
Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England

Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England's Estimate includes one request for resources. RfR 1 – 'To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England' includes staff salaries, general administrative costs and capital expenditure programmes. In addition, this RfR covers expenditure in support of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Northern Ireland Ombudsman, together with cost sharing arrangements with the Commission for Local Administration in England and the Information Commissioner. Expenditure incurred on behalf of these bodies is recovered through appropriations in aid.

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

Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England	24,026,000
Total net resource requirement	24,026,000
Net cash requirement	24,126,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2009 for expenditure by the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England on:

RfR 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England

Administration costs; capital expenditure; providing services to support the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Northern Ireland Ombudsman together with cost sharing arrangements with the Commission for Local Administration in England and the Information Commissioner; and associated non-cash items.

The **Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	24,026,000	10,812,000	13,214,000
Total net resource requirement	24,026,000	10,812,000	13,214,000

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
RfR 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England									
-	24,446	-	24,446	420	24,026	1,600	-	24,426	22,674
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Administration								
-	24,446	-	24,446	420	24,026	1,600	-	24,426	22,674
Total for Estimate:									
-	24,446	-	24,446	420	24,026	1,600	-	24,426	22,674

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	24,026	24,426	22,674
Voted capital items			
Capital	1,600	1,537	4,897
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	1,600	1,537	4,897
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-	-75	-75
Depreciation	-1,900	-1,244	-1,133
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-223
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-204
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-	-53	-45
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-
Use of provisions	400	350	1,355
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-1,500	-1,022	-325
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	24,126	24,941	27,246

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
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	24,026	24,426	22,674
Non-voted	187	187	179
Total Net Programme costs	24,213	24,613	22,853
Total Net Operating Cost	24,213	24,613	22,853
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	24,026	24,426	22,674
Non-voted expenditure	187	187	179
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	24,213	24,613	22,649

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	24,026	24,426	22,674
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Non-voted expenditure in the OCS	187	187	179
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	24,213	24,613	22,853
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-204
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	-	-	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	24,213	24,613	22,649
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	24,213	24,613	22,649
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	1,600	1,537	4,897
<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	-	-	-
Capital Budget (Budget)	1,600	1,537	4,897
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1,600	1,537	4,897
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England (known as the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)) is appointed by Her Majesty by Letters Patent and is ex-officio Accounting Officer for the Request for Resource within this Estimate.

Request for Resources 1: Ms Ann Abraham, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England

Ann Abraham, as the ex-officio Accounting Officer of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England, has agreed with the Treasury that the Accounting Officer duties as laid down in Managing Public Money apply.

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
RfR 1: To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioner for England			
Programme	420	347	369
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	420	347	369
Total RfR 1	420†	347	369
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: charges levied on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, the Northern Ireland Ombudsman, the Commissioner for Local Administration in England and the Commissioner for Information for the provision of Ombudsman and support services; and recovery of costs of staff on loan.</i>			
Total Operating A in A	420	347	369

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	24,026	187	24,213
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	-	-	-
Near-cash in RDEL	22,126	587	22,713
Capital DEL ††	1,600	-	1,600
Less Depreciation †††	-1,900	-	-1,900
Total DEL	23,726	187	23,913

† 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 £24,026,000 is 1.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2007-08 of £24,426,000 and 0.6 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2007-08 of £24,170,000.

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.	420	347	369