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Introduction

1. This Statement of Excesses sets out the amounts of resource and cash that the Government requests Parliament to grant in Excess Votes.
2. Excess Votes are presented if expenditure of resources or cash has exceeded the provision in the Main, Revised and Supplementary Estimates approved by Parliament and authorised in Appropriation Acts.
3. Before any Excess Votes are sought, the resource accounts for each Estimate are prepared by the relevant department. The accounts are examined and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General and laid before the House of Commons. A report by the Comptroller and Auditor General is made on any such accounts where expenditure of resources or cash exceeds the amounts, or falls outside the categories of expenditure, authorised by Parliament.
4. Parliament votes amounts for Requests for Resources (RfRs) that are net of income that a department may appropriate in aid of such expenditure. It separately limits the amounts of such income that may be so appropriated. Together, these amounts represent the gross provision. Parliament also votes a Net Cash Requirement that is net of receipts arising from such income. An Excess Vote must therefore be sought even where sufficient surplus income and, as necessary, associated cash receipts, are available to be appropriated in aid of excess expenditure. In such cases, the Excess Vote is for only a token sum of £1,000.
5. A Statement of Excesses is presented to Parliament towards the end of the financial year following the one to which it relates. Under House of Commons Standing Orders, if the Committee of Public Accounts has reported that it sees no objection to the sums necessary being provided by Excess Vote, the question on the motion to approve them is put without debate. Authorisation of additional resources and issues from the Consolidated Fund in respect of Excess Votes are given legislative authority in the March Appropriation Act.
6. Part I shows the net total amount of Excess Votes. There were three Excess Votes in 2008-09. Part II provides a Statement of Excesses for each Estimate concerned. Part III provides an explanation of the reasons for each excess.

2008-09

STATEMENT OF EXCESSES

Part I	Total net resource requirement	£	23,893,853,000
	Total net cash requirement	£	0

STATEMENT of the amounts required to be voted in order to make good excesses for the year ended 31 March 2009

Part II Summary of 2008-09 Statement of Excesses by Department

Request for Resources (RfR)	Title	Resources		Cash	
		Excess	Amount to be voted	Excess	Amount to be voted
		£	£	£	£
	HM Treasury				
1	Raising the rate of sustainable growth and achieving rising prosperity and a better quality of life, with economic and employment opportunities for all				
	Excess expenditure	23,815,859,000		0	
	<i>Less: (i) Surplus income available to be applied as operating appropriations in aid</i>	<u>7,289,000</u>	23,808,570,000	0	0
	Home Office				
1	Working together to protect the public				
	Excess expenditure	<u>79,094,000</u>	79,094,000	0	0
	UK Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes				
1	Effective management of UKAEA pension schemes				
	Excess expenditure	6,406,000		0	
	<i>Less: (i) Surplus income available to be applied as operating appropriations in aid</i>	<u>217,000</u>	6,189,000	0	0
	Totals to be voted		23,893,853,000		0

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Part III**Explanations**

HM Treasury

Excess expenditure over the gross Estimate provision for RfR1 (Raising the rate of sustainable growth and achieving rising prosperity and a better quality of life, with economic and employment opportunities for all) amounted to £23,815,859,000 of resources.

This resource excess of £23,815,859,000 was as a result of HM Treasury's obligations under the Government's Asset Protection Scheme, introduced as part of a range of measures to reinforce financial stability and increase market confidence. The excess arose because of the need to account for a provision of £25 billion to cover the then expected future losses, but this could not be estimated until confirmation in March 2009 of which banks would be participating in the Scheme. This occurred too late in the financial year to allow HM Treasury to seek additional funding through the Parliamentary Supply Estimate process.

There was, however, surplus income of classes authorised to be used as operating appropriations in aid amounting to £7,289,000. Parliamentary authority is sought to apply the total of this surplus appropriations in aid towards meeting the excess, leaving additional resources of £23,808,570,000 to be provided by an Excess Vote.

Home Office

Excess expenditure over the net Estimate provision for RfR1 (Working together to protect the public) amounted to £79,094,000 of resources.

This resource excess of £79,094,000 was a result of providing for an additional £130 million in back payments owed to police pensioners as a result of a judicial review that concluded in March 2009 that new lump sum commutation factors should be backdated to December 2006. As the Review ruling came in March, it was too late for the Home Office to seek additional funding through the Parliamentary Supply Estimate process.

Parliamentary authority is sought to provide for the excess expenditure by an Excess Vote.

**UK Atomic Energy
Authority Pension
Schemes**

Excess expenditure over the gross Estimate provision for RFR1 (Effective management of UKAEA pension schemes) amounted to £6,406,000 of resources.

This resource excess of £6,406,000 was due to a failure by the UK Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes to seek additional resources to reflect the later transfer of some staff to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Pension Scheme than originally envisaged at the time of the Main Estimate.

There was, however, surplus income of classes authorised to be used as operating appropriations in aid amounting to £217,000. Parliamentary authority is sought to apply the total of this surplus appropriations in aid towards meeting the excess, leaving additional resources of £6,189,000 to be provided by an Excess Vote.



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