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Section 1.

Introduction

1. Supply Estimates are the means by which the Government seeks authority from Parliament for its own spending each year. The Main Estimates start this process and are presented to Parliament around the start of the financial year to which they relate. Detailed departmental Estimates are presented to Parliament by the Treasury and a Supplementary Budgetary Information publication is presented alongside the Main Estimates to provide detailed read-across between Estimates and departmental reports.

2. The format of resource-based Supply Estimates is described in detail in **Section 2**. **Section 3** describes the way in which Parliament considers the Supply Estimates. **Section 4** summarises the important voted elements of the Estimate and **Section 5** consists of the individual departmental Estimates themselves.

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3. The total resource expenditure for which authority is sought in the 2005–06 Main Estimates is £435.8 billion. This spending is consistent with the Government's plans for public expenditure as a whole set out in Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2005 (Cm 6521). Further information is contained elsewhere in the Departmental Reports. The introductory note to each Estimate contains cross-reference to the location of material in the reports.

4. The total forecast outturn for Supply expenditure in 2004–05 is £358.5 billion. Resources sought through Supply for 2005–06 are £77.3 billion higher than the forecast outturn for 2004–05.

Table 1 Summary of Supply provision sought, 2005–06 and comparison with previous years

	£ billion		
	2005–06 Provision	2004–05 Forecast outturn	2003–04 Outturn
Gross resources	481.3	403.1	377.7
<i>Less</i> Operating appropriations in aid	–45.6	–44.6	–40.5
Net resource requirement	435.8	358.5	337.2
Capital	52.3	37.4	15.4
<i>Less</i> Non-operating appropriations in aid	–37.7	–22.1	–3.2
Accruals to cash adjustments	–97.8	–36.6	–35.5
Net cash requirement	352.6	337.1	313.9

5. Table 2 in Section 4 shows the net resources for each Request for Resources (RfR) and the net cash requirements sought for each Estimate in 2005–06, the total provision and forecast outturn for 2004–05 and the outturn for 2003–04.

6. The 2005–06 Main Estimates are presented in four volumes. This volume covers the main central government departments. Three separate booklets are being presented to Parliament by the House of Commons (HC 3), the National Audit Office (HC 4) and the Electoral Commission (HC 5).