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National Audit Office**

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Introduction

How to read the Estimates

1. Estimates are presented to Parliament, usually in March, and Parliament votes on the provision sought in the following July or August.

2. Each Estimate covers finance for specified services, for which the body concerned will be accountable to Parliament. Users who wish to find out more about Estimates procedures should consult the **Main Estimates 1997-98** booklet, (**HC 335**), published today. The introductory notes summarise expenditure in the Main Estimates for 1997-98, place it in the context of the Government's public expenditure plans generally and provide an outline of Parliamentary Supply procedure.

Reconciliation with the control total

4. Class XVIII, B, Vote 1 is the Supply Estimate of the National Audit Office and is the responsibility of the Comptroller and Auditor General. This expenditure is shown in the cash plans table in "The Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000; Cabinet Office, Privy Council Office and Parliament" (Cm 3620), where planned net expenditure is shown as £39 million (£38.7 million less Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts).

Appropriations in Aid

5. A Treasury Minute under the Public Accounts and Charges Act 1891 has today been laid before Parliament directing the use as appropriations in aid of such sums shown in these Estimates as would otherwise have been required to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund.

National Audit Office

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the costs incurred by the National Audit Office in providing independent assurance, information and advice to Parliament on the proper accounting for central government expenditure, revenue and assets, including compliance with laws and regulations, and in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which central government resources have been used. The National Audit Office also audit a wide range of other public and international accounts: the cost of these audits is recovered through audit fees.
3. The net provision sought for 1997-98 is 4 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £37.2 million which is the same as the forecast outturn.

National Audit Office

Part I

£38,700,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the National Audit Office

The **National Audit Office** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	38,700,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 21)	16,740,000
Balance to complete	21,960,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct expenditure			Grants and transfers				£'000		
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appro- priations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
Central government's own expenditure;									
A: National Audit Office: administration									
-	45,800	700	-	-	46,500	7,800†	38,700	37,200	37,358

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to net total, arising from receipts from central government departments and other bodies for audit services and receipts for training.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
	£'000	£'000	£'000
National Audit Office: administration	150	150	1,020

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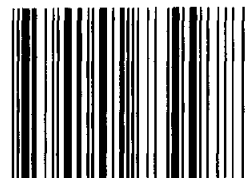
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