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# Government Equalities Office

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## Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for grants and expenditure by the Government Equalities Office (GEO) on gender and wider equalities policy, payments to non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) and related administration costs. The Department was announced on 26 July 2007.
2. The Estimate consists of one Request for Resource, covering one executive non-departmental public body (NDPB) - the Commission for Equality and Human Rights (CEHR) - and one advisory NDPB: the Women's National Commission.
3. Further information on the activities of the equalities function can be found in the DCLG Report 2007 (Cm 7094). Next year the GEO will produce its own report.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

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## Part I

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<b>Request for Resources 1: promoting a fair and equal society where everyone has the opportunity to prosper and reach their full potential</b>	†	<b>66,242,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>		<b>66,242,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>		<b>66,242,000</b>

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the Government Equalities Office on:

### **RfR 1: Promoting a fair and equal society where everyone has the opportunity to prosper and reach their full potential**

Work on gender and wider equalities policy, grant in aid to the Commission for Equalities and Human Rights, grant in aid to the Commission for Racial Equality, and grant in aid to the Equal Opportunities Commission; and grants and payments associated with gender and wider equality policy; programme expenditure on the Women's National Commission and the administration costs of the Office; and other associated non-cash costs.

The **Government Equalities Office** will account for this Estimate.

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† The creation of The Equalities Office was announced on 26 July, transferring from the Department of Local Government and Communities (DCLG). Within the overall changes sought in this Estimate, the specific changes relating to this machinery of government change are:

- a) the net resource requirement is increased by £ 59,742,000;
- b) the net cash requirement (NCR) is increased by £ 59,742,000.

## Part II: Subhead detail

2007-08						2006-07		2005-06	
Resources						Capital		Provision	Outturn
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non-operating A in A	Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>RfR 1: Promoting a fair and equal society where everyone has the opportunity to prosper and reach their full potential</b>									
3,885	29,411	32,946	66,242	-	66,242	-	-	38,350	49,890
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Equalities									
3,885	29,411	-	33,296	-	33,296	-	-	9,491	5,865
<b>Non-Budget</b>									
B Non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs)									
-	-	32,946	32,946	-	32,946	-	-	28,859	44,025
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
3,885	29,411	32,946	66,242	-	66,242	-	-	38,350	49,890

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

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	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn	
<b>Net total Resources</b>	<b>66,242</b>	<b>38,350</b>		<b>49,890</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>				
Capital expenditure	-	-	-	
<i>Less:</i> Non-operating A in A	-	-	-	
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>				
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:				
Cost of Capital charges	-	-	-	
Depreciation	-	-	-	
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-13	-	
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	-	130	14,900	
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>14,900</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>66,242</b>	<b>38,467</b>		<b>64,790</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

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	2007-08 Provsion	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Administration Costs</b>			
RfR1	3,885	3,036	2,248
<b>Total Net Administration Costs</b>	<u>3,885</u>	<u>3,036</u>	<u>2,248</u>
<b>Net Programme Costs</b>			
RfR1	62,357	35,314	47,642
<b>Total Net Programme costs</b>	<u>62,357</u>	<u>35,314</u>	<u>47,642</u>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	<b>66,242</b>	<b>38,350</b>	<b>49,890</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
<b>Net Resource Outturn</b>	<b>66,242</b>	<b>38,350</b>	<b>49,890</b>
CFERs	-	-	-
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget Outturn</b>	<b>66,834</b>	<b>38,570</b>	<b>34,418</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate

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

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)</b>	<b>66,242</b>	<b>38,350</b>	<b>49,890</b>
<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 (CFERS) in the OCS	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Costs (Accounts)</b>	<b>66,242</b>	<b>38,350</b>	<b>49,890</b>
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains/losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
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	592	220	-15,472
unallocated resource provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)</b>	<b>66,834</b>	<b>38,570</b>	<b>34,418</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL)	66,834	38,570	34,418
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 Outturn (Estimates)</b>	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	7,175	255	338
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	-	-	-
<b>Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)</b>	<b>7,175</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>338</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	7,175	255	338
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 appointments for the Request for Resources within this Estimate.

**Request for Resources 1**

Peter Housden, head of the Department for Communities and Local Government

Peter Housden, as the interim Accounting Officer (AO) of the Government Equalities Office has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Government Equalities Office's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation or by the Treasury and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, in addition to the responsibilities for any assigned RfRs, remains in general overall charge of the Government Equalities Office.

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 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*)

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	33,296	33,538	66,834
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	3,885	-	3,885
Near-cash in RDEL	33,296	32,929	66,225
Capital DEL ††	-	7,175	7,175
Less depreciation †††	-	-579	-579
Total DEL	33,296	40,134	73,430

*† The total of the 'Administration Budget' and 'Near cash in Resource DEL' figures may well be greater than total resource DEL, due to 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.*

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

The total net resource sought for 2007-08 of £ 66,242,000 is 72.7 per cent higher than the final provision and forecast outturn for 2006-07.

## Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

### Grants in Aid

RfR/Section	Service		£'000
RfR1 -B3	Commission for Equalities and Human Rights	♥	13,846
RfR1 -B3	Commission for Racial Equality	♥	19,100
			32,946