / loss (-) on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-34	-34	-34
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-
Use of provisions	-	-	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	<u>-82</u>	<u>-75</u>	<u>-69</u>
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	4,257	4,468	3,485

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
Net administration costs:			
RfR 1	4,232	4,474	3,433
Net programme costs:			
RfR 1	-	-	-
Total net programme costs	-	-	-
Total Net Operating Cost	4,232	4,474	3,433
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Outturn	4,232	4,474	3,433
CFERs	-	-	-
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn	4,382	4,624	3,433

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)	4,232	4,474	3,433
<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)	4,232	4,474	3,433
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed from the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
European Union income and related adjustments	-	-	-
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	150	150	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	4,382	4,624	3,433
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	4,382	4,624	3,433
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)	107	69	121
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
<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	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)	107	69	121
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	107	69	121
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: Alex Galloway, the Clerk of the Council

Alex Galloway, as the Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) of the Privy Council Office has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Privy Council Office's 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 Privy Council Office.

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 Privy Council Office's 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
RfR 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business						
Fees and Receipts	40	—	110	—	595	—
Total RfR 1	40*	—	110	—	595	—
<i>of which: Administration Budgets</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>—</i>

*Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from fees levied in respect of appeals and other proceedings before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and (in 2003-04) receipt from the Cabinet Office in respect of a machinery of Government change.

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

£'000

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

	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	4,232	150	4,382
<i>of which: Administration Budgets</i>	4,232	150	4,382
Capital DEL**	107	—	107
Less depreciation†	-38	—	-38
Total DEL	4,301	150	4,451

* 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.

Comparison of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn

The total net resource sought for 2005-06 of £4,451,000 is 5.4 per cent lower than the final provision for 2004-05 of £4,474,000.

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

£'000

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

	2005-06 provision	2004-05 provision	2003-04 outturn
	40	110	95
