

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.

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.

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

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Members' salaries and allowances†	138,660,000
Request for Resources 2: Grants to other bodies	5,860,000
Total net resource requirement	144,520,000
Net cash requirement	143,410,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2005 for expenditure by House of Commons: Members on:

RfR 1: Members' salaries and allowances:

Remunerating 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 for Members and their staff, other associated costs and non-cash items

RfR 2: Grants to other bodies:

Financial assistance to Opposition parties and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund.

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

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
RfR 1:	138,660,000	60,909,000	77,751,000
RfR 2:	5,860,000	2,425,000	3,435,000
Total net resource requirement	144,520,000	63,334,000	81,186,000
Net cash requirement	143,410,000	62,747,000	80,663,000

†In the Vote on Account RfR1 is described as 'Members' salaries etc'.

Part II: Subhead detail

£'000

2004-05						2003-04 Provision	2002-03 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 and allowances									
-	138,660	-	138,660	-	138,660	350	-	135,354	122,223
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Members' salaries and allowances									
-	138,660	-	138,660	-	138,660	350	-	135,354	122,223
RfR 2: Grants to other bodies									
-	-	5,860	5,860	-	5,860	-	-	5,439	5,238
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Grants to Other Bodies									
-	-	5,860	5,860	-	5,860	-	-	5,439	5,238
Total for Estimate:									
-	138,660	5,860	144,520	-	144,520	350	-	140,793	127,461

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn
Net Total Resources	144,520	140,793	127,461
Voted capital items			
Capital	350	350	1,229
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1,229</u>
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	130	-48	-368
Depreciation	-1,500	-1,603	1,262
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-90	-84	168
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	539
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	80	793
Use of provisions	-	-	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	<u>-1,460</u>	<u>-1,655</u>	<u>2,394</u>
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	<u>143,410</u>	<u>139,488</u>	<u>131,084</u>

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2004-05. None were received in 2003-04 or 2002-03.

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Provision	2002-03 Outturn	£'000
Net Administration Costs				
RfR 1	-	-	-	
RfR 2	-	-	-	
Total Net Administration costs	-	-	-	-
Net Programme Costs				
RfR 1	138,660	135,354	122,223	
RfR 2	5,860	5,439	5,238	
Total Net Programme costs	144,520	140,793	127,461	
Total Net Operating Cost	144,520	140,793	127,461	
<i>of which:</i>				
Net Resource Outturn	144,520	140,793	127,461	
CFERs	-	-	-	
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-	
Resource Budget Outturn	144,520	140,793	127,461	

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)	144,520	140,793	127,461
<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)	144,520	140,793	127,461
<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)	144,520	140,793	127,461
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	144,520	140,793	127,461
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)	350	350	1,229
<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)	350	350	1,229
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	350	350	1,229
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Clerk of the House of Commons, Mr R.B. Sands, has been appointed as Accounting Officer for the House of Commons: Members' Estimate by the Speaker.

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 set out in the Accounting Officers' Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in *Government Accounting*.

Notes to the Main Estimate *(continued)*

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration costs limits

Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	£'000		
	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	144,520	—	144,520
Capital DEL	350	—	350
Less depreciation	-1,500	—	-1,500
Total DEL	143,370	—	143,370

- * i. *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*
- ii. *Excludes EU receipts included in Estimates, but excluded in Budgets*

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

The net resource requirement sought for 2004-05 of £144,520,000 is 2.6 per cent higher than both the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 2003-04 of £140,793,000.

Grants in Aid

The House of Commons: Members Estimate funds grants for financial assistance to Opposition parties (£5,610,000) and the Members Fund (£250,000).