

Section

Home Office

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Introduction

This chapter provides information regarding the assets owned by the following Home Office entities: the Core Department, its four executive agencies (The United Kingdom Passport Agency, The Forensic Science Service, The Fire Service College, The Prison Service), and those Home Office Non Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) with assets in excess of £100,000:

- Commission for Racial Equality
- Community Development Foundation
- Criminal Cases Review Commission
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority
- The Gaming Board for Great Britain
- Horserace Betting Levy Board
- Horserace Totalisator Board
- Police Information Technology Organisation
- Youth Justice Board of England and Wales
- The Alcohol Education and Research Council

The following NDPBs have less than £100,000 of assets and are therefore excluded on the grounds of materiality:

- The Office of the Data Protection Commission
- The Parole Board
- The Police Complaints Authority

A separate asset listing is shown for each of the six entities, each having been provided by the entities concerned from their own asset information.

The principal aims of the Home Office are to help create a safe, just and tolerant society in which the rights and responsibilities of individuals, families and communities are properly balanced and the protection and security of the public are maintained.

The Core Department deals with the following business areas: criminal policy, organised and international crime, policing, crime prevention, probation service, drugs, victims of crime, immigration and nationality, fire and emergency planning, constitutional and community policy.

The Home Office's four executive Agencies are:

- **The United Kingdom Passport Agency** (an executive agency since April 1991) provides United Kingdom passport services to British nationals in the United Kingdom by amending existing passports and issuing initial and replacement passports. From April 2001, The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) is to be established under the management of the UKPA's Chief Executive, who will also be CRB Chief Executive. The UKPA and CRB will be separate Business Units with their own separate public identities and will publish separate Corporate/Business Plans and separate Annual Reports and Accounts. However, administratively they will be managed within the single Passports and Criminals Records Agency under the oversight of a Supervisory Board and within the context of a single Framework Document.
- **The Forensic Science Service** (a trading fund since April 1999) serves the administration of justice by supporting the investigation of crime and by giving expert evidence to the courts.
- **The Fire Service College** (a trading fund since April 1992) is the central training establishment for the United Kingdom. Its primary role is to assist fire authorities discharge their statutory responsibilities and to help the Home Secretary in the delivery of his responsibility to secure efficient and effective fire services.
- **The Prison Service** (an executive agency since April 1993) serves the public by keeping in custody those committed by the courts. Its duty is to look after them with humanity and help them lead law-abiding and useful lives in custody and after their release.

The Permanent Under Secretary of State, John Gieve, is responsible for administering the Home Office and is the Accounting Officer for the Department. Each of the executive agencies is headed by a chief executive who is directly accountable to the Home Secretary for the agency's operations. The Director General of the Prison Service, Martin Narey is an additional Accounting Officer with responsibility for the Prison Vote. The other chief executives are designated as Agency Accounting Officers.

CONSOLIDATED FIXED ASSETS FOR THE HOME OFFICE

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings £'000	Equipment & Computers £'000	Fixtures & Fittings £'000	Vehicles Vessels & Aircraft £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 1999	4,554,725	217,006	31,253	33,495	4,836,479
Additions	200,385	38,237	2,070	2,289	242,981
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	-38,467	-31,942	-220	-2,385	-73,014
Revaluation	68,039	-6,271	-57	-1,936	59,775
At 31 March 2000	4,784,682	217,030	33,046	31,463	5,066,221
Depreciation					
At 1 April 1999	77,035	130,800	1,014	11,443	220,292
Charged in year	101,613	31,433	700	2,610	136,356
Disposals	-346	-22,221	-191	-1,694	-24,452
Revaluations	3,899	-7,463	16	-769	-4,317
At 31 March 2000	182,201	132,549	1,539	11,590	327,879
Net book value					
At 31 March 2000	4,602,481	84,481	31,507	19,873	4,738,342
At 31 March 1999	4,477,690	86,206	30,239	22,052	4,616,187

The core Department's Freehold land and buildings, were valued in 1997 on the basis of existing use value by the Valuation Office. Details of valuations of assets of the Prison Service and the United Kingdom Passport Agency are provided in their published accounts. Other tangible assets were revalued on the basis of the latest available indices.

INVESTMENTS

	The Fire Service College		The Forensic Science Service		National Milk Records Plc	Total
	PDC £'000	Loans £'000	PDC £'000	Loans £'000	Share Capital £'000	£'000
Balance at 1 April 1999	16,721	9,184	17,971	17,971	1,700	63,547
Additions	0	0	0	11,800	0	11,800
Disposals	0	-4,371	0	-6,189	-600	-11,160
Balance at 31 March 2000	16,721	4,813	17,971	23,582	1,100	64,187

Further information about the work of the Home Office can be found in the "Home Office Annual Report 1999/2000", available from The Stationery Office, telephone 0870 6005522 for general enquiries, 0845 7023474 for orders, and on the Home Office website at www.homeoffice.gov.uk

The Home Office

The Core Department

This section of the National Asset Register covers the asset information available for the Core Home Office as at March 2000.

The following basic rules have been applied in the preparation of this section of the National Asset Register:

- Only those items at or above a capitalisation threshold of £5,000 (including VAT) are registered as fixed assets, except for furniture which is all capitalised.
- An asset is initially valued on acquisition at the purchase cost inclusive of irrecoverable VAT and any associated costs such as installation and transportation to bring the asset into a usable state.
- Assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful life.
- The assets are listed below in line with the asset groupings contained in the Resource Accounting Policy Format.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m	(£000s)
Freehold		
Abell House, John Islip Street, London SW1	Site area 0.41 hectares, floor area 11,714 square metres. Office building constructed on basement, ground and 8 upper floors. The property was comprehensively reconstructed in the mid 1980's around an existing frame to provide air conditioned office accommodation with 34 car parking spaces. Major occupier – Prison Service. Number of staff 730.	19,230
Cleland House, Page Street, London SW1	Site area 0.22 hectares, floor area 11,039 square metres. Office building on ground and 8 upper floors reconstructed in 1984 around an original frame to provide air-conditioned office accommodation around a central light well. Major occupier – Prison Service. Number of staff 515.	15,700

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m	(£000s)
Freehold		
Horseferry House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AW	Site area 0.24 hectares, floor area 13,557 square metres. Office building constructed in a rectangular figure 8 on basement, ground and 7 upper floors around 2 central light wells. Approximately 73 years old. Major occupier – core Home Office. Number of staff 600.	8,511
Crown House, Elizabeth Street, Corby	Site area 0.36 hectares, floor area 3,283 square metres. Part of a 1960/70's town centre shopping and office complex. An 8 storey office building providing mixed open plan and individual office accommodation with central service core and car parking. Major occupiers – Prison Service Supply and Transport, approximately 160 staff, and the Benefits Agency. Number of staff 100.	509
Southwoods Sub Station, Southwoods, Yeovil, Somerset	Site area 0.8 acres. floor area 383 square metres. Two buildings constructed in the early 1950's, a single storey pre-fabricated office and reinforced two and three storey emergency premises built into the hillside. The property is currently unoccupied.	90
Emergency Planning College, The Hawkhill, Easingwold, York	Site area 80.94 hectares, floor area 7,317 square metres. Large manor house with modern extension incorporating auditorium, various annexes and residential dwelling within garden grounds. Number of staff 51.	1,064
Hanger 97, RAF Little Rissington, Gloucestershire	Site area 0.887hectares. floor area 4,404 square metres. Property comprising a reinforced aircraft hanger with ancillary offices. Constructed circa 1945, the building has been converted for use by the Fire Experimental Unit. The property is currently unoccupied.	317

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m	(£000s)
Freehold		
Government Buildings, Bath Road, Harmondsworth, Middlesex	Site area 7.22 hectares. Site comprising an assortment of mainly outdated buildings, some occupied by Immigration Services (as a detention centre), HM Customs and some vacant, plus an area (13 acres) with no building on it. The property is currently being redeveloped.	7,200
Woodcock Hill, Sandridge, St Albans, Herts	Operational site 2.8 hectares, agricultural land 6.9 hectares Secure operational site comprising 9 principal buildings. The majority are single storey and the dominant use is for Police Scientific Development purposes. The buildings are of varying style and age, floor area (aggregate all buildings) 5,107 square metres. Number of staff 87.	1,533
Langhurst House, Langhurst Wood Road, Langhurst, Nr Horsham, West Sussex	Site area 10.9 hectares, floor area (aggregate) 1,123.8 square metres. Former house converted into office use, built around 1900 with later extensions. Various workshops, offices, stores, garages, gatehouse and experimental walls are located within the grounds. Number of staff 29.	524
Fire Experimental Unit, Fire Service College, Moreton In Marsh, Gloucestershire	Site area 0.63 hectares, floor area 1,354 square metres. The property comprises a range of single storey buildings constructed in the last 25 years forming offices, laboratories, workshops and stores. The legal status of this accommodation is under consideration.	

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m	(£000s)
Freehold		
Police Staff College, Bramshill, Hook, Hampshire	Site area 102.4 hectares, floor area 27,076 square metres. Training establishment, focal point is grade 1 17th century mansion house set in extensive grounds. Further student accommodation, teaching and recreational facilities built since 1950's. Number of staff 195. There are restrictions as the grounds of the mansion have Grade II listed status on the DETR register of Parks & Gardens. The grounds are located within the Forest of Eversley Heritage area; the south-east corner has a site of specific scientific interest. There is a scheduled ancient monument just outside the eastern park boundary and Bramshill plantation to the north and heath warren to the east of the park boundaries are designated potential protection areas (for birds).	11,228
Police Training Centre, Grosvenor House, Kennington, Ashford, Kent	Site area 43.25 acres, floor area 13,661 square metres. 3 storey Victorian building, teaching, accommodation blocks, kitchen, dining rooms, gym, swimming pool, staff houses, workshops and stores with landscaped gardens, playing fields, parade ground and car parks. Number of staff 107. There may be restrictions as to 'right of way'	3,011
Police Training Centre, Bruche, Greenway Paddington, Warrington, Cheshire	Site area 8.9 hectares, floor area 15,039 square metres. A collection of one and two storey buildings ranging from pre-war to modern. Site incorporates offices, sports, residential, teaching and ancillary accommodation, outdoor sports areas, parade square. Number of staff 100.	3,148
Police Training Centre, Greenmeadow Way, Cwmbran, Gwent	Site area 38.1 acres, floor area 9,875 square metres. Purpose built single and 2 storey buildings with administration, training, student and staff accommodation blocks, gym, swimming pool, portacabin classrooms with playing fields, parade ground and car parks. Number of staff 62.	2,585

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m	(£000s)
Freehold		
Police Training Centre, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry	Site area 9.5 hectares, floor area 11,450 square metres. A series of individual blocks incorporating offices, teaching area, swimming pool, gym, and residential accommodation, suited to an extensive site. Number of staff 82.	3,564
Police Training School, Yew Tree Lane, Pannal Ash, Harrogate, North York	Site area 8.42 hectares, floor area 8,928 square metres. Large detached former school, built in 1920s with various dwelling houses and classrooms with grounds. Number of staff 111	1,998

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m
Leasehold	
Tynwald, Belgravia, London SW1	Residential house constructed about 45 years ago on basement, ground and two upper floors. There are 3 leases for this property. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amenity room. Date commence 14/01/85. Expiry date 26/09/2053. Current rent: £100. 2. Hobbies room. Date commence 29/09/92. Expiry date 26/09/2053. Current rent: £5,000. 3. Garage & amenity room. Date commence 14/01/95. Expiry Date 26/09/2053. Current rent: £2,000. Number of staff – 1 part time housekeeper.
Clive House, Petty France, London	Office building (used by core and UK Passport Agency) on basement, ground and 7 upper floors, originally constructed around 1950 with little subsequent upgrading. Provides basic centrally heated office accommodation with a large air conditioned public hall on ground floor. Number of staff 400. date commence 30/09/50. Expiry date 29/09/2013. Current rent: £31,300.
Hendon Data Centre, Aerodrome Road, London, NW9	3 floors including computer hall plus offices and land. Approximately 144 staff.
Immigration Office, Passenger Terminal, Newhaven Harbour, East Sussex	First floor accommodation partitioned internally to provide private and general offices. Site area 0.04 hectares, net internal area 368 square metres. Staff numbers 19. Date commence 11/12/73. Expiry date 10/12/2033

Location	Use and Acreage/Size in sq m
Leasehold	
Immigration Office, Passenger Transit building, Parkeston Quay, Harwich Docks, Essex	Accommodation on the ground and first floor of a two storey building which is an extension of the original Victorian railway station. Site area 0.11 hectares, floor area 368 square metres. Major occupier – Immigration Service. Staff numbers 45. Date commence 04/04/1972. Expiry date 03/04/2072

In addition to the above, the core department also occupies other accommodation on a rental basis.

PLANT, MACHINERY AND VEHICLES

Asset Description	2000 No. of Items	(1997)
Plant and Machinery	58	(30)
Motor Cars	225	(257)
Green Goddesses (emergency fire service vehicles)	1068	(1087)
Emergency Planning Land Rovers/Gypsies	11	(11)
Other Vehicles, including lorries, vans, Buses, trucks, tractors.	69	(53)

IT and Communications Equipment

IT Systems

POISE (Planned Office Information System Environment) is the office system used in the central Home Office and its regional offices by approximately 2,500 users. All users have PCs and access to file servers and printers for word processing, spreadsheet, graphics, scheduler and electronic mail.

HONET (Home Office Network) consists of various local area networks (comprising cabling and various networking equipment) in HQ buildings and regional offices connected to a wide area network by routers. It supports POISE, e-mail traffic and access to local and corporate applications. HONET serves the Central Home Office and its outstations and has links to other Home Office offshoots such as IND, Prison service, Forensic Science Service etc.

WORLD TALK is a central "post office" for HO e-mail providing interconnection between various different HO e-mail systems (including POISE, Prison Service, IND) and also providing a gateway to external e-mail services for contacts with police, other Government Departments etc.. About 8,000 staff in the Home Office and its agencies are connected through Worldtalk. The system runs on a UNIX minicomputer and has a number of gateway PCs feeding messages to and from the various local e-mail systems.

BASS (Business and Accounting Strategic System) a commercial accounting system (Ross Renaissance CS) consisting of General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Fixed Assets, Budgeting and Time Recording modules. Mounted on a Digital Alpha platform (250 max concurrent users). Accessed via HONET and IND Corporate Network with 500+ access points.

Immigration and Nationality Directorate Corporate (IND) Network serving 2000 users in IND providing casework and administration systems via 1500 access points.

Port Administration System a minicomputer system with dumb terminals and various peripherals providing the Immigration Service (Ports) with a casework administration system via 150 access points.

Suspect Index System a large minicomputer with around 1000 PC terminals and various peripherals providing the Immigration Service with the means for on-entry control checks.

PIMMS (Personnel Information and Manpower Management Service) a database containing records for 12,000 serving and 7,000 non serving members of staff including core Home Office, UKPA, Forensic Science Service and the Fire Service College. It runs on a UNIX box and is accessed via either the wide area network or locally via POISE. Approximately 30 users throughout the wide area network.

Fire and Emergency Planning Directorate (FEPD) has a network of PCs and PC file servers with associated peripheral equipment providing IS/IT facilities for 120 non POISE FEPD staff in London and regional offices.

Research and Statistics Directorate (RSD) Network; a network of minicomputers, PCs, PC servers and other peripheral equipment providing IT facilities for 250 staff in RSD.

PNC Police National Computer (leased mainframe) and it's backup disaster recovery system DRS (owned mainframe) provides on line service to all UK Police forces and other approved users 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Typical load 3,500 concurrent on line users via 2,600 directly connected terminals and 70 interfaces to local force computers. It holds the national data collections as detailed below:

- Phoenix (names) 5.5m criminal records, 1.3m alias names, 275,000 disqualified drivers, 129,000 wanted or missing persons.
- Vehicles 45m records
- Fingerprints 4.5m criminal records
- Property 60,000 items
- CCA (Comparative Case Analysis) 6,000 complex case records
- Transaction log (on line logging facility) 60m transaction records

Hendon Automation Infrastructure comprising file servers, local area network etc providing IT facilities (word processing, e-mail, etc.) to around 150 staff within the Hendon Data Centre.

Police Scientific Development Branch (PSDB) 122 use Apple Macintosh desktop machines on a Cat 5 structured cable network. PSDB also runs the European Police Information Centre bulletin board, a First Class based dial up system running on Windows NT Server through a firewall.

Police Research Group (PRG) local area network provides a database of the details of research and development in police forces and its desktop publishing system is used to prepare PRG publications and research reports.

Validation and Installation Design Group (VIDG) microcomputer system holds the results from the electro-magnetic compatibility (EMC) tests on the ongoing police vehicle EMC work programme and allows project officers to have up to date information available on both VIDG offices and during meetings with police force customers and vehicle/equipment manufacturers.

Frequency Management Group (FMG)'s DEC minicomputer is used by 10 engineers and administrative staff for the assignment of radio frequencies in the Home Office managed spectrum and the maintenance of radio licence schedules for all users in the Home Office radio spectrum. These are primarily Police Forces and Fire Brigades of England and Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Mental Health Unit Oracle database supports 49 caseworking officers holding approximately 4,000 records for patients subject to restrictions under the Mental Health Act 1983

Animal Scientific Procedures System (ASPS) consists of file servers, wide area network etc providing a database of licences/certificates held under the provisions of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, policy, precedents and scientific information together with IT facilities for around 40 staff in 5 regional offices.

Total value of IT Software £2,089,300

COMMUNICATIONS

Asset Description	2000 No. of Items	(1997)
Emergency Communications Network Radios	1	(167)
Telephone Equipment	654	(626)
Facsimile and Photocopying Equipment	26	(29)
Audio Visual Equipment	130	(91)

OTHER TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	2000 No. of Items	(1997)
Science Equipment: Include items such as fire alarm system, receivers, oscilloscopes, velocity detectors, fibre optic probe, neutron monitor spectrum analyser etc	78	(64)
Kitchen and Other Equipment: Include items such as freezers, cold room, washing equipment mobile catering equipment, franking machines security equipment etc	140	(119)

In addition to the items listed above the core department has a number of items of general office furniture and fittings used in day to day operations of the business.

INVESTMENTS (AS AT 31/3/2000) IN £'000

Investments (including short term loans)

	The Fire Service College		The Forensic Science Service *		
	PDC £'000	Loans £'000	PDC £'000	Loans £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 April 1999	16,721	9,184	17,971	17,971	61,847
Additions	0	0	0	11,800	11,800
Disposals	0	-4,371	0	-6,189	-10,560
Balance at 31 March 2000	16,721	4,813	17,971	23,582	63,087
less payable within one year	0	17	0	191	208
Balance falling due after more than one year					
Total	0	4,796	0	23,391	28,187

* The Forensic Science Service became a trading fund on 1st April 1999, with a PDC and a Long term loan of £17,971,000.

The above figures include a loan of £6 million, made prior to the end of the financial year and which was in transit on 31 March 2000.

Executive Agencies

The UK Passport Agency

The categories of assets reported here are in line with those reported in the UK Passport Agency's Annual Report and Accounts 1999 – 2000. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised when the original purchase price is £1,000 (including VAT) or over. Fixed assets are disclosed at current cost by applying appropriate indices (Central Statistical Office) to each category of asset including new assets in the year of acquisition. Depreciation is charged on all assets beginning with the year of acquisition at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

Treasury guidelines on accounting for capital assets requires a professional revaluation to be carried out every five years and such a revaluation was carried out during 1996/97. The valuation exercise determined that the Agency had no items of Plant and Machinery due to zero value or items now being obsolete.

All fixed assets are depreciated using the straight line method.

Full details of UKPA's fixed assets can be found in the Agency's Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000, available from The Stationery Office, telephone 0870 6005522 for general enquiries, 0845 7023474 for orders.

Land and Buildings

Leasehold

Archive Facility, 10 Tresham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough, Cambridge:
Factory unit of 400 square metres.

In addition to the property above, UKPA also occupies other accommodation on a rental basis.

IT Systems

PIMIS system (Passport Issuing Management Information System): Mainframe system including Linwood terminals, QA readers and passport printers.

Net book value £184,154

Electrical Equipment

Asset Description

Non Networked Personal Computers and Printers

Networked PC Systems (Management Information and Accounting Systems)

Notebook PCs

Queuing Systems Microfilm Units including Readers, Processors and Printers.

X-Ray Post Inspector

Net book value £886,992

TELECOMS

Asset Description	2000	(1997)
	No. of Items	
PABX Telephone Systems	2	(6)
ISDX300 Telephone System	1	
Communications equipment	63	
Total net book value		£93,334

Fixtures and Fittings

Office equipment, furniture and fittings

Total net book value £594,000

In addition to the items listed above the UKPA has a substantial number of items of general office furniture and fittings used in the day to day operations of the business.

The Forensic Science Service

The categories of assets reported here are in line with those reported in the Forensic Science Service's Annual Report and Accounts 1999 – 2000. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised when the original purchase price is £1,000 (including VAT) or over. Fixed assets are disclosed at current cost by applying appropriate indices (Central Statistical Office) to each category of asset including new assets in the year of acquisition. Depreciation is charged on all assets beginning with the year of acquisition at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

All fixed assets are depreciated using the straight line method.

Land and Buildings

Freehold

Chepstow Laboratory, Usk Road, Chepstow, Gwent NP6 6YE: Purpose built scientific laboratory constructed in 1978, extensions 1989/90, total area 1.82 hectares building occupying 3,435 square metres. Number of staff 135.

Net book value £3,461,000

Chorley Laboratory, Washington Hall, Euxton, Chorley, Lancashire PR7 6HJ: Purpose built scientific laboratory constructed in 1970, occupies 0.815 hectares, with buildings covering 3,700 square metres. Number of staff 151.

Net book value £1,402,000

Huntingdon Laboratory, Hinchinbrooke Park, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE18 8NP: Purpose built scientific laboratory constructed in 1980/81, occupies 1.92 hectares, with buildings covering 3,701 square metres. Number of staff 159.

Net book value £3,810,000

Wetherby Laboratory, Sandbeck Way, Audby Lane, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS22 7DN: Purpose built scientific laboratory constructed in 1976, occupies 1.926 hectares, with buildings covering 3,171 square metres. Number of staff 165.

Net book value £1,377,000

Leasehold

Birmingham Laboratory, Priory House, Gooch Street North, Birmingham B5 6QQ: Converted warehouse building upgraded to high space scientific laboratory, occupied since 1968 on a lease to the year 2013, a 6 storey building of 7,228 square metres. Number of staff 417.

Net book value £5,695,000

Birmingham Headquarters, Norfolk House, 3rd Floor, Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham, B5 4LJ: Newly refurbished office building in central Birmingham, occupied since 1998 on a 15 year lease until 2013, one floor of a 5 storey building, 1386 square metres. Number of staff 85.

Northern Firearms Unit, Greater Manchester Police, Bradford Park, Manchester M11 4AA: a small unit in a 7 storey refurbished office. Occupied since 1998 on a 10 year lease, 312 square metres. Number of staff 9.

Net book value £425,000

Oldbury Facility, Jeffreys House, 1 Wharfside, Rounds Green Road, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 2BU: a purpose built industrial building used partly as a store and partly fitted as office and laboratory space. Occupied from 1997 on a 20-year lease until 2017; 1012 square metres. Number of staff 16.

Trident Court, Building 2920, Solihull Parkway, Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham B37 7YN: a new building on a Business Park partly fitted out as laboratory space for support facilities. Occupied from 1999 on a 16-year lease; 2432 square metres. Number of staff 35.

Trident Court, Building 2940, Solihull Parkway, Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham B37 7YN: a new building on a Business Park partly fitted out as high quality laboratory space. Occupied from 1999 on a 16-year lease; 1410 square metres. Number of staff 50.

Trident Court, Building 2960, Solihull Parkway, Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham B37 7YN: a new building on a Business Park partly fitted out as high quality laboratory space. Occupied from 1999 on a 16-year lease; 2045 square metres. Number of staff 50.

Net book value £822,000

West Bromwich Storage Facility, National Archive, Unit C, Doranda Way Industrial Park, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B71 4LE: a purpose built warehouse used primarily as an archive store, occupied from 1999 on a 15-year lease until 2014; 2,231 square metres. Number of staff 4.

Short Term Leasehold

Metropolitan Laboratory, 109 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7LP: Purpose built scientific laboratory occupying 4 floors within Metropolitan Police Service building, initial 10 year lease from 1996, 11,600 square metres. Number of staff 638.

Net book value £815,000

Woodley Office, Suite C, Loddon Vale House, Hurricane Way, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4UX. Initial 6-year lease from 1996, 124 square metres. Number of staff 10.

PLANT, MACHINERY AND VEHICLES

Asset Description	No. of Items	Value £000s
Scientific/Laboratory Equipment	1,661	7,489
This covers the following classes of equipment - Chromatographs, Spectroscopes, Centrifuges, Fume Cabinets, Freezers, Incubators, DNA Amplifiers and Sequencers, UPS, Ovens, Balances, Photographic Equipment and Other scientific Plant.		
Microscopes	565	1,033
This covers the following classes of equipment - Ultra Violet, Florescent, Stereo Zoom, Comparison, Compound, Low Power, Binocular and Camera.		
Motor Vehicles (all cars)	71	295

IT AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Microcomputer System

The Forensic Science Service is served by a PC Network with dedicated servers. These provide the following systems:

Office automation facility – Microsoft Office, 1700 users.

E-mail – FSS network communications 1700 users.

Work Management System (WMS) – scientist caseworker recording of work delivered 900 users.

Sage/Tetra accounting System/Britannia Fixed Asset System – self contained finance systems 70 users.

National DNA Database – intelligence gathering database incorporating several computer systems which hold DNA profiles of arrested and convicted felons or people awaiting court hearing. Profiles are matched against incoming crime stains to provide data to police to effect or eliminate possible criminals and identify series crime.

The hardware used on the PC network includes printers, faxes, servers, telephones, comprises 2,805 items.

Total value of assets (£000s)

4,386

All data and the detailed internal accounting policies relating to The Forensic Science Service's assets can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000, and are available from The Forensic Science Service, Birmingham Headquarters, Priory House, Gooch Street North, Birmingham, B5 6QQ, telephone 0121 6076920.

The Fire Service College

This section of the National Asset Register covers all capital assets owned by the Fire Service College. The Fire Service College only capitalises assets that cost over £5,000, in part or whole. Land and buildings are valued on the depreciated replacement cost basis. Valuations are carried out on an annual basis on a 5 year rolling programme, such that at the end of 5 years all buildings will have had a non-indexed revaluation. Other assets, namely plant and equipment, vehicles and fixtures and fittings, are valued at historical cost and indexed.

Depreciation is not provided on freehold land, but remaining assets are provided on cost or revaluation over their estimated useful lives.

Land and Buildings (including site improvements and fire ground facilities)

Fire Service College, Moreton -in -Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 0RH.

The property comprises a range of single storey buildings constructed in the last 25 years forming offices, laboratories, workshops and stores. Number of staff 7. The Fire Service College was set up as a trading fund in 1992. All freehold land and buildings on the College were transferred to the fund.

Accommodation Blocks 11 standard bedroom blocks – three storey residential buildings comprising bedrooms, communal toilet and bathroom facilities and purpose built 61 bedroom block (bridges house) – residential & teaching block comprising 31 bedrooms, communal toilet and bathroom areas, 2 classrooms and supporting offices, dining room, kitchen and bar.

Value £1,168,000

Bowles House – 3 storey residential buildings comprising 93 en suite bedrooms.

Value £1,514,000

Four Shires Mess Buildings – Stand alone building (S.A.B.) – Dining room, Kitchen, 3 bars, Conference room, 2 Seminar rooms, 2 TV Viewing rooms, Staff restaurant, supporting offices and toilet area.

Value £1,179,000

Sports complex – S.A.B. comprising swimming pool, 4 Squash courts, Multi-purpose sports hall, Conditioning room, Fitness testing room, Rest room, Reception foyer, supporting offices and toilet area.

Value £1,381,000

Fireground Structures – Buildings used for training purposes, their value being re-building cost only.

Value £8,673,000

College Shop – Small stand alone building.

Value £138,000

Administration Blocks – Two storey standard office accommodation with main reception area, and two storey temporary building – standard office accommodation.

Value £1,831,000

Main Teaching Area – comprising Lecture theatre, Lecture rooms, Physics lab, etc.. with communal Munster Bay and service gallery, TV studios and toilet areas.

Value £2,090,000

Library & Chapel – S.A.B. combining both library and chapel

Value £1,133,000

Main Stores Building – standard stores building housing college equipment including linen room. Appliance Bay – purpose built fire appliance building which houses 30 appliances and breathing apparatus equipment. Road Traffic Accident block with 4 classrooms, offices and toilets.

Value £893,000

Workshops, Garages and Wash Bay – SAB purpose built building – comprising workshop, garage, wash bay, storage and office area. SAB vehicle storage building.

Value £642,000

Works Maintenance Building – SAB with administration offices for site contractors.

Value £34,000

Breathing Apparatus School – S.A.B. comprising control tower, lecture rooms, briefing rooms, showers and stores areas, offices and toilets.

Value £809,000

Aviation Training Unit – Temporary S.A.B. comprising 2 classrooms, offices, toilets.

Value £54,000

College Nursery/Flats – SAB – converted use from Occupational Health Unit to Nursery. Self contained flat.

Value £141,000

Staff Houses – 39 4-bedroom semi-detached houses with garages and 1 3-bedroom detached house.

Value £661,000

Land – 300 acre site.

Value £591,000

Site Infrastructures – Gas, Electricity and Water mains, heating system, landscaping, security fencing, street lighting, parking areas and walkways.

Value £1,046,000

Dangerous Materials Stores – 3 SAB for storage of explosives, inflammable materials and acids.

Value £54,000

VEHICLES, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS

Asset Description	2000 No. of Items	(1997)
Motor Cars	29	(6)
Buses and Personnel Carriers	106	(10)
Lorries	2	(8)
Fire Water Tenders and Other specialist appliances	61	(21)
Kitchen and other equipment Ovens, coldrooms, freezers, fat fryers, fridges, Dish/glass/pot washers, vegetable preparation machines, gas rangers, slicers, waste disposal units, electric grills and fryer etc.	86	(66)

IT and Communications Equipment

Main Network

Network consists of 2 Sun servers & 3 NT servers, plus 1 Bull DPX2 and 220 workstations.

Supporting the following systems:

Cedardata CFACS System

Integrated system of financial and management accounting – 24 users

PWA Personnel System

Personnel records, recruitment and training package – 8 users.

SBS Library – Bookshelf Library Management with 24 users.

Tame – Course Booking and Student Assessments – 12 users

Value £91,000

Computer Equipment

VDU's, printers and miscellaneous items used in the day to day running of the business and to provide student IT training.

Value £77,000

Desktop System

Scientia Course Planning System, Fleet Control Software, Vector, Internet, Metify.

Value £59,000

In addition to the items listed above the Fire Service College has a number of items of general office furniture and fittings used in the day to day operations of the business.

The college's Annual Reports and Accounts for 1999-2000 are available from the Stationery Office.
Tel: 020 7873 0011 for general enquiries, 020 7873 9090 for orders.

The Prison Service

Introduction

This section of the National Asset Register covers all capital assets owned by the Prison Service valued at over £5,000 inclusive of VAT. In addition, Furniture and IT assets are included on a grouped asset basis. Assets in the course of construction are capitalised at cost to date. The total value of Fixed Assets and Investments as set out in the closing balance sheet for the Prison Service in the 1990-00 resource accounts was £4,560,800,000.

A Prison Service location can be a site alone, or an individual prison, farm, quarters, training site, college location or a combination thereof.

Land and prison buildings are valued on a depreciated replacement cost basis. Valuations are carried out on a five year rolling programme, with annual adjustments to reflect current costs. Other buildings are valued on an open market value.

Plant, equipment and vehicles are valued at current cost adjusted by an index for inflation. Fixtures and Fittings have been aggregated by location. The value of separate identifiable items (individual table and chairs etc.) do not exceed £5,000 each but the value of the total Fixtures and Fittings of the prison exceeds the minimum threshold. Therefore these are valued at a fixed base amount, adjusted for prison population and adjusted annually to reflect current costs. Investments are valued at their estimated market value.

Land and quarters are not depreciated. Assets are depreciated by the straight line method over their expected useful lives.

Assets are listed in the order set out in the annual accounts. The 1999 – 2000 annual accounts are available from The Stationery Office, telephone [0870 6005522](tel:0870 6005522) for general enquiries, [0845 7023474](tel:0845 7023474) for orders.

Land and Buildings

Freehold

Each establishment is a site which may or may not have any buildings, farms or quarters attached. The detailed table below indicates the total number of establishments and the use of any buildings on site (if any). Residential quarters and farms, although part of the establishment, may not be on the same site as the prison. With contracted out prisons, the Prison Service owns the freehold but the site is operated by the private sector.

Location	County	Prison	Farms & Other Land	Q'ters	Site Only	Other	Comments	Valuation £000	Prisoner Places
Aberford Road (Wakefield)	Yorkshire					*	College	2,115	0
Acklington	Northumberland	*	*	*				45,234	762
Albany	Isle of Wight	*		*				27,141	436
Asford	Middlesex				*		Currently let to local authority	2,000	0
Ashwell	Leicester	*	*	*				16,289	484
Ashworth	Merseyside				*			2,500	0
Askham Grange	Yorkshire	*	*	*				5,996	130
Aylesbury	Bucks	*	*					33,493	424
Bedford	Bedford	*	*					10,815	352
Belmarsh	London	*	*	*				147,470	843
Belmarsh (2)	London				*		Site for PFI Prison	2,000	0
Birmingham	Birmingham	*		*				21,945	734
Birmingham(2)	Birmingham				*		Site for PFI Prison	1,750	0
Blakenhurst	Worcester	*					Contracted out	82,666	647
Blantyre House	Kent	*	*	*				5,572	120
Blundeston	Suffolk	*	*	*				17,311	424
Branston	Staffordshire					*	Supply & Transport Store	5,355	0
Brinsford	Wolverhampton	*						60,182	477
Bristol	Bristol	*	*					37,750	489
Brixton	London	*	*					22,006	746
Brockhill	Worcester	*	*					7,382	159
Buckley Hall	Lancashire	*	*				Contracted out prison	30,374	350

Location	County	Prison	Farms & Other Land	Q'ters	Site Only	Other	Comments	Valuation £000	Prisoner Places
Bullington	Oxon	*	*	*				74,429	773
Bullwood Hall	Essex	*		*				11,498	140
Camp Hill	Iste of Wight	*	*	*				11,145	470
Campsfield House, Kidlington	Oxon				*		Stores and Kidlington Control and Restraint Training Unit	759	0
Canterbury	Kent	*	*					8,745	196
Cardiff	Cardiff	*	*					18,467	525
Castington	Northumberland	*						29,899	430
Channings Wood	Devon	*	*	*				25,713	594
Chelmsford	Essex	*	*					28,206	448
Coldingley	Surrey	*	*	*				23,802	302
Cookham Wood	Kent	*	*					9,597	120
Dartmoor	Devon	*					Leased from Duchy of Cornwall		701
Deerbolt	Co Durham	*	*	*				32,110	483
Doncaster	S Yorkshire	*					Contracted out prison	93,408	771
Dorchester	Dorset	*	*					6,886	158
Dover	Kent	*	*					23,322	316
Downview	Surrey	*	*	*				21,582	327
Drake Hall	Staffs	*	*	*				5,022	295
Durham	Durham	*		*	*		Training Unit North East	34,342	671
East Sutton Park	Kent	*	*	*				4,313	94
Eastwood Park	Gloucestershire	*	*					14,318	288
Elmley	Kent	*						90,679	763
Erlestoke	Wiltshire	*	*	*				13,910	310
Everthorpe	E Yorkshire	*	*	*				18,836	438
Exeter	Devon	*		*				13,842	321

Location	County	Prison	Farms & Other Land	Q'ters	Site Only	Other	Comments	Valuation £000	Prisoner Places
Fazakerley (Altcourse)	Merseyside	*						69,387	611
Featherstone	Staffs	*	*	*				38,676	599
Feltham	Middx	*	*	*				42,634	878
Finnamore Wood	Surrey	*		*			Not in use, decommissioned	1,750	0
Ford	W Sussex	*	*	*				22,223	501
Forest Bank(Agecroft)	Lancashire	*	*				Site for PFI Prison	45,405	0
Foston Hall	Derbyshire	*		*				9,596	174
Frankland	Durham	*	*	*				95,429	655
Full Sutton	York	*		*				114,993	602
Garth	Lancashire	*						64,009	633
Gartree	Leicestershire	*	*	*				26,695	366
Glen Parva	Leicester	*	*	*				39,638	737
Gloucester	Gloucester	*		*				9,109	235
Grendon/Springhill	Bucks	*	*	*				23,162	497
Gringley	Nottinghamshire				*		Site only. Transferred to BEMU Home Office	53	0
Guys Marsh	Dorset	*	*	*				22,832	487
Haslar	Hampshire	*	*	*				7,069	160
Hatfield	S Yorkshire	*	*	*		*	National Dog Training Centre	6,667	175
Haverigg	Cumbria	*	*	*				30,650	395
Headquarters	London			*			Assets for Disposal	2,121	0
Hewell Grange	Worcestershire	*	*	*				5,824	201
High Down	Surrey	*		*				87,574	640
Highpoint	Suffolk	*	*	*				57,338	804
Hindley	Lancashire	*	*	*				23,283	518
Holleley Bay	Suffolk	*	*	*				20,537	467

Location	County	Prison	Farms & Other Land	Q'ters	Site Only	Other	Comments	Valuation £000	Prisoner Places
Holloway	London	*		*				59,150	517
Holme House	Cleveland	*		*				84,055	971
Hull	Hull	*		*				22,754	570
Huntercombe	Oxfordshire	*	*	*				17,228	368
Kingston (Portsmouth)	Hampshire	*		*				11,243	193
Kirkham	Lancashire	*	*	*				26,936	676
Kirklevington Grange	Cleveland	*	*	*				7,817	183
Lancaster Castle	Lancaster	*					Leased from Duchy of Lancaster – Admin Offices	36	220
Lancaster Farms	Lancaster	*		*				87,430	496
Latchmere House	Surrey	*		*	*		Training unit South (within Prison)	7,087	193
Leeds	W Yorkshire	*		*				25,589	797
Leicester	Leicester	*		*				9,165	219
Lewes	East Sussex	*		*				15,725	485
Leyhill	Gloucestershire	*	*	*				36,825	410
Lincoln	Lincoln	*		*				24,673	436
Lindholme	Doncaster	*	*	*		*	Training site, Hatfield	29,062	686
Littlehey	Cambridgeshire	*	*	*				48,074	624
Liverpool	Liverpool	*		*				37,637	1,216
Long Lartin	Worcestershire	*		*				76,059	540
Low Newton	Durham	*		*				7,284	215
Lowdham Grange	Nottinghamshire	*		*			PFI – Prison	27,787	504
Maidstone	Kent	*		*				23,070	550
Manchester	Manchester	*		*		*	Training unit North	81,886	953
Marchington/Dovegate	Derbyshire	*			*		Site for PFI Prison	1,530	0
Moorland	S Yorkshire	*		*				64,522	740
Morton Hall	Lincoln	*	*	*				10,825	208

Location	County	Prison	Farms & Other Land	Q'ters	Site Only	Other	Comments	Valuation £000	Prisoner Places
Mount (The)	Herts	*	*	*				63,652	686
New Hall	W Yorkshire	*	*	*				22,316	327
Newbold Revel	Warwickshire			*		*	College	5,880	0
Northallerton	N Yorkshire	*	*	*				6,266	152
North Sea Camp	Lincolnshire	*	*	*				7,051	215
Norwich	Norfolk	*	*	*				27,969	564
Nottingham	Nottingham	*		*				13,427	466
Onley	Warwickshire	*	*	*				28,386	640
Parc	Gwent	*		*				48,128	800
Parkhurst	Ile of Wight	*		*		*	College	24,806	482
Parklane IT Group	Birmingham			*				89	0
Pentonville	London	*		*				33,008	897
Peterborough	Cambridgeshire				*		Site for PFI Prison	5,200	0
Portland	Dorset	*		*				21,930	516
Preston	Lancashire	*		*				15,917	407
Pucklechurch	Bristol	*		*				27,302	0
Ranby	Nottinghamshire	*	*	*				34,153	714
Reading	Berks	*		*				9,437	203
Risley	Cheshire	*		*				38,633	840
Rochester	Kent	*	*	*				12,674	433
Send	Surrey	*	*	*				15,239	175
Shepton Mallet	Somerset	*			*		Training Unit West	13,265	161
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury	*		*				7,204	311
Stafford	Stafford	*		*				19,167	627
Standford Hill	Kent	*	*	*				20,462	384
Steventon	Oxon	*		*	*	*	Supply & Transport Store	3,250	0
Stocken	Rutland	*	*	*				48,367	556
Stoke Heath	Shropshire	*	*	*		*	Training Unit Stoke Heath	25,015	647

Location	County	Prison	Farms & Other Land	Q'ters	Site Only	Other	Comments	Valuation £000	Prisoner Places
Styal	Cheshire	*	*	*				10,882	412
Sudbury	Derbyshire	*	*	*				19,025	513
Swaleside	Kent	*						66,577	732
Swansea	West Glamorgan	*		*				13,133	251
Swinfen Hall	Staffordshire	*	*	*		*	Training unit Midlands	13,651	319
Thorn Cross	Cheshire	*	*	*				27,589	316
Usk/Prescoed	Gwent	*	*	*				13,122	249
Verne (The)	Dorset	*	*	*				24,703	552
Wakefield	W Yorkshire	*		*				48,159	748
Wakefield College (Love Lane)			*			*	Training site/Being sold	1,411	0
Wandsworth	London	*		*				38,890	1159
Wayland	Norfolk	*	*	*		*	Training unit East	53,195	620
Wealstun (Rudgate)	W Yorkshire	*	*	*				26,543	632
Weare	Dorset	*						7,424	400
Wellingborough	Northants	*	*	*				27,581	481
Werrington House	Staffordshire	*	*	*				9,603	113
Wetherby	W Yorkshire	*	*	*				23,604	360
Whatton	Nottingham	*	*	*				7,618	275
Whitemoor	Cambridgeshire	*		*				115,216	524
Winchester	Hampshire	*		*				12,820	463
Wolds	E Yorkshire	*					Contracted out prison	56,275	360
Woodhill	Bucks	*		*				103,765	672
Wormword Scrubs	London	*		*				60,997	1169
Wymott	Preston	*	*	*				68,013	809
Total								4,360,268	64,148

Change from closing balance sheet 1999/2000 due to subsequent revaluation of estate
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47,732
4,408,000
64148

PLANT, EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS

Asset Class/Description	No of Items	Value £K
Industrial Plant – Engineering & Woodwork	972	2,710
Industrial Plant – Clothing & Textiles	572	1,871
Industrial Plant – Development & Technical	14	28
Industrial Plant – General	494	1,827
Mechanical Handling Equipment	294	1,720
Security Equipment	606	9,334
Works Equipment	528	2,559
Office Equipment	227	566
Miscellaneous Equipment & Artefacts	101	720
Farms & Gardens Equipment	1170	2,462
Telecommunications & Radio Equipment	241	1,397
Computer Equipment	15776	10,543
Kitchen Equipment	3365	9,229
Vocational & Construction Industry Training Equipment	200	346
Hospital Equipment	455	1,231
Education & Training Equipment	107	362
Laundry Equipment	866	3,716
Physical Education Equipment	266	345
Religious Equipment	91	100

FIXTURES & FITTINGS

Asset Class/Description	No of Items	Value £K
Furniture & Equipment	295	30,626

VEHICLES

Asset Class/Description	No of Items	Value £K
Cars	372	2,238
Vans & Trailers	457	2,564
Heavy Goods Vehicles	208	2,769
Total	27,677	89,300

Cars are distributed throughout the Prison Service Estate and are used mainly for escort and security duties.

INVESTMENTS

Asset Class/Description	No of Items	Value £K
Dairy Crest/National Milk Records plc/ Genus Ltd/Milk Marquee: Shares/certificate of entitlement	5	100
Milk quota	1	1,000
Total	6	1,100
Total Tangible Fixed Assets – Land & Buildings		4,408,000
Total Tangible Fixed Assets – Plant & Machinery		89,300
Total Intangible Fixed Assets		0
Total Investments		1,100
Total Fixed Assets		4,498,400
31/3/2000 BALANCE SHEET		4,560,800

Note: Balance sheet total includes £62.4K for assets under construction. These are not included on the Fixed Asset Register.

Non Departmental Public Bodies

This section of the National Asset Register covers those assets recorded as fixed assets and investments by those Home Office Executive Non Departmental Public Bodies and Public Corporations whose assets have a value in excess of £100,000. These are:

The Alcohol Education and Research Council is responsible for administering the Alcohol Education and Research Fund which was created as a charitable foundation under the Licensing (Alcohol Education and Research) Act 1981. The Fund is available to finance projects within the United Kingdom for education and research and for novel forms of help to those with drinking problems including offenders. The Fund may be used to aid other charitable organisations having similar purposes.

The assets shown below was extracted from the balance sheet at 31 March 2000 and the associated Notes to the Accounts as published in the AERC's Annual report for the year 1999 – 2000 and Statement of Accounts, available from the Stationery Office.

LISTED INVESTMENTS (AS AT 31/3/2000) IN £'000S

	Market Value Cost			
	2000	(1997)	2000	(1997)
British Government stocks	2,706	(2,647)	2,668	(2,596)
Equities, unit trusts and convertible loan stock	8,299	(4,690)	6,822	(4,237)
Cash awaiting re-investment	664	(915)	664	(915)
Total	£11,669	(8,252)	£10,154	(7,748)

For further information contact:

AERC, Room 520,
Clive House,
Petty France,
London SW1H 9HD

Telephone: 020 7271 8379/8337

The Commission for Racial Equality came into existence under the Race Relations Act 1977. It is required to work towards the elimination of racial discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups generally, and to keep the Race Relations Act under review and to draw up and submit to the Secretary of State proposals for amending the Act.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Furniture and other equipment	51
Computer equipment	323
Total tangible fixed assets	374

The Commission's annual reports can be obtained from the Commission's head office at Elliot House in Victoria London. Copies of the audited accounts can be obtained from the Stationery Office.

The Community Development Foundation strengthens communities by ensuring the effective participation of people in determining the conditions which affect their lives. Its role is to convince policymakers, mainly in central and local government, of the value of building strong communities. The Community Development Foundation provides support for community initiatives, including demonstration projects. It gathers information about what works in the community and gives advice to policymakers at national, regional and local level. Community Development Foundation provides services to central government departments, local authorities GORs, RDAs, Scottish Executive and Parliament, Wales Assembly, Voluntary Organisations, Community sector, Corporate sector, Academics and individuals. These organisations benefit from expert knowledge on how communities function and the best methods of building their capacity. This enables programmes to be well constructed, avoids wasteful and unnecessary expenditure and enhances outcomes. Organisations are also put in touch with similar groups in the same area or subject to allow information exchange and avoid duplication

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Furniture and other equipment	202
Computer equipment	31
Total tangible fixed assets	233

The Criminal Cases Review Commission was established under the Criminal Appeal Act 1995, to assume the responsibilities for reviewing suspected miscarriages of criminal justice and referring these to the appropriate Court of Appeal.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Refurbishment costs	515
Furniture and other equipment	167
Computer equipment	307
Total fixed assets	987

Further information is contained in the Criminal Cases Review Commission's Annual Report which contain the Accounts for the year ended 31/3/ 2000, available from the Stationery Office.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) administers both the Common Law Damages Scheme and the Tariff based Scheme for payments of compensation to victims of crime and of violence. Assets with a value of £100 and over are recorded on the CICA's asset register. In the main these comprise office equipment and IT equipment. The Authority's computer system is PC based, networked between 4 users.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Furniture and other equipment	128
Computer equipment	434
Total fixed assets	562

Further information is contained in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board's Annual Report which contain the Accounts for the year ended 31/3/ 2000, available from the Stationery Office.

Gaming Board for Great Britain was established under section 10 of the Gaming Act 1968 to keep under review the extent and character of gaming in Great Britain, in particular the extent, character and location of gaming facilities. The Board also has responsibilities in relation to lotteries under the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Furniture and other equipment	91
Computer equipment	45
Total tangible fixed assets	136

The Gaming Board's Accounts for 1999/2000 are published as an appendix in the Report of the Gaming Board, available from the Stationery Office.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board is a corporate body, operating in accordance with the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (as amended). It is charged with the duty of assessing and collecting monetary contributions from bookmakers and the Horserace Totalisator Board, and with applying them for the purposes conducive to any one or more of the improvement of breeds of horses, the advancement or engagement of veterinary science or veterinary education, the improvement of horseracing.

The assets shown below was extracted from the balance sheet at 31 March 2000 and the associated Notes to the Accounts as published in the Horserace Betting Levy Board's Annual Report for the year 1999 – 2000 and Statement of Accounts, available from the Stationery Office.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	2000 £'000	1997 £'000
Land and buildings		
Board		1,896
Group	10,587	13,326
Short leasehold premises		
Board	6	96
Group		96
Furniture, IT and other equipment		
Board	598	569
Group	1,768	2,333
Vehicles		
Board	121	59
Group	40	109
Total tangible fixed assets	13,119	18,484
Investments		
Loans due in more than 1 year	34,625	13,772
Total Fixed Assets	47,744	32,256

The National Stud is an undertaking which was transferred to the Board from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 1 April 1963. The National Stud stands high class and commercial stallions and makes nominations to such stallions available to the owners of mares with the purpose of maintaining the high standard of the English thoroughbred horse.

The terms under which the National Stud is held by the Board include the following:

- The National Stud must be held as an identifiable asset.
- The Board may not appropriate profits made by the National Stud.
- The Board will regard the making good of working losses in any year of the National Stud as a purpose of the levy.

The financial statements of the National Stud, which are not included in the financial statements of the Board and Group, are set out separately in the Board's Annual Report.

The Horserace Totalisator Board was created by Act of Parliament in 1928. It is a commercially managed organisation whose joint aims are to provide a full betting service to its customers and financial support to horseracing. The Government intends to sell the Tote to Racing, when the Parliamentary timetable permits.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	2000 £'000	1997 £'000
Land and buildings	9,553	8,881
Furniture, IT and other equipment	16,006	11,803
Total tangible fixed assets	25,559	20,684

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	2000 £'000	1997 £'000
Betting office licences	69,860	27,053

INVESTMENTS

Asset Description	2000 £'000	1997 £'000
Equities and convertible loan stock	4,779	4554

This represents the Board's investment in Satellite Information Services (Holdings) Limited which was revalued by the Board at 31st March 1994. Its historical cost is £1,689,000.

INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

Share of net assets	222	(485)
Loans	0	1,100
Total	222	615

This represents the Board's interest in the issued ordinary share capital and promissory notes of Tote Direct Limited, a company registered in England.

Total Fixed Assets	100,420	52,906
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The asset information shown was extracted from the Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000, which is available from: [Head Office, 74 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 2SU.](#)

Police Information Technology Organisation's role is to develop national IT support for the police: co-ordinate the development of local police IT systems and provide procurement services to the police across a wide range of goods and services.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Land and buildings	10,655
Furniture and other equipment	978
Cars	10
Computer equipment	1,686
Total tangible fixed assets	13,329

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Application software	2,006
Total Fixed Assets	15,335

The Youth Justice Board of England and Wales was established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It is responsible for advising the Home Secretary on the operation of the youth justice system in delivering it's aim to preventing offending by young people, and on drawing up standards for the work of youth offending teams and juvenile estate, monitoring and publishing performance indicators. It monitors the operation and performance of the youth justice system, youth court, work of the offending teams and the delivery of secure accommodation.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Asset Description	£'000
Furniture and other equipment	21
Computer equipment	151
Leasehold improvements	190
Total tangible fixed assets	362

Charity Commission

Introduction

The Charity Commission's powers originate from statute. The department provides the legal framework, authority, support and advice necessary to secure the efficient and effective administration of charities. Its main activities are determining charitable status, maintenance of the Register of Charities, monitoring of charities and, where appropriate, investigation where charitable funds may be at risk.

The department employs 550 staff at 3 office sites and has an annual vote of around £22million.

The department's fixed asset policies were established in July 1996. The policies prescribe a capitalisation threshold of £1000 for all tangible assets. The department owns no land or buildings. The department has no vehicles or historic assets.

None of the individual assets is of significant value. The total value of fixed assets as recorded in the 1999/2000 balance sheet is £471,000.

Departmental Asset Register

- Computer hardware, including Department wide network of PCs and associated equipment. Used to provide Inter/Intranet facilities, Charity Database system, Case Management System, general office facilities and administration facilities.
- a small number of office machines e.g. photocopiers and fax

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	IT Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
At 1 April 1999	924	135	1,059
Additions	318	20	338
Revaluation	(110)	(14)	(124)
At 31 March 2000	1,132	141	1,273

Depreciation

At 1 April 1999	539	67	606
Charged in year	222	28	250
Revaluation	(48)	(6)	(54)
At 31 March 2000	713	89	802

Net book value

At 31 March 2000	419	52	471
At 31 March 1999	385	68	453

Changes since the last National Asset Register

Home Office

Sirius

The £350 million Programme, funded by the Public Finance Initiative, will take responsibility for operating and keeping up to date the Home Office's IT and telephony. The most important thing though is how the Partnership applies the technology to the way the Home Office works. Together the Home Office and Sirius will identify new processes and new ways of working and the IT to make them happen. These changes will make the Home Office more effective in delivering its Aims and meeting targets. It will also make life easier for staff by reducing the time spent on frustrating and inefficient processes and help deliver the commitment the Home Office has made to increase productivity.

Over the 10-year life span of the Sirius Programme, it will develop the Home Office's email, Intranet, Extranet and telephone voice services, 4,800 desktops and help move towards delivering the Home Office's aim of providing 100% electronic delivery by 2005.

Sirius is the purpose built consortium that will deliver the Sirius Programme to the Home Office. The consortium, led by e-Business services company ICL, brings in the management skills of PricewaterhouseCoopers and the telecoms know-how of Global Crossing.

FIXED ASSET ACQUISITIONS

1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000
N/A	N/A	598	28,268	505	14,958

All significant assets greater than £1m the Home Office has acquired between 1997-98 and 1999-00 have been land and buildings:-

	£'000	Acquisition date
STC Hassockfield	7,765	February 1998
STC Rainsbrook	6,710	April 1998
STC Medway	7,230	April 1998

FIXED ASSET DISPOSALS

1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000
N/A	N/A	1,017	16,677	326	661

FIXED ASSET DISPOSALS (GREATER THAN £100K)

All disposals in this category:

	Receipts £'000	Disposal Date
Days Lane, Bedford	413	October 1998
Bridgeend Service Centre	302	January 1998
Hope Cove, Devon	120	May 2000

Leasehold

Immigration Service, Garrison Point, Sheerness, Kent: vacated on lease expiry date 31/12/1998.

Future disposals

Site for Secure Training Centre, Gringley, Gringley on the Hill: land and buildings.

No current valuation. The property is being sold, with the intention of gaining planning permission for housing development. There are no staff. The property was purchased from the Prison Service and is now the responsibility of the Youth Justice Board.

Poltimore – this property is in the process of being sold.

The United Kingdom Passport Agency

ASSETS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

	Value (£)
IT server	£29,155
Building refurbishment	£698,000

Prison service

FIXED ASSET ACQUISITIONS

1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000
2110	15,267	2099	26,857	602	98,400

All significant assets greater than £1m the Prison Service has acquired between 1997-98 and 1999-00 have been land and buildings:

	£'000	Acquisition date
Lowdham Grange Buildings	27,787	February 1998
Belmarsh (2) site	2,000	April 1998
Birmingham (2) site	1,750	April 1998
Marchington site	1,530	April 1998
Peterborough site	5,200	April 1998
Ashford site	2,000	April 1999
Weare Prison ship	7,424	April 1999
Pucklechurch Buildings	27,302	November 1999

FIXED ASSET DISPOSALS

1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000	Items	Value £'000
113	10,900	693	24,900	735	17,760

FIXED ASSET DISPOSALS (GREATER THAN £100K)

All disposals in this category were Prison buildings/quarters:

	Receipts £'000	Disposal Date
154 London Road	120	March 2000
1 Acacia Road	180	March 2000
98A Pavillion Gdns	125	March 2000
9 Terrace Road	168	March 2000
12 The Almonds	141	March 2000
21 Barnsbury Square	225	March 2000
47 Netherby Park	253	March 2000
8 Wesley Avenue	131	March 2000

Future Disposals

The only assets currently planned for future disposal where the proceeds would be in excess of £100K are Quarters.

Charity Commission

No significant acquisitions or disposals have taken place. However, with the agreement of NAO, office furniture has been expensed with effect from the 1999/2000 accounts.

