

Postal Services Commission

Introduction

1. The Postal Services Commission (Postcomm) was established as a non-Ministerial Government Department on 6 November 2000 under the Postal Services Act 2000.
2. The token net provision sought reflects the fact that receipts from licences are appropriated in aid rather than surrendered directly to the Consolidated Fund.
3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

	£
Request for Resource 1: Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition	1,000
Total net resource requirement	1,000
Net cash requirement	1,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 for expenditure by the Postal Services Commission on:

RfR 1: Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition

Administrative, operational costs and associated non-cash items.

The **Postal Services Commission** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
RfR 1	1,000	—	1,000
Total net resource requirement	1,000	—	1,000
Net cash requirement	1,000	—	1,000

Part II: Subhead detail

£'000

2005-06						2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn		
Resources						Capital		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non- operating A in A		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
RfR 1: Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition									
10,160	-	-	10,160	10,159	1	150	-	1	-
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff protecting consumers and promoting competition									
10,160	-	-	10,160	10,159	1	150	-	1	-
Total for Estimate:									
10,160	-	-	10,160	10,159	1	150	-	1	-

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	2005-06		2004-05		2003-04	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
						£'000
Net Total Resources		1		1		-
Voted capital items						
Capital	150		285		405	
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-		-		-	
Total net voted capital		150		285		405
Accruals to cash adjustment						
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:						
Cost of Capital charges	-40		-40		-25	
Depreciation	-400		-400		-324	
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-		-		-	
Profit (+) / loss (-) on sale of assets	-		-		-	
Prior period adjustments	-		-		-	
Other non-cash items	-		-		-	
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-		-		-	
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-		-		-	
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-		-		-	
Use of provisions	-		-		-	
Total accruals to cash adjustments		-440		-440		-349
Excess cash to be CFERd		290		155		-
Net Cash Requirement		1		1		56

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):-

	2005-06		2004-05		2003-04	
	Provision		Provision		Outturn	
	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>	Income	<i>Receipts</i>
Operating income not classified as AinA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-operating income not classified as AinA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	-	<i>290</i>	-	<i>155</i>	-	-
Total	-	<i>290</i>	-	<i>155</i>	-	-

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn
Net administration costs:			
RfR 1	1	1	-
Net programme costs:			
RfR 1	-	-	-
Total net programme costs	-	-	-
Total Net Operating Cost	1	1	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Outturn	1	1	-
CFERs	-	-	-
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn	1	1	-

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)	1	1	-
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
non-voted expenditure in the OCS	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	1	1	-
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed from the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
European Union income and related adjustments	-	-	-
voted expenditure outside the budget	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	-	-	-
unallocated resource provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	1	1	-
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1	1	-
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)	150	285	405
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	-	-	-
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed by the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
local authority credit approvals	-	-	-
capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)	150	285	405
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	150	285	405
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

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

Request for Resources 1: Sarah Chambers, Chief Executive of the Commission

Sarah Chambers, as the Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) of the Postal Services Commission has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Postal Service Commission's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation or by the Treasury and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The PAO as the permanent head, in addition to the responsibilities for the assigned RfR, remains in general overall charge of the Postal Services Commission.

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 the 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 available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the Postal Services Commission's policies, aims and objectives; and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000					
	2005-06 provision		2004-05 provision		2003-04 outturn	
	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A
RfR 1: Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition						
Income from postal operators	10,159	—	10,159	—	6,492	—
Total RfR 1	10,159*	—	10,159	—	6,492	—
<i>of which: Administration budgets</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—

*Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from income from postal operators.

Analysis of Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts (CFERs)

	£'000					
	2005-06 provision		2004-05 provision		2003-04 outturn	
	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts	Income	Receipts
Excess cash from postal operators Φ	—	290	—	155	—	—
Total	—	290	—	155	—	—

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

£'000

Details of 2005-06 Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) and Administration budget limits

	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	1	—	1
<i>of which: Administration budget</i>	<i>1</i>	—	<i>1</i>
Capital DEL**	150	—	150
Less depreciation†	–400	—	–400
Total DEL	–249	—	–249

* Excludes EU receipts included in Estimates, but excluded in Budgets.

** Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and Accounts, but which are treated as part of Capital DEL, under stage 2 of Resource Accounting and Budgeting, as implemented in the 2002 Spending Review.

† 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.

Comparisons of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2005-06 of £1,000 is the same as the final provision and forecast outturn for 2004-05 of £1,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

£'000

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

	2005-06 provision	2004-05 provision	2003-04 outturn
	10,159	10,159	6,492

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)