Water Services Regulation Authority

Introduction

- 1. This Estimate provides for the funding of the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat), which was established under the Water Act 2003. Ofwat is responsible for the economic regulation of the water industry in England and Wales as set out in the Water Industry Act 1991 and Water Act 2003.
- 2. Ofwat is funded through licence fees received from the water and sewerage companies and is subject to cost control.
- 3. The cash provision of £620,000, is sought to cover:
 i) the part of the pension costs of the former Directors General of the Office of Water Services of £120,000 which cannot be charged to the water industry as it relates to their services with other government departments.
 ii) capital expenditure of £500,000.

Part I

£ Voted Non-Voted **Total Departmental Expenditure Limit** Resource 125,000 125,000 Capital 500,000 500,000 **Annually Managed Expenditure** Resource Capital **Total Net Budget** 125,000 125,000 Resource Capital 500,000 500,000 Non-Budget Expenditure Net cash requirement 620,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2014 for expenditure by Water Services Regulation Authority on:

Departmental Expenditure Limit:

Expenditure arising from:

administration and operation costs; depreciation, pension payments, provisions and other non-cash items in DEL.

Income arising from:

water industry regulatory licences, fines and penalties as set out in the Water Industry Act 1991 and the Water Act 2003; receipts in respect of printing and publication sales; contributions toward former Directors General pension payments and other cost recovery receipts.

Water Services Regulation Authority will account for this Estimate.

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	Voted Total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete or surrender
Departmental Expenditure Limit			
Resource	125,000	57,000	68,000
Capital	500,000	225,000	275,000
Annually Managed Expenditure			
Resource	-	-	-
Capital	-	-	-
Non-Budget Expenditure	-	-	-
Net cash requirement	620,000	278,000	342,000

Part II: Subhead detail

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2013-14 Plans					2012-13 Provisions					
		Resou	rces				Capital		Resources	Capital
A	dministration			Programme						
Gross	Income	Net	Gross	Income	Net	Gross	Income	Net	Net	Net
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Spending Voted expen	in Departm	ental Exp	enditure	Limits (D)	EL)					
21,325 Of which:	-21,200	125	-	-	-	500	-	500	3,126	500
A Water Serv	vices Regulatio	n Authority								
21,325	-21,200	125	-	-	-	500	-	500	3,126	500
Total Spe	nding in DE	EL								
21,325	-21,200	125	-	-	-	500	-	500	3,126	500
Total for 1	Estimate									
21,325	-21,200	125	-	-	-	500	-	500	3,126	500
Of which:			<u> </u>		<u> </u>					<u> </u>
Voted Expen 21,325	-21,200	125	-	-	-	500	-	500	3,126	500
Non Voted E	xpenditure -	-	-	_	-	_	-	=	-	-

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

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	2013-14 Plans	2012-13 Provisions	2011-12 Outturn	
Net Resource Requirement	125	3,126	-4,805	
Net Capital Requirement	500	500	362	
Accruals to cash adjustments	-5	-159	4,562	
Of which:				
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:				
Depreciation	-300	-220	-257	
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-140	-177	-365	
Departmental Unallocated Provision	-	-	-	
Supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-	-	-	
Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	-45	-60	-41	
Adjustment for NDPBs:				
Remove voted resource and capital	-	-	-	
Add cash grant-in-aid	-	-	-	
Adjustments to reflect movements in working balances:				
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-	
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-171	
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	272	-69	5,192	
Use of provisions	208	367	204	
Removal of non-voted budget items	-	_	-	
Of which:				
Consolidated Fund Standing Services	_	-	_	
Other adjustments	-	-	-	
Net Cash Requirement	620	3,467	119	

Part III: Note A - Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure & Reconciliation Table

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	2013-14 Plans	2012-13 Provisions	2011-12 Outturn
Gross Administration Costs	21,325	22,326	19,104
Less:			
Administration DEL Income	-21,200	-19,200	-23,909
Net Administration Costs	125	3,126	-4,805
Gross Programme Costs	-	-	-
Less:			
Programme DEL Income	-	-	-
Programme AME Income	-	-	-
Non-budget income	-	-	-
Net Programme Costs	-	-	-
Total Net Operating Costs	125	3,126	-4,805
Of which:			4.00-
Resource DEL Capital DEL	125	3,126	-4,805
Resource AME	-	-	-
Capital AME	-	-	-
Non-budget	-	-	-
Adjustments to include:			
Departmental Unallocated Provision (resource)	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the budget but not in	_	_	-
the SoCNE			
Adjustments to remove:			
Capital in the SoCNE	_	_	_
Grants to devolved administrations	_	_	_
Non-Budget Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the SoCNE	-	_	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Total Resource Budget	125	3,126	-4,805
Of which:	123	3,120	-1,003
Resource DEL	125	3,126	-4,805
Resource AME	-	-	-
Adjustments to include:			
Grants to devolved administrations	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Adjustments to remove:			
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the resource budget	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Total Resource (Estimate)	125	3,126	-4,805
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Part III: Note B - Analysis of Departmental Income

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	2013-14 Plans	2012-13 Provision	2011-12 Outturn
Voted Resource DEL	-21,200	-19,200	-23,909
Of which:			
Administration			
Sales of Goods and Services	-	-	-116
Of which:			
A: Water Services Regulation Authority	-	-	-116
Taxation	-21,200	-19,200	-23,793
Of which:			
A: Water Services Regulation Authority	-21,200	-19,200	-23,793
Total Administration	-21,200	-19,200	-23,909
Total Voted Resource Income	-21,200	-19,200	-23,909
Voted Capital DEL	-	-	-3
Of which:			
Programme			
Sales of Assets	-	-	-3
Of which:			
A: Water Services Regulation Authority	<u> </u>	-	-3
Total Programme	-	-	-3
Total Voted Capital Income		_	-3

Part III: Note C - Analysis of Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2013-14, 2012-13 or 2011-12.

Part III: Note D - Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Accounting Officer prepares resource accounts for each financial year.

The following individuals are responsible for the expenditure within this Estimate:

Accounting Officer: Regina Finn

Regina Finn has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the department's resource accounts and their transmission to the Comptroller & Auditor General, and is also responsible for the use of public money and stewardship of assets.

In discharging these responsibilities, particular regard is given to:

- observing any accounting and disclosure requirements (including any Accounts Direction) and applying suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- making judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis;
- stating whether applicable accounting standards, as set out in the Financial Reporting Manual (FReM), or an organisation's version of it, have been followed, and explain any material departures in the accounts; and
- preparing the accounts on a going concern basis.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for regularity and propriety of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and safeguarding assets, are also set out in Chapter 3 of Managing Public Money.