

House of Commons: Members

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for expenditure by the House of Commons on remunerating and supporting the Members of the House of Commons in discharging their duties and responsibilities, in the constituency, in Parliament and elsewhere.

2. It allows for:

- payment of parliamentary salaries and associated pension contributions;
- reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by Members (including travel, office costs, staff and equipment);
- payment for insurance;
- central provision of IT equipment;
- provision of training for Members and their staff; and
- other associated costs and non-cash items.

It also provides for financial assistance to Opposition parties and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund.

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

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs	152,689,000
Total net resource requirement	152,689,000
Net cash requirement	151,950,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 for expenditure by House of Commons: Members on:

RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs

Renumerating and supporting the Members of the House of Commons in discharging their duties and responsibilities, in the constituency, in Parliament and elsewhere by funding: payment of parliamentary salaries and associated pension contributions, reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by Members (including travel, office costs, staff and equipment), payment for insurance, central provision of IT equipment, provision of training of Members and their staff, financial assistance to Opposition parties and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund, other associated costs and non-cash items.

The **Clerk of the House of Commons** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
Total net resource requirement	152,689,000	65,034,000	87,655,000
Net cash requirement	151,950,000	64,535,000	87,415,000

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: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs									
-	146,887	5,804	152,691	2	152,689	348	-	144,520	133,902
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Members' salaries, allowances and other costs									
-	146,887	5,804	152,691	2	152,689	348	-	144,520	133,902
Total for Estimate:									
-	146,887	5,804	152,691	2	152,689	348	-	144,520	133,902

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn
Net Total Resources	152,689	144,520	133,902
Voted capital items			
Capital	348	350	234
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-40
Total net voted capital	348	350	274
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	124	130	209
Depreciation	-1,129	-1,500	-1,483
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-
Profit (+) / loss (-) on sale of assets	-	-	-40
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-82	-90	-82
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-857
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	1,437
Use of provisions	-	-	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-1,087	-1,460	-816
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	151,950	143,410	133,360

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	-	-	-
RfR 2	-	-	-
Total Net Administration costs	-	-	-
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	152,689	138,660	128,537
RfR 2	-	5,860	5,365
Total Net Programme costs	152,689	144,520	133,902
Total Net Operating Cost	152,689	144,520	133,902
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Outturn	152,689	144,520	133,902
CFERs	-	-	-
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn	152,689	144,520	133,902

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)	152,689	144,520	133,902
<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)	152,689	144,520	133,902
<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	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	152,689	144,520	133,902
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	152,689	144,520	133,902
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)	348	350	274
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-40
<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)	348	350	234
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	348	350	234
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Clerk of the House of Commons has been appointed as Accounting Officer for the Request for Resources within the House of Commons: Members' Estimate by the Speaker.

Request for Resources 1: Mr R B Sands, Clerk of the House of Commons

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding the House's assets, are broadly in line with those set out in the Accounting Officer's Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in *Government Accounting*.

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 Expenditure Limit	152,689	—	152,689
<i>of which: Administration budget</i>	—	—	—
Capital Expenditure Limit**	348	—	348
Less depreciation†	–1,129	—	–1,129
Total Expenditure Limit	151,908	—	151,908

* 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 £152,689,000 is 5.7 per cent higher than the final provision and forecast outturn for 2004–05 of £144,520,000.

Grants in Aid

The House of Commons: Members Estimate funds grants for financial assistance to Opposition parties (£5,589,000) and the Members Fund (£215,000).