

# Postal Services Commission

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## Introduction

1. The Postal Services Commission (Postcomm) was established as a non- Ministerial Government Department on 6 December 2000 under the Postal Services Act 2000.
2. The token net provision reflects the fact that receipts from licences are appropriated in aid rather than surrendered directly to the Consolidated Fund.
3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.



**Part II: Subhead detail**

£'000

2008-09 Provision						2007-08 Provision	2006-07 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
<b>RFR 1: Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition</b>									
10,037	-	-	10,037	10,036	1	150	-	1	1
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff protecting consumers and promoting competition								
10,037	-	-	10,037	10,036	1	150	-	1	1
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
10,037	-	-	10,037	10,036	1	150	-	1	1

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	150	460	152
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-10	-15	26
Depreciation	-530	-772	-614
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-40	76
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-2
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-	-40	-36
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-137
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	1,924	-1,380
Use of provisions	-	-	226
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>-540</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>-1,841</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,688</b>
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>-</b>

### 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):

	<b>£'000</b>					
	<b>2008-09</b>		<b>2007-08</b>		<b>2006-07</b>	
	<b>Provision</b>		<b>Provision</b>		<b>Outturn</b>	
	<b>Income</b>	<i>Receipts</i>	<b>Income</b>	<i>Receipts</i>	<b>Income</b>	<i>Receipts</i>
Operating income not classified as A in A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-operating income not classified as A in A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	-	<i>390</i>	-	-	-	<i>1,688</i>
<b>Total</b>	-	<i>390</i>	-	-	-	<i>1,688</i>

## Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Administration Costs</b>			
RfR 1	1	1	1
<b>Total Net Administration costs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	1	1	1
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate

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

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</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>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-2
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	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget (Budget)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1	1	-1
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

### Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Voted Capital (Estimates)</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>152</b>
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
<b>Capital Budget (Budget)</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>152</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	150	460	152
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 Resource within this Estimate.

**Request for Resources 1:** Sarah Chambers, Chief Executive of the Commission

Sarah Chambers as the Accounting Officer of the Postal Services Commission 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 Postal Services Commission.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in Chapter 3 of Managing Public Money. 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		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>RfR 1: Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition</b>			
<b>Administration</b>	10,036	9,967	8,762
<i>of which:</i>			
Regulatory licences, fines, penalties and taxes	10,036	9,967	8,762
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>10,036†</b>	<b>9,967</b>	<b>8,762</b>
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: income from postal operators.</i>			
<b>Total Operating A in A</b>	<b>10,036</b>	<b>9,967</b>	<b>8,762</b>

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

### Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

	£'000					
	2008-09		2007-08		2006-07	
	Provision	Receipts	Provision	Receipts	Outturn	Receipts
	Income		Income		Income	
Excess Cash●	-	390	-	-	-	1,688
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>390</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,688</b>

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

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	1	-	1
<i>of which:†</i>			
Administration budget	1	-	1
Near-cash in RDEL	-539	-	-539
Capital DEL††	150	-	150
Less Depreciation†††	-530	-	-530
Total DEL	-379	-	-379

† 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 2008-09 of £1,000 is the same as the final net provision for 2007-08 of £1,000 and the forecast outturn for 2007-08 of £1,000.

### Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 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.	10,036	9,967	8,762

