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# The Statistics Board

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## Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the programme costs and other expenditure costs for the Statistics Board (SB).
2. The department's objective is to promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good.
3. Statistics Board's main responsibilities include: to promote and safeguard the quality of official statistics with reference to their impartiality, accuracy, relevance and coherence with other official statistics; to monitor the production and publication of official statistics; to prepare and publish a Code of Practice for Statistics; to prepare and publish a programme for the assessment of existing and candidate National Statistics against the Code; to confirm or cancel National Statistics designation of these statistics; to govern the Office of National Statistics (ONS).
4. The main responsibilities of ONS, the Executive Office of UKSA, include: collection, collation and dissemination of statistics relating to the United Kingdom's national accounts, balance of payments, retail prices index, 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 professional leadership for statistics across government; development and maintenance of definitions, methodologies, classifications for official statistics; implementing and issuing information from the decennial census of the 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 the World Health Organisation; the Secretariat to the Boundary Commission for England and Wales.
5. Further details of the expenditure contained in this Estimate can be found in the Statistics Board Annual Report and Accounts.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

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## Part I

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<b>Request for Resources 1: To promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good †</b>	<b>210,060,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>210,060,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>210,560,000</b>

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2009 for expenditure by the The Statistics Board on:

### **RfR 1: To promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good**

collection, preparation and dissemination of economic, social, labour market and other statistics; promote and safeguard the quality of official statistics, to monitor the production and publication of official statistics; to prepare and publish a Code of Practice for Statistics; to prepare and publish a programme for the assessment of existing and candidate National Statistics against the Code; and associated non-cash items.

The **Statistics Board** will account for this Estimate.

† In the Vote on Account 2008-09 (HC3) the departmental title was 'Statistics Board' and the title of RfR1 was "Providing Statistical Services".

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
<b>RfR 1</b>	<b>210,060,000</b>	<b>70,916,000</b>	<b>139,144,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>210,060,000</b>	<b>70,916,000</b>	<b>139,144,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>210,560,000</b>	<b>72,102,000</b>	<b>138,458,000</b>

**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: To promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good</b>									
-	233,993	-	233,993	23,933	210,060	21,000	-	175,176	196,754
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Administration								
-	233,993	-	233,993	23,933	210,060	21,000	-	175,176	196,754
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
-	233,993	-	233,993	23,933	210,060	21,000	-	175,176	196,754

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement</b>	<b>210,060</b>	<b>175,176</b>	<b>196,754</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	21,000	27,830	30,699
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	250	3,187
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>27,580</b>	<b>27,512</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-2,940	-3,300	-3,471
Depreciation	-16,500	-21,933	-18,091
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-3,000	-5,640	-30,038
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-4,950
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-60	-67	-55
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-2,228	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	1,000	-
Use of provisions	2,000	8,500	3,746
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>-20,500</b>	<b>-23,668</b>	<b>-52,859</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>210,560</b>	<b>179,088</b>	<b>171,407</b>

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

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2008-09 or 2007-08. None were received in 2006-07.

## Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Administration Costs</b>			
RfR 1	-	175,024	190,970
<b>Total Net Administration costs</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,024</b>	<b>190,970</b>
<b>Net Programme Costs</b>			
RfR 1	210,060	152	5,784
<b>Total Net Programme costs</b>	<b>210,060</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>5,784</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	<b>210,060</b>	<b>175,176</b>	<b>196,754</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	210,060	175,176	196,754
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget</b>	<b>216,060</b>	<b>176,203</b>	<b>191,804</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>210,060</b>	<b>175,176</b>	<b>196,754</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>210,060</b>	<b>175,176</b>	<b>196,754</b>
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-4,950
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	6,000	1,027	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget (Budget)</b>	<b>216,060</b>	<b>176,203</b>	<b>191,804</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	216,060	176,203	191,804
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>21,000</b>	<b>27,580</b>	<b>27,512</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>21,000</b>	<b>27,580</b>	<b>27,512</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	21,000	27,580	27,512
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:** Karen Dunnell, Director of the Statistics Board

Karen Dunnell as the Accounting Officer of the Statistics Board 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 Statistics Board.

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: To promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good</b>			
<b>Administration</b>	-	48,548	48,703
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	-	48,198	48,353
EU Income	-	350	350
<b>Programme</b>	23,933	-	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	23,583	-	-
EU Income	350	-	-
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>23,933<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>48,548</b>	<b>48,703</b>
<i><sup>†</sup> Amount that may be applied as operating 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.</i>			
<b>Total Operating A in A</b>	<b>23,933</b>	<b>48,548</b>	<b>48,703</b>

### Analysis of non-operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>RfR 1: To promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good</b>			
<b>Programme</b>	-	250	3,187
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	-	250	3,187
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>3,187</b>
<b>Total Non-Operating A in A</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>3,187</b>

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

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	210,060	6,000	216,060
<i>of which:</i> <sup>†</sup>			
Administration budget	-	-	-
Near-cash in RDEL	187,560	8,000	195,560
Capital DEL <sup>††</sup>	21,000	-	21,000
Less Depreciation <sup>†††</sup>	-16,500	-	-16,500
Total DEL	214,560	6,000	220,560

<sup>†</sup> 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.

<sup>††</sup> Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and accounts but which are treated as Capital DEL in budgets.

<sup>†††</sup> 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 £210,060,000 is 19.9 per cent higher than the final net provision for 2007-08 of £175,176,000 and 15.2 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for 2007-08 of £182,299,000.

### 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.	23,933	48,798	51,890