
HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the administrative costs of the Treasury Solicitor's Department agency within DEL (section A) and other expenditure of the Treasury Solicitor's Department agency (section B), which includes capital DEL expenditure. Section C covers the administration costs of the Legal Secretariat to the Law Officers including the salaries of two Ministers of the Crown. Section D covers the operational costs of the Treasury Solicitor's Department agency as explained in paragraph 3. Section E covers the costs of HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate. Further details of the Department's administration costs are provided in Chapter 3 of the 2006 Departmental Report of the Law Officers' Departments (Cm 6821).
2. The Treasury Solicitor's Department, which became an Agency on 1 April 1996, has operated a system of full repayment of the majority of its legal services since 1990-91. The greater part of its administrative costs are now met by receipts. Since 1999-2000, the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency has operated under a net operating cost control, allowing it the flexibility to respond to an increasing demand for its services. A small section of the Agency's work, which is directly related to European matters or considered to be in the public interest, remains centrally funded.
3. This Estimate also covers the operational costs of the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency (section D). Operational costs arise on the provision of legal services to government departments. Except for those associated with centrally funded services, these costs are fully recovered from client departments as disbursements on legal cases. The principal areas of this expenditure are adverse costs, counsel fees, expert witnesses and solicitors agents. Further details of the Department's operational costs are provided in Chapter 3 of Cm 6821.
4. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies	13,169,000
Total net resource requirement	13,169,000
Net cash requirement	16,519,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2007 for expenditure by the HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor's Department, the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency, the Legal Secretariat to the Law Officers and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate on:

RfR 1: Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies

Administration, costs and fees for legal and related services, residual matters following the closure of the Government Property Lawyers Agency and associated non-cash items.

The **Treasury Solicitor** will account for this Estimate.

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
RfR 1	13,169,000	6,198,000	6,971,000
Total net resource requirement	13,169,000	6,198,000	6,971,000
Net cash requirement	16,519,000	6,910,000	9,609,000

Part II: Subhead detail

										£'000	
2006-07 Provision										2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Resources						Capital Non- operating A		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources		
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	in A				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
RfR 1: Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies											
64,972	33,697	-	98,669	85,500	13,169	4,000	-	14,205	15,722		
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)											
<i>Central Government spending</i>											
A	TSD Administration										
57,281	-	-	57,281	54,500	2,781	-	-	3,325	6,250		
B	TSD Other										
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,900	-	-	-		
C	LSLO Administration										
3,720	-	-	3,720	-	3,720	100	-	4,212	3,960		
D	Operational Costs										
-	33,697	-	33,697	31,000	2,697	-	-	2,697	2,205		
E	CPSI Administration										
3,971	-	-	3,971	-	3,971	-	-	3,971	3,307		
Total for Estimate:											
64,972	33,697	-	98,669	85,500	13,169	4,000	-	14,205	15,722		

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	13,169	14,205	15,722
Voted capital items			
Capital	4,000	4,750	2,227
Less Non-operating A-in-A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	4,000	4,750	2,227
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-300	-600	-2,281
Depreciation	-1,600	-1,500	-3,539
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-100	-100	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	700	700	-4,273
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	600	200	2,223
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-450	-900	1,871
Use of provisions	500	982	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-650	-1,218	-5,999
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	16,519	17,737	11,950

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2006-07 or 2005-06. None were received in 2004-05.

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Administration Costs			
RfR 1	10,472	11,508	13,517
Total Net Administration costs	10,472	11,508	13,517
Net Programme Costs			
RfR 1	2,697	2,697	2,205
Total Net Programme costs	2,697	2,697	2,205
Total Net Operating Cost	13,169	14,205	15,722
<i>of which:</i>			
Net Resource Requirement	13,169	14,205	15,722
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
Resource Budget	13,169	14,205	15,722

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	13,169	14,205	15,722
<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	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	13,169	14,205	15,722
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
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	-	-	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	13,169	14,205	15,722
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	13,169	14,205	15,722
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	4,000	4,750	2,227
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
Gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
<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	-	-	-
Capital Budget (Budget)	4,000	4,750	2,227
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	4,000	4,750	2,227
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: Dame Juliet Wheldon, DCB, QC

Dame Juliet Wheldon, DCB, QC as the Accounting Officer of the HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor 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 HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor.

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)

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
RfR 1: Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies			
Administration	54,500	51,981	43,247
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	54,500	51,981	43,247
Programme	31,000	37,203	22,263
<i>of which:</i>			
Sale of goods and services	31,000	37,203	22,263
Total RfR 1	85,500†	89,184	65,510
† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: recovery of costs from other government departments including costs recovered through legal and administrative services provided, charges for Bona Vacantia work, recovery of costs for tenants in jointly occupied buildings, utilisation of provisions, income in relation to GLS operations, subscription charges, photocopying charges and European fast streamers.			
Total Operating A in A	85,500	89,184	65,510

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration budgets

	£'000		
	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	13,169	-	13,169
<i>of which:*</i>			
Administration budget	10,472	-	10,472
Near-cash in RDEL	11,169	500	11,669
Capital DEL**	4,000	-	4,000
Less Depreciation†	-1,600	-	-1,600
Total DEL	15,569	-	15,569

* 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 for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2006-07 of £13,169,000 is 7.3 per cent lower than the final net provision for 2005-06 of £14,205,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

	£'000		
	2006-07 Provision	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Outturn
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.	85,500	89,184	65,510