Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the costs of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioners and is excluded from running costs control.

2. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in the 1999 Departmental Report of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners (Cm 4221)

3. The Parliamentary Commissioner investigates complaints, referred to him by Members of the House of Commons, from members of the public who claim to have sustained injustice in consequence of maladministration in connection with administrative action taken by or on behalf of government departments or a number of non-departmental public bodies as well as complaints that they have been refused access to information in contravention of the Code of Practice on Access to Official Information.

4. The three Health Service Commissioners, for England, Scotland, and Wales, are responsible for investigating complaints direct from members of the public who claim to have suffered injustice or hardship in consequence of failure in the provision of a service which health authorities, including NHS trusts, are required to provide; or in the execution of a service provided by National Health Service authorities; or maladministration by or on behalf of these authorities; or failure to provide information in contravention of the NHS Code of Practice on Openness; or complaints against family service practitioners and their staff, and all clinical complaints against NHS staff.

5. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 0.9 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1998–99 of £15.1 million and 15.2 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £13 million.

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

Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners

Part I

£14,971,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Office of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales on administrative costs.

The **Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	14,971,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	6,590,000
Balance to complete	8,381,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers						
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp-riations in aid	**Net total**	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits Central government's own expenditure										
★**A:** *Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners*										
	—	**14,907**	**64**	**—**	**—**	**14,971**	**—**	**14,971**	**15,101**	**13,242**

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.

House of Lords: Peers' expenses, administration, etc

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the reimbursement of Peers' expenses incurred by them for the purpose of their Parliamentary duty, the administrative costs of the House of Lords' Offices and its Refreshment Department, including stationery and printing, the provision of superannuation benefits to staff, a share of the security costs at the Palace of Westminster, financial assistance to Opposition parties, and a grant in aid to the History of Parliament Trust. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of the Vote can be found in the House of Lords' 1999 Report (Cm 4221).

2. 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 £29.8 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 is given in Cm 4221.

3. Control of the Vote is vested in the House of Lords' Offices Committee appointed each session.

4. The costs of House of Lords' works services are borne on Class XVIII, Vote 3.

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

House of Lords: Peers' expenses, administration, etc

Part I

£30,369,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the House of Lords on Peers' expenses and administrative costs, including staff pensions, security, stationery, printing, financial assistance to Opposition parties, and a grant in aid to the History of Parliament Trust.

The **House of Lords' Offices** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	30,369,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	12,729,000
Balance to complete	17,640,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers						
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	**Net total**	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits									
Central government's own expenditure									
A: *House of Lords: Peers' expenses, administration etc*									
—	**31,661**	**1,032**	**200**	**—**	**32,893**	**2,524†**	**30,369**	**29,845**	**25,623**

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from VAT refunds on contracted out services; judicial proceedings, private bills, taxation of costs, fees etc; widows' and widowers' pension contributions; a contribution from the profits of the Refreshment Department towards staff costs; proceeds from the sale of surplus equipment; receipts from the House of Commons.

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
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House of Lords: works services

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the costs of works services for the House of Lords, a share of the costs of the Parliamentary Works Directorate which administers the works programme for both Houses of Parliament and a grant in aid to the House of Lords' Works of Art Collection Fund. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of the Vote can be found in the House of Lords' 1999 Report (Cm 4221).

2. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 12.2 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £13.8 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 is given in Cm 4221.

3. Control of the Vote is vested in the House of Lords' Offices Committee appointed each session.

4. The costs of Peers' expenses and the administration of the House of Lords' Offices are borne on Class XVIII, Vote 2.

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

House of Lords: works services

Part I

£15,483,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the House of Lords on works services: including a payment to the House of Commons in respect of Administration and a grant in aid to the House of Lords' Works of Art Collection Fund.

The **House of Lords' Offices** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	15,483,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	6,211,000
Balance to complete	9,272,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers						
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	**Net total**	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits Central government's own expenditure										
A: *House of Lords: works services*										
	—	**8,599**	**7,784**	**—**	**28**	**16,411**	**928†**	**15,483**	**13,803**	**13,784**

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from VAT refunds on contracted out services, receipts from rents, reproduction of works of art, the sale of equipment and property and other works services contributions.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.

House of Commons: Members' salaries, etc

Introduction

1. This Vote covers expenditure by the House of Commons on salaries of Members of Parliament; the reimbursement to Members of expenses incurred by them in the course of their parliamentary duties; pension premium payments in respect of Members' secretaries and research assistants; Exchequer contributions to the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund and to the Members' Fund; and financial assistance to Opposition parties.

2. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote are as follows:

	Total Estimate 1999–2000	Total net provision 1998–99	£'000 Net outturn 1997–98
Members' salaries	33,428	32,865	39,060
Travelling expenses in the UK and to European Community institutions	7,120	6,939	6,226
Office costs allowance	33,534	32,500	32,469
Additional costs allowance	8,272	8,019	7,247
Pension provision for Members' staff	2,012	1,939	1,620
Secretarial redundancy payments	40	41	777
Miscellaneous	187	179	3,531
Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund Contributions to the basic and supplementary schemes	2,510	3,191	2,952
Financial assistance to Opposition parties	1,742	1,689	1,722
Members' Fund	215	215	215
Total	89,060	87,577	95,819

3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 2 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1998–99 of £88 million and 3 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £86 million.

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

House of Commons: Members' salaries, etc

Part I

£89,060,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the House of Commons on Members' salaries, allowances, pensions, etc, financial assistance to Opposition parties and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund.

The **Clerk of the House of Commons** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	89,060,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134)	39,410,000
Balance to complete	49,650,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers						
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp-riations in aid	**Net total**	Total net provision 1998-99	Net outturn 1997-98
Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits									
Central government's own expenditure									
A: *House of Commons Members salaries, etc*									
—	**87,103**	**—**	**1,957**	**—**	**89,060**	**—**	**89,060**	**87,577**	**95,819**

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.

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