

Housing, construction, regeneration, regional policy, and countryside and wildlife, England

Introduction

1. Details of programmes covered by the Vote can be found in the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions Annual Report 1999 (Cm 4204). Chapter 2 covers expenditure on social housing (local authorities and Registered Social Landlords), rent and leasehold services; private housing renewal; and response to homelessness (Sections A to B, I to J, O and Q to S). Chapter 3 covers support for the UK construction industry (Section C). Chapter 4 covers regional and local regeneration programmes (Sections D to E, and K) and European Regional Development Fund projects (Sections G to H, M to N and U to V). Chapter 5 covers countryside and wildlife programmes (Sections F, L, P and T). Chapter 11 covers regional policy (Section D).
2. Expected use of grant-in-aid by NDPBs, as shown in figures B1–13 of Cm 4204, is: (1) Housing Corporation ♦ (£1,490,807,000), (2) Regional Development Agencies ♥ (£707,707,000), (3) Urban Regeneration Agency (English Partnerships) ♦ (£76,308,000), (4) Housing Action Trusts ♦ (£86,400,000), (5) Docklands Light Railway ♦ (£21,400,000), (6) Nature Conservancy Council for England ♥ (£44,680,000), (7) Countryside Agency ♥ (48,735,000), (8) Development Commission ♥ (2,737,000), and (9) National Forest Company (£3,100,000).
3. Most NDPBs are partially funded by receipts. Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) receipts are estimated at £180 million, of those RDA receipts in excess of £234 million will either be appropriated in aid of the vote or surrendered to the Consolidated Fund as extra receipts.
4. Where advance payments are made pending audit of final claims, the Vote records net payments within the financial year including adjustments in respect of previous years. Departmental running costs of £3,000,000 for Rent Assessment Panels are carried on Section B of this Vote. Other administrative costs associated with this Vote are on Class III, Vote 5. Detailed analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in Figure A14, and of Consolidated Fund extra receipts in figure A15 of Cm 4204. There are a number of contingent liabilities which, if any costs arise, would involve payments from the Vote. Those outstanding at 31 March 1999 were £20,000,000 for the Docklands Light Railway; and an unquantified amount relating to Special Protection Areas.
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 1.8 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £6,665,365,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in figure A1 of Cm 4204.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Housing, construction, regeneration, regional policy, and countryside and wildlife, England

Part I

£6,783,186,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on payments to the Housing Corporation; Housing Revenue Account Subsidy; grants towards and advice on the renewal of private sector housing; the Estates Renewal Challenge Fund; homelessness, including the London Rough Sleepers Unit; housing management; gypsy sites; rent and leasehold services; support for the UK construction industry; Regional Development Agencies; New Deal for Communities; Single Regeneration Budget; Urban Regeneration Agency (English Partnerships); Housing Action Trusts; Estates Action; Docklands Light Railway; Groundwork; coalfields regeneration; European Union agency payments, including those for ports and railways in Wales; European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by or in advance of receipts; Countryside Agency; Nature Conservancy Council for England; National Parks grant; bulk pension transfers; and sundry other grants in aid, grants and payments in support of housing, construction, regeneration and countryside and wildlife initiatives, including related research, publicity and publications.

The **Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote.

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Net total	6,783,186,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)†	2,997,591,000
Balance to complete	3,785,595,000

† In the Vote on Account, this Vote was entitled Housing, construction, regeneration, countryside and wildlife, England.

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					
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: <i>Housing Corporation</i>	—	28,629	233	169,827	792,120	990,809	2	990,807	935,534	959,082	
★B: <i>Other housing</i> Ω	3,030	18,482	—	34,545	—	56,057	2,145	53,912	52,951	42,199	
★C: <i>Construction</i>	—	27,711	—	—	—	27,711	4,601	23,110	23,110	27,354	
★D: <i>Regional Development Agencies</i>	—	21,035	148,026	249,326	332,376	750,763	43,056	707,707	—	—	
★E: <i>Other regeneration</i>	—	3,781	—	84,764	216,608	305,153	25	305,128	584,455	634,689	
★F: <i>Countryside and wildlife</i>	—	60,289	4,949	33,068	4,620	102,926	173	102,753	117,841	108,499	

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		
G: European Structural funds(net)											
—	—	—	1	1	2	—	2	2	2		
★H: European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by or in advance of EC receipts											
—	—	—	1,000	1,000	2,000	—	2,000	22,220	10,152		
Central government support for local authorities											
I: Housing specified capital grants											
—	—	—	180	65,215	65,395	—	65,395	66,218	69,291		
★J: Other housing											
—	—	—	32,377	172,843	205,220	2,000	203,220	234,649	288,051		
★K: Regeneration											
—	—	—	63,020	214,229	277,249	8,600	268,649	585,635	723,843		
★L: Countryside and wildlife											
—	—	—	19,276	1	19,277	—	19,277	17,412	18,046		
M: European Structural Funds(net)											
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1		
★N: European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by or in advance of EC receipts											
—	—	—	235	—	235	—	235	3,508	12		
Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure											
Central government's own expenditure											
O: Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (housing element)											
—	—	—	534,000	—	534,000	—	534,000	555,070	657,308		
P: Bulk pensions transfers											
—	—	—	15,850	—	15,850	—	15,850	—	—		
Central government support for local authorities											
Q: Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (rent rebate element)											
—	—	—	2,969,000	—	2,969,000	—	2,969,000	2,919,904	3,125,258		
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits											
R: Housing Corporation											
—	—	—	—	500,000	500,000	—	500,000	500,000	456,723		
S: Other housing											
—	—	—	16,700	350	17,050	50	17,000	17,000	16,543		
T: Countryside and wildlife											
—	—	—	700	—	700	—	700	700	615		
U: European Structural Funds: local authority capital (net)											
—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	1		
V: European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by or in advance of EC receipts											
—	—	—	—	4,439	4,439	—	4,439	29,154	2,569		
Total	3,030	159,927	153,208	4,223,870	2,303,803	6,843,838	60,652†	6,783,186	6,665,365	7,140,238	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys; receipts from pension contributions from the Housing Corporation and Rent Assessment Panels; charges for services provided by leasehold valuation tribunals and other receipts by Rent Assessment Panels; VAT

refunds on certain contracted out services; receipts from other government departments; recovery of renovation or disabled facilities grant on disposal of grant aided properties or breaches of condition; net surpluses incurred by local authorities in exercising their slum clearance function; adjustments to commuted loan charges or residual loan charge grants; recovery of grants by

Regional Development Agencies and by the Urban Regeneration Agency acting as the agents of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions; recovery of grants and loan repayments from other regeneration bodies; refund of corporation tax and bank interest.

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
1. Housing Corporation Φ	21	21	32
2. Housing Corporation ●	51	1,750	424
3. Housing transfers ●	70,000	2,500	109
4. Development Commission ●	830	830	1,065
<i>Loan charge grants and excess appropriations in aid ●</i>	—	—	48
<i>Single Regeneration Budget Φ</i>	—	—	8
<i>Countryside Commission Φ</i>	—	—	20
Total	70,902	5,101	1,706

Planning, roads, local transport and vehicle safety

Introduction

1. The Vote contains provision for transport grants to local authorities including transport supplementary grant, public transport facilities grant, Industrial Development Act grant and support for rural bus services, along with other expenditure relating to roads, local transport and vehicle safety including Priority (Red) Routes in London, vehicle and traffic enforcement, road safety publicity campaigns, Government Office programme expenditure including maintenance and operation of the Woolwich Ferry and payments to (and recoveries from) agent authorities in exercise of the Secretary of State's reserve powers of traffic control, other grants and consultancies, statistics, censuses and surveys, Trans European Network payments for roads and local transport projects, research and support for roads and local transport, the travel awareness campaign, promoting green transport plans, and licence fee refunds to goods and public service vehicle operators and drivers. It also includes provision for planning programmes, including planning and minerals research and other planning programmes, and payments to the Ordnance Survey.
2. Transport supplementary grant (Section M), the largest single component of the voted provision, is paid to local authorities in England in respect of capital expenditure on highways and traffic regulation under the Local Government Finance Act. The grant provision of £158.042million also includes a sum in respect of the structural maintenance of bridges and principal roads.
3. Provision for the Ordnance Survey was previously held on a separate Vote (Class VI, Vote 13 in 1998–99). However, following this body's change to Trading Fund status with effect from 1 April 1999, payments to the Ordnance Survey in respect of the National Interest Mapping Services Agreement and severance costs associated with the move to Trading Fund status, will be met from this Vote. Provision of £23,873 million has been included for this expenditure under Section I.
4. The Priority (Red) Routes in London (Section B) provision comprises a grant in aid to the Traffic Director of £22.993million.
5. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to P of this Vote can be found in chapters 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17 and 18 of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Report 1999 (Cm 4204).
6. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 11.3 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1998–99 of £358.263 million and 7.9 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £344.993 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 3.1B of Cm 4204.
7. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this vote and Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Tables A13 and A14 respectively of Cm 4204.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Planning, roads, local transport and vehicle safety

Part I

£317,702,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on grants, services and consultancies for roads and local transport; priority routes in London; Government office programme expenditure; vehicle and traffic enforcement; publicity; statistics, censuses and surveys; Trans European network payments for various local transport projects; planning and minerals research and other planning programmes; payments to the Ordnance Survey (Trading Fund); research and support for roads and local transport; travel awareness campaign; promoting green transport plans; transport supplementary grants to highway authorities in England; public transport facilities grants; grants to highway authorities and developers under the Industrial Development Act; support for rural bus services, and licence fee refunds to goods vehicle and public service vehicle operators and drivers.

The **Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote

	£
Net total	317,702,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	164,061,000
Balance to complete	153,641,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Grants, services and consultancies for roads and local transport	—	1,252	60	619	—	1,931	212	1,719	1,793	1,156	
★B: Priority routes in London	—	3,700	19,293	—	—	22,993	—	22,993	23,222	21,890	
★C: Government office programme expenditure	—	25,065	—	—	—	25,065	16,778	8,287	7,635	7,099	
★D: Vehicle and traffic enforcement	—	18,087	—	—	—	18,087	16,900	1,187	-2,270	2,219	
★E: Publicity (road safety etc)	—	8,460	—	—	—	8,460	—	8,460	7,766	7,835	
★F: Statistics, censuses and surveys	—	8,287	233	-70	—	8,450	1,269	7,181	4,372	3,773	
★G: Trans European Network payments for other local transport projects (net)	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	
★H: Planning and minerals research and other planning programmes	—	8,443	—	—	—	8,443	776	7,667	4,667	3,869	
★I: Payments to the Ordnance Survey (Trading Fund)	—	25,873	—	—	—	25,873	2,000	23,873	12,712	6,708	

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		
★J: Research and support for roads and local transport											
—	25,722	—	—	—	25,722	3,831	21,891	18,840	18,365		
★K: Travel awareness campaign											
—	3,000	—	—	—	3,000	—	3,000	—	—		
★L: Promoting green transport plans											
—	1,479	—	21	500	2,000	—	2,000	—	—		
Central government support for local authorities											
★M: Transport supplementary grants (England)											
—	—	—	—	158,042	158,042	—	158,042	155,478	194,876		
★N: Public transport facilities grants											
—	—	—	—	500	500	—	500	2,243	14,550		
★O: Grants to highway authorities and developers under the Industrial Development Act											
—	—	—	—	1,500	1,500	—	1,500	2,000	1,544		
★P: Support for rural bus services											
—	—	—	37,500	10,000	47,500	—	47,500	37,500	—		
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Q: Licence fee refunds to goods vehicle and public service vehicle operators and drivers											
—	—	—	1,900	—	1,900	—	1,900	1,900	1,668		
R: Trans European Network payments for local authority transport projects (net)											
—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—		
<i>Grants to and payments on behalf of the Humber Bridge Board</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80,403	39,943		
Total	—	129,368	19,586	39,970	170,544	359,468	41,766†	317,702	358,263	325,495	
† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoveries of VAT on contracted out services, booking fees for driving assessments and disposal of MAVIS vehicles, recoveries from local			authorities in respect of traffic control systems and public inquiries into orders and receipts from sales of the LTS and Meplan models, operator licence enforcement receipts, contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research			and surveys and payments from customers for research, dissemination of information, royalties, sales and hire of equipment, together with sales of research publications from planning and minerals research.					

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	
1.	Interest and repayments of loan (Second Mersey tunnel) ●	2,660	2,663	2,663	
2.	Interest and repayment of loan (Tyne Tunnel) ●	1,720	1,723	1,719	
3.	Grants to and payments on behalf of the Humber Bridge Board ●	10,100	13,869	41,743	
4.	Miscellaneous roads and local transport receipts ●	20	10	2,615	
	<i>Surplus receipts of classes authorised to be used as appropriations in aid Φ</i>	—	—	3,849	
Total		14,500	18,265	52,589	

Environmental protection and water

Introduction

1. Section A includes provision for energy efficiency; grant in aid to the UK Ecolabelling Board ♦ (£10,000); support for the Energy Saving Trust; environmental technology; environmental publicity and awareness; grants under the Environmental Action Fund; support for Environmental Campaigns Ltd; contributions to international organisations (including a £4,500,000 contribution to UNEP); the Wash Estuary Trial Bank; the National Environmental Technology Centre; grants under the “Darwin initiative”; support for the Mersey Basin Business Foundation; payments to the Meteorological Office for pollution response services; and radon measurement and support of remedial works campaigns (see Chapter 9 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions 1999 Annual Report) (Cm 4204).
2. Section B covers expenditure on environmental research and long term monitoring (see Chapter 9 of Cm 4204).
3. Section C covers expenditure on grant in aid to the Environment Agency ♦ (£98,100,000) (see Chapter 9 of Cm 4204).
4. Section D provides for compensation payments to sufferers or their dependents affected by pneumoconiosis and other dust related diseases and associated costs (see Chapter 9 of Cm 4204).
5. Section E covers payments for water supply and sewerage services (except where made to local authorities) and grants towards national security measures (see Chapter 9 of Cm 4204).
6. Section F provides for grant in aid to the British Waterways Board ♣ (£58,690,000) (see Chapter 9 of Cm 4204).
7. Section G covers grants to local authorities for water supply and sewerage in assisted areas (see Chapter 9 of Cm 4204).
8. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 0.9 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £348,780,000.
9. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Figure A13 of Cm 4204 and further details of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Figure A14 of Cm 4204.
10. Provision would be sought on the Vote for any expenditure arising from the indemnity by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to certain ship owners in respect of claims by third parties arising from dumping radioactive waste at sea. The extent of the liability is unquantifiable. There is also an unquantifiable contingent liability relating to the Environment Agency remnant pension fund responsibilities.
11. Control on the payment of grants from provision on this Vote is exercised by the approval of schemes. In most cases advance payments are made pending audits of final claims. Grant in aid is paid to public corporations and NDPBs as and when required. The Vote records payments within the financial year including adjustments in respect of previous years.
12. Administrative costs associated with this Vote are borne on Class III Vote 5.
13. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Environmental protection and water

Part I

£345,770,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the environment, including support for measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and improve energy efficiency and environmental practice; support to the environmental protection industry; environmental technology; environmental (including energy efficiency) publicity, promotion and awareness, including support for measures to promote sustainable development and consumption of products and services; grants and other financial support to voluntary bodies; support for Environmental Campaigns Ltd; support for the National Environmental Technology Centre; subscriptions and contributions to international organisations; the Wash Estuary Trial Bank; support for the aims and implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity; support for measures which improve local environmental quality; pollution emergency response services; radon measurement and support of remedial works campaigns; research, long term monitoring and surveys; grant in aid to the Environment Agency, British Waterways Board and UK Ecolabelling Board; compensation for sufferers, or their dependents, of certain dust related diseases and related publicity for the scheme; water supply and sewerage services including national security.

The **Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote

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Net total	345,770,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	150,981,000
Balance to complete	194,789,000

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							
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government expenditure											
★A: Environmental protection											
—	56,044	—	18,353	75,988	150,385	4,610	145,775	137,366	138,152		
★B: Environmental research											
—	33,397	283	—	—	33,680	3,870	29,810	28,484	28,339		
★C: Environment Agency											
—	90,402	7,698	—	—	98,100	—	98,100	101,991	114,386		
★D: Pneumoconiosis compensation, etc											
—	—	—	7,683	—	7,683	—	7,683	8,269	4,967		
★E: Water services (including national security)											
—	—	—	—	5,350	5,350	—	5,350	5,850	4,668		
★F: British Waterways Board											
—	—	—	57,690	1,000	58,690	—	58,690	53,272	51,890		
Central government support for local authorities											
★G: Miscellaneous grants											
—	—	—	—	362	362	—	362	362	107		

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	
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits										
<i>Water privatisation</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
<i>Planning redevelopment</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,185	11,347	
Total	—	179,843	7,981	83,726	82,700	354,250	8,480†	345,770	348,780	353,856

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts in connection with environmental publicity

and energy efficiency, contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys, and payments from customers for research, dissemination of

information, royalties, sales and hire of equipment, sale of research publications, refunds of VAT 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
★ Environment Agency ●		—	2,400	2,612
★ Environmental protection ●		—	—	18
★ Environmental protection Φ		—	—	153
Planning redevelopment ●		—	—	46
★ Pneumoconiosis		—	—	4
Total		—	2,400	2,833

Local government, England

Introduction

1. The Vote covers the cost of Exchequer grants, contributions, non-domestic rates (NDR), and other payments paid in England by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions to local authorities and other bodies. It is divided into eight sections:

Section A: payments in respect of rating and banding work by the Valuation Office Agency, and the costs of valuation tribunals. Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Annual Report (Cm 4204), sections 10.34 to 10.36.

Section B: grant in aid to the Local Government Commission ♦ and payments to the Audit Commission ♦ in respect of the Best Value Inspectorate. Provision of £3.3 million is subject to the passage of the Local Government Bill and will not be used for any purpose until the Bill has been enacted or, in the event of the Bill not passing into law, further authority has been obtained from Parliament. Cm 4204, sections 10.39 and 10.40.

Section C: the local government research programme and publicity. Cm 4204, section 10.41.

Section D: expenditure on costs of preparing for the Greater London Authority and associated bodies (£6.000 million), and on the elections for the Mayor and Assembly (£8.500 million). Provision of £8.500 million is subject to the passage of the Greater London Authority Bill and will not be used for any purpose until the Bill has been enacted or, in the event of the Bill not passing into law, further authority has been obtained from Parliament. Cm 4204, chapter 12.

Section E: provides for the payment of revenue support grant (RSG) to receiving authorities in England, to specified bodies and to the Commission for Local Administration in England; reorganisation: transitional reduction grant under Section 88A of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and SSA reduction grants, central support protection grant and grant in respect of the capital element of contracts let under the Private Finance Initiative under Section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. Cm 4204, sections 10.10 to 10.25.

Section F: provides for the payment of non-domestic rates (NDR) to receiving authorities in England Cm 4204, sections 10.26 to 10.29.

Section G: provides for the payment of grants to beacon local authorities in England under Section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. Cm 4204, section 10.1 and 10.39.

Section H: provides for repayments of excess contributions to the non-domestic rating pool made by billing authorities in England in 1998–99 and previous years.

2. Further information on the Department's local government programmes can be found in Chapter 10 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Annual Report 1999 (Cm 4204). A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund on this Vote can be found in Tables A13 and A14 of Cm 4204.

3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 4.4 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1998–99 of £32,678 million and 5.2 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £32,409 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table A4 of Cm 4204.

4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Local government, England

Part I

£34,115,681,000[†]

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on payment of revenue support grant and redistributed non-domestic rates to receiving authorities in England; payments to specified bodies and the Commission for Local Administration in England; payments for Valuation Office Agency rating and valuation services; payments to meet the expenses of valuation tribunals; grant in aid to the Local Government Commission; payments to the Audit Commission; costs of preparing for the Greater London Authority and associated bodies, and the costs of the Mayoral and Assembly elections; residual payments of rate rebate grants; payments of SSA reduction grants and central support protection grant; payments of reorganisation: transitional reduction grant; payments in respect of the capital element of contracts let under the Private Finance Initiative; emergency financial assistance to local authorities; grants to beacon councils; repayments of excess contributions made by local authorities in respect of non-domestic rates in 1998–99 and previous years; local government research and publicity; and special payments in connection with local government programmes.

The **Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	34,115,681,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	14,703,290,000
Balance to complete	19,412,391,000

[†] £8.5 million of the grant is subject to the passage of the Greater London Authority Bill which has been laid before Parliament and £3.3 million is subject to the passage of the Local Government Bill which has been laid before Parliament.

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							
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Valuation services											
—	133,016	1,000	—	40	134,056	590	133,466	129,916	139,486		
★B: Non departmental Public Bodies											
—	5,878	30	—	—	5,908	—	5,908	2,608	2,510		
★C: Local government research and publicity											
—	1,262	—	—	—	1,262	101	1,161	2,147	1,368		
★D: London governance											
—	11,000	3,500	—	—	14,500	—	14,500	2,000	—		
<i>Regional Development Agency</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,388	—		
Central government support for local authorities											
★E: Revenue support grants											
—	—	—	20,072,946	—	20,072,946	—	20,072,946	19,632,410	18,812,166		
★F: Non-domestic rates payments											
—	—	—	13,612,000	—	13,612,000	—	13,612,000	12,524,000	12,027,000		

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		
★G: Grants to Beacon Councils											
—	—	—	700	—	700	—	700	—	—	—	—
<i>Revenue support grants (capital receipts initiative element)</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,225	—	—
<i>Council tax transitional reduction grant</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
<i>Other grants and payments</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	901	—	300
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits											
H: Non-domestic rates outturn adjustments											
—	—	—	275,000	—	275,000	—	275,000	—	375,000	—	258,889
Total	—	151,156	4,530	33,960,646	40	34,116,372	691†	34,115,681	32,677,595	—	31,241,721
† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from repayments of amounts of loans to purchase cars from employees of valuation tribunals;			receipts from disposal of redundant accommodation formerly occupied by valuation tribunal offices; contributions from private sector sub-tenants of accommodation occupied by valuation			tribunal offices; and refunds of Value Added Tax in respect of contracted out services.					

Part III		Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund			£'000	
		1999-00	1998-99	1997-98		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:						
★ Valuation services Φ		30	25	39		
<i>Council tax transitional reduction grant Φ</i>		—	—	486		
Total		30	25	525		

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions: administration

Introduction

1. Section A includes the budgets managed internally by the 10 budget groups within the Department. The Department's Annual Report for 1999 (Cm 4204) provides more information in chapter 1.
2. Section B contains the Department's share of the costs of the government offices for the regions. Further information can be found in Chapter 1 of Cm 4204.
3. Section C covers the Health and Safety Commission (HSC) which was established in 1974 to help improve the health, safety and welfare of persons at work and to protect the public against the risks arising from the activities of people at work. Within HSC's net grant in aid of £182,355,000 there is a gross running costs limit of £169,898,000 and a net running cost limit of zero covering the Health and Safety Laboratory. Further information about the activities of HSC can be found in Chapter 19 of Cm 4204.
4. Section D covers expenditure by the Department on residual costs of PSA Services (PSAS). Further details of this expenditure can be found in Chapter 1 of Cm 4204.
5. Section E provides for receipts in respect of severance payments from the Building Management businesses privatised during 1993. Further details of this expenditure can be found in Chapter 1 of Cm 4204.
6. Information about appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Tables A13 and A14 of Cm 4204.
7. The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions has a gross running cost limit of £649,195,000. The limit comprises of provision held in Sections A, B and C of this Vote; Section B of Class III, Vote 1, Sections A, B, F and H of Class III Vote 7; Section B of Class III, Vote 8; and Section A of Class III, Vote 9. Further information is also provided in Table A11 of Cm 4204.
8. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is similar to the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £461.763 million.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions: administration

Part I

£461,364,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on administration, including research, royal commissioners, committees etc; Government Offices for the Regions administration; grant in aid to the Health and Safety Commission; the residual functions of PSA Services; and on the sale of the PSA businesses.

The **Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	461,364,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	197,033,000
Balance to complete	264,331,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Central administration Ω											
	223,185	3,190	19,935	—	—	246,310	17,374	228,936	222,462	227,156	
★B: Government offices administration											
	39,329	—	805	—	—	40,134	—	40,134	41,121	43,133	
★C: Health and Safety Commission: grant in aid Ω											
	129,872	38,779	13,999	-295	—	182,355	—	182,355	182,228	178,825	
★D: PSA Services											
	10,272	—	—	—	—	10,272	—	10,272	12,794	15,080	
<i>Sale of the Housing Corporation Loan Portfolio</i>											
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits											
E: Sale of PSA Services businesses											
	—	—	—	—	—	—	333	-333	3,158	—	
Total	402,658	41,969	34,739	-295	—	479,071	17,707†	461,364	461,763	464,212	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from running cost services provided to other government

departments, local authorities and others, recoveries of seconded staff salaries, VAT refunded on contracted out services, fee receipts and sales of surplus land and

buildings and from the sale of PSA businesses.

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
Administration Φ	50	2,031	10,920
Government Offices administration	—	100	—
<i>PSA services: central</i> Φ	—	—	55
<i>Sale of PSA Services Businesses</i> \bullet	—	—	2,834
Total	50	2,131	13,809

Transport industries

Introduction

1. The Vote contains part of the Department's support to the public and private industries. The remainder is in the passenger rail services Vote (Class III, Vote 10) and the planning, roads, local transport and vehicle safety Vote (Class III, Vote 2). The Department's administration Vote (Class III, Vote 5) also includes administration costs relevant to this Vote.
2. Grants to British Rail form part of that industry's external financing requirement.
3. Grants to London Transport form part of that industry's external financing requirement.
4. Expenditure falling within the Department's Departmental Expenditure Limit in (sections A to V) of this Vote is explained in chapter 8 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Report 1999 (Cm 4204).
5. Provision sought for 1999–2000 is 16 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1998–99 of £1,355,039,000 and 1 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £1,147,968,000. A breakdown of the outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table A6 of Cm 4204.
6. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid of this Vote and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Tables A13 and A14 respectively of Cm 4204.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Transport industries

Part 1

£1,135,642,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on support to nationalised industries; grants to Railtrack, British Rail, London Transport, DoA Ltd; MRPS grant; payments in respect of expenditure relating to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link; expenditure connected with the privatisation of British Rail Business; other consultancies; expenditure relating to Commission for Integrated Transport; capital expenditure by transport industries funded by EC grants; railway industry and National Freight Company pensions funds; National Freight Company travel concessions; rebate of fuel duty to bus operators; ports and shipping services; Royal Travel; miscellaneous services; civil aviation services; international aviation services; transport security; freight grants, and expenditure associated with the non rail privatisation programme.

The **Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,135,642,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	539,267,000
Balance to complete	596,375,000

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							
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
<i>A: Rail industry pension funds</i>											
—	67	—	46,933	—	47,000	—		47,000	41,994	40,274	
<i>B: National Freight Company pension funds</i>											
—	—	—	7,000	—	7,000	—		7,000	6,823	6,742	
<i>★C: National Freight Company travel concessions</i>											
—	—	—	3,000	—	3,000	—		3,000	2,662	2,669	
<i>★D: British Rail privatisation</i>											
—	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	—		2,000	450	527	
<i>★E: Other rail consultancies</i>											
—	5,485	—	—	—	5,485	—		5,485	6,150	956	
<i>F: CTRL</i>											
—	—	38,000	6,487	—	44,487	—		44,487	114,051	8,461	
<i>G: Trans European network payments for rail projects (net)</i>											
—	—	—	—	1	1	—		1	1	—	
<i>H: Trans European network payments for other transport industries (net)</i>											
—	—	—	—	1	1	—		1	1	—	
<i>I: Privatisation of ROSCOs</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,000	-14,000	-26,000	-25,114	
<i>★J: Miscellaneous services</i>											
—	597	—	432	—	1,029	—		1,029	1,117	962	

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: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98		
★K: Ports and shipping services											
—	1,757	660	540	—	2,957	1,420	1,537	1,804	-3,660		
★L: Civil aviation services											
—	4,362	207	18,500	—	23,069	26,500	-3,431	6,789	-7,972		
★M: International aviation services											
—	2,034	—	2,076	—	4,110	—	4,110	4,112	4,106		
★N: Transport security											
—	2,205	—	—	—	2,205	—	2,205	2,205	1,791		
★O: Freight grants											
—	—	—	25,000	25,000	50,000	—	50,000	31,252	29,110		
★P: Royal Travel											
—	—	—	9,437	—	9,437	—	9,437	14,462	18,988		
★Q: Commission for Integrated Transport											
—	1,500	—	—	—	1,500	—	1,500	—	—		
R: Bus fuel duty rebates											
—	—	—	276,000	—	276,000	—	276,000	224,019	188,588		
<i>EC contributions in respect of the return visit to the wreck of the Derbyshire</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-17		
Central government support for local authorities											
S: MRPS grant											
—	—	—	214,131	—	214,131	—	214,131	221,434	248,009		
T: DoA Limited											
—	—	—	24,000	—	24,000	—	24,000	24,258	24,115		
Nationalised industries' external finance											
U: London Transport											
—	—	—	45,000	354,250	399,250	—	399,250	593,652	630,112		
V: British Rail Grant											
—	—	—	60,000	—	60,000	—	60,000	83,012	11,000		
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits											
W: Non rail privatisation programme											
—	900	—	—	—	900	—	900	790	113		
<i>Privatisation of Railtrack</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1		
Total	—	20,907	38,867	738,536	379,252	1,177,562	41,920†	1,135,642	1,355,039	1,179,761	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoveries in respect of the International Maritime Organisation building, Mersey

Conservancy and from shipping services, receipts from Eurocontrol, sale of civil aviation items and recoveries of costs of civil aviation services, sale of ROSCOs, the hire of Civil Defence equipment,

receipts from the levy on the sale of Trust Ports, and recoveries from local authorities in respect of public inquiries into non highways orders, recoveries of VAT on contracted out services.

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			
1. Shipping services Ω	1,092	7,979	4,011			
2. Bus Fuel grants	500	500	963			
<i>Sale of Railtrack proceeds</i> ●	—	900	932,451			
<i>Miscellaneous services</i> ●	—	20,013	2,150			
<i>Non-rail privatisation programme</i> ●	—	1	14,266			
Total	1,592	29,393	953,841			

Other executive agencies

Introduction

1. The Vote contains provision for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency and the Rent Officer Services Agency which are subject to gross running cost control; the Vehicle Certification Agency which is subject to net running cost control; grants to the Vehicle Inspectorate; loans to the Vehicle Inspectorate, the Driving Standards Agency and the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency trading funds; and the capital charge for the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre.
2. Details of the main activities of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (Section A) can be found in Chapter 16 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions' Annual Report 1999, Cm 4204.
3. Section B covers the costs of the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency activities in England and Wales. The costs incurred by the Agency in carrying out work in Wales are reimbursed by the Welsh Office and the receipts are included under appropriations in aid. Further information is contained in Chapter 6 of Cm 4204.
4. Details of the main activities of the Vehicle Certification Agency (Section C), the Vehicle Inspectorate (Section D) and the Driving Standards Agency (Section E) can be found in Chapter 7 of Cm 4204.
5. The Rent Officer Services Agency will be established on 1 October 1999. The agency will be formed by reconstituting the current Rent Officer Service. Provision for the Rent Officer Service will be contained on Class III, Vote 1 up to 30 September 1999 and from 1 October 1999 provision for the new agency will be contained on Class III, Vote 7 (Section F). Details of the main activities of the Rent Officer Service can be found in Chapter 2 of Cm 4204.
6. Further details on agencies' expenditure and performance can be found in their published annual business plans and Annual Reports.
7. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency, the Rent Officer Services Agency and the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre include total running cost provision of £104.0 million which forms part of the department's gross running cost limit.
8. Further information about appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Appendices A13 and A14 of Cm 4204.
9. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 23.7 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £112.1 million.
10. There is one outstanding contingent liability, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote.

Nature of liability	Amount outstanding at 31.3.99 £m
Industrial injuries to trainees under the Merchant Navy Training Scheme	0.3

11. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Other executive agencies

Part I

£138,681,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency, the Rent Officer Services Agency and the Vehicle Certification Agency; grants to the Vehicle Inspectorate; loans to the Vehicle Inspectorate, the Driving Standards Agency and the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency trading funds; and the capital charge for the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre.

The **Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote

	£
Net total	138,681,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	52,862,000
Balance to complete	85,819,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: <i>Maritime and Coastguard Agency</i> Ω	42,648	50,571	5,500	67	—	98,786	6,606	92,180	85,016	83,247	
★B: <i>Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency</i>	33,383	1	784	—	—	34,168	6,035	28,133	27,255	22,953	
★C: <i>Vehicle Certification Agency</i> Ω	4,598	17	125	—	—	4,740	4,730	10	10	-122	
★D: <i>Vehicle Inspectorate (Trading Fund) short term loans and repayment of deemed loan(net)</i>	—	—	—	6	57	63	62	1	-60	-62	
★E: <i>Driving Standards Agency (Trading Fund) short term loans and repayment of deemed loan</i>	—	—	—	—	2	2	147	-145	-138	-139	
★F: <i>Rent Officer Services Agency</i>	18,499	1	—	—	—	18,500	—	18,500	—	—	
★G: <i>Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency Trading Fund short term loans</i>	—	—	2	—	—	2	1	1	1	—	
★H: <i>Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency</i> Ω	9,719	-9,718	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	6,400	
<i>Building Research Establishment Executive Agency</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-325	

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	
Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits										
<i>Privatisation of Building Research Establishment Executive Agency</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	37	
<i>Cash injection to the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency (Trading Fund)</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,085	
<i>Cash injection to the Driving Standards Agency (Trading Fund)</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,000	
Total	108,847	40,872	6,411	73	59	156,262	17,581†	138,681	112,121	120,074

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the recovery of administrative costs, repayment services and sale of information including publications, fees and receipts for marine emergency and safety services including Classification

Society Surveyors, receipts from the private sector for vehicle and component testing and from DETR for enforcement and related work, from rental of buildings and disposal of plant, equipment, vehicles and other capital assets, charges made by the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency in

England and for services in Wales, repayment of deemed and Voted loans made to the Vehicle Inspectorate, the Driving Standards Agency and the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency trading funds, and receipts for VAT refunds on contracted out services.

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			
1. Maritime and Coastguard Agency ●	686	686	874			
2. Vehicle Inspectorate (trading fund) external finance ●	1,815	1,820	1,987			
★ 3. Vehicle Inspectorate dividends Φ	500	1,137	—			
4. Driving Standards Agency ●	257	256	267			
★ 5. Driving Standards Agency dividends Φ	500	385	—			
★ 6. QEII Conference Centre Executive Agency Φ	1,434	1,115	799			
★ 7. Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency Φ <i>Vehicle Certification Agency</i>	190	190	162			
	—	1	—			
Total	5,382	5,590	4,089			

Highways Agency

Introduction

1. The Vote covers the management, maintenance and improvement of the trunk road network and motorway system in England for which the Secretary of State is responsible, payments to Private Consortia for Design, Build Finance and Operate Schemes, 100 per cent grants to local authorities for works on local authority roads required or incurred by the Department and developers contributions, together with the associated administrative costs. Expenditure in Section A of the Vote is explained in Chapter 7, table 7a of the Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4204) and expenditure in Section B in Chapter 1, appendix A11 of Cm 4204.
2. Advances to agent authorities in respect of maintenance and improvement will be made as required and charged to the Vote at the time of issue, any necessary adjustments being made on subsequent advances. The authorities will be required to submit statements of expenditure incurred. Local authority accounts will be inspected on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission.
3. Administration (Section B) includes running costs provision of £76.710 million which forms part of the Department's gross running costs limit.
4. TENs programme (Section C) includes receipts from the EC and associated expenditure - further details can be found in Table A7 of Cm 4204.
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 3.4 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £1.435 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual functions is given in the cash plans table A7 of Cm 4204.
6. There were four outstanding contingent liabilities outstanding at 31.3.98, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. These are as follows:

Nature of liability.	
Dartford Thurrock Crossing – protection to third parties in the event of siltation or scouring attributable to bridge construction where costs arise beyond the time they could be met from toll revenue.	unquantifiable
Birmingham Northern Relief Road – liabilities arising under the Agreement with the concessionaire in the event of changes in policy or legislation.	unquantifiable
Indemnities given to the Department's staff who are acting as non-executive directors of commercial organisations and indemnities given to contractors for various purposes.	unquantifiable
Second Severn Crossing – liabilities arising under the Agreement with the Concessionaire.	unquantifiable
7. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table A13 and Table A14 respectively of Cm 4204.
8. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Table C2 of the appendices of Cm 4204.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Highways Agency

Part I

£1,484,183,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Highways Agency of the Highways Agency of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the management, maintenance and improvement of the trunk road network and motorway system in England, including the acquisition of land, publicity, scheme design and preparation, archaeological survey and rescue work, compensation; administration costs of the Highways Agency; export opportunities; and research and development in support of the Highways Agency operations.

The **Highways Agency of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net Total	1,484,183,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	639,270,000
Balance to complete	844,913,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits											
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: <i>National roads</i>	—	486,294	1,093,659	5,500	—	1,585,453	180,808	1,404,645	1,362,305	1,482,572	
★B: <i>Administration</i> Ω	76,710	-225	5,759	—	—	82,244	2,707	79,537	73,164	72,573	
★C: <i>Trans European Networks (net)</i>	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	1	1	—	
Total	76,710	486,069	1,099,418	5,500	1	1,667,698	183,515†	1,484,183	1,435,470	1,555,145	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from: recoveries of sale of land on completion or abandonment of schemes, rents from property and land, disposal of surplus plant and machinery, sale of motorway service

area freeholds, extra contractual claims for defective work, receipts from Dartford River Crossing Ltd, claims for damage to motorways and trunk roads, administration charges and hire charges for specialised vehicles and equipment, recovery of administrative costs and

repayment services, sale of information including publications, disposal and rental of land, buildings, plant, equipment, vehicles and other capital assets, contributions from developers and VAT 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
National Roads ●	4,001	4,001	7,605

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

Introduction

1. The Vote covers expenditure on driver and vehicle licensing and registration and the collection of motor vehicle excise duty. It includes the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea and some 40 local vehicle registration offices, which deal with vehicle registration and complex vehicle licensing and excise duty enforcement. It also includes payments to agents of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions for vehicle licence renewals and to the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland as the Department's agent for vehicle registration and licensing in the Province. The Vote also accounts for fee income from the sale of cherished registration marks. Details of the activities and performance measures are in the Agency's Annual Report and Accounts. Details of activities and plans and an explanation of the expenditure contained in sections A and B of this Vote are in Chapter 7 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Departmental Report 1999 (Cm 4204).
2. Expenditure attributable to Northern Ireland is collected from their share of all UK taxes under regulations made under section 15(3) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973.
3. The advance funding of local authorities to meet the department's liability to contribute to the pensions of ex local taxation office staff who previously worked on driver and vehicle licensing is also covered by the Vote.
4. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table A13 of Cm 4204. A detailed analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Table A14 of Cm 4204.
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 8 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £86 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table A7 of Cm 4204.
6. The gift delegations associated with the Vote are as follows:–
 - (i) gifts to visiting dignitaries (primarily from EC member states), not exceeding a total of £500 in any one year;
 - (ii) gifts of obsolete equipment/furniture to charities, not exceeding a total of £1000 in any one year;
 - (iii) a total donation of £1000 to charity through the Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) of the year scheme.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

Part I

£79,194,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions in connection with driver and vehicle licensing, the collection of revenue, compensation and payments towards the pension of Local Authority staff employed on driver and vehicle licensing before the setting up of DVLC: and the development and operation of other systems associated with registration and licensing, the provision of anonymised data and the provision of miscellaneous services.

The **Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	79,194,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	44,460,000
Balance to complete	34,734,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency</i> Ω										
201,057	5,788	7,346	234	—	214,425	137,084	77,341	84,446	137,378	
Central government support for local authorities										
★B: <i>Pre - DVLC pensions</i>										
—	—	—	1,853	—	1,853	—	1,853	1,854	1,632	
Total	201,057	5,788	7,346	2,087	—	216,278	137,084†	79,194	86,300	139,010

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from fees from duplicate licences, driver licence and vehicle fees, fee paying enquiries, sale,

retention and extension of cherished registration marks, the sale of information, award of court costs, wheelclamping, administration receipts arising from the operation of driver and

vehicle licensing, VAT refunds (including contracted out services), and the use of accommodation by private companies, out of court settlements and the welfare to work subsidy.

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
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency ●	54,005	68,341	71,361

Passenger rail services

Introduction

1. The Vote covers the support for Passenger Rail Services in Great Britain provided by the Franchising Director, the administrative costs of the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising and costs incurred in the franchising of passenger rail services.
2. Passenger rail services are provided by 25 Train Operating Companies which have been franchised. Support for Passenger Rail Services is provided to the franchised companies under Franchise Agreements.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Chapter 20, paragraph 20.16 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Report 1999 (Cm 4204).
4. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Table A13 of Cm 4204.
5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 11.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £1,255 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Figure 20.b of Cm 4204.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Passenger rail services

Part I

£1,110,889,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising on the franchising of passenger rail services; the provision of, and support for, passenger rail services; the formation and financing of companies formed to facilitate the Franchising Director's functions; and administration and miscellaneous services.

The **Office of Passenger Rail Franchising** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,110,889,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	564,700,000
Balance to complete	546,189,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Passenger rail services</i>										
12,809	6,000	200	1,140,000	—	1,159,009	48,120†	1,110,889	1,255,320	1,439,021	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to net total, arising from income from franchise operators and refunds of VAT 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>Passenger rail services</i> Φ	-	-	965

Office of the Rail Regulator

Introduction

1. This Vote covers expenditure by the Office of the Rail Regulator (ORR) on administrative and associated capital and other expenditure. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Chapter 21 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions' Report 1999 (Cm 4204).
2. The ORR is responsible for the regulation of access to the railways and promotion of competition in the provision of services. It is also responsible for promoting the efficient use of railways and protecting the interests of consumers.
3. This Vote is subject to gross running cost control, and covers expenditure on salaries of staff and associated general administrative expenditure.
4. ORR's expenditure is offset by income from licence fees collected from Railtrack and the Train Operating Companies.
5. The token provision sought for 1999–2000 reflects the recent reclassification of licence fee receipts which enables ORR to appropriate these receipts in aid of the Vote instead of surrendering them directly to the Consolidated Fund as in previous years. The final net provision and the forecast of outturn for 1998–99, which does not allow for the appropriation in aid of the Vote the receipt of fees, is £9.328 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in figure 21.a of Cm 4204.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of the Rail Regulator

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Office of the Rail Regulator on administration and associated capital and other expenditure and on costs of the Rail Users Consultative Committees.

The **Office of the Rail Regulator** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	3,960,000
Balance to surrender	3,959,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration, associated capital and other expenditure, and costs of the RUCCs										
9,277	—	401	—	—	9,678	9,677†	1	9,328	8,244	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts for licence fees, recoverable VAT, and recoveries of rents.

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
Administration, associated capital and other expenditure, and costs of the RUCCs	—	8,400	8,668

Office of Water Services

Introduction

1. This Vote provides for the funding of the Office of Water Services. The Department is headed by the Director General of Water Services who is responsible for ensuring that water (and sewerage) companies properly carry out their functions and can finance them. Subject to that he must protect customers, promote economy and efficiency and facilitate competition.
2. OFWAT is financed through licence fees received from the Water and Sewerage Companies and is subject to cost controls. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Chapter 22 of the Department of the Environment, Transport and Regions Annual Report 1999 (Cm 4204).
3. The token provision sought for 1999–2000 of £1,000 reflects the appropriation in aid of receipts from fees levied by the utility regulators. The final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 is also a token £1,000. The gross provision for 1999–2000 of £11,901,000 is 13 per cent higher than the final gross provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £10,504,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 22a of Cm 4204.
4. Further details of extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund and appropriations in aid can be found in Chapter 22 of Cm 4204.
5. There are no contingent liabilities on this Vote.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Water Services

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Office of Water Services on administrative and operational costs and the provision of customer representation.

The **Office of Water Services** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

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						
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits										
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Office of Water Services</i>										
11,591	—	310	—	—	11,901	11,900†	1	1	10,749	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from licence fee 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
1. VAT refunds	600	451	107
2. Excess appropriations in aid and sale of publications Φ	50	40	28
3. Monopolies and Mergers Commission's costs ●	—	—	377
<i>Licence fees collected</i>	—	—	10,301
Total	650	491	10,813