

Vote on Account

2001–2002

for the year ending 31 March 2002

Central Government Supply Estimates

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Introduction

Vote on Account for 2001–02

The Vote on Account provides resources and cash to allow existing services to continue during the early months of the coming financial year, pending Parliament's consideration of the main Supply Estimates for 2001–02. By 'existing services' is meant services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2001. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the spring Consolidated Fund Bill.

2. The main Supply Estimates for 2001–02 will be presented in March or early April 2001. Parliament normally authorises the provision sought there towards the end of July or early August, when the Appropriation Act is passed.

Resource accounting and budgeting (RAB)

3. This Vote on Account is the first Supply document presented to Parliament on a resource accounting and budgeting basis. The aim of RAB is to provide better measures of the Government's spending and create stronger incentives for efficiency and value for money.

4. Under cash accounting, the Vote on Account provision, voted in the winter Supplementary estimate round, was usually a standard 45 per cent of the amounts already voted for the corresponding services in the current year, taking account of summer Supplementary Estimates as well as Main and Revised Estimates, where appropriate. This was normally sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service was not exhausted before the Appropriation Act was passed in the summer, but not so high as to prejudge Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimate for each service.

5. Vote on Account arrangements under RAB will be similar except that each Estimate will receive sums on account for both resources and cash. However, for the first year of RAB, rather than the amounts on account being based on the previous year's provision for the corresponding services the proportion on account for both resources and cash will be based on the anticipated provision for the 2001–02 Main Estimates and is being presented alongside the 2000–01 spring Supplementary Estimates to allow Parliament an additional three months to scrutinize departments' 1999–2000 resource accounts before voting resource based Supply for the first time. This approach is also likely to produce the most accurate reflection of departments' needs for the early months of 2001–02.

6. The Government proposes to keep the level of standard proportion for resources under review and also to give further consideration as to whether to continue with preparation of the Vote on Account in the spring or revert to the previous practice of presentation alongside the winter Supplementary Estimates.

Amounts required

7. Whilst Vote on Account provision is usually a standard 45 per cent, it may reflect a higher or a lower amount than the standard proportion in the following cases:

- a. if it is possible to anticipate a change in the structure of a Supply Estimate, for example because of a transfer of responsibility between departments, resources or cash may be adjusted accordingly. (Any further transfers may need to be reflected when the main Supply Estimates are presented);
- b. if consumption of resources or expenditure of cash during the early months of the financial year is expected to be significantly different from the standard, the amount sought reflects the actual requirements;

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- c. if the Supply Estimate is for a token sum of £1,000 for self-financing services, no Vote on Account provision is sought but the continuation of the services in the new financial year is noted.

8. The services covered by the Vote on Account are listed on the following pages and are arranged according to the expected structure of the Supply Estimates for 2001–02.

9. The Vote on Account in respect of the House of Commons is presented today by The Speaker in HC 252.

10. The Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC 253.

11. The Vote on Account in respect of the Electoral Commission is presented today by The Speaker in HC 254.

Vote on Account 2001–02

Total net resource requirement £120,806,768,000

Total net cash requirement £120,769,537,000

Amount required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2002 in respect of the several services listed below.

Treasury Chambers
27 February 2001

Stephen Timms

RfR	Service	2001-02 Forecast net resource requirement at Main Estimate on which provision on account is based	2001-02 Resources required on account	2001-02 Forecast net cash requirement at Main Estimate on which provision on account is based	2001-02 Cash required on account
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Department for Education and Employment	21,060,822	9,477,370	22,486,305	10,118,837
1	Giving everyone the chance, through education, training and work, to realise their full potential and thus build an inclusive and fair society	18,396,072	8,278,232(a)		
2	Helping people without a job into work through the Employment Service	2,381,375	1,071,619(b)		
3	Promoting the physical, intellectual and social development of babies and young children through Sure Start	183,375	82,519		
4	Tackling child poverty and social exclusion by helping vulnerable children and young people, and their families, to break the cycle of deprivation and disadvantage through the Children's Fund	100,000	45,000		
	Teachers' Pension Scheme	1,700,000	765,000	1,700,000	765,000
1	Teachers' Pensions	1,700,000	765,000		
	Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England	165,135	74,311	171,272	77,072
1	Improving the quality and standards of education through independent inspection and advice	165,135	74,311		
	Department of Health	42,764,550	19,244,048	42,294,587	21,088,980
1	Securing health care for those who need it	40,966,006	18,434,703		
2	Securing social care and child protection for those who need it and, at national level, protecting, promoting and improving the nation's health	1,798,544	809,345(c)		
	National Health Service Pension Scheme	172,751	77,738	212,898	95,804
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	Food Standards Agency	115,946	52,126	113,303	50,986
1	Protecting and promoting public health in relation to food	115,946	52,176		
	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions	53,788,889	24,205,001	51,636,176	23,365,370
1	Protecting and improving the environment, offering the opportunity of a decent home, enhancing opportunity in rural areas, promoting sustainable economic development through integrated regional and local action and an efficient market in the construction industry, and improving health and safety	9,231,086	4,153,989(d)		
2	Promoting modern, integrated and safe transport and providing customer-focused regulation	7,188,553	3,234,849		
3	Promoting a system of elected government in England responding to the needs of local communities	36,830,237	16,573,607		
4	Providing for the administration of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Government Offices for the Regions and the Health and Safety Commission in meeting their objectives	539,013	242,556		
	Office of the Rail Regulator	601	270	1	—
1	To create a better railway for passengers and freight customers, and better value for public funding authorities, through effective regulation in the public interest	601	270		
	Office of Water Services	519	234	309	139
1	Regulation of the Water Industry	519	234		
	Home Office	9,436,708	4,293,835	9,459,491	4,266,243
1	Building a safe, just and tolerant society	7,030,130	3,210,879(e)		
2	Prisons	2,406,578	1,082,956		
	Charity Commission	20,843	9,379	21,340	9,603
1	Giving the public confidence in the integrity of charity	20,843	9,379		

(a) Includes expenditure for the Job Transition Service, as announced in the Pre-Budget Report, November 2000 paid under the Employment and Training Act 1973.

(b) Includes expenditure on education in prisons and other custodial institutions paid under the Prisons Act 1952.

(c) Includes expenditure on grants to local authorities for the provision of social care services which promote independence and for improving information management in social services departments under Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2000 on the national training strategy for the social care workforce by the Training Organisation for the Personal Social Services under Section 67 of the Care Standards Act 2000; and on the quality agenda in social care by the Social Care Institute for Excellence under Section 64 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968.

(d) Includes resource for the Carbon Trust under the statutory authority of section 5 of the Science and Technology Act 1965.

(e) Includes provision for expenditure on the National Probation Service set up under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and its related complaints procedure; on the funding of internet providers' interception set up costs under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; on the Office of the Commissioner under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; on the National Technical Assistance Centre under the Police Act 1996; on funding for arson reduction initiatives under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998; and fees payable to the Criminal Records Bureau under part V of the Police Act 1997.

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		Total forecast net resource requirement at Main Estimate on which provision on account is based	Resources required on account	Total forecast net cash requirement at Main Estimate on which provision on account is based	Cash required on account
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Lord Chancellor's Department	2,538,096	1,142,143	2,471,645	1,112,240
1	Promoting the development of a modern, fair, cost effective and efficient system of justice for all	2,538,096	1,142,143		
	Northern Ireland Court Service	85,708	38,569	82,834	37,275
1	Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	51,331	23,099		
2	Enabling the Legal Aid Department of the Law Society of Northern Ireland to provide timely, accurate and cost effective legal aid administration and expenditure control	34,377	15,470		
	Public Record Office	30,156	14,039	20,632	9,284
1	Assisting and promoting the study of the past in order to inform the present and the future	30,156	14,039		
	The Crown Prosecution Service	374,554	168,549	381,486	171,669
1	Increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system through fair, firm and effective prosecutions	374,554	168,549		
	Serious Fraud Office	20,850	9,383	21,450	9,653
1	Reducing fraud and the cost of fraud and delivering justice and the rule of law	20,850	9,383		
	HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor	14,607	12,781	14,255	12,473
1	Providing comprehensive and competitive legal services to government departments and publicly funded bodies	14,607	12,781		
	Ministry of Defence	29,594,949	13,317,727	24,201,186	10,890,534
1	Provision of Defence Capability	29,407,949	13,233,577		
2	Conflict Prevention	187,000	84,150		
	Armed Forces Retired Pay, Pensions etc	1,426,000	641,700	1,440,367	648,165
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	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	912,489	410,620	1,130,422	508,690
1	Promoting internationally the interests of the UK and contributing to a strong world community	912,489	410,620		
	International Development	2,270,887	1,021,899	2,428,873	1,092,993
1	Eliminating Poverty in Poorer Countries	2,270,887	1,021,899		
	Department for International Development: Overseas Superannuation	123,168	55,426	123,168	55,426
1	DFID Superannuation Pensions	123,168	55,426		
	Department of Trade and Industry	3,763,834	1,774,618	4,613,573	2,047,140
1	Increasing UK Competitiveness	2,090,401	990,116		
2	Increasing Scientific Excellence in the UK and maximising its contribution to society	1,673,433	784,502		
	British Trade International	84,193	37,887	85,563	38,503
1	Enhanced competitiveness of companies in the UK through overseas sales and investment; and a continuing high level of quality, foreign and direct investment	84,193	37,887		
	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Superannuation Funds	133,524	82,000	133,500	82,000
1	Effective management of United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Superannuation Schemes	133,524	82,000		
	Export Credits Guarantee Department	292,625	131,681	972,452	437,603
1	Export Finance Assistance	235,124	105,806		
2	Trading Operators	57,501	25,875		
	Office of Fair Trading	33,049	14,872	32,369	14,566
1	Advancing and safeguarding the economic interests of UK consumers	33,049	14,872		
	Office of Telecommunications	1,180	531	1,400	630
1	Providing the best possible deal for telecommunications customers through effective competition	1,180	531		
	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1	—	1	—
1	Protecting consumers by regulating monopolies and promoting competition in the electricity and gas industry	1	—		

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	Postal Services Commission	1	—	101	45
1	Ensuring the provision of a universal postal service at a uniform tariff, protecting consumers and promoting competition	1	—		
	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	815,355	366,910	872,055	392,425
1	Ensuring that customers benefit from safe and competitively priced food produced from a sustainable and efficient food chain and contributing to the well being of rural and coastal communities	815,355	366,910		
	Forestry Commission	138,113	62,151	76,365	34,364
1	Protecting and expanding Britain's woodlands and increasing their value to society and the environment	138,113	62,151		
	Intervention Board Executive Agency	171,191	52,736	223,036	100,366
1	Funding, co-ordination and implementation of aspects of CAP's Guarantee Section	117,191	52,736		
	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	3,167,564	1,425,404	3,234,379	1,455,471
1	Improving the quality of life through cultural and sporting activities	1,032,684	464,708		
2	Broadening access to a rich and varied cultural and sporting life through home broadcasting	2,134,880	960,696		
	Department of Social Security	54,086,827	24,339,073	54,165,308	24,374,389
1	Ensuring the best start for all children and ending child poverty in 20 years	9,226,294	4,151,832		
2	Promoting work as the best form of welfare for people of working age, whilst protecting the position of those in greatest need	26,308,599	11,838,870		
3	Combating poverty and promoting security and independence in retirement for today's and tomorrow's pensioners	17,506,088	7,877,740		
4	Modernising welfare delivery so as to improve the accessibility and accuracy of services	32,756	14,740		
5	Corporate contracts and support services	1,013,090	455,891		
	Scotland Office	15,453,489	6,954,070	15,452,972	6,953,837
1	Overseeing the effective operation of the devolution settlement in Scotland and representing the interests of Scotland within the UK Government	15,453,489	6,954,070		
	Wales Office	7,863,232	3,420,000	7,863,882	3,420,000
1	Overseeing the effective operation of the devolution settlement in Wales and representing the interests of Wales within the UK Government	7,863,232	3,420,000		
	Northern Ireland Office	8,712,380	3,920,572	8,718,022	3,923,110
1	Playing a full part in implementing the Good Friday Agreement and representing the interests of Northern Ireland in the UK Government	33,055	14,875		
2	Supporting and developing an efficient, effective and responsive criminal justice system	133,260	59,967		
3	Upholding and sustaining the rule of law, and preventing crime	798,657	359,396		
4	Maintaining a secure and humane Prison Service and reducing the risk of re-offending	102,408	46,084		
5	Providing appropriate funding to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund for the delivery of transferred public services as defined by the Northern Ireland Act 1998	7,645,000	3,440,250		
	HM Treasury	178,623	80,381	182,433	82,095
1	Raising the rate of sustainable growth, and achieving rising prosperity	103,039	46,368		
2	Cost effective management of the supply of coins	35,990	16,196		
3	Obtaining the best value for money from Government's commercial relationships on a sustainable basis	39,594	17,817		
	HM Customs and Excise	1,051,697	473,264(a)	1,032,962	464,833
1	Administering the indirect tax and customs control systems fairly and efficiently and enabling individuals and businesses to understand and comply with their obligations	1,051,697	473,264		
	Inland Revenue	2,477,022	1,114,660	2,386,604	1,073,972
1	Enabling businesses and individuals to understand and comply with their obligations in respect of their dealings with the Inland Revenue	2,237,811	1,007,015		

(a) Includes expenditure in relation to discounts for VAT returns filed electronically as introduced by the Value Added Tax (Electronic Communications) (Incentives) Regulations 2001 to be laid before Parliament in March 2001 under the powers conferred in the Commissioners by Schedule 38 of the Finance Act 2000.

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2	Growing a contribution to the good management of property where the public interest is involved	1	—		
3	Providing payments in lieu of tax relief to certain bodies	208,000	93,600		
4	Making payments of rates to Local Authorities on behalf of certain bodies	31,210	14,045		
	National Savings	178,172	80,177	173,215	77,947
1	Reducing the costs to the taxpayer of government borrowing	178,172	80,177		
	Registry of Friendly Societies	2,780	1,251	2,780	1,251
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	National Investment and Loans Office	301	135	250	113
1	Providing high quality financial services to public sector customers	301	135		
	Office for National Statistics	178,208	128,000	189,617	133,000
1	Providing Statistical and Registration Services	178,208	128,000		
	Government Actuary's Department	671	550	685	550
1	Providing an actuarial consultancy service	671	550		
	Royal Mint	1	—	500	225
1	Increasing the commercial focus of the Royal Mint thereby increasing its competitiveness in the UK and overseas	1	—		
	Crown Estate	2,075	934	2,067	930
1	To maintain and enhance the value of the Crown Estate and the return obtained from it	2,075	934		
	Cabinet Office	168,482	75,817	161,131	72,509
1	Supporting the Prime Minister's Office closely in ensuring the delivery of Government objectives	168,482	75,817		
	Security and Intelligence Services	1,034,036	465,316	885,943	398,674
1	Protecting and promoting the national security and economic well being of the UK	1,034,036	465,316		
	Civil Superannuation	1,525,666	686,550	1,614,400	726,480
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	Central Office of Information	711	320	711	320
1	Achieving maximum communication effectiveness with best value for money	711	320		
	Privy Council Office	3,000	1,350	3,008	1,354
1	Ensuring the orderly conduct of Privy Council office business	3,000	1,350		
	Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioner for England	15,750	7,088	14,964	6,734
1	To undertake the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England	15,750	7,088		
	House of Lords	70,574	31,758	51,302	23,086
1	Peers' Expenses and Administration	33,572	15,107		
2	Works Services	37,002	16,651		
	House of Commons	98,921	44,514	99,065	44,579
1	Members' salaries etc	98,921	44,514		