
HM Treasury

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the running costs and other administrative costs of the central Treasury and the Debt Management Office. Section C covers the payment to the Financial Services Authority for the carrying out of insurance responsibilities (£12,800,000). Section D provides grants in aid to Commonwealth Parliamentary Association ♦ (£868,000); British American Parliamentary Group ♦ (£73,000), the Inter-Parliamentary Union ♦ (£785,000) and the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body ♦ (£202,000). Other services, Section E, includes grant in aid provision for the Private Finance Taskforce ♦ (£1,825,000) and expenditure associated with the awards of honours and dignities (£824,000). Section F covers expenditure relating to provision of information to business about the euro (£7,500,000), and section G covers payments under the indemnity guarantee in respect of paymaster (£250,000). Expenditure borne on Section A to G of the Vote is explained in Chapter 1 of the 1999 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's departments (Cm 4218).
2. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund on this Vote can be found in Tables 1D and 1E of Cm 4218.
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 4.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £71.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 1C of Cm 4218.
4. The running costs provision for 1999–2000 of £59,203,000 is 11.4 per cent lower than the 1998–1999 provision of £65,974,000.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Treasury

Part I

£68,084,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by Her Majesty's Treasury on economic, financial and related administration; review of the services provided by the UK banking sector; payment to FSA for the carrying out of insurance supervision responsibilities; payments to certain parliamentary bodies and certain other services including expenses in connection with Honours and Dignities; a grant in aid to the Private Finance Taskforce; payments relating to the Debt Management Office; on providing information to business about the euro; and under the indemnity guarantee in respect of paymaster.

HM Treasury will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	68,084,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	28,379,000
Balance to complete	39,705,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Administration Ω											
	55,796	-3,479	3,062	—	—	55,379	15,703	39,676	47,589	46,051	
★B: Debt Management Office											
	3,157	775	138	—	—	4,070	775	3,295	3,822	—	
★C: Payment to FSA for the carrying out of insurance and supervision responsibilities											
	—	12,800	—	—	—	12,800	—	12,800	6,435	7,818	
★D: Parliament and Privy Council											
	—	—	—	1,928	—	1,928	—	1,928	1,956	1,943	
★E: Other services											
	—	2,649	—	—	—	2,649	14	2,635	2,593	2,336	
★F: Provision of information to business about the euro											
	—	7,500	—	—	—	7,500	—	7,500	8,700	—	
★G: Payments under the indemnity guarantee in respect of Paymaster											
	250	—	—	—	—	250	—	250	175	—	
<i>Grants to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund</i>											
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,800	
Total	59,203	20,245	3,200	1,928	—	84,576	16,492†	68,084	71,270	60,948	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from recoveries in respect of the administration of the Treasury; including charges for courses, services provided by the Economist Group Management Unit and officers loaned to other organisations, including the salary of the UK Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund/

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development who is a Treasury employee, income from publications, travel costs recovered from the European Community, disposal of assets; recoveries from staff and in-house services, recoveries of costs from minor occupiers; receipts from recovery actions in connection with Barlow Clowes; receipts from fees charged to Foreign Investment Exchanges/Clearing Houses

and recoveries in respect of Honours and Dignities; receipts in respect of insurance sponsorship and supervision responsibilities; receipts due to the Debt Management Office for advertising costs, stock exchange listings and the facilitation of data provision; and receipts for VAT refunds on contracted out services and European Fast Stream receipts from Cabinet Office.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration ●	95,515	154,210	145,153

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part 1 of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act.

F2 Provision of information to business about the euro ■

£'000
7,500

HM Treasury: UK coinage

Introduction

1. This Vote covers payments to the Royal Mint for the manufacture and distribution of UK coins which are supplied to the banks on behalf of the Treasury and for storage of coins returned by the banks. Proceeds from the sale to the Mint of metal from returned coins are applied as appropriations in aid. Payments from this Vote appear as receipts in the Royal Mint trading fund accounts, together with receipts and payments for other coin production. Payments received from the banks for coins issued to them and payments made to the banks for coins withdrawn, both at face value, are shown in the Consolidated Fund accounts.
2. Further details of the expenditure contained in this Vote and a detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid can be found in Chapter 1 of the 1999 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's departments (Cm 4218).
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 38.8 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £25.0 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 1G of Cm 4218.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Treasury: UK coinage

Part I

£34,700,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by Her Majesty's Treasury in connection with the manufacture, storage and distribution of coinage for use in the United Kingdom.

HM Treasury will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	34,700,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134) †	11,250,000
Balance to complete	23,450,000

† In the Vote on Account, this Vote was entitled HM Treasury: coinage

Part II Subhead detail

										£'000
Direct Expenditure					Grants and transfers					
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98	
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
<i>A: UK coinage</i>										
—	35,500	—	—	—	35,500	800†	34,700	25,000	30,680	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the proceeds of metal sales from melted down coin.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

				£'000
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:				
	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98	
<i>UK Coinage</i> ●	—	800	3,452	

HM Customs and Excise: administration

Introduction

1. This Vote covers all the costs of HM Customs and Excise. The Department collects and accounts for revenue in respect of VAT; excise duties, principally on hydrocarbon oil, tobacco, alcoholic liquor and betting, gaming and lottery; customs duties and levies on imported goods; insurance premium tax, landfill tax and Air Passenger Duty. The Department is also responsible for carrying out non-revenue functions such as the enforcement of major prohibitions (eg against drugs), import licencing and the compilation of overseas trade statistics. The Vote also includes payment of the United Kingdom subscription to the World Customs Organisation (formerly the Customs Co-operation Council), which is an international organisation dealing with the simplification and harmonisation of customs procedures and also a grant in aid of £268,000 to the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside to run the Customs and Excise National Museum on the Department's behalf.
2. The Vote distinguishes running costs from other costs (capital and those administration costs which are by agreement excluded from the running costs limit). Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Table 2 of the HM Customs and Excise Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4219). The running costs attributable to different functions and other details of the planning and use of resources are shown in Tables 6 to 12 of Cm 4219.
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 4.2 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–1999 of £861 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–1999 by individual function is given in Tables 6 to 12 of Cm 4219.
4. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund on this Vote can be found in Table 5 of Cm 4219.
5. Expenditure attributable to the Isle of Man is recovered by deduction from the Isle of Man share of duties on goods and of VAT. Expenditure attributable to Northern Ireland is deducted from its share of all UK taxes.
6. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Table 4 of Cm 4219.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Customs and Excise: administration

Part I

£897,293,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Customs and Excise Department on the administration of taxation; the operation of customs and revenue controls and other customs and excise work; and payments in respect of the Customs and Excise National Museum.

The **Customs and Excise Department** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	897,293,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	375,994,000
Balance to complete	521,299,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>HM Customs and Excise: administration</i> Ω										
798,207	52,979	83,172	435	—	934,793	37,500†	897,293	860,931	847,828	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from moneys received for the special attendance of officers, recovered law costs, international commitments, recovery of the costs of staff on loan, recovery of EC travelling

expenses and receipts from the EC, recovery of input VAT on other business activities and refunds of VAT on contracted out services, receipts from marine fuel relief, recovery from the United Nations of the costs of training staff from developing countries, receipts

from the sale of statistical services, certificates and assets, receipts from insurance and compensation claims, receipts from other running costs, and receipts from estate management services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration ●	140,200	160,000	167,167

Inland Revenue: administration

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the running costs and other administrative costs incurred by the Inland Revenue in the management and collection of the direct taxes. The gross provision includes expenditure on managing the National Insurance Funds for Great Britain and Northern Ireland and on the collection of National Insurance contributions, for which reimbursement is received from the respective National Insurance Funds.
2. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Table 18 of the Inland Revenue Departmental Report (Cm 4220).
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 5.9 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £1,734 million mainly because of the transfer of certain functions from the Department of Social Security and the Department of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland. A breakdown of the 1999–2000 provision by function is in Table 18 of Cm 4220.
4. Expenditure attributable to Northern Ireland is deducted from their share of UK taxes.
5. Further details of appropriations in aid are found in Table 18 of Cm 4220. Details of long term capital projects are in Table 12 of Cm 4220.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Inland Revenue: administration

Part I

£1,836,315,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Inland Revenue Department on the management and collection of the direct taxes and national insurance contributions including preparatory work on the introduction of income tax credits, management of the National Insurance Funds for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, for services provided to the Department's information technology partner, for other departments, for overseas tax administrations and for the administration of Millennium Gift Aid.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,836,315,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	735,041,000
Balance to complete	1,101,274,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Inland Revenue: administration</i> Ω										
2,188,077	-20,892	63,056	—	—	2,230,241	393,926†	1,836,315	1,734,202	1,654,421	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recovery of input VAT; law costs recovered; recoveries of Vote overpayments in prior years; excess cash receipts; subsidies for New Deal jobseekers employed; recovery of

costs of seconded staff; receipts from sale of stores, equipment and publications; receipts for services provided to the Valuation Office Agency, other government departments and other bodies; receipts from the use of certain official cars; recovery of the costs of

administering the National Insurance Funds and collection of National Insurance contributions; receipts from disposal of surplus buildings; rent receipts from other government departments and private tenants; other running costs receipts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration ●	20	14,850	20,760

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): administration

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the running costs and other administrative costs incurred by the Valuation Office in providing or securing valuation and other services. The appropriations in aid include receipts from executive offices within the Inland Revenue and other government departments for valuation and estate surveying services including work in connection with rating and council tax. Also included are receipts from non-departmental and other public bodies for services provided by the Valuation Office.
2. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A and a detailed analysis of appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 18 of the annex to the Inland Revenue Departmental Report (Cm 4220).
3. The net provision sought for 1999–2000 is similar to the token provision for 1998–99. A breakdown of the 1999–2000 provision and the 1998–99 forecast outturn by function is in Table 18 of the Annex in the Inland Revenue Departmental Report (Cm 4220).
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): administration

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Inland Revenue Department Valuation Office (Executive Agency) on the provision of valuation and other services for government departments and other public bodies.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: IRVO: administration Ω										
143,698	-148	6,590	—	—	150,140	150,139†	1	2	—	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recovery of cash costs of valuation and other services; recovery of input VAT; receipts from use

of certain official cars; receipts from sale of information, publications, stores, official vehicles and equipment; recovery of law costs; receipts from disposal of surplus buildings and other

assets; rent receipts from other government departments and private tenants and other running costs receipts; recovery of depreciation and other non-cash costs of valuation services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration Φ	11,409	7,393	12,945

Inland Revenue: payments in lieu of tax relief

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the public expenditure incurred in granting life assurance premium relief, mortgage interest relief, private medical insurance premium relief and vocational training relief to those policy holders, borrowers and trainees who are not liable to United Kingdom income tax.
2. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Table 18 of the Inland Revenue Departmental Report (Cm 4220).
3. Under the relevant legislation, qualifying policy holders, borrowers and trainees receive tax relief on their premium, interest or vocational training payments. The reliefs are given by allowing the payers to deduct a prescribed percentage from their life assurance premiums, an amount equal to 10 per cent on mortgage interest payments or an amount equal to basic rate income tax on the other payments. The Inland Revenue reimburse the insurers, lenders and training providers for the amounts so deducted. In so far as such payments are in substitution for tax reliefs, they are met out of tax receipts.
4. It is a feature of these schemes that payers who have incomes below the tax threshold will receive relief against income tax which they have not in fact paid. So, in part, will those with incomes only slightly above the threshold. In consequence, the Inland Revenue are paying over amounts to insurers, lenders and training providers which are not in substitution for tax relief and which they cannot meet from tax receipts. The reduction in tax receipts which would otherwise occur will be met from this Vote and the payments are classed as public expenditure.
5. The public expenditure on these reliefs and transitional payments is calculated statistically and is necessarily subject to a wide estimating error. The amounts attributable to life assurance premium relief, mortgage interest relief, and vocational training relief are about 6 per cent, 28 per cent, and 8 per cent respectively of the total Vote. Although the tax relief for private medical insurance premiums is no longer available, claims for years up to 1997–98 are expected to be received during 1999–2000 with total claims amounting to less than 0.5 per cent of the total Vote.
6. Also included in this Vote is the expenditure by the Inland Revenue on transitional payments to charities previously to receive tax credits on dividends. Although payment of tax credits ceases after 5 April 1999, charities are entitled to claim special transitional payments over the five years from 1999–2000 to 2003–04 inclusive.
7. Because of the introduction of the transitional payments to charities, the provision sought for 1999–2000 is 107 per cent higher than the net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £162 million.
8. The associated administrative costs are borne on Class XVI, Vote 4.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Inland Revenue: payments in lieu of tax relief

Part I

£335,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Inland Revenue Department on life assurance premium relief, mortgage interest relief, private medical insurance premium relief, vocational training relief and transitional payments to charities.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	335,000,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	72,900,000
Balance to complete	262,100,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits										
<i>A: Payments in lieu of tax relief</i>										
—	—	—	335,000	—	335,000	—	335,000	162,000	199,877	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): contributions in lieu of rates

Introduction

1. This Vote provides for contributions in lieu of rates to local authorities and National Non-Domestic Pools in respect of certain properties occupied by the Crown and by visiting forces. It also covers payments of rates for premises occupied by foreign and Commonwealth governments for diplomatic purposes and premises occupied by certain international organisations.
2. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Table 18 of the Inland Revenue Departmental Report (Cm 4220). Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in the same table.
3. In the case of Crown occupations, the contributions in lieu of rates are based upon rateable values determined by the Valuation Office Agency to which the national non-domestic business rate is applied. In the case of diplomatic premises etc, the assessments are made in accordance with substantive United Kingdom rating law, or where appropriate the local rate poundage.
4. The Crown premises include all the royal palaces, the Palace of Westminster, defence establishments, courts of justice, prisons and other penal establishments, metropolitan police departments, research establishments and the offices of all Exchequer departments.
5. The contributions in lieu of rates in respect of Crown occupations are recovered and will be brought to account in this Vote. These recoveries will be based upon the rate contributions made on each individual hereditament. Full recovery is not made in all cases.
6. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is similar to the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £40 million.
7. The amounts recovered from occupiers of Crown property include an addition to cover administration costs which are included in Class XVI Vote 5.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): contributions in lieu of rates

Part I

£40,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for rates and contributions in lieu of rates paid by the Inland Revenue Department in respect of property occupied by the Crown and premises occupied by representatives of Commonwealth and foreign countries and international organisations.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	40,000,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	18,000,000
Balance to complete	22,000,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure									
Central government's own expenditure									
<i>A: Contributions in lieu of rates</i>									
—	635,000	—	—	—	635,000	595,000†	40,000	40,000	30,717

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from payments of contributions in lieu of rates by departments and other occupiers of Crown property, Commonwealth and foreign countries and international organisations; refunds from local authorities.

Part III

Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Contributions in lieu of rates ●	20	10	10

National Savings

Introduction

1. The cost of National Savings operations comprises of debt interest, tax forgone and administration. This Vote covers the latter and provides for administering and selling National Savings products; maintaining over 50 million customer holdings and making payments to and conducting correspondence with investors.
2. A substantial amount of National Savings business is undertaken on an agency basis by the Post Office and Girobank. Approximately £63 million (36 per cent of the total Vote) will be needed to pay for selling National Savings products in this way, and for advertising. Further details of the expenditure contained in section A of this Vote, can be found in Chapter 2 of the Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer 1999 Departmental Report Cm 4218. A detailed analysis of the Appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Table 2H of Cm 4218.
3. The product range and the terms of the products are kept under review. The aim of National Savings is to support the Government's management of its debt and its policies for personal savings by attracting and retaining investments from the retail market efficiently and cost effectively.
4. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 1.6 per cent lower than both the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £175.7 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 1C of Cm 4218.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

National Savings

Part I

£172,815,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by National Savings on administration, publicity costs payments for contracted out services and certain other costs.

National Savings will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	172,815,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	77,767,000
Balance to complete	95,048,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration Ω										
179,041	-1,933	423	—	—	177,531	4,716	172,815	175,423	175,198	
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits										
<i>National Savings Stock register outstanding liabilities</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	280	—	
179,041	-1,933	423	—	—	177,531	4,716†	172,815	175,703	175,198	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from property rental, receipts from sales of assets, receipts from other Government departments for ADP Services, and VAT refunds and other running costs receipts.

Part III

Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.

Registry of Friendly Societies

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the total running costs and other administrative costs of the Registry of Friendly Societies which serves three statutory bodies: the Building Societies Commission, the Friendly Societies Commission, and the Central Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies.
2. The Building Societies Commission is responsible for the regulation of building societies under the Building Societies Act 1986, and in particular for their prudential supervision to protect investors. The Friendly Societies Commission is responsible for the regulation of friendly societies under the Friendly Societies Act 1992. The Central Office is responsible for administering the register and related functions for some 14,000 mutual organisations (including building societies and friendly societies). It is also responsible for the prudential supervision of credit unions.
3. The full cost of the work of the Building Societies Commission is recovered from building societies. The full cost of the work of the Friendly Societies Commission is being progressively recovered from friendly societies over a number of years. The appropriations in aid also include fees in respect of specific statutory functions which are set at a level intended to recover the full cost of those services.
4. Details of the expenditure and appropriations in aid contained in this Vote can be found in Chapter 3, of the 1999 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller Departments (Cm 4218).
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 62 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £1,523,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 3 of Cm 4218.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Registry of Friendly Societies

Part I

£2,460,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Registry of Friendly Societies on behalf of the Building Societies Commission, the Friendly Societies Commission, and the Central Office of the Registry on administrative costs, including payments made under contract to the Financial Services Authority.

The **Registry of Friendly Societies** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	2,460,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	685,000
Balance to complete	1,775,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital							
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Administration											
2,400	6,000	80	—	—	8,480	6,020†	2,460	1,523	4,167		

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from charges and fees paid by registered societies; search and copy fees; sales of publications; prosecution costs recovered; VAT refunds from contracted out services; rents from properties; and the sale of capital assets.

Part III

Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration Φ	—	—	633

National Investment and Loans Office

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the running costs and other expenses of the National Investment and Loans Office.
2. It covers principally the management by the National Debt Office (NDO) of the investment portfolios of certain public funds such as the National Savings Bank Fund and National Insurance Fund Investment Account, and lending to local authorities by the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB). It also covers the provision by the Office of H M Paymaster General (OPG) of banking and related services for government departments and other bodies and the supply of financial information to the Treasury to support its analysis of Central Government borrowing principally as an aid to monitoring.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in the Vote can be found in Chapter 4 paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6 of the 1999 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Departments (Cm 4218).
4. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 24.2 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £0.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 4D of Cm 4218.
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 assumes that receipts from fees on PWLB advances, receipts from NDO management charges and fees from OPG customers will cover the majority of costs. The provision of £1,562,000 for running costs and £5,803,000 for gross costs reflects an increase in administrative expenditure of 3.6 per cent in respect of running costs and a decrease of 0.4 per cent in respect of gross costs.
6. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Table 4E of Cm 4218.
7. No statutory or non-statutory contingent liabilities will be met from this Vote.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

National Investment and Loans Office

Part I

£250,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the National Investment and Loans Office, National Debt Office, Public Works Loan Board and the Office of HM Paymaster General.

The **National Investment and Loans Office** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net Total	250,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 1134)	149,000
Balance to complete	101,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital							
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Administration											
1,562	4,208	33	—	—	5,803	5,553†	250	330	319		

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from fees charged for loans from the PWLB,

charges for the investment management and administration of certain public and private funds, the repayment of expenses from government departments and other

bodies in respect of banking and other services and refunds of Value Added Tax on contracted out services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration Φ	—	4	850

Office for National Statistics

Introduction

1. This Vote provides for the running costs and other expenditure of the Office for National Statistics. For further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A and B of this Vote see Chapter 8 of the Departmental Report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Departments 1999 (Cm 4218).
2. A detailed analysis of appropriations-in-aid on this Vote can be found in Table 5D of Cm 4218.
3. The department's main responsibilities include the following: Collection, collation and dissemination of statistics relating to the United Kingdom's national accounts, balance of payments, financial transactions and measures of output; co-ordination of statistics relating to regional matters; compilation of social Labour Market statistics; undertaking of various representational roles in an international context; providing central management for the statisticians of the Government Statistical Service; implementing and issuing information from the decennial census of the population; supplying demographic statistics for national, regional and local planning; conducting social surveys; collecting and supplying statistics relating to the medical condition of the population and maintaining the Titchfield centre of the World Health Organisation; the Secretariat to the Boundary Commission for England and Wales; administering the law on marriage; controlling the local registration of births, deaths and marriage and maintaining the central record of these events from which copies of certificates are supplied; and maintaining the National Health Service Central Register.
4. A separate net control section is provided for customer-funded activities.
5. The provision for 1999–2000 is 8 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1998–99 of £100.1 million and 10 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £98.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn by function for 1998–99 is given in Table 5D of Cm 4218.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office for National Statistics

Part I

£108,242,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Office for National Statistics on the provision of economic, social labour market and other statistics and on departmental administration.

The **Office for National Statistics** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	108,242,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	43,424,000
Balance to complete	64,818,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Administration (gross control) Ω</i>										
114,788	-190	8,333	—	—	122,931	13,947	108,984	101,182	95,762	
★B: <i>Customer funded (net control)</i>										
16,750	—	654	—	—	17,404	17,146	258	258	-1,189	
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits										
C: <i>EC receipts</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000	-1,000	-1,300	-1,130	
Total	131,538	-190	8,987	—	—	140,335	32,093†	108,242	100,140	93,443

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts relating to VAT refunds on contracted out services, sales of statistical information publication and other services to other departments, the European Community and the public.

Part III

Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.

Government Actuary's Department

Introduction

1. The Vote covers the running costs of the Department of the Government Actuary. The Department provides a consultancy service to government and to other clients principally in the public sector. It advises in the main on social security and pension schemes, population and other statistical studies and supervision of insurance and friendly societies.
2. Since 1989–90 the Department has operated a system of full repayment for all advice given, and the greater part of its running costs is now met by receipts. From 1995–96 the Department has operated under net running cost control, to allow it the flexibility to respond to fluctuating demands on its services. A small section of work, which is of interest to a wide spectrum of users, will remain centrally funded.
3. Expenditure contained in Section A is explained in Chapter 6 of the 1999 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 4218). Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in paragraph 6.6.1 of Cm 4218.
4. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 2.6 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £620,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 6d of Cm 4218.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Government Actuary's Department

Part I

£636,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Government Actuary on administrative costs incurred in providing a consultancy service to Government and to other clients principally in the public sector, advising mainly on social security and pension schemes, population and other statistical studies and supervision of insurance and friendly societies.

The **Government Actuary** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	636,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	575,000
Balance to complete	61,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration Ω										
7,601	—	213	—	—	7,814	7,178†	636	620	397	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid, in addition to the net total, arising from receipts for payments for actuarial services and recovery of input tax on business activities.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Administration Φ	—	—	66

Crown Estate Office

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the salaries of the Crown Estate Commissioners and the expense of their Office.
2. Up to the reign of King George III the reigning Sovereign received the rents and profits of the Crown Estate. Since 1760 the surplus rents and profits (after deducting management expenses) have at the beginning of each reign been surrendered by the Sovereign to Parliament as part of the arrangements for the provision of a Civil List. The Estate itself remains part of the hereditary possessions of the Sovereign in right of the Crown. It is not government property, but neither is it part of the private estate of the reigning monarch.
3. The Estate is managed by a Board of Commissioners under the powers vested in them by the Crown Estate Act 1961, which provided for their salaries and the expenses of the office to be paid out of monies voted by Parliament. By agreement with HM Treasury the maximum number of posts so provided for is 41.
4. The other administrative costs of managing the Estate are paid out of Estate Revenues as part of the management expenses. The surplus Revenues are paid to the Consolidated Fund at the end of each year and scored as a miscellaneous receipt. In 1997–98 £113 million was paid to the Consolidated Fund.
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 17.1 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £1.8 million. This, however, includes an exceptional item provisionally estimated at £250,000 to cover a shortfall of employer contribution to the Crown Estate Pension Scheme. Excluding this item, the underlying increase is 2.8 per cent.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Crown Estate Office

Part I

£2,057,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for the salaries of the Crown Estate Commissioners and the expense of their Office.

The **Crown Estate Office** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	2,057,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	791,000
Balance to complete	1,266,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure										
Central government's expenditure										
<i>A: Administration</i>										
—	—	—	2,057	—	2,057	—	2,057	1,757	1,705	

Part III

Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
Other	127,000	121,200	113,200

Sale, or sales, of residual government shareholdings and government holdings of privatised companies' debt

Introduction

1. This Vote covers costs arising from the sale or sales of residual Government shareholdings and debt as referred to in paragraph 1.2.14 of the 1999 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's departments (Cm 4218).
 - residual expenditure arising from the Treasury's 1993 sale of shares in British Telecommunications plc (BT3),
 - residual expenditure arising from the Treasury's 1995 sale of shares in PowerGen plc and National Power plc,
 - provision for expenses in connection with any sale or sales of remaining residual shareholdings in 1999–2000,
 - provision for expenses in connection with any sale or sales of remaining debt in privatised companies in 1999–2000.
2. All expenses are planned to be met from receipts from the sale, or sales, appropriated in aid of the Vote. After deducting appropriations in aid, the balance of the receipts will be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
3. Associated administrative costs are borne on Class XVI, Vote 1.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Sale, or sales, of residual government shareholdings and government holdings of privatised companies' debt

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by Her Majesty's Treasury in connection with the sales of residual Government shareholdings and holdings of privatised companies' debt.

HM Treasury will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits										
<i>A: Privatisation programme: sale of shares</i>										
—	675	—	—	—	675	674†	1	1	1	1

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the sale of shares and debt.

Part III

Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
<i>Privatisation programme: sale of shares and debt</i> ●	—	—	108,418