

# Serious Fraud Office

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## Introduction

1. This Estimate covers the administration costs, capital costs and operational costs incurred by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO). Included are the costs of the SFO staff, Fees to Counsel and outside accountants, witness expenses, use of information technology to improve presentation of evidence, other investigation and prosecution costs and defendant's costs orders by the courts to be paid by the SFO.
2. Further details of the expenditure of the SFO can be found in Part 3 of the Law Officers' Departments' Departmental Report 2007 (Cm 7114).
3. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

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## Part I

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<b>Request for Resources 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law</b>	<b>35,769,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>35,769,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>39,425,000</b>

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the Serious Fraud Office on:

### **RfR 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law**

Administration, investigation, prosecution and associated non-cash items.

The **Serious Fraud Office** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
<b>RfR 1</b>	<b>35,769,000</b>	<b>16,111,000</b>	<b>19,658,000</b>
<b>Total net resource requirement</b>	<b>35,769,000</b>	<b>16,111,000</b>	<b>19,658,000</b>
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>39,425,000</b>	<b>17,756,000</b>	<b>21,669,000</b>

**Part II: Subhead detail**

£'000

2007-08 Provision								2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
Admin	Other Current	Resources Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non- operating A in A	Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>RfR 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law</b>									
24,969	10,850	-	35,819	50	35,769	3,500	-	45,289	39,869
<b>Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)</b>									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A	Administration								
24,969	200	-	25,169	-	25,169	3,500	-	30,389	27,017
B	Investigations and Prosecutions								
-	10,650	-	10,650	50	10,600	-	-	14,900	12,852
<b>Total for Estimate:</b>									
24,969	10,850	-	35,819	50	35,769	3,500	-	45,289	39,869

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement</b>	<b>35,769</b>	<b>45,289</b>	<b>39,869</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	3,500	4,000	2,259
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,259</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-79	-79	-31
Depreciation	-1,600	-1,600	-1,345
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-288
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-65	-65	-57
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	930	930	-628
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	930	930	-
Use of provisions	40	40	76
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>-2,273</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>39,425</b>	<b>49,445</b>	<b>39,855</b>

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

In addition to appropriations in aid the following income relates to the Department and is payable to the Consolidated Fund (cash receipts being shown in italics):

	<b>£'000</b>					
	<b>2007-08</b>		<b>2006-07</b>		<b>2005-06</b>	
	<b>Provision</b>		<b>Provision</b>		<b>Outturn</b>	
	<b>Income</b>	<i>Receipts</i>	<b>Income</b>	<i>Receipts</i>	<b>Income</b>	<i>Receipts</i>
Operating income not classified as A in A	-	-	-	-	1	3
Non-operating income not classified as A in A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other amounts collectable on behalf of the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	34	53
Excess cash receipts to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>

## Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Administration Costs</b>			
RfR 1	24,969	30,189	27,016
<b>Total Net Administration costs</b>	<b>24,969</b>	<b>30,189</b>	<b>27,016</b>
<b>Net Programme Costs</b>			
RfR 1	10,800	15,100	12,852
<b>Total Net Programme costs</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>15,100</b>	<b>12,852</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>	<b>35,769</b>	<b>45,289</b>	<b>39,868</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	35,769	45,289	39,869
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-1
<b>Resource Budget</b>	<b>35,769</b>	<b>45,289</b>	<b>39,868</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)</b>	35,769	45,289	39,869
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Non-voted expenditure in the OCS	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-1
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Cost (Accounts)</b>	35,769	45,289	39,868
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
Voted expenditure outside the budget	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated resource provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Resource Budget (Budget)</b>	35,769	45,289	39,868
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	35,769	45,289	39,868
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

### Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2007-08 Provision	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Outturn
<b>Net Voted Capital (Estimates)</b>	3,500	4,000	2,259
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
Other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	-	-	-
Capital grants	-	-	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-	-	-
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-	-	-
Capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
Unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Capital Budget (Budget)</b>	3,500	4,000	2,259
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	3,500	4,000	2,259
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

In accordance with the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 the Treasury has made the following Accounting Officer appointment for the Request for Resources within this Estimate.

**Request for Resources 1:** Robert Wardle, Director of the Serious Fraud Office

Robert Wardle as the Accounting Officer of the Serious Fraud Office has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the department's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation, or by the Treasury, and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, remains in general overall charge of the Serious Fraud Office.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in Annex 4.1 of Government Accounting. In essence these responsibilities include a personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable; for keeping of proper accounts; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; and for the efficient and effective use of all the available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the organisation's policies, aims and objectives and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

	<b>£'000</b>		
	<b>2007-08 Provision</b>	<b>2006-07 Provision</b>	<b>2005-06 Outturn</b>
<b>RfR 1: Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law</b>			
Sale of goods and services	-	-	1
CFERs	-	-	-1
<b>Programme</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	-	350	-
Regulatory licences, fines, penalties and taxes	50	50	13
<b>Total RfR 1</b>	<b>50†</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: the recovery of income arising from costs awarded to the SFO in court.</i>			
<b>Total Operating A in A</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>13</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

	<b>£'000</b>					
	<b>2007-08</b>		<b>2006-07</b>		<b>2005-06</b>	
	<b>Provision</b>		<b>Provision</b>		<b>Outturn</b>	
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Receipts</b>
Interest on overpayment of prior year Rates and secondment refund $\Phi$	-	-	-	-	1	3
Refunds of rates relating to the previous year and deposit paid $\bullet$	-	-	-	-	34	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>

## Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

### Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	<b>£'000</b>		
	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Non-voted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Resource DEL	35,769	-	35,769
<i>of which: †</i>			
Administration budget	24,969	-	24,969
Near-cash in RDEL	34,025	40	34,065
Capital DEL ††	3,500	-	3,500
Less Depreciation †††	-1,600	-	-1,600
Total DEL	37,669	-	37,669

† The total of the 'Administration Budget' and 'Near-cash in Resource DEL' figures may well be greater than total resource DEL, due to the definitions overlapping.

†† Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and accounts but which are treated as Capital DEL in budgets.

††† Depreciation, which forms part of resource DEL, is excluded from total DEL since capital DEL includes capital spending and to include depreciation of those assets would lead to double counting.

### Comparison of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2007-08 of £35,769,000 is 21.0 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2006-07 of £45,289,000 and 0.1 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for 2006-07 of £35,802,000.

### Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	<b>£'000</b>		
	<b>2007-08 Provision</b>	<b>2006-07 Provision</b>	<b>2005-06 Outturn</b>
Cash which may be retained by the department to offset expenditure in the year due to its relationship with income (operating and non-operating) that has been, or will be, appropriated in aid.	50	400	13

