

2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Backing success, investing to increase participation, and promoting creativity

A generous funding settlement for the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS), which will allow continued investment in the arts and cultural sectors, has been announced today by the Government.

This builds on record investment in arts and culture over the past 10 years so that an even wider range of people will benefit from high quality cultural experiences.

This settlement will also help to ensure that DCMS' sectors continue to thrive and flourish, maintaining the UK's reputation for cultural and sporting excellence. It will enable the Department to:

- maintain funding in real terms for arts, museums and galleries, including maintaining free access to national museums and contributing to the Cultural Olympiad;
- deliver an improved offer of five hours of school sports a week for all children aged 6 to 19, in conjunction with the Department for Children, Schools and Families; and
- contribute to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, including a sustainable sporting legacy.

The Secretary of State for Culture, James Purnell said

“Arts, culture and sport are at the heart of the Government's mission to develop talent and provide opportunity for all. Over the next three years thanks to a generous funding settlement we will ensure that these sectors continue to thrive and flourish, maintaining the UK's reputation for cultural and sporting excellence.”

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- This additional investment will be coupled with a series of reforms within DCMS in line with its recent Capability Review and an ambitious value for money reform programme, which will generate annual net cash-releasing savings of £148 million by 2010-11.

Tables

2007 CSR DCMS spending plans. This includes contributions to the 2012 Games.

	£ million			
	Baseline	Additions		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Resource DEL	1,562	63	124	198
<i>of which near-cash</i>	1,374	37	75	114
<i>of which administration</i>	50	-1	-2	-4
Capital DEL	227	819	179	341
Total DEL¹	1,688	870	292	523

¹ Full resource budgeting basis, net of depreciation.

For further details on DCMS's settlement and their Departmental Strategic Objectives over the CSR07 period, please see *The 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review: Meeting the aspirations of the British people* www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/pbr_csr/pbr_csr07_index.cfm

The Government today announced 30 cross-departmental Public Service Agreements, setting out the top priorities for the CSR07 period. For further details on these please see: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/pbr_csr/pbr_csr07_index.cfm

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