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# Cabinet Office

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## Introduction

1. This Vote provides for running costs and other expenditure of the Cabinet Office. It includes the Offices of the Prime Minister, the Minister for the Cabinet Office, the Minister of State, Parliamentary Secretary, and the Government Chief Whip; the Parliamentary Counsel; price concessions to public libraries and the costs of government and other publications supplied to UK members of the European Parliament; grants in aid to a number of Civil Service welfare organisations; and payments to the Chequers Trust and British National Committee for the History of the Second World War; and certain other services.
2. In addition it provides for the costs of the Royal Commission on the House of Lords Reform and the Public Confidence Programme on Year 2000 Issues.
3. The Vote also covers the Cabinet Office Executive Agencies (Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, Property Advisers to the Civil Estate, The Civil Service College, Government Car and Despatch Agency, and The Buying Agency) – the first four operate on a full repayment basis; The Buying Agency is a Trading Fund.
4. Further details of the expenditure contained in sections A to G of this Vote can be found in Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4221). A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 2a of Cm 4221.
5. The Cabinet Office is responsible for collective decision making, including analyses of policy and performance that cut across more than one part of Government and systems which promote co-ordinated action and presentation. It supports the Prime Minister in his role as Head of Government and provides similar support to Ministers in the Cabinet Office and Offices of the Government Whips on matters for which they are responsible. It promotes improved professional and ethical standards in public services and the efficient and effective service delivery throughout the Civil Service and wider public sector.
6. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 6.8 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £204,771,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 is given in Table 2a of Cm 4221.
7. The Cabinet Office has contingent liabilities of £1 million arising from the privatisation of Her Majesty's Stationery Office.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

# Cabinet Office

## Part I

**£219,769,000**

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Minister for the Cabinet Office on the Offices of the Prime Minister, the Minister of State, the Parliamentary Secretary, and the Government Chief Whip; the Parliamentary Counsel; on the central management of, and delivery of services to, the Civil Service and wider public sector including delivery of the modernisation of government programme, Public Confidence Programme on Year 2000 issues, cross-departmental IT systems, anti-drugs co-ordination; Royal Commission on the House of Lords Reform; expenditure resulting from the Minister for the Cabinet Office's chairmanship of the Ministerial Committees on Better Government, Biotechnology, and Drugs Misuse; expenditure resulting from management of the Civil Estate; grant in aid to a number of Civil Service Welfare organisations; payments to the Chequers Trust and British National Committee for the History of the Second World War; and certain other services.

The **Cabinet Office** will account for this Vote

	£
Net total	219,769,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)†	72,743,000
Balance to complete	147,026,000

† In the Vote on Account, this Vote was entitled Cabinet Office: administration.

## Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers					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	Gross total						
<b>Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits</b>											
<b>Central government's own expenditure</b>											
<b>★A: Cabinet Office Ω</b>											
117,175	-3,700	33,455	25,455	—	172,385	25,787	<b>146,598</b>	122,743	79,038		
<b>★B: Securities Facilities division</b>											
11,530	232	—	—	—	11,762	11,530	<b>232</b>	616	1,933		
<b>★C: CCTA Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency</b>											
15,074	12,163	1,116	—	—	28,353	28,353	—	-881	-1,985		
<b>★D: Property Advisers to the Civil Estate Ω</b>											
11,500	71,991	2,000	—	—	85,491	13,549	<b>71,942</b>	82,237	109,981		
<b>★E: Civil Service College Ω</b>											
18,375	-477	625	—	—	18,523	18,523	—	—	-862		
<b>★F: Government Car and Despatch Agency</b>											
11,775	—	1,596	—	—	13,371	13,371	—	-194	53		
<b>★G: Royal Commission (House of Lords Reform)</b>											
987	—	10	—	—	997	—	<b>997</b>	250	—		
<b>Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits</b>											
<i>Privatisation of the Custody Guards Agency</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84		
<i>Privatisation of Chessington Computer Centre</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3		
<i>Privatisation of Recruitment and Assessment Services</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19		

Part II		Subhead detail <i>continued</i>								£'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		
<i>Privatisation of Occupational Health and Safety Agency</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	
<i>Privatisation of Her Majesty's Stationery Office</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-181	
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,416</b>	<b>80,209</b>	<b>38,802</b>	<b>25,455</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>330,882</b>	<b>111,113†</b>	<b>219,769</b>	<b>204,771</b>	<b>188,159</b>	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total. Receipts from minor occupiers and from disposals of freehold interests and other assets. Recoverable VAT on contracted out services and fast stream recruitment. Service First, CITU, Better Regulation, GICSDC and Civil Service Management for sales of publications and services to other departments and the general public. For receipts from local government bodies in respect of invest to save budget. For receipts in respect of completion accounts for privatised agencies. For receipts in respect of central management costs of the PCSPS,

Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contributions Scheme (CSAVC) and civil servants pensionable under the Federation System of Universities (FSSU). From the administration of Crown copyright. From participators in the Top Management programme. From the trading activities of Security Facilities Division. Refunds from the European Community for travel expenses incurred by Cabinet Office staff. Recovery of costs of staff on loan. Repayment of loans to the Civil Service Sports Council, London Hostels Association, and repayments of loans and dividend to The Buying Agency.

CCTA for receipts for the costs of computer and telecommunications procurement services; receipts from minor occupiers and other services. For fees for training courses and consultancy and for miscellaneous hirings and lettings. For receipts from temporary hirings of vacant property, disposals of freehold and leasehold interests, and from charges levied on users of the Whitehall District Heating System and Whitehall Standby Distribution Systems and for customer services. From the trading activities of GCDA and receipts from sales of assets.

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

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:				£'000		
	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98			
<i>Property Advisers to the Civil Estate</i> Φ	—	392	384,908			
<i>Receipts of other classes other than appropriations in aid</i> Φ	—	—	41			
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>384,949</b>			

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# Cabinet Office: security and intelligence services

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## Introduction

1. This Vote provides for all the running costs and other expenditure of GCHQ, the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) and the Security Service, together with related expenditure, mainly on research and development work, on behalf of SIS and the Security Service.
2. Provision for accruing superannuation liability charges (ASLCs) for personnel who are members of the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS) will be paid to the Civil Superannuation Vote (Class XVII, Vote 3) from running costs in the Vote. ASLCs for other staff will be netted off Subhead B4 of this Vote from where relevant pensions in payment are met. Expenditure on subhead B4 is classified as expenditure in Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure, in line with the treatment applied to other public sector superannuation schemes.
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 7 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £709 million.
4. The aggregate staff numbers of the security and intelligence services can be found in table 6I of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4221).
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

# Cabinet Office: security and intelligence services

## Part I

**£774,452,000**

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by Her Majesty's security and intelligence services on administration and operational costs, works and equipment, pensions and other payments.

The **Cabinet Office** will account for this Vote.

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Net Total	774,452,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	318,664,000
Balance to complete	455,788,000

## 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						
<b>Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits</b>										
<b>Central government's own expenditure</b>										
<b>★A: Security and intelligence administration operations Ω</b>										
393,460	265,568	134,497	—	—	793,525	50,578	<b>742,947</b>	695,351	703,330	
<b>Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure</b>										
<b>B: Security and intelligence superannuation payments</b>										
—	—	—	31,505	—	31,505	—	<b>31,505</b>	29,598	27,350	
<b>Total</b>	<b>393,460</b>	<b>265,568</b>	<b>134,497</b>	<b>31,505</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>825,030</b>	<b>50,578†</b>	<b>774,452</b>	<b>724,949</b>	<b>730,680</b>

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from services provided and refunds of Value Added Tax in respect of 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
Security and intelligence superannuation payments ●	15,600	15,163	14,547
Receipts of other classes other than appropriations in aid ●	—	—	11,454
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>15,163</b>	<b>26,001</b>

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# Cabinet Office: civil superannuation

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## Introduction

1. This Vote provides for the payment of pension and other benefits, including injury benefit in respect of injuries sustained on or before 31 March 1998, to persons covered by the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS) and certain other statutory schemes, including schemes for civil servants made under the Superannuation Act 1972.
2. The Vote covers residual expenditure on the pension and compensation allowances payable to ex-members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and their dependants. It includes the increases payable in accordance with the Annual Review Orders made under Section 59 of the Social Security Pension Act 1975 and includes the increases on certain pensions provided by statute from the Consolidated Fund.
3. Provision is also made for the payment of annual compensation arising from early retirement that is funded by lump sum payments made by departments, agencies and other bodies covered by the Civil Service Compensation Scheme, in previous years and received as extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund (see Part III). The scheme for the central funding of early departures as announced in the White Paper: *The Civil Service: Continuity and Change* (Cm 2627) ended on 31 March 1997. Provision for central funding is therefore limited to the on-going costs of annual compensation payments of those retired early under the scheme.
4. Departments, agencies and other bodies covered by the PCSPS meet the cost of pension cover provided for the staff they employ by payment of charges calculated on an accruing basis. The charges, along with the contributions paid by scheme members and certain other receipts, are appropriated in aid of the Vote. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 7B of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4221).
5. The net provision sought for 1999–2000 is 8.6 per cent higher than the net provision for 1998–99 of £1,409.5 million and 10.3 per cent higher than forecast outturn for that year of £1,386.5 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99, along with further information about the Vote, can be found in chapter 7 of Cm 4221.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

# Cabinet Office: civil superannuation

## Part I

**£1,530,000,000**

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Cabinet Office on the superannuation of civil servants; pensions, etc, in respect of former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and other pensions and non-recurrent payments; and for certain other services.

The **Cabinet Office** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,530,000,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	634,275,000
Balance to complete	895,725,000

## 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	
<b>Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits</b>										
<b>Central government's own expenditure</b>										
<i>A: Civil superannuation central funding of early departures</i>										
—	81,000	—	—	—	81,000	—	<b>81,000</b>	90,000	91,317	
<b>Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure</b>										
<i>B: Civil superannuation</i>										
—	—	—	2,830,000	—	2,830,000	1,381,000	<b>1,449,000</b>	1,319,501	1,316,597	
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,830,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,911,000</b>	<b>1,381,000†</b>	<b>1,530,000</b>	<b>1,409,501</b>	<b>1,407,914</b>

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from charges received from departments and others on account of the cost of the pension cover provided for their staffs; periodical contributions for widows', widowers' and dependants' benefits; other superannuation contributions and transfer values received and bulk transfer value 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	
<i>Civil superannuation</i> ●	—	165,000	82,654	

# Central Office of Information

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## Introduction

1. This vote covers the Central Advisory Service for publicity advice provided centrally. Further details of the expenditure contained in this Vote can be found in Chapter 8 of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4221).
2. Since 1988–89 COI's income has been treated as appropriations in aid, but from 1 April 1991 COI's repayment services were transferred to a trading fund.
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99, reflecting the transfer of Royal Household grant in aid to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 is given in Cm 4221.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

# Central Office of Information

## Part I

**£711,000**

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Central Office of Information on allied service work.

The **Central Office of Information** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	711,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	532,000
Balance to complete	179,000

## 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						
<b>Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits</b>										
<b>Central government's own expenditure</b>										
★A: COI - publicity and advisory service										
—	711	—	—	—	711	—	711	711	1,076	

## 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.

# Privy Council Office

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## **Introduction**

1. This Vote covers the running 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 for appeals from Commonwealth countries other than the United Kingdom. The Vote also pays for the running of the private offices and salaries of the President of the Council and the Lord Privy Seal, respectively, Leaders of the House of Commons and House of Lords.
2. Expenditure contained in this Vote is explained in the 1999 Departmental Report by the Privy Council Office (Cm 4221).
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 19 per cent lower than both the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £3.044 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn by function for 1998–99 is given in Cm 4221.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

# Privy Council Office

## Part I

**£2,462,000**

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of Her Majesty's Privy Council on administration costs.

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

	£
Net total	2,462,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	1,219,000
Balance to complete	1,243,000

## 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						
<b>Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits</b>										
<b>Central government's own expenditure</b>										
<b>★A: Privy Council Office administration</b>										
2,544	—	—	—	—	2,544	82†	2,462	2,491	2,203	

† Amount that may be applied as 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 and VAT refunds 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
<i>Surplus appropriations in aid and other miscellaneous receipts</i> ●	—	—	2