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# **Vote on Account**

## **2003-04**

**for the year ending 31 March 2004**

### **Central Government Supply Estimates**

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# Introduction

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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 2003-04. By 'existing services' is meant services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2003. 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 2003-04 are expected to be presented in March or early April 2003. 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 summer Supplementary Estimates as well as Main and Revised Estimates, where appropriate (there were no summer Supplementary or Revised Estimates in 2002-03). 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. For the 2003-04 Vote on Account the pensions scheme Estimates have had to reflect the resource implications of Financial Reporting Standard 17 (FRS17), which requires schemes to reflect the accruing pension costs of scheme members. A provision for the present value of the scheme liabilities has to be set up on balance sheet and this is then used to meet future pension costs. The 2003-04 Main Supply Estimates will include a provision for both that year's accruing costs and for the costs relating to the previous two years (2001-02 and 2002-03, the past years to which resource Estimates have applied). The resource implications of these provisions in the 2003-04 Vote on Account have been estimated at some £22 billion.

6. 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 2003-04. Individual RfR descriptions are normally consistent with the RfR titles in the Supply Estimates for 2002-03, 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.

7. The Vote on Account in respect of the House of Commons is presented today by The Speaker in HC 39.
8. The Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC 40.
9. The Vote on Account in respect of the Electoral Commission is presented today by The Speaker in HC 41.

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<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>£155,854,190,000</b>
<b>Total net cash requirement</b>	<b>£131,383,588,000</b>

Amount required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2004  
in respect of the several services listed below.

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Treasury Chambers  
27 November 2002

Ruth Kelly

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	<b>Department for Education and Skills</b>	<b>22,289,594</b>	<b>10,921,901</b>	<b>23,535,975</b>	<b>11,532,628</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	21,691,108	10,628,643		
2	Promoting the physical, intellectual and social development of babies and children and supporting their families through Childcare, Early Years and Sure Start programmes	448,486	219,758		
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	150,000	73,500		
	<b>Teachers' Pension Scheme</b>	<b>1,760,000</b>	<b>5,051,000</b>	<b>1,760,000</b>	<b>330,000</b>
1	Teachers' pensions	1,760,000	5,051,000		
	<b>Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England</b>	<b>199,011</b>	<b>89,555</b>	<b>196,882</b>	<b>88,597</b>
1	Improving the quality and standards of education and childcare through independent inspection regulation and advice	199,011	89,555		
	<b>The Department of Health</b>	<b>49,124,711</b>	<b>22,106,120</b>	<b>49,077,072</b>	<b>24,538,536</b>
1	Securing health care for those who need it	46,220,700	20,799,315		
2	Securing social care and child protection for those who need it and, at national level, protecting, promoting and improving the nation's health	2,904,011	1,306,805		
	<b>National Health Service Pension Scheme</b>	<b>50,200</b>	<b>6,662,100</b>	<b>45,750</b>	<b>20,588</b>
1	National Health Service Pension Scheme	50,200	6,662,100		
	<b>Food Standards Agency</b>	<b>120,349</b>	<b>54,157</b>	<b>117,675</b>	<b>52,954</b>
1	Protecting and promoting public health in relation to food	120,349	54,157		
	<b>Department for Transport</b>	<b>9,382,337</b>	<b>5,911,178</b>	<b>6,633,676</b>	<b>4,179,432</b>
1	Promoting modern, integrated and safe transport and providing customer-focussed regulation	9,382,337	5,911,178		
	<b>Office of the Deputy Prime Minister</b>	<b>47,171,564</b>	<b>21,227,204</b>	<b>47,294,561</b>	<b>21,423,143</b>
1	Offering the opportunity of a decent home, promoting sustainable economic development through integrated regional and local action, supporting fire service and providing for the administration of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	9,370,866	4,216,890		
2	Promoting a system of elected government responding to the needs of local communities	37,800,698	17,010,314		
	<b>Office of the Rail Regulator</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>969</b>
1	To create a better railway for passengers and freight, and better value for public funding authorities, through independent, fair and effective regulations	1	–		
	<b>Home Office</b>	<b>10,335,937</b>	<b>4,651,171</b>	<b>10,216,135</b>	<b>4,597,261</b>
1	Building a safe, just and tolerant society	8,007,361	3,603,312 (a)		
2	Protecting the public by holding prisoners in decent conditions and reducing re-offending after release	2,328,576	1,047,859		
	<b>Assets Recovery Agency</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,100</b>
1	Helping to reduce crime by recovering the proceeds of crime by criminal and civil proceedings and by taxation	4,740	5,000		
	<b>Charity Commission</b>	<b>25,785</b>	<b>11,603</b>	<b>26,244</b>	<b>11,810</b>
1	Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity	25,785	11,603		
	<b>Lord Chancellor's Department</b>	<b>2,670,071</b>	<b>1,201,532</b>	<b>2,519,462</b>	<b>1,133,758</b>
1	To promote the development of a modern, fair, cost effective and efficient system of justice for all	2,670,071	1,201,532		
	<b>Lord Chancellor's Department: Judicial Pension Schemes</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47,393</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>
1	Judicial pension schemes	1	47,393		
	<b>Northern Ireland Court Service</b>	<b>95,434</b>	<b>42,946</b>	<b>88,034</b>	<b>39,615</b>
1	Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	52,546	23,646		
2	Enabling the Legal Aid Department of the Law Society of Northern Ireland to provide timely, accurate and cost effective legal aid administration and expenditure control	42,888	19,300 (b)		

(a) Includes provision for the Security Industry Authority under the Private Security Industry Act 2001

(b) Includes provision for the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission under the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 which is currently before Parliament

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	<b>Public Record Office</b>	<b>35,496</b>	<b>16,558</b>	<b>27,148</b>	<b>12,784</b>
1	Assisting and promoting the study of the past in order to inform the present and the future	35,496	16,558		
	<b>The Crown Prosecution Service</b>	<b>397,598</b>	<b>198,799</b>	<b>392,942</b>	<b>196,471</b>
1	Increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system through fair, firm and effective prosecutions	397,598	198,799		
	<b>Serious Fraud Office</b>	<b>21,750</b>	<b>9,788</b>	<b>22,350</b>	<b>10,058</b>
1	Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law	21,750	9,788		
	<b>HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor</b>	<b>14,543</b>	<b>6,544</b>	<b>14,806</b>	<b>6,663</b>
1	Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies	14,543	6,544		
	<b>Ministry of Defence</b>	<b>32,815,674</b>	<b>14,767,053</b>	<b>26,091,927</b>	<b>11,741,367</b>
1	Provision of defence capability	31,287,813	14,079,516		
2	Conflict prevention	341,141	153,513		
3	War Pensions Benefits Programme	1,186,720	534,024		
	<b>Armed Forces Retired Pay, Pensions etc</b>	<b>1,401,131</b>	<b>5,941,545</b>	<b>1,412,956</b>	<b>635,830</b>
1	Armed forces retired pay, pensions etc	1,401,131	5,941,545		
	<b>Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>	<b>1,512,870</b>	<b>680,791</b>	<b>1,445,828</b>	<b>650,623</b>
1	Promoting internationally the interests of the UK and contributing to a strong world community	1,266,725	570,026		
2	Conflict prevention	246,145	110,765		
	<b>Department for International Development</b>	<b>2,567,221</b>	<b>1,155,249</b>	<b>2,528,185</b>	<b>1,137,683</b>
1	Eliminating poverty in poorer countries	2,531,567	1,139,205		
2	Conflict prevention	35,654	16,044		
	<b>DFID: Overseas Superannuation</b>	<b>118,334</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>118,334</b>	<b>53,250</b>
1	DFID superannuation pensions	118,334	80,500		
	<b>Department of Trade and Industry</b>	<b>4,297,619</b>	<b>1,933,929</b>	<b>4,330,683</b>	<b>1,948,807</b>
1	Increasing UK competitiveness	2,417,235	1,087,756		
2	Increasing Scientific Excellence in the UK and maximising its contribution to society	1,880,384	846,173		
	<b>British Trade International</b>	<b>92,209</b>	<b>41,494</b>	<b>92,379</b>	<b>41,571</b>
1	Enhanced competitiveness of companies in the UK through overseas sales and investment; and a continuing high level of quality foreign and direct investment	92,209	41,494		
	<b>Department of Trade and Industry United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation schemes</b>	<b>136,524</b>	<b>70,777</b>	<b>136,500</b>	<b>61,425</b>
1	Effective management of United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation schemes	136,524	70,777		
	<b>Export Credits Guarantee Department</b>	<b>226,633</b>	<b>101,984</b>	<b>368,583</b>	<b>165,862</b>
1	To provide export finance assistance through interest support to benefit the UK economy by facilitating exports	226,632	101,984		
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>50,943</b>	<b>22,924</b>	<b>50,768</b>	<b>22,846</b>
1	Advancing and safeguarding the economic interests of UK consumers	50,943	22,924		
	<b>Office of Telecommunications</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>245</b>
1	Providing the best possible deal for telecommunications customers through effective competition	759	342		
	<b>Office of Gas and Electricity Markets</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>304</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	220	99		

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	<b>Postal Services Commission</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>–</b>
1	Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition	1	–		
	<b>Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>2,208,289</b>	<b>993,731</b>	<b>2,230,676</b>	<b>1,003,804</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, and to contribute to well-being of rural and coastal communities	1,968,190	885,686		
2	Funding aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy and England Rural Development Plan Guarantee Section as economically, efficiently and effectively as possible	240,099	108,045		
	<b>Forestry Commission</b>	<b>102,765</b>	<b>46,244</b>	<b>59,793</b>	<b>26,907</b>
1	Protecting and expanding Britain's woodlands and increasing their value to society and the environment	102,765	46,244		
	<b>Office of Water Services</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>
1	Regulation of the Water Industry	1	–		
	<b>Department for Culture, Media and Sport</b>	<b>3,484,217</b>	<b>1,615,951</b>	<b>3,478,787</b>	<b>1,610,281</b>
1	Improving the quality of life through cultural and sporting activities	1,229,333	565,587		
2	Broadening access to a rich and varied cultural and sporting life through home broadcasting	2,254,884	1,050,364		
	<b>Department for Work and Pensions</b>	<b>47,664,392</b>	<b>21,448,978</b>	<b>47,509,034</b>	<b>21,379,065</b>
1	Ensuring the best start for all children and ending child poverty in 20 years	264,819	119,169		
2	Promoting work as the best form of welfare for people of working age, whilst protecting the position of those in greatest need	28,227,044	12,702,170		
3	Combating poverty and promoting security and independence in retirement for today's and tomorrow's pensioners	6,821,630	3,069,734		
4	Improving rights and opportunities for disabled people in a fair and inclusive society	11,323,359	5,095,512		
5	Modernising welfare delivery so as to improve the accessibility, accuracy and value for money of services to customers, including employers	151,884	68,348		
6	Corporate contracts, support services and administration of the European Social Fund for England	875,656	394,045		
	<b>Scotland Office</b>	<b>16,563,342</b>	<b>7,453,504</b>	<b>16,562,902</b>	<b>7,453,306</b>
1	Overseeing the effective operation of the devolution settlement in Scotland and representing the interests of Scotland within the UK Government	16,563,342	7,453,504		
	<b>Wales Office</b>	<b>8,671,983</b>	<b>4,084,346</b>	<b>8,672,614</b>	<b>4,084,630</b>
1	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	8,671,983	4,084,346		
	<b>Northern Ireland Office</b>	<b>9,267,634</b>	<b>4,170,435</b>	<b>9,268,796</b>	<b>4,170,958</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	1,178,634	530,385		
2	Providing appropriate funding to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund for the delivery of transferred public services as defined by the Northern Ireland Act 2000	8,089,000	3,640,050		

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	<b>HM Treasury</b>	<b>241,179</b>	<b>108,530</b>	<b>183,309</b>	<b>82,489</b>
1	Raising the rate of sustainable growth and achieving rising prosperity, through creating economic and employment opportunities for all	202,812	77,965		
2	Cost effective management of the supply of coins and actions to protect the integrity of coinage	38,366	17,265		
3	Obtaining the best value for money from Government's commercial relationships on a sustainable basis	1	13,300		
	<b>HM Customs and Excise</b>	<b>1,055,887</b>	<b>475,149</b>	<b>1,049,170</b>	<b>472,127</b>
1	Administering the indirect tax and customs control systems fairly and efficiently, and enabling individuals and businesses to understand and comply with their obligations	1,055,887	475,149		
	<b>Inland Revenue</b>	<b>11,547,372</b>	<b>5,204,267</b>	<b>11,476,094</b>	<b>5,164,242</b>
1	Enabling businesses and individuals to understand and comply with their obligations in respect of their dealings with the Inland Revenue	2,440,871	1,098,392		
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	190,000	85,500		
4	Making payments of rates to Local Authorities on behalf of certain bodies	26,500	19,875		
5	Providing payments of Child Benefit	8,890,000	4,000,500		
	<b>National Savings and Investments</b>	<b>159,170</b>	<b>71,627</b>	<b>154,608</b>	<b>69,574</b>
1	Reducing the costs to the taxpayer of government borrowing	159,170	71,627		
	<b>Office for National Statistics</b>	<b>133,258</b>	<b>59,966</b>	<b>143,354</b>	<b>64,509</b>
1	Providing statistical and registration services	133,258	59,966		
	<b>Government Actuary's Department</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>317</b>
1	Providing an actuarial consultancy service	896	403		
	<b>Crown Estate</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1,903</b>	<b>856</b>
1	To maintain and enhance the value of the Crown Estate and the return obtained from it	1,911	860		
	<b>Cabinet Office</b>	<b>201,571</b>	<b>100,786</b>	<b>198,984</b>	<b>99,492</b>
1	Supporting the Prime Minister's Office closely in ensuring the delivery of Government objectives	201,571	100,786		
	<b>Security and Intelligence Agencies</b>	<b>944,865</b>	<b>425,189</b>	<b>901,195</b>	<b>405,538</b>
1	Protecting and promoting the national security and economic well being of the UK	911,634	410,235		
2	Security Service and Secret Intelligence Service superannuation	33,231	14,954		
	<b>Cabinet Office: Civil superannuation</b>	<b>1,176,976</b>	<b>6,474,637</b>	<b>1,246,297</b>	<b>560,834</b>
1	Civil superannuation	1,176,976	6,474,637		
	<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>2,801</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>1,259</b>
1	Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council Office business	2,801	1,260		
	<b>Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioner for England</b>	<b>15,799</b>	<b>7,110</b>	<b>14,878</b>	<b>6,695</b>
1	To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England	15,799	7,110		
	<b>House of Lords</b>	<b>85,303</b>	<b>38,386</b>	<b>57,408</b>	<b>25,834</b>
1	Peers' expenses and administration, etc	85,303	38,386		
	<b>House of Commons: Members</b>	<b>136,162</b>	<b>61,273</b>	<b>134,122</b>	<b>60,355</b>
1	Members' salaries etc	130,807	58,863		
2	Grants to other bodies	5,355	2,410		

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