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**for the year ending 31 March 2005**

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# Introduction

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## **Vote on Account for 2004–05**

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 2004-05. By 'existing services' is meant services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2004. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the winter Consolidated Fund Bill.

2. The Main Supply Estimates for 2004-05 will be presented around the start of that financial year. Parliament normally authorises the provision sought there towards the end of July, when the 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 Estimates in 2003-04). 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 2004-05. Individual RfR descriptions are normally consistent with the RfR titles in the Supply Estimates for 2003-04, 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 17.

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 18.

8. The Vote on Account in respect of the Electoral Commission is presented today by the Speaker in HC 19.

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<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>£147,115,584,000</b>
<b>Total net cash requirement</b>	<b>£143,512,525,000</b>

Amount required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2005 in respect of the several services listed below.

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Treasury Chambers  
26 November 2003

Ruth Kelly

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RfR	Service	2003-04 Total Net Resources to date on which provision on account is based £'000	2004-05 Required on account £'000	2003-04 Total Net Cash Requirement to date on which provision on account is based £'000	2004-05 Required on account £'000
	<b>Department for Education and Skills</b>	<b>24,166,997</b>	<b>12,112,074</b>	<b>26,222,865</b>	<b>12,586,975</b>
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	23,437,103	11,484,180		
2	Promoting the physical, intellectual and social development of babies and young children through Sure Start, Early Years Provision and Childcare	529,894	529,894		
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	200,000	98,000		
	<b>Teachers' Pension Scheme</b>	<b>11,645,547</b>	<b>2,540,496</b>	<b>597,204</b>	<b>268,742</b>
1	Teachers' pensions	11,645,547	2,540,496		
	<b>Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England</b>	<b>207,000</b>	<b>93,150</b>	<b>206,970</b>	<b>93,137</b>
1	Improving the quality and standards of education and childcare through independent inspection regulation and advice	207,000	93,150		
	<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>49,148,831</b>	<b>22,311,500</b>	<b>49,535,694</b>	<b>24,983,987<sup>(a)</sup></b>
1	Securing health care for those who need it	46,285,962	20,828,683		
2	Securing social care and child protection for those who need it and, at national level, protecting, promoting and improving the nation's health	2,862,869	1,482,817 <sup>(a)</sup>		
	<b>National Health Service Pension Scheme</b>	<b>23,195,649</b>	<b>991,860</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>11,250</b>
1	National Health Service Pension Scheme	23,195,649	991,860		
	<b>Food Standards Agency</b>	<b>119,528</b>	<b>61,663</b>	<b>119,409</b>	<b>60,709</b>
1	Protecting and promoting public health in relation to food	119,528	61,663		
	<b>Office of the Deputy Prime Minister</b>	<b>51,863,002</b>	<b>25,200,273</b>	<b>52,063,295</b>	<b>25,334,346 (b)</b>
1	Improving the quality of life by creating thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities in all regions	10,410,245	5,183,956 <sup>(b)</sup>		
2	Providing for effective devolved decision making within a national framework	41,452,757	20,016,317		
	<b>Department for Transport</b>	<b>10,914,418</b>	<b>5,365,652</b>	<b>9,348,573</b>	<b>4,595,865</b>
1	Promoting modern, integrated and safe transport and providing customer-focussed regulation	10,914,418	5,365,652		
	<b>Office of the Rail Regulator</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>
1	To create a better railway for passengers and freight, and better value for public funding authorities, through independent, fair and effective regulation	1	—		
	<b>Home Office</b>	<b>11,825,023</b>	<b>5,321,260</b>	<b>11,981,277</b>	<b>5,391,575</b>
1	Building a safe, just and tolerant society	11,825,023	5,321,260		
	<b>Assets Recovery Agency</b>	<b>10,999</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>10,774</b>	<b>4,848</b>
1	Helping to reduce crime by recovering the proceeds of crime through criminal confiscation, civil recovery and taxation	10,999	4,950		
	<b>Charity Commission</b>	<b>27,279</b>	<b>12,276</b>	<b>27,759</b>	<b>12,492</b>
1	Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity	27,279	12,276		
	<b>Department for Constitutional Affairs</b>	<b>30,578,500</b>	<b>13,760,325</b>	<b>30,466,613</b>	<b>13,709,976</b>
1	To promote the development of a modern, fair, cost effective and efficient system of justice for all	2,743,583	1,234,612		
2	Overseeing the effective operation of the devolution settlement in Scotland and representing the interests of Scotland within the UK Government	18,528,277	8,337,725		
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	9,306,640	4,187,988		
	<b>Department for Constitutional Affairs: Judicial Pensions Scheme</b>	<b>62,830</b>	<b>6,444</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>
1	Judicial Pensions Scheme	62,830	6,444		
	<b>Northern Ireland Court Service</b>	<b>94,540</b>	<b>42,543</b>	<b>89,365</b>	<b>40,214</b>
1	Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	94,540	42,543		

(a) Includes provision for funding the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) and Commission for Health Audit and Inspection (CHAI) under the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill which is currently before Parliament.

(b) Includes provision for an expansion of the Planning Aid Programme under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill which is currently before Parliament.

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		Total Net Resources to date on which provision on account is based £'000	Required on account £'000	Total Net Cash Requirement to date on which provision on account is based £'000	Required on account £'000
	<b>The National Archives: Public Record Office and Historical Manuscripts Commission</b>	<b>35,743</b>	<b>16,084</b>	<b>29,384</b>	<b>13,223</b>
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	35,743	16,084		
	<b>The Crown Prosecution Service</b>	<b>428,294</b>	<b>214,147</b>	<b>433,344</b>	<b>216,672</b>
1	Increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system through fair, firm and effective prosecutions	428,294	214,147		
	<b>Serious Fraud Office</b>	<b>23,410</b>	<b>10,535</b>	<b>24,400</b>	<b>10,980</b>
1	Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law	23,410	10,535		
	<b>HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor</b>	<b>13,093</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>13,877</b>	<b>6,245</b>
1	Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies	13,093	5,892		
	<b>Ministry of Defence</b>	<b>34,015,491</b>	<b>14,390,293</b>	<b>27,541,964</b>	<b>12,461,384</b>
1	Provision of defence capability	32,820,786	13,785,191		
2	Conflict prevention	36,700	84,000		
3	War Pensions and Allowances, etc	1,158,005	521,102		
	<b>Armed Forces Retired Pay, Pensions etc</b>	<b>7,112,490</b>	<b>1,527,188</b>	<b>1,422,241</b>	<b>640,008</b>
1	Armed Forces retired pay, pensions etc	7,112,490	1,527,188		
	<b>Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>	<b>1,616,126</b>	<b>727,257</b>	<b>1,495,326</b>	<b>672,897</b>
1	Promoting internationally the interests of the UK and contributing to a strong world community	1,394,391	627,476		
2	Conflict prevention	221,735	99,781		
	<b>Department for International Development</b>	<b>2,765,106</b>	<b>1,244,298</b>	<b>2,709,603</b>	<b>1,219,321</b>
1	Eliminating poverty in poorer countries	2,726,746	1,227,036		
2	Conflict prevention	38,360	17,262		
	<b>Department for International Development: Overseas Superannuation</b>	<b>60,293</b>	<b>27,132</b>	<b>114,767</b>	<b>51,645</b>
1	Overseas superannuation	60,293	27,132		
	<b>Department of Trade and Industry</b>	<b>4,669,303</b>	<b>2,101,186</b>	<b>6,111,014</b>	<b>3,749,956</b>
1	Increasing UK competitiveness	2,386,140	1,073,763		
2	Increasing Scientific Excellence in the UK and maximising its contribution to society	2,283,163	1,027,423		
	<b>UK Trade &amp; Investment</b>	<b>95,078</b>	<b>42,785</b>	<b>96,244</b>	<b>43,310</b>
1	Enhanced competitiveness of companies in the UK through overseas sales and investment; and a continuing high level of quality foreign direct investment	95,078	42,785		
	<b>Department of Trade and Industry: United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation schemes</b>	<b>235,973</b>	<b>105,282</b>	<b>124,561</b>	<b>56,052</b>
1	Effective management of United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation schemes	235,973	105,282		
	<b>Export Credits Guarantee Department</b>	<b>223,390</b>	<b>100,525</b>	<b>233,477</b>	<b>105,065</b>
1	To provide export finance assistance through interest support to benefit the UK economy by facilitating exports	223,389	100,525		
2	To provide export credit guarantees and investment insurance to benefit the UK economy by facilitating exports	1	—		
	<b>Office of Fair Trading</b>	<b>54,375</b>	<b>24,469</b>	<b>55,077</b>	<b>24,785</b>
1	Advancing and safeguarding the economic interests of UK consumers	54,375	24,469		
	<b>Office of Gas and Electricity Markets</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>1,309</b>
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	680	306		
	<b>Postal Services Commission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>—</b>
1	Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition	1	—		

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	<b>Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>2,380,089</b>	<b>1,071,040</b>	<b>2,460,533</b>	<b>1,107,240</b>
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 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	2,380,089	1,071,040		
	<b>Forestry Commission</b>	<b>81,236</b>	<b>36,556</b>	<b>61,333</b>	<b>27,600</b>
1	To implement the programmes of the England Forestry Strategy	64,990	29,246		
2	To take the lead in development and promotion of sustainable forest management and to support its achievements nationally	16,246	7,310		
	<b>Office of Water Services</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>
1	Regulation of the Water Industry	1	—		
	<b>Department for Culture, Media and Sport</b>	<b>3,678,410</b>	<b>1,655,285</b>	<b>3,681,683</b>	<b>1,656,757</b>
1	Improving the quality of life through cultural and sporting activities	1,279,311	575,690		
2	Broadening access to a rich and varied cultural and sporting life through home broadcasting	2,399,099	1,079,595		
	<b>Department for Work and Pensions</b>	<b>50,011,834</b>	<b>22,505,326</b>	<b>49,819,522</b>	<b>22,418,785</b>
1	Ensuring the best start for all children and ending child poverty in 20 years	200,007	90,003		
2	Promoting work as the best form of welfare for people of working age, whilst protecting the position of those in greatest need	28,144,579	12,665,061		
3	Combating poverty and promoting security and independence in retirement for today's and tomorrow's pensioners	8,080,450	3,636,203		
4	Improving the rights and opportunities for disabled people in a fair and inclusive society	12,300,284	5,535,128		
5	Modernising welfare delivery so as to improve the accessibility, accuracy and value for money of services to customers, including employers	370,742	166,834		
6	Corporate contracts, support services and administration of the European Social Fund for England	915,772	412,097		
	<b>Northern Ireland Office</b>	<b>9,749,007</b>	<b>4,387,053</b>	<b>9,758,599</b>	<b>4,391,370</b>
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	1,117,007	502,653		
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	8,632,000	3,884,400		
	<b>HM Treasury</b>	<b>275,419</b>	<b>123,939</b>	<b>167,198</b>	<b>75,239</b>
1	Raising the rate of sustainable growth and achieving rising prosperity and a better quality of life with economic and employment opportunities for all	200,837	90,377		
2	Cost effective management of the supply of coins and actions to protect the integrity of coinage	35,714	16,071		
3	Obtaining the best value for money from Government's commercial relationships on a sustainable basis	38,868	17,491		
	<b>HM Customs and Excise</b>	<b>1,130,057</b>	<b>508,525</b>	<b>1,147,872</b>	<b>516,542</b>
1	Administering the indirect tax and customs control systems fairly and efficiently, enabling individuals and businesses to understand and comply with their obligations	1,103,252	496,463		
2	The effective and efficient prosecution of cases in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors	26,805	12,062		

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	<b>Inland Revenue</b>	<b>12,148,175</b>	<b>5,476,041</b>	<b>12,151,203</b>	<b>5,477,441</b>
1	Enabling businesses and individuals to understand and comply with their obligations in respect of their dealings with the Inland Revenue	2,535,205	1,140,842		
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	171,000	76,950		
4	Making payments of rates to Local Authorities on behalf of certain bodies	31,210	23,407		
5	Providing payments of Child Benefits	9,410,759	4,234,842		
	<b>National Savings and Investments</b>	<b>171,568</b>	<b>77,206</b>	<b>170,200</b>	<b>76,590</b>
1	Reducing the costs to the taxpayer of government borrowing now and in the future	171,568	77,206		
	<b>Office for National Statistics</b>	<b>132,318</b>	<b>59,543</b>	<b>133,045</b>	<b>59,870</b>
1	Providing statistical and registration services	132,318	59,543		
	<b>Government Actuary's Department</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>750</b>
1	Providing an actuarial consultancy service	983	442		
	<b>Crown Estate Office</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>892</b>
1	To maintain and enhance the value of the Crown Estate and the return obtained from it	1,990	896		
	<b>Cabinet Office</b>	<b>264,982</b>	<b>119,242</b>	<b>287,813</b>	<b>129,516</b>
1	Supporting the Prime Minister's Office closely in ensuring the delivery of Government objectives	264,982	119,242		
	<b>Security and Intelligence Agencies</b>	<b>1,068,126</b>	<b>480,657</b>	<b>1,022,515</b>	<b>460,132</b>
1	Protecting and promoting the national security and economic well being of the UK	1,068,126	480,657		
	<b>Cabinet Office: Civil superannuation</b>	<b>12,328,439</b>	<b>2,142,921</b>	<b>1,431,133</b>	<b>644,010</b>
1	Civil superannuation	12,328,439	2,142,921		
	<b>Central Office of Information</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>320</b>
1	Achieving maximum communication effectiveness with best value for money	716	322		
	<b>Privy Council Office</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>1,570</b>
1	Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business	3,461	1,557		
	<b>Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioner for England</b>	<b>16,294</b>	<b>7,332</b>	<b>16,285</b>	<b>7,328</b>
1	To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England	16,294	7,332		
	<b>House of Lords</b>	<b>81,160</b>	<b>36,522</b>	<b>68,536</b>	<b>30,841</b>
1	Peers' expenses and administration, etc	81,160	36,522		
	<b>House of Commons: Members</b>	<b>140,743</b>	<b>63,334</b>	<b>139,438</b>	<b>62,747</b>
1	Members' salaries etc	135,354	60,909		
2	Grants to other bodies	5,389	2,425		



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