

House of Lords

Introduction

1. This Estimate covers the reimbursement of Members' expenses incurred by them for the purpose of their parliamentary duty together with the administrative and accommodation costs of the House of Lords. It includes the payment of staff salaries and pensions, supplies, catering services, the House of Lords' share of the accommodation and security costs for the Parliamentary Estate shared with the House of Commons, financial assistance to opposition parties and grants in aid to Parliamentary bodies.
2. Control is vested in the House of Lords' House Committee, appointed each session. The spending plans provide for a uniform level of the service to House and its Committees.
3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

House of Lords

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Members' expenses and administration, etc.	110,838,000
Total net resource requirement	110,838,000
Net cash requirement	86,720,000

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

RfR 1: Members' expenses and administration, etc.

Members' expenses; administrative and accommodation costs, including staff salaries and pensions; security; stationery; printing; financial assistance to opposition parties; grants in aid to Parliamentary bodies; and associated non-cash items.

The **House of Lords Administration** will account for this Estimate.

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	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	110,838,000	51,385,000	59,453,000
Total net resource requirement	110,838,000	51,385,000	59,453,000
Net cash requirement	86,720,000	50,100,000	36,620,000

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		
RfR 1: Members' expenses and administration, etc.											
-	108,248	9,641	117,889	7,051	110,838	9,825	-	127,674	99,696		
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
A	Administration	-	65,728	5,836	71,564	5,842	65,722	1,001	-	62,396	55,697
B	Works Services	-	45,505	-	45,505	1,209	44,296	8,824	-	41,147	42,951
Spending in Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
C	Administration	-	-2,985	3,805	820	-	820	-	-	24,131	1,048
Total for Estimate:											
-	108,248	9,641	117,889	7,051	110,838	9,825	-	127,674	99,696		

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	110,838	127,674	99,696
Voted capital items			
Capital	9,825	34,350	8,447
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	9,825	34,350	8,447
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-19,621	-16,809	-16,941
Depreciation	-9,666	-31,665	-7,016
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-8,156	-7,302	-7,901
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-110	-110	-107
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	10	15	29
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-50	-100	-1,520
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	350	2,332	398
Use of provisions	3,300	2,949	2,497
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-33,943	-50,690	-30,561
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	86,720	111,334	77,582

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	110,838	127,674	99,696
Total Net Programme costs	110,838	127,674	99,696
Total Net Operating Cost	110,838	127,674	99,696
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	110,838	127,674	99,696
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	110,838	127,674	99,696

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)	110,838	127,674	99,696
<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	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	110,838	127,674	99,696
<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	-	-	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	110,838	127,674	99,696
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	110,018	103,543	98,648
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	820	24,131	1,048

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2008-09 Provision	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	9,825	34,350	8,447
<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)	9,825	34,350	8,447
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	9,825	34,350	8,447
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Clerk of the Parliaments 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: Michael Pownall, Clerk of the Parliaments

Michael Pownall as the Accounting Officer of the House of Lords has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the resource accounts and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, remains in general overall charge of the House of Lords Administration.

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: Members' expenses and administration, etc.			
Programme	7,051	6,469	6,229
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	5,983	5,427	4,082
Pension scheme related income	1,068	1,042	2,147
Total RfR 1	7,051†	6,469	6,229
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: judicial proceedings; private bills; taxation of costs; reproduction of works of art; fees etc; refreshment department sales; rental income; and other charges.</i>			
Total Operating A in A	7,051	6,469	6,229

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	110,018	-	110,018
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	-	-	-
Near-cash in RDEL	73,285	-	73,285
Capital DEL ††	9,825	-	9,825
Less Depreciation †††	-9,666	-	-9,666
Total DEL	110,177	-	110,177

† 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 £110,838,000 is 13.2 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2007 08 of £127,674,000 and 2.6 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2007-08 of £113,806,000.

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.	7,051	6,469	6,229