

# Annual Report and Accounts 2007–2008



This document is part of a series of Departmental Reports which along with the Main Estimates 2008–09, the document Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2008 and the Supplementary Budgetary Information 2008–09, present the Government's expenditure plans for 2008–09 onwards, and comparative outturn data for prior years.

**© Crown Copyright 2008**

The text in this document (excluding the Royal Arms and other departmental or agency logos) may be reproduced free of charge in any format or medium providing it is reproduced accurately and not used in a misleading context. The material must be acknowledged as Crown copyright and the title of the document specified.

Where we have identified any third party copyright material you will need to obtain permission from the copyright holders concerned.

For any other use of this material please write to Office of Public Sector Information, Information Policy Team, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU or e-mail: [licensing@opsi.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@opsi.gov.uk)

ISBN: 9780 10 295666 5



# Cabinet Office

## Annual Report and Accounts 2007–2008

Incorporating the spring Departmental Report and the  
annual Resource Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2008

Presented to Parliament by the Financial  
Secretary to the Treasury  
pursuant to the Government  
Resources and Accounts Act 2000 c.20,s.6 (4)

Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed  
15 July 2008

# Contents



## Introduction

Foreword by Ed Miliband, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 4

Overview from Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service, Gus O'Donnell 6

Cabinet Office structure 2007–2008 8

Cabinet Office strategic objectives 10

## The story of our year

Timeline of key events and achievements: April 2007 – March 2008 12

### SUPPORTING THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

Supporting effective government policy-making and delivery  
*Economic and Domestic Secretariat, Policy and Coordination* 16

Working together to protect Britain's people  
*Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Policy and Coordination* 22

Adding value through innovative strategy  
*Strategy Unit, Policy and Coordination* 25

Reducing future risk  
*Security, Intelligence and Resilience, Policy and Coordination* 28

Constitutional renewal: our role  
*Propriety and Ethics, Private Offices Group* 30

Transforming public services  
*Transformational Government, Civil Service and Cabinet Office* 32

### TACKLING SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Working in partnership  
*Office of the Third Sector, Policy and Coordination* 34

Rebuilding shattered lives  
*Social Exclusion Task Force, Policy and Coordination* 36

Thinking family  
*Social Exclusion Task Force, Policy and Coordination* 39

### TRANSFORMING CIVIL SERVICE SKILLS AND CAPABILITY

Going the extra mile  
*Civil Service Capability Group* 41

Capability Reviews across government  
*Civil Service Capability Group* 45

### BUILDING A BETTER DEPARTMENT

Our corporate objectives  
*No.10; Government Skills; Civil Service and Cabinet Office Management – No.10 and Civil Service Capability Group* 47

How we've changed  
*Change Team, Civil Service and Cabinet Office Management* 54

Connecting better with our audience  
*Government Communication, Cabinet Office Communication – Civil Service and Cabinet Office Management* 57

## Ministers and Board members

Ministerial responsibilities and ministerial changes 60

Meet the Board 63

## Comprehensive Spending Review 2007

Comprehensive Spending Review 68

Public Service Agreements 70

Cabinet Office Departmental Strategic Objectives 71

Value for Money Plans 75

## Performance Report

Progress against Spending Review 2004 Public Service Agreement Targets 76

Public Service Agreement Targets 77

Efficiency and Relocation Programme 86

Public Administration Select Committee 87

Public Accounts Committee

Cabinet Office Groups contributing towards the Department's objectives 88

Better regulation 90

## Cabinet Office Finances

Overview 93

Public Expenditure Data 2002–03 to 2010–11 95

Financial Review 2007–08 107

## Resource Accounts 2007–08

Introduction by Gus O'Donnell 115

Statement of Accounting Officer's Responsibilities

Statement on Internal Control 116

Remuneration Report 121

Certificate and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General to the House of Commons 128

Primary Statements 130

Notes to the Departmental Resource Accounts 134

## Public Appointments

Non-Departmental Public Bodies 165

Other Office Holders 169