

# Privy Council Office

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## Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the administration costs of the Privy Council Office which is mainly responsible for Royal Charters and Orders in Council; and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the highest court of appeals from certain Commonwealth countries, and for devolution issues arising under the devolution legislation 1998. The Estimate also provides the cost of running the private offices and salaries of the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, and the Offices of the Government Whips in the House of Commons and House of Lords.

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

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## Part I

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<b>Request for Resources 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business</b>	<b>6,821,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>6,821,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>6,866,000</b>

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the Privy Council Office on:

### RfR 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business

Administration and associated non-cash items

The **Privy Council Office** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
<b>RfR 1</b>	<b>6,821,000</b>	<b>2,955,000</b>	<b>3,866,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>6,821,000</b>	<b>2,955,000</b>	<b>3,866,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>6,866,000</b>	<b>2,990,000</b>	<b>3,876,000</b>

**Part II: Subhead detail**

£'000

2007-08 Provision						2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn		
Resources						Capital	Non- operating	Net Total	Net Total
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	A in A	Resources	Resources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>RfR 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business</b>									
6,861	-	-	6,861	40	6,821	127	-	7,078	6,858
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Administration								
6,861	-	-	6,861	40	6,821	127	-	7,078	6,858
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
6,861	-	-	6,861	40	6,821	127	-	7,078	6,858

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>6,858</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	127	127	174
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-10	-10	-
Depreciation	-38	-38	-39
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-311	-281
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-34	-34	-47
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-	1,513	-
Use of provisions	-	32	-
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>-82</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>-367</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>8,357</b>	<b>6,665</b>

### **Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund**

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2007-08 or 2006-07. None were received in 2005-06.

## Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Administration Costs</b>			
RfR 1	6,821	7,078	6,858
<b>Total Net Administration costs</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>6,858</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>6,858</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	6,821	7,078	6,858
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>6,858</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)</b>	6,821	7,078	6,858
<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	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Cost (Accounts)</b>	6,821	7,078	6,858
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget (Budget)</b>	6,821	7,078	6,858
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	6,821	7,078	6,858
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

### Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Voted Capital (Estimates)</b>	127	127	174
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-	-	-
Capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Capital Budget (Budget)</b>	127	127	174
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	127	127	174
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 appointment for the Request for Resources within this Estimate.

**Request for Resources 1:** Ceri King, Director of Corporate Services

Ceri King as the temporary Accounting Officer of the Privy Council Office 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 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.

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	<b>£'000</b>		
	<b>2007-08 Provision</b>	<b>2006-07 Provision</b>	<b>2005-06 Outturn</b>
<b>RfR 1: Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business</b>			
<b>Administration</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	40	170	40
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>40†</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: fees levied in respect of appeals and other proceedings before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.</i>			
<b>Total Operating A in A</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>40</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	<b>£'000</b>		
	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Non-voted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resource DEL	6,821	-	6,821
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	6,821	-	6,821
Near-cash in RDEL	6,739	-	6,739
Capital DEL ††	127	-	127
Less Depreciation †††	-38	-	-38
Total DEL	6,910	-	6,910

† 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 and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2007-08 of £6,821,000 is 3.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2006-07 of £7,078,000 and 2.8 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2006-07 of £7,021,000.

### Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	<b>£'000</b>		
	<b>2007-08 Provision</b>	<b>2006-07 Provision</b>	<b>2005-06 Outturn</b>
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.	40	170	40