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for the year ending 31 March 2006

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Introduction

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1. The Vote on Account provides resources and cash to allow existing services to continue during the early months of the coming financial year, pending Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimates for 2005-06. By 'existing services' is meant services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2005. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the Consolidated Fund Bill that follows presentation of winter Supplementary Estimates and the Vote on Account.

2. The Main Supply Estimates for 2005-06 will be presented around the start of that financial year. Parliament normally authorises the provision sought there towards the end of July, when the summer Appropriation Act is passed.

Amounts required

3. The amounts in the Vote on Account are normally a standard 45 per cent of the amounts already voted for the corresponding services in the current year, taking account of Main Estimates and any Revised or summer Supplementary Estimates (there were no Revised or summer Supplementary in 2004-05). This should normally be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service is not exhausted before the Appropriation Act is passed in the summer, but not so high as to prejudice Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimate for each service.

4. The Vote on Account provision may reflect a higher or a lower amount than the standard proportion in the following cases:

- a. if it is possible to anticipate a change in the structure of a Supply Estimate, for example because of a transfer of responsibility between departments, resources or cash may be adjusted accordingly. (Any further transfers may need to be reflected when the Main Supply Estimates are presented);
- b. if consumption of resources or expenditure of cash during the early months of the financial year is expected to be significantly different from the standard, the amount sought reflects the forecast actual requirements;
- c. if the Supply Estimate is for a token sum of £1,000 for self-financing services, no Vote on Account provision is sought but the continuation of the services in the new financial year is noted.

5. The services covered by the Vote on Account are listed on the following pages and are arranged according to the expected structure of the Supply Estimates for 2005-06. Individual RfR descriptions are normally consistent with the RfR titles in the Supply Estimates for 2004-05, as modified by any changes to that year's Estimates made by Supplementary Estimates in the course of that year, except where there have been changes resulting from subsequent merger or restructuring of Estimates.

6. The Vote on Account in respect of the House of Commons is presented today by The Speaker in HC 1236.

7. The Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC 1237.

8. The Vote on Account in respect of the Electoral Commission is presented today by The Speaker in HC 1238.

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Total net resource requirement	£157,950,105,000
Total net cash requirement	£149,429,066,000

Amount required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2006 in respect of the several services listed below.

Treasury Chambers

15 November 2004

Stephen Timms

RfR	Service	2004-05 Total Net Resources to date on which provision on account is based £'000	2005-06 Required on account £'000	2004-05 Total Net Cash Requirement to date on which provision on account is based £'000	2005-06 Required on account £'000
	Department for Education and Skills	26,544,596	13,272,299	27,916,263	13,958,132
1	To help build a competitive economy and inclusive society by: creating opportunities for everyone to develop their learning; releasing potential in people to make the most of themselves; and achieving excellence in standards of education and levels of skills	25,459,751	12,729,876		
2	Promoting the physical, intellectual and social development of babies and young children through Sure Start, Early Years Provision and Childcare	889,411	444,706		
3	Tackling child poverty and social exclusion by helping vulnerable children and young people, and their families, to break the cycle of deprivation and disadvantage through the Children's Fund	195,434	97,717		
	Teachers' Pension Scheme	6,778,574	3,050,358	886,476	425,508
1	Teachers' pensions	6,778,574	3,050,358		
	Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England	194,860	87,687	191,659	86,247
1	Improving the quality and standards of education and childcare through independent inspection regulation and advice	194,860	87,687		
	Department of Health	54,368,383	24,470,722	53,524,530	24,086,039
1	Securing health care for those who need it	50,965,112	22,934,300		
2	Securing social care and child protection for those who need it and, at national level, protecting, promoting and improving the nation's health	3,398,271	1,529,222		
3	Office of the Independent Regulator for NHS Foundation Trusts	5,000	7,200		
	National Health Service Pension Scheme	6,191,453	2,786,154	1	—
1	National Health Service Pension Scheme	6,191,453	2,786,154		
	Food Standards Agency	139,028	62,563	136,867	61,590
1	Protecting and promoting public health in relation to food	139,028	62,563		
	Department for Transport	11,031,616	4,984,411	9,740,815	4,431,189
1	Promoting modern, integrated and safe transport and providing customer-focussed regulation	11,031,616	4,984,411		
	Office of Rail Regulation	1	—	1	—
1	To create a better railway for passengers and freight, and better value for public funding authorities, through independent, fair and effective regulation	1	—		
	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	52,700,639	23,715,288	52,770,275	23,746,624
1	Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions	8,808,880	3,963,996		
2	Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework	43,891,759	19,751,292		
	Home Office	12,341,608	5,553,724	12,473,534	5,613,090
1	Building a safe, just and tolerant society	12,341,608	5,553,724		
	Assets Recovery Agency	15,495	6,973	15,401	6,930
1	Helping to reduce crime by recovering the proceeds of crime through criminal confiscation, civil recovery and taxation	15,495	6,973		
	Charity Commission	28,535	12,841	28,959	13,032
1	Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity	28,535	12,841		
	Department for Constitutional Affairs	33,882,838	15,247,277	33,728,800	15,177,960
1	To promote the development of a modern, fair, cost effective and efficient system of justice for all	3,247,827	1,461,522		
2	Overseeing the effective operation of the devolution settlement in Scotland and representing the interests of Scotland within the UK Government	20,786,384	9,353,873		
3	To support the Secretary of State in discharging his role of representing Wales in the UK Government, representing the UK Government in Wales and ensuring the smooth working of the devolution settlement in Wales	9,848,627	4,431,882		
	Department for Constitutional Affairs: Judicial Pensions Scheme	24,168	10,876	1	—
1	Judicial Pensions Scheme	24,168	10,876		
	Northern Ireland Court Service	95,121	42,804	89,946	40,476
1	Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	95,121	42,804		

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	The National Archives: Public Record Office and Historical Manuscripts Commission	36,731	16,529	30,379	13,671
1	Promoting the study of the past in order to inform the present and the future by selecting, preserving and making publicly available public records of historical value and by encouraging high standards of care and public access for archives of historical value outside the public records	36,731	16,529		
	The Crown Prosecution Service	456,614	205,476	457,654	205,944
1	Increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system through fair, firm and effective prosecutions	456,614	205,476		
	Serious Fraud Office	30,390	13,676	34,500	15,525
1	Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law	30,390	13,676		
	HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor	13,543	6,094	14,527	6,537
1	Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies	13,543	6,094		
	Ministry of Defence	32,408,642	14,583,888	28,560,085	12,852,038
1	Provision of defence capability	31,207,061	14,043,177		
2	Conflict prevention	50,360	22,662		
3	War Pensions and Allowances, etc	1,151,221	518,049		
	Armed Forces Retired Pay, Pensions etc	3,484,782	1,568,152	1,662,493	748,122
1	Armed Forces retired pay, pensions etc	3,484,782	1,568,152 ^(a)		
	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	1,517,112	682,701	1,417,355	637,810
1	Promoting internationally the interests of the UK and contributing to a strong world community	1,418,662	638,398		
2	Conflict prevention	98,450	44,303		
	Department for International Development	3,150,690	1,417,811	3,212,296	1,445,533
1	Eliminating poverty in poorer countries	3,112,500	1,400,625		
2	Conflict prevention	38,190	17,186		
	Department for International Development: Overseas Superannuation	74,891	33,701	117,672	52,952
1	Overseas superannuation	74,891	33,701		
	Department of Trade and Industry	4,595,082	2,067,787	5,855,811	3,635,115
1	Increasing UK competitiveness	2,126,998	957,149		
2	Increasing Scientific Excellence in the UK and maximising its contribution to society	2,468,084	1,110,638		
	UK Trade & Investment	97,297	43,784	99,453	44,754
1	To enhance the competitiveness of companies in the UK through overseas trade and investments; and ensure a continuing high level of quality foreign direct investment	97,297	43,784		
	Department of Trade and Industry: UKAEA pension schemes	245,060	110,277	128,000	57,600
1	Effective management of UKAEA pension schemes	245,060	110,277		
	Export Credits Guarantee Department	229,251	103,163	1	—
1	To provide export finance assistance through interest support to benefit the UK economy by facilitating exports	229,250	103,163		
2	To provide export credit guarantees and investment insurance to benefit the UK economy by facilitating exports	1	—		
	Office of Fair Trading	55,896	25,153	54,539	24,543
1	Advancing and safeguarding the economic interests of UK consumers	55,896	25,153		
	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	701	315	1,785	803
1	Protecting consumers by regulating monopolies and promoting competition in the electricity and gas industry	1	—		
2	Expenditure in connection with the Climate Change levy	700	315		
	Postal Services Commission	1	—	1	—
1	Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition	1	—		

(a) Includes provision for the new Armed Forces Compensation Scheme under the Armed Forces (Pension and Compensation) Bill, which is currently before Parliament.

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	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	2,822,282	1,270,027	2,792,166	1,256,475
1	Ensuring that consumers benefit from competitively priced food, produced to high standards of safety, environmental care and animal welfare from a sustainable efficient food chain, to contribute to the well-being of rural and coastal communities and funding aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy and England Rural Development Plan Guarantee Section as economically, efficiently and effectively as possible	2,822,282	1,270,027		
	Forestry Commission	76,718	34,523	56,785	25,553
1	To implement the programmes of the England Forestry Strategy	60,113	27,051		
2	To take the lead in development and promotion of sustainable forest management and to support its achievement nationally	16,605	7,472		
	Office of Water Services	1	—	588	18
1	Regulation of the Water Industry	1	—		
	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	3,851,115	1,733,002	3,850,399	1,732,680
1	Improving the quality of life through cultural and sporting activities	1,325,178	596,330(a)		
2	Broadening access to a rich and varied cultural and sporting life through home broadcasting	2,525,937	1,136,672		
	Department for Work and Pensions	58,452,582	26,303,662	58,484,615	26,318,077
1	Ensuring the best start for all children and ending child poverty in 20 years	252,235	113,506		
2	Promote work as the best form of welfare for people of working age, whilst protecting the position of those in greatest need	33,941,104	15,273,497		
3	Combat poverty and promote security and independence in retirement for today's and tomorrow's pensioners	9,536,667	4,291,500(b)		
4	Improve the rights and opportunities for disabled people in a fair and inclusive society	13,277,140	5,974,713		
5	Modernise welfare delivery so as to improve the accessibility, accuracy and value for money of services to customers, including employers	414,487	186,519		
6	Corporate contracts, support services and administration of the European Social Fund for England	1,030,949	463,927		
	Northern Ireland Office	10,488,478	4,719,815	10,519,717	4,733,873
1	Playing a full part in implementing the Good Friday Agreement and representing the interests of Northern Ireland in the UK Government; supporting and developing an efficient, effective and responsive Criminal Justice System; upholding and sustaining the rule of law and preventing crime; maintaining a secure and humane prison service and reducing the risks of re-offending	1,104,478	497,015		
2	Providing appropriate funding to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund for the delivery of transferred public services as defined by the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Northern Ireland Act 2000	9,384,000	4,222,800		
	HM Treasury	307,311	142,290	202,912	95,310
1	Raising the rate of sustainable growth and achieving rising prosperity and a better quality of life with economic and employment opportunities for all	230,175	107,579		
2	Cost effective management of the supply of coins and actions to protect the integrity of coinage	37,414	16,836		
3	Obtaining the best value for money from Government's commercial relationships on a sustainable basis	39,722	17,875		
	HM Customs and Excise	1,240,067	558,030	1,260,221	567,099
1	Administering the indirect tax and customs control systems fairly and efficiently, enabling individuals and businesses to understand and comply with their obligations	1,211,993	545,397		
2	The effective and efficient prosecution of cases in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors	28,074	12,633		

(a) Includes provision for the Gambling Commission under the Gambling Bill, which is currently before Parliament.

(b) Includes provision for the Pension Protection Fund and the Financial Assistance Scheme under the Pensions Bill, which is currently before Parliament.

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	Inland Revenue	12,946,661	5,838,482	12,376,186	6,161,768
1	Enabling businesses and individuals to understand and comply with their obligations in respect of their dealings with the Inland Revenue	2,581,173	1,161,528		
2	Growing a contribution to the good management of property where the public interest is involved	1	—		
3	Providing payments in lieu of tax relief to certain bodies	121,000	54,450		
4	Making payments of rates to Local Authorities on behalf of certain bodies	31,210	26,529		
5	Payments of Child Benefits and Child Trust Fund endowments	10,213,277	4,595,975		
	National Savings and Investments	171,526	77,187	169,650	76,343
1	Reducing the costs to the taxpayer of government borrowing now and in the future	171,526	77,187		
	Office for National Statistics	131,756	66,040	125,883	70,192
1	Providing statistical and registration services	131,756	66,040		
	Government Actuary's Department	1,071	482	750	750
1	Providing an actuarial consultancy service	1,071	482		
	Crown Estate Office	2,032	914	2,024	911
1	To maintain and enhance the value of the Crown Estate and the return obtained from it	2,032	914		
	Cabinet Office	266,579	119,961	236,635	106,486
1	Supporting the Prime Minister's Office closely in ensuring the delivery of Government objectives	266,579	119,961		
	Security and Intelligence Agencies	1,096,300	493,335	1,087,359	489,312
1	Protecting and promoting the national security and economic well being of the UK	1,096,300	493,335		
	Cabinet Office: Civil superannuation	5,351,374	2,291,126	1,330,332	295,303
1	Civil superannuation	5,351,374	2,291,126		
	Central Office of Information	716	322	711	320
1	Achieving maximum communication effectiveness with best value for money	716	322		
	Privy Council Office	4,158	1,871	4,152	1,868
1	Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business	4,158	1,871		
	Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England	18,130	9,042	19,382	9,910
1	To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England	18,130	9,042		
	House of Lords	94,391	42,476	76,709	34,519
1	Members' expenses and administration, etc	94,391	42,476		
	House of Commons: Members	144,520	65,034	143,410	64,535
1	Members' salaries, allowances and other costs	144,520	65,034		

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