
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

Introduction

1. The Estimate for 2006-07 consists of two Requests for Resources:

RFR1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions

RFR2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework

2. This Estimate provides for expenditure by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on Housing, Homelessness, Planning, the Communities Plan, Neighbourhood Renewal, Local and Regional Government, Fire, Civil Resilience and related administration costs.

3. The resources requested are used to meet the Office's five strategic priorities, details of which can be found in Chapter 1 of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Annual Report 2006 (Cm 6816). Chapter 3 in the Departmental Annual Report (DAR) reports on progress made in delivery of targets that support the Office's five strategic priorities and Chapter 4 details how the resources are managed.

4. Both requests for resources include provision for three executive agencies, thirteen executive and four advisory non-departmental public bodies, Ordnance Survey and the administration of nine government offices. Chapter 5 of the DAR provides further information relating to strategic priorities and achievements of the agencies and non-departmental public bodies.

5. Further, more detailed information, will be provided in tables throughout the DAR.

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

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions	8,685,198,000
Request for Resources 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework	23,372,915,000
Total net resource requirement	32,058,113,000
Net cash requirement	32,068,455,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2007 for expenditure by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on:

RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions

housing revenue account subsidy; homelessness and rough sleepers; payments to the Housing Corporation; payments to the Audit Commission for registered social landlord inspections; disabled facilities grant; best value in housing; home selling; procurement efficiency and social housing; payments to local authorities in respect of Local Area Agreements; rent and leasehold services; national approved letting scheme; social housing mobility including choice-based local authority lettings; council tenant participation; housing transfers; regional housing boards advice; payments to Housing Action Trusts; the Supporting People programme; capital grants to local authorities for housing; Local Authority Social Housing Grant transitional compensation; payments to the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment; payments to the Academy for Sustainable Communities; Housing Improvement Agencies; charges by Valuation Offices in respect of Right to Buy; refurbishment and acquisition of gypsy sites; deprived neighbourhoods, including the New Deal for Communities programmes; payments to the Urban Regeneration Agency; payments to the Department of Trade and Industry for Regional Development Agencies and the London Development Agency; Groundwork; initiatives to accelerate the growth areas, including payments to development corporations and other local delivery agencies; grants and payments for creating and improving parks and public spaces; co-ordinating strategy for dealing with abandoned vehicles; payments that derive from European Structural Funds Regulations; exchange rate losses and other losses relating to European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) projects; Combined Universities of Cornwall; coalfields regeneration; planning; the Planning Inspectorate; fire and rescue services, including grants paid to Chief Fire Officers' Association and measures to deal with the aftermath of terrorism; purchase of fire radio systems; payments and loans to the Fire Service College (trading fund); Emergency Fire service Closure costs; fire service pensions; fire service dispute(s); payments to Firebuy; mapping data and services; Ordnance Survey trading fund; regional assemblies, payments for the Mersey Basin Campaign; special grants paid under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;

special grants paid under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003; minor grants and payments in support of housing, planning, regeneration, liveability, urban design, building regulation, research, development, surveys; monitoring, statistics, advice and consultancies; initiatives to tackle areas of low demand housing; publicity, promotion and publications; communications; Special Grants Programme support to voluntary bodies; subscriptions and contributions to international organisations; the Deputy Prime Minister's chairmanship of Ministerial Committees; co-ordination of cross-cutting issues including social exclusion; the residual functions of Property Services Agency (PSA); residual payments concerning the privatisation of the Building Research Establishment; payments and loans in connection with the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre trading fund; the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit; the Teenage Pregnancy Unit; the administration and operation of the Office; providing for the administration of the Government Offices; the purchase, acquisition, hire, lease and rent of land, buildings, plant, equipment, machinery, vehicles and capital assets; research; housing statistics, special payments; and associated non-cash items.

Part I

RfR 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework

payments to the Valuation Office Agency for rating and valuation services; payments to the Audit Commission for Best Value inspections; revenue support grant and redistributed non-domestic rates to receiving authorities in England; repayments of excess contributions made by local authorities in respect of non-domestic rates in 2005-06 and previous years; preparation for the Greater London Authority and related bodies; Greater London Authority (GLA) general grant; intervention action and capacity building in local authorities; local Public Service Agreement (PSA) performance fund payments; special grants paid under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003; Best Value grants to Parish Councils; grants to beacon councils; emergency financial assistance to local authorities; payments to bodies specified by the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, as amended, and to the Commission for Local Administration in England; mapping and other costs associated with local government reviews and revisions to administrative and electoral boundaries following Parish and Electoral Commission reviews; grant in aid to the Standards Board for England and to Valuation Tribunal Service; payments in respect of the capital element of contracts let under the private finance initiative; research, development, surveys, monitoring, statistics, advice and consultancies; publicity, promotion and publications; special payments; subscriptions to the Commonwealth Local Government forum and associated non-cash items.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	8,685,198,000	3,873,373,000	4,811,825,000
RfR 2	23,372,915,000	9,258,425,000	14,114,490,000
Total net resource requirement	32,058,113,000	13,131,798,000	18,926,315,000
Net cash requirement	32,068,455,000	13,171,458,000	18,896,997,000

Part II: Subhead detail

										£'000	
2006-07 Provision								2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn		
Resources						Capital Non- operating A		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources		
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	in A	9	10		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions											
316,439	1,015,975	7,559,512	8,891,926	206,728	8,685,198	44,178	107	8,713,567	8,561,180		
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
A	Housing Supply and Demand										
2,625	97,103	64,975	164,703	9,491	155,212	4,644	-	97,051	85,997		
B	Decent Places To Live										
-	5,729	35,835	41,564	-	41,564	-	-	87,402	136,406		
C	Tackling Disadvantage										
-	33,972	40,197	74,169	-	74,169	-	-	143,655	142,954		
D	Better Services										
1	107,370	5,815	113,186	5,742	107,444	15,610	25	80,891	82,803		
E	Development of English Regions										
-	520	1,269,562	1,270,082	-	1,270,082	-	-	1,230,561	1,189,582		
F	Central Administration										
202,243	25,826	-	228,069	30,246	197,823	21,064	-	218,384	195,364		
G	Government Office Administration										
111,570	-	-	111,570	10,000	101,570	2,860	-	139,873	141,412		
H	European Structural Funds - net										
-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-		
I	European Structural Funds -ODPM										
-	2,000	2	2,002	-	2,002	-	-	5,294	2,024		
J	Ordnance Survey										
-	-	1,320	1,320	1,340	-20	-	-	-20	1,296		
K	Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency										
-	-	-	-	1,409	-1,409	-	82	-1,289	-1,000		
<i>Support for Local Authorities</i>											
L	Housing Supply and Demand										
-	-	641,199	641,199	-	641,199	-	-	640,252	517,898		
M	Decent Places to Live										
-	-	12,830	12,830	145,000	-132,170	-	-	-58,422	-17,434		

Part II: Subhead detail

										£'000	
2006-07 Provision										2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Resources							Capital Non- operating A in A		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources	
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non- operating A in A	Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
N	Tackling Disadvantage	-	-	2,348,507	2,348,507	-	-	2,221,289	2,310,453		
O	Better Services	-	-	43,806	43,806	-	-	34,563	47,377		
P	Development of English Regions	-	-	286,721	286,721	1,500	-	272,663	279,713		
Q	European Structural Funds - net	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-		
Spending in Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
R	Decent Places to Live	-	743,521	-	743,521	-	-	804,367	710,222		
S	Better Services	-	-66	116	50	-	-	50	33		
<i>Support for Local Authorities</i>											
<i>Housing Supply and Demand</i>											
		-	-	-	-	-	-	18,800	17,500		
T	Better Services	-	-	148,000	148,000	-	-	-	-		
Non-Budget											
U	Housing Supply and Demand	-	-	2,042,825	2,042,825	2,000	-	2,162,198	2,108,320		
	<i>European Structural Funds - ODPM</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		
V	Better Services	-	-	1,800	1,800	-	-	1	-		
W	Decent Places To Live	-	-	616,000	616,000	-	-	616,000	610,260		

Part II: Subhead detail

										£'000	
2006-07 Provision										2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Resources						Capital Non- operating A in A		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources		
Admin 1	Other Current 2	Grants 3	Gross Total 4	A in A 5	Net Total 6	Capital 7	8	9	10		
RfR 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework											
-	197,070	23,176,310	23,373,380	465	23,372,915	-	-	47,242,061	43,948,482		
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
A	Valuation services										
-	169,821	-	169,821	-	169,821	-	-	193,450	162,757		
B	Best value inspection subsidies to Public Corporations & best value intervention costs										
-	22,720	-	22,720	-	22,720	-	-	23,187	25,515		
C	Local Government Research and Publicity, MAPPING costs and Electoral law										
-	3,904	-	3,904	465	3,439	-	-	7,885	4,281		
D	Local Governance										
-	625	-	625	-	625	-	-	33	74		
<i>Support for Local Authorities</i>											
E	Revenue support grants										
-	-	3,877,866	3,877,866	-	3,877,866	-	-	27,151,321	27,433,196		
F	Non-domestic Rates Payments										
-	-	17,500,000	17,500,000	-	17,500,000	-	-	18,000,000	15,000,000		
G	London Governance										
-	-	37,868	37,868	-	37,868	-	-	37,493	36,328		
H	Other Grants and Payments (resource grants)										
-	-	1,019,033	1,019,033	-	1,019,033	-	-	1,152,968	804,782		
	<i>Other Grants and Payments (capital grants)</i>										
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700		
Spending in Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)											
<i>Support for Local Authorities</i>											
I	Non-domestic Rates Outturn Adjustments and LABGIS										
-	-	720,000	720,000	-	720,000	-	-	655,000	460,861		
Non-Budget											
J	Non-departmental public bodies										
-	-	21,543	21,543	-	21,543	-	-	20,724	19,988		
Total for Estimate:											
316,439	1,213,045	30,735,822	32,265,306	207,193	32,058,113	44,178	107	55,955,628	52,509,662		

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	32,058,113	55,955,628	55,509,662
Voted capital items			
Capital	44,178	90,947	53,086
Less Non-operating A-in-A	107	2,720	33
Total net voted capital	44,071	88,227	53,053
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-7,166	-4,919	3,193
Depreciation	-32,370	-23,505	-34,848
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-8,223	-6,422	-6,378
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-76
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	2,025	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	61,086	-
Use of provisions	14,030	17,391	10,423
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-33,729	45,656	-27,686
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	32,068,455	56,089,511	52,535,029

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

In addition to appropriations in aid the following income relates to the Department and is payable to the Consolidated Fund (cash receipts being shown in italics):

	£'000					
	2006-07		2005-06		2004-05	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>
Operating income not classified as A in A	2,193,338	<i>2,191,549</i>	2,364,916	<i>2,364,927</i>	2,405,098	<i>2,405,098</i>
Non-operating income not classified as A in A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,193,338	<i>2,191,549</i>	2,364,916	<i>2,364,927</i>	2,405,098	<i>2,405,098</i>

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Administration Costs			
RfR 1	286,784	335,812	312,203
RfR 2	-	-	-
Total Net Administration costs	286,784	335,812	312,203
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	6,205,076	6,012,839	5,840,485
RfR 2	23,372,915	47,242,061	43,948,482
Non-voted	-	-	3,394
Total Net Programme costs	29,577,991	53,254,900	49,792,361
Total Net Operating Cost	29,864,775	53,590,712	50,104,564
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	32,058,113	55,955,628	52,509,662
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-2,193,338	-2,364,916	-2,405,098
Resource Budget	27,044,613	50,586,104	47,434,252

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	32,058,113	55,955,628	52,509,662
<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	-2,193,338	-2,364,916	-2,405,098
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	29,864,775	53,590,712	50,104,564
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Capital grants	-1,197,167	-1,356,933	-1,222,528
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	71,453
Voted expenditure outside the budget	-12,185	-13,800	-15,757
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	1,648,000	1,794,666	1,759,743
Resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	-2,700,270	-2,895,499	-2,761,675
Unallocated resource provision	200	4,719	-
Other adjustments	-532,394	-539,852	-501,548
Resource Budget (Budget)	27,070,959	50,586,104	47,434,252
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	26,003,560	49,676,971	46,890,991
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	1,067,399	909,133	543,261

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	44,071	88,227	53,053
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-76
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	2,737,749	2,999,567	2,788,511
Capital grants	1,197,167	1,356,933	1,222,528
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-71,453
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	1,822,519	1,811,228	1,376,134
Capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated capital provision	170,000	11,112	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget (Budget)	5,971,506	6,267,067	5,368,697
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	5,971,506	6,267,067	5,368,697
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

In accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 the Treasury has made the following Accounting Officer appointments for the Requests for Resources within this Estimate.

Request for Resources 1:	Peter Housden, Permanent Head of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
Request for Resources 2:	Neil Kinghan, Additional Accounting Officer and Director General of the Local and Regional Governance group of the Office

Peter Housden as the Accounting Officer of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the department's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation, or by the Treasury, and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, remains in general overall charge of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in Annex 4.1 of Government Accounting. 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.

In accordance with Government Accounting requirements the relationship between the Principal Accounting Officer and Additional Accounting Officer and with their Ministers, together with their respective responsibilities, is set out in writing.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions			
Administration	29,655	35,999	33,682
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	29,655	35,999	33,682
Programme	177,073	159,628	49,415
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	24,131	71,812	42,318
EU Income	-	7,458	-
Other grant income (including repayment of grants/subsidies)	2,341,637	2,441,091	2,407,340
Interest and dividends	4,643	4,183	2,042
CFERs	-2,193,338	-2,364,916	-2,405,098
Other income (including receipts)	-	-	2,813
Total RfR 1	206,728†	195,627	83,097
† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: research and administrative services, fee paying enquiries, dissemination and sales of information, royalties, the loan, hire and storage of equipment, seminars, patent rights, conferences and publications (in print and non-print media); sponsorship, including contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys; other government departments including contributions towards Local Area Agreements, agencies and non-departmental public bodies and overseas government; receipts from the European Union; adjustments to commuted loan charges or residual loan charge grants; pooled housing capital receipts from local authorities; housing revenue receipts from local authorities; donations; receipts from the Housing Corporation; charges for services provided by leasehold valuation tribunals and other receipts by Rent Assessment Panels; recovered renovation or disabled facilities grants; recovered derelict land and other regeneration grants; charges made by the Planning Inspectorate executive agency in England and Wales; receipts from inspections by HM Fire Service Inspectorate; dividend payment from Ordnance Survey; dividend payment from the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre and interest payments on voted loans; receipts from other government departments for research in support of fire and rescue services; receipts from medical appeals to cover BUPA expenditure; receipts from regional fire and rescue control centres building developers; interest payments on deemed and voted loans made to the Fire Service College; dividend payment from the Fire Service College; receipts from the Urban Summit; the disposal of land, buildings, water stores, plant, equipment, machinery, vehicles and capital assets; recoveries of seconded staff salaries; receipts for the use of accommodation; rental income and receipts from property and land; legal claims, including extra-contractual claims for defective work, awards of court costs and out and out of court settlements; residual items from the sale of the Building Research Establishment; receipts associated with the Emergency Fire Services; former SRB programme receipts; and the sale of Property Services Agency businesses.			
RfR 2: Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework			
Programme	465	719	4,497
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	465	719	225
Regulatory licences, fines, penalties and taxes	-	-	4,272
Total RfR 2	465†	719	4,497
† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriation in aid in addition to the net total arising from: sponsorship, including contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and publicity; the Home Office; repayments by employees of valuation tribunals of loans advanced to purchase cars; rental income and receipts from accommodation leased from or shared with valuation tribunal offices; and fines passed on by the Department for Constitutional Affairs.			
Total Operating A in A	207,193	196,346	87,594

Analysis of non-operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
RfR 1: Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions			
Programme	107	2,720	33
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of assets	-	2,616	-72
Loan, etc, repayments	107	104	105
Total RfR 1	107†	2,720	33
† Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid arising from the disposal of land, buildings, plant, equipment, machinery, vehicles and capital assets; the loan, hire or storage of equipment; repayments by employees of valuation tribunals of loans advanced to purchase cars; rental income and receipts from accommodation leased from or shared with valuation tribunal offices; repayment of deemed and voted loans made to the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre and the Fire Service College; receipts from the Housing Corporation and the sale of PSA businesses.			
Total Non-Operating A in A	107	2,720	33

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

	£'000					
	2006-07		2005-06		2004-05	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts
Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency (fees received from appeals against enforcement notices)	190	190	190	190	-	-
Central administration Φ	11	11	11	22	-	-
Pooled capital receipts from local authorities ●	1,648,000	1,646,211	1,754,000	1,754,000	1,752,792	1,752,792
Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Δ	545,137	545,137	570,049	570,049	645,355	645,355
Large Scale Voluntary Transfer Levy ●	-	-	40,666	40,666	6,951	6,951
Total	2,193,338	2,191,549	2,364,916	2,364,927	2,405,098	2,405,098

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	25,803,230	200,330	26,003,560
<i>of which:*</i>			
Administration budget	286,784	-	286,784
Near-cash in RDEL	25,755,521	177,390	25,932,911
Capital DEL**	2,007,215	3,964,291	5,971,506
Less Depreciation†	-32,370	-2,200	-34,570
Total DEL	27,778,075	4,162,421	31,940,496

* 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 outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2006-07 of £32,058,113,000 is 42.7 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2005-06 of £55,957,718,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 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.	207,300	199,066	87,627

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Grants in aid

RfR/Section	Body	£'000
RfR 1		
B	Commission for Architecture in the Built Environment ♥	6,400
E	Regional Development Agency ♥	1,260,482
U	Housing Corporation ♥	1,757,140
U	Urban Regeneration Agency ♥	271,500
V	Firebuy	1,800
RfR 2		
J	Standards Board for England ♥	8,000
J	Valuation Tribunal Service ♥	13,500

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Contingent liabilities

Nature of Liability	£'000
Housing Association Act 1985, s84. Indemnity of building society mortgages for shared ownership schemes	350
The Housing Defects Act 1984 (now part XVI of the Housing Act 1985). Payments to Local Authorities	750-1000
New Towns Act 1981. Guarantee of temporary borrowing by the Commission for New Towns	2,000
Derelict Land Act: land stabilisation programme - indemnity against collapse of the mine in Norwich. Cover over and above that which the contractors are able to secure	150,000
Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 s126. Liability to pay grant in future years relating to annual gap-funding agreements for negative value transfers of council housing stocks	90,000
Following from application of EC Structural Funds Regulations. Possible obligations to repay EC funds in respect of 1994-2001 programmes which were formally closed on 31 March 2003 and possible irregularities arising from current round of programmes.	19,000
Fire Service Act 1947 s17 and the Fire Service (Discipline Regulations) 1985. Liability to litigation by Fire Authorities resulting from delays in processing appeals to the Secretary of State	200
The Office's decisions and actions are subject to judicial review and other appeals in the courts. Currently there are around 300 cases where proceedings in the courts have commenced. Not all of these cases will come to court and where they do come to court the outcome is not clear	Unquantifiable
Possible obligations from Employment Tribunal decision including asbestos claims against the Office	Unquantifiable
Judicial Review relating to development of the White City	Unquantifiable
Possible ex-gratia payments	Unquantifiable
Possible liabilities by bodies sponsored by ODPM which the Office may have to fund	Unquantifiable
Potential payments under the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (HRAS) scheme relating to outstanding claims	Unquantifiable

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Gifts

ODPM will make purchases for the upgrade of fire service radio systems and pass ownership by way of gift to fire authorities; and Gifts may be presented by Ministers on official delegations.