

# House of Commons: Members

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## Introduction

1. This Estimate remunerates and supports Members of the House of Commons in discharging their duties and responsibilities, in the constituency, in Parliament and elsewhere.

2. It funds:

- 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 to support them in the discharge of their parliamentary or representative duties, and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund.

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

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## Part I

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<b>Request for Resources 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs</b>	<b>176,800,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>176,800,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>175,300,000</b>

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2009 for expenditure by the House of Commons: Members on:

### RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs

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; financial assistance to Opposition parties to support them in the discharge of their parliamentary or representative functions; 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.

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	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
<b>RfR 1</b>	<b>176,800,000</b>	<b>73,417,000</b>	<b>103,383,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>176,800,000</b>	<b>73,417,000</b>	<b>103,383,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>175,300,000</b>	<b>73,079,000</b>	<b>102,221,000</b>

**Part II: Subhead detail**

£'000

2008-09 Provision								2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
Resources						Capital Non- operating		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	A in A		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs</b>									
-	164,567	12,233	176,800	-	176,800	102	2	169,610	145,800
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Members' salaries, allowances and other costs								
-	164,567	12,233	176,800	-	176,800	102	2	169,610	145,800
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
-	164,567	12,233	176,800	-	176,800	102	2	169,610	145,800

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	102	250	1,200
Less Non-operating A-in-A	2	2	-
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	4,100	4,000	5,004
Depreciation	-600	-500	-697
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-5,000	-2,600	-2,904
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-100	-100	-100
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-
Use of provisions	-	-	-
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>-1,600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,303</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>175,300</b>	<b>170,658</b>	<b>148,303</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 Programme Costs</b>			
RfR 1	176,800	169,610	145,800
<b>Total Net Programme costs</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	176,800	169,610	145,800
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</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>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</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>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</b>
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
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>176,800</b>	<b>169,610</b>	<b>145,800</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	176,800	169,610	145,800
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>100</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,200</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>100</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	100	248	1,200
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

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

### **Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities**

The Clerk of the House of Commons, Dr M R Jack, has been appointed as Accounting Officer for the House of Commons: Members' Estimate by the Speaker.

The responsibilities of the 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 Officers' Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in *Managing Public Money*.

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

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

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
<b>RfR 1: Members' salaries, allowances and other costs</b>			
<b>Programme</b>	2	2	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	2	2	-
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>2†</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
<i>† Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid, arising from: the sale of IT equipment.</i>			
<b>Total Non-Operating A in A</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

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

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	176,800	-	176,800
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	-	-	-
Near-cash in RDEL	175,200	-	175,200
Capital DEL††	100	-	100
Less Depreciation†††	-600	-	-600
Total DEL	176,300	-	176,300

† 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 £176,800,000 is 4.2 per cent higher than the final net provision for 2007-08 of £169,610,000 and the forecast outturn for 2007-08 of £169,610,000.

### 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.	2	2	-

### Grants in aid

RfR/Section	Body	£'000
RfR 1-A	Financial assistance to opposition parties ♥	6,980