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Section 1. Introduction

Simplified format of the Estimates

1. Supply Estimates are the means by which the Government seeks from Parliament sufficient funds and fresh Parliamentary authority for the greater part of its own expenditure each year. The Main Estimates start this process and are presented to Parliament in March, before the start of the financial year to which they relate. One or more Estimates are presented by the Treasury for each government department. Each Supply Estimate covers expenditure on specified services for which a department will be accountable to Parliament.

2. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the former Treasury and Civil Service Committee (TCSC) approved in March 1995 the Government's proposal that a simplified format of the Estimates should be introduced with effect from the 1996-97 Main Estimates. The purpose of the change was to improve the alignment between Estimates and the Government's expenditure plans set out in the series of departmental reports, thereby making it easier to relate the Estimates figures to information on outputs, objectives and performance contained in the reports. The result is better integration of financial information and greater coherence in its presentation to Parliament.

3. Adoption of the new Estimates format does not affect any of the main characteristics of Estimates:

- Estimates remain the principal method of seeking authority from Parliament for the Government's spending;
- the cash basis of approval of Estimates, and the concept of annuality, are unchanged;
- Estimates continue to be presented to Parliament by the Treasury;
- the Treasury continues to direct departments to draw up Appropriation Accounts on the basis of the Estimates;
- the Appropriation Accounts continue to be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General and to be laid before Parliament under the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1866; and
- the responsibilities of Accounting Officers are unchanged.

4. The changes principally concerned the format of the Estimates and are described in more detail in **Section 5**. These introductory notes also summarise the 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.

1997-98 Main Supply Estimates

5. The expenditure for which authority is sought in the 1997-98 Main Estimates totals £212.4 billion. This expenditure is consistent with the Government's plans for public expenditure as a whole set out in the series of departmental reports and *Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 1997-98 (Cm 3601-3620)*. Further explanatory information on the expenditure contained in the 1997-98 Main Estimates (both within and outside the control total) is contained in the corresponding departmental reports. The introductory notes to individual Votes contain cross-references to the location of the material in the reports.

6. The amounts sought for each Estimates Class are shown in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Supply Estimates by Class, 1995-96 to 1997-98

Class		£ billion				Number of Votes
		1995-96	1996-97		1997-98	
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	
I	Ministry of Defence	22.3	22.9	22.9	22.2	4
II	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.8	6
III	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Intervention Board—Executive Agency	0.9	2.0	2.0	1.2	2
IV	Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.0	10
V	Transport	5.7	6.1	6.1	4.9	8
VI	Environment	40.0	40.1	40.1	39.4	8
VII	Home Office	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.8	2
VIII	Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	7
IX	Education and Employment	15.1	15.4	15.4	15.1	4
X	National Heritage	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	4
XI	Department of Health	30.2	31.5	31.5	32.2	3
XII	Department of Social Security	48.9	49.9	49.9	51.0	3
XIII	Scotland and the Forestry Commission	13.9	13.6	13.5	13.2	10
XIV	Wales	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6
XV	Northern Ireland	3.1	3.5	3.3	2.9	2
XVI	Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	14
XVII	Cabinet Office, Office of Public Service, etc	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.6	3
XVIII	Cabinet Office, other services, Privy Council Office, Parliament, etc ⁽¹⁾	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	10
Total		210.4	215.8	215.3	212.4	106

(1) Includes the House of Commons (Class XVIII, A) and the National Audit Office (Class XVIII, B).

7. The total forecast outturn for Supply expenditure in 1996-97 is £215.3 billion. This is £4.6 billion higher than the original provision for 1996-97 but some £0.5 billion lower than total provision (which includes Supplementary provision sought during the year), reflecting underspending on some Votes. Provision sought for 1997-98 is about £2.9 billion less than the forecast outturn for 1996-97.

8. The amount sought for individual Votes in each Class of Estimates is shown in **Table 6.1**. In addition to showing provision for 1997-98, the table includes the outturn for 1995-96 and the total provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97. It also shows the 1997-98 cash limited provision, where appropriate, and the component of the 1997-98 provision that is counted within the public expenditure control total. A fuller description of the reconciliation between Supply Estimates and the control total is contained in **Section 2**.

9. The 1997-98 Main Supply Estimates are presented in three separate volumes. This volume covers Classes I to XVIII. Two separate booklets are being presented to Parliament today by the House of Commons (Class XVIII, A) and the National Audit Office (Class XVIII, B) as **HC 336** and **HC 337** respectively.

Section 2. Supply Estimates and the control total

Supply Estimates and the control total

1. The term "public spending" can be used to describe a number of spending aggregates such as general government expenditure, the public expenditure control total or Supply expenditure. These definitions are discussed in more detail in Section 2 of *Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 1997-98 (Cm 3601)*. This section explains the relationship between the control total and Supply Estimates.

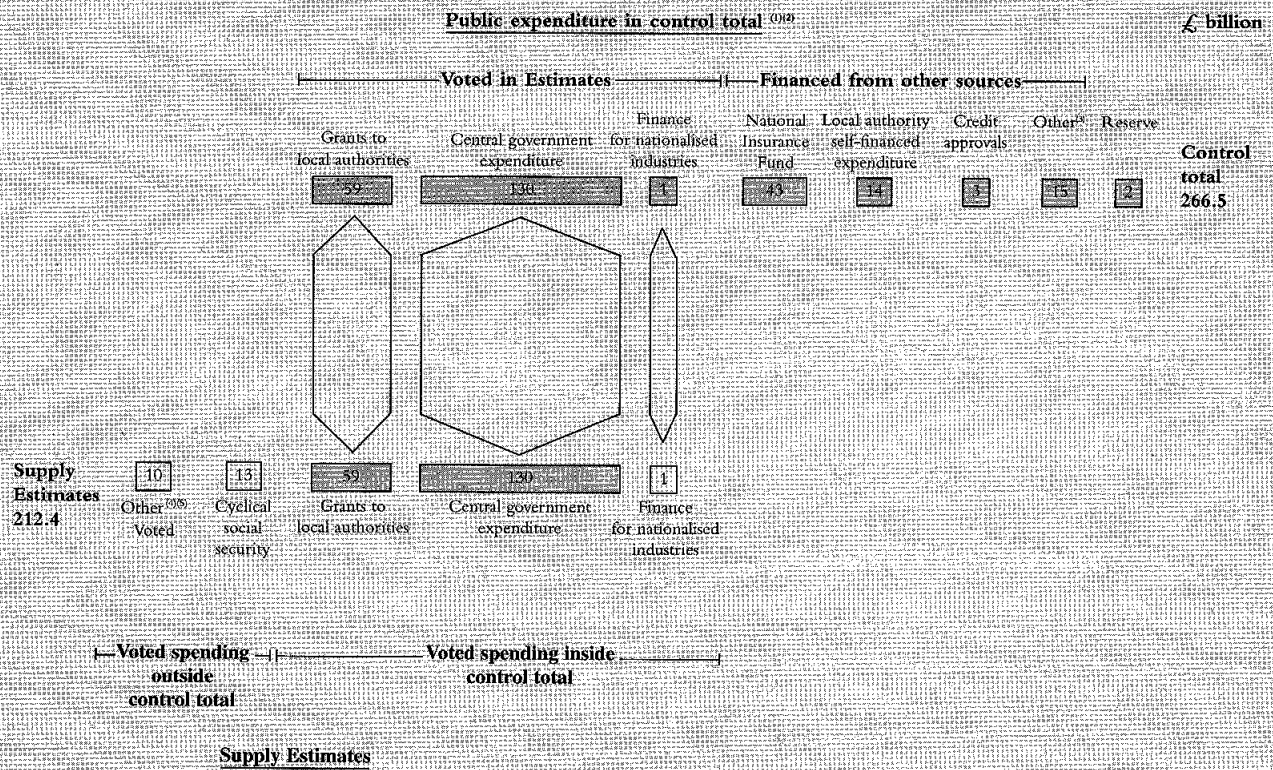
2. The control total covers central government's own expenditure, local authority expenditure and the external financing requirements of nationalised industries and other public corporations. Most Supply expenditure is included in the control total. The main exceptions are cyclical social security and grants to certain central government bodies whose own expenditure is counted in the control total (see paragraph 8).

3. The main elements of the control total not funded through Supply Estimates are central government expenditure funded directly from other sources (such as the National Insurance Fund), credit approvals issued by central government to local authorities, market and overseas borrowing of nationalised industries and other public corporations and local authority self-financed expenditure.

4. The relationship between the Supply Estimates and the control total is set out in **Chart 2.1**. The chart also illustrates the principal flows included within the control total. Taking the different flows in turn:

- (a) **central government support for local authorities:** within total support of £62.3 billion, some £59.4 billion is made up of grants and £2.8 billion is accounted for by credit approvals.
- (b) **central government expenditure (voted):** the Supply Estimates include most of the direct expenditure (£129.5 billion) by central government departments. In addition to departmental running costs this includes expenditure on programmes such as defence, the National Health Service and that part of social security which is not financed from the National Insurance Fund. It also covers part of the financing requirements of public corporations (excluding nationalised industries). Grants in aid to non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) are also in this section, including some support for local authorities delivered via NDPBs. When voted, the funds are drawn from the Consolidated Fund. This expenditure is all within the control total;
- (c) **nationalised industries:** the control total includes the external finance of nationalised industries. Part of this external finance (some £0.9 billion of grants, subsidies and voted lending) is included in Estimates;
- (d) **other expenditure (excluding the Reserve):** the £71.5 billion of expenditure in the control total not directly provided for in Supply Estimates is financed from other central government non-voted funds such as the National Insurance Fund or directly from the Consolidated Fund (eg most payments to the European Union) or from local authorities' own resources.

Chart 2.1 Relationship between Supply Estimates and the control total, 1997-98



(1) The figures are taken from Table 1.5 of Public Expenditure. Statistical Analyses 1997-98 (Cm 3601).

(2) Expenditure within the control total is shown in dark blue.

(3) Consolidated Fund, Northern Ireland and net capital expenditure and borrowing by public corporations.

(4) Grants to National Insurance Fund, transfers to Northern Ireland, payment to BBC etc.

(5) In addition to grants within the control total, this includes financing grants not counted in the control total to avoid double counting with credit approvals.

5. **Table 2.2** gives details of the public expenditure control total component of the Estimates presented for each Class.

Table 2.2 Supply expenditure within the control total by Class, 1997-98

Class		Expenditure within the control total	Other	Total
I	Ministry of Defence	21.1	1.1	22.2
II	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	2.8	0.1	2.8
III	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Intervention Board— Executive Agency	0.5	0.7	1.2
IV	Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department	2.9	0.1	3.0
V	Transport	4.7	0.3	4.9
VI	Environment	38.3	1.1	39.4
VII	Home Office	6.8	—	6.8
VIII	Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments	2.6	—	2.6
IX	Education and Employment	13.2	1.9	15.1
X	National Heritage	0.9	2.0	2.9
XI	Department of Health	34.9	-2.7	32.2
XII	Department of Social Security	36.0	15.0	51.0
XIII	Scotland and the Forestry Commission	13.6	-0.4	13.2
XIV	Wales	6.6	-0.3	6.2
XV	Northern Ireland	0.7	2.3	2.9
XVI	Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer	3.1	—	3.1
XVII	Cabinet Office, Office of Public Service, etc	0.3	1.3	1.6
XVIII	Cabinet Office, other services, Privy Council Office, Parliament, etc ⁽¹⁾	1.1	—	1.1
Total		199.8	22.6	212.4
(per cent)		(89)	(11)	(100)

(1) Includes the House of Commons (Class XVIII.A) and the National Audit Office (Class XVIII.B).

— Nil or less than half a million pounds.

Supply Estimates and departmental reports

6. To make it easier to understand the relationship between the Supply Estimates and the Government's plans for public spending by each major department:

- (i) Estimates Classes are arranged so that they correspond to the departmental groupings adopted for the departmental reports, the *Financial Statement and Budget Report* and *Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 1997-98*;
- (ii) a detailed cash plans table within each departmental report shows expenditure over a run of 9 years in a structure consistent with the individual Estimate tables;
- (iii) each individual functional line (section) in the Estimate is explained in the relevant departmental report, with a cross reference to the location of the explanatory material included in the introductory note to the Vote.

7. Receipts from the European Union are shown differently in Supply Estimates and in the cash plans tables of departmental reports, but there is no difference in the overall totals. Departments' expenditure plans in departmental reports are gross of EU receipts. The associated receipts are shown in the EU section of the departmental report for the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Departments, as part of the United Kingdom's net contribution. In Estimates they are attributed to the department receiving the receipts and therefore reduce the net provision sought. The adjustments to the departmental report plans for these receipts are shown in a table following each departmental report cash plans table.

**Supply expenditure
not included in the
control total**

8. The 1997-98 Main Estimates include net expenditure of some £22.6 billion that is not included in the control total. Some of this consists of internal financing payments. But it also reflects the fact that, in consolidated public sector accounts, some voted receipts are counted as net income or revenue rather than as offsetting gross expenditure. The main items of 1997-98 Supply expenditure outside the control total are:

- (i) cyclical social security totalling £12.9 billion;
- (ii) payment of grants to the National Insurance Fund of £1.9 billion;
- (iii) payments of £2.0 billion to the BBC in respect of TV licence revenue;
- (iv) a transfer of £2.3 billion to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund;
- (v) payments of £5.6 billion associated with various pension schemes; and
- (vi) National Health Service contributions of £5.5 billion which are appropriated in aid of the Health Votes although they are classified as revenue in the consolidated public sector accounts.

9. During 1997-98, certain receipts for licenses with a significant element of service to the individual fee payer will be reclassified from revenue to negative public expenditure in the control total. The Vote treatment of receipts set out in Main Estimates will not be affected by this change. However, treatment of any changes in the level of these receipts will reflect their new classification, therefore any Supplementary Estimates will be on the new basis.

Section 3. Cash limits

Cash limits and Supply Estimates

1. Cash limits provide a system of in-year control by central government over its cash expenditure. Cash limits may be set either on voted expenditure or on certain expenditure not covered by Supply Estimates.
2. Since the 1995–96 Main Estimates, expenditure which has a common purpose, whether subject to a cash limit or not, may be contained within the same Vote. This replaces the previous arrangement whereby each Estimate was either cash limited or non-cash limited. Mixed Votes allow expenditure which has a common purpose to be presented in a more coherent way to Parliament without relaxing control.
3. Cash limited expenditure within the 1997–98 Main Estimates is shown in **Table 6.1**. The cash limit status of the expenditure within each Vote is also noted in the first paragraph of the Introductory Note to the Vote. Estimates treated wholly as a cash limit, or sections of Estimates which contain cash limited expenditure, are identified by a closed star. Votes which contain both cash limited and non cash limited sections are identified by an open star.
4. Where voted expenditure is subject to a cash limit the government is stating that it intends to avoid, if possible, seeking any non-token Supplementary provision even if there are unexpected fluctuations in costs or other influences on expenditure. In such circumstances the government will seek to re-order priorities or take offsetting action so that the cash limit is not exceeded or a corresponding reduction is made in another cash limit. The presumption is that in-year switches of provision into a cash limit within a mixed Vote will not normally be allowed.
5. Cash limits are thus a control system designed to increase the ability of government to hold to its plans and to provide a clear incentive to efficient management and cost control. Where cash limits, exceptionally, are breached, there is an investigation into the cause of breach, an examination of the financial procedures of the department or body concerned and, where appropriate, a reduction in the corresponding cash limit in the year following the breach. Government policy is to extend the coverage of cash limits wherever possible.
6. Expenditure that is not subject to a cash limit finances mainly “demand-led” services such as income support. In these areas, once policy and rates of payments have been determined, expenditure depends on factors beyond the direct control of government such as the number of qualified recipients coming forward.

Table 3.1 Cash limited and non-cash limited components of Supply Estimates by Class, 1997-98

		£ billion		
Class		Cash limited	Non-cash limited	Total
I	Ministry of Defence	21.1	1.1	22.2
II	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	2.7	0.2	2.8
III	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Intervention Board— Executive Agency	0.9	0.3	1.2
IV	Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department	2.8	0.3	3.0
V	Transport	3.8	1.1	4.9
VI	Environment	33.8	5.6	39.4
VII	Home Office	6.5	0.3	6.8
VIII	Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments	1.0	1.7	2.6
IX	Education and Employment	10.7	4.4	15.1
X	National Heritage	0.9	2.0	2.9
XI	Department of Health	30.4	1.8	32.2
XII	Department of Social Security	2.5	48.5	51.0
XIII	Scotland and the Forestry Commission	12.0	1.2	13.2
XIV	Wales	5.6	0.6	6.2
XV	Northern Ireland	0.9	2.0	2.9
XVI	Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer	2.8	0.3	3.1
XVII	Cabinet Office, Office of Public Service, etc	0.1	1.5	1.6
XVIII	Cabinet Office: other services, Privy Council Office, Parliament, etc ⁽¹⁾	0.8	0.4	1.1
Total		139.2	73.2	212.4
(per cent)		(66)	(34)	(100)

(1) Includes the House of Commons (Class XVIII.A) and the National Audit Office (Class XVIII.B).

7. **Table 3.1** summarises the amount of cash limited and non-cash limited expenditure in each Estimate Class in 1997-98. Most voted expenditure is subject to cash limits. Of the 106 Main Estimates presented for 1997-98, 86 are either cash limited or contain cash limited expenditure, comprising £139.2 billion or about two-thirds of total Supply provision (over four-fifths excluding social security expenditure). The Defence Votes are, with the agreement of the Treasury, operated as a block cash limit for control purposes.

Operation of cash limits

8. As noted above, once set cash limits are not intended to be changed. The only general exception, aside from switches between cash limits, is that cash limits may be increased under the government's end-year flexibility schemes. Other than that, cash limit increases are regarded as exceptional but may arise from, for example, specific policy changes agreed during the year. Any such increases require the specific approval of the Treasury. Parliament is informed of all changes to cash limits.

9. Any decision to change a cash limit is announced as soon as possible after it is taken, usually in a written answer to a Parliamentary Question. Such an announcement is not the means of seeking Parliament's approval for an increase in Supply provision. Parliamentary authority can only be given through a Supplementary Estimate. Once the Main Estimates have been appropriated in the Summer, it is not possible to reduce the provision on a Vote. Therefore, if a cash limit is reduced after the Appropriation Act has received Royal Assent, it is set at a level below the Estimates provision.

Outturn and provision

10. The total provision for voted cash limited expenditure in 1997-98 of £139.2 billion is £1.9 billion (1 per cent) more than the original provision for 1996-97. The forecast outturn for cash limited expenditure in 1996-97 is £139.0 billion, £0.2 billion (less than ½ per cent) lower than the total provision.

11. The total provision for non-cash limited expenditure in 1997-98 is £73.2 billion, a reduction of £0.2 billion (less than ½ per cent) on the original provision for 1996-97 and a reduction of £3.4 billion (4 per cent) on the total provision for 1996-97. The forecast outturn for non-cash limited expenditure in 1996-97 is £76.3 billion, £0.3 billion below total provision.

Table 3.2 Cash limited expenditure in Supply Estimates by Class, 1995-96 to 1997-98

Class		1995-96	1996-97		£ billion 1997-98
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision
I	Ministry of Defence	21.5	21.8	21.8	21.1
II	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7
III	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Intervention Board—Executive Agency	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.9
IV	Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
V	Transport	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.8
VI	Environment	32.9	34.0	34.0	33.8
VII	Home Office	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.5
VIII	Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
IX	Education and Employment	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.7
X	National Heritage	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
XI	Department of Health	27.7	29.0	29.0	30.4
XII	Department of Social Security	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.5
XIII	Scotland and the Forestry Commission	11.4	12.1	12.0	12.0
XIV	Wales	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.6
XV	Northern Ireland	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
XVI	Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8
XVII	Cabinet Office, Office of Public Service, etc	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
XVIII	Cabinet Office: other services, Privy Council Office, Parliament, etc ⁽¹⁾	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total cash limited		135.5	139.2	139.0	139.2
Total non-cash limited		74.9	76.6	76.3	73.2
Total Supply expenditure		210.4	215.8	215.3	212.4

(1) Includes the House of Commons (Class XVIII,A) and the National Audit Office (Class XVIII,B)

12. **Table 3.2** provides an analysis of voted cash limited expenditure by Class and compares the provision for 1997-98 with the outturn for 1995-96 and total provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97. The forecast outturn allows for underspending on final provision on some cash limits.

Non-voted cash limits

13. The 1997-98 cash limits on expenditure not voted in Estimates (including, where appropriate, central government support to local authorities) are contained in Table 2.5 of *Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 1997-98 (Cm 3601)*.

Running costs

14. Individual gross and net running costs limits for 1997-98 are shown in Chapter 2 of *Cm 3601* and civil service staffing plans for 1997-98 are shown in Chapter 5 of *Cm 3601*. The aggregate provision for running costs in 1997-98 is £14.8 billion (£13.9 billion controlled gross and £0.8 billion controlled net).

Section 4: Parliamentary procedure

1. Parliament's consideration of the Supply Estimates is part of its Supply procedure, by which Parliament approves the Government's requests for funds. The process consists of a number of stages:

- (i) the Government requests certain funds;
- (ii) to support each request, information is provided about what the money will be spent on and who will be responsible for ensuring it will be spent properly;
- (iii) Parliament considers these requests, investigates some more fully and debates a few of them;
- (iv) if Parliament votes in favour of the requests it passes an Act to make the cash available;
- (v) to help enhance its control, Parliament gives legislative force to the Ambits of the Estimates which specify the purposes for which the money may be spent; and
- (vi) after expenditure has been incurred, it is audited and accounted for to check that the amounts and purposes approved have not been exceeded.

2. This process extends over a period of more than two years, starting before the financial year in which expenditure is to be incurred and ending almost twelve months after that year has ended. At any one time Parliament may be considering expenditure that relates to more than one financial year.

Supply procedure

3. Under long-established constitutional practice, it is for the Crown (the Government) to demand money, the House of Commons to grant it and the House of Lords to assent to the grant.

4. Parliament gives statutory authority for funds to be drawn from the Consolidated Fund (the Government's general bank account at the Bank of England) to meet most expenditure by government departments and certain related bodies by Acts of Parliament known as Consolidated Fund Acts and by an annual Appropriation Act. Parliamentary procedure leading to the passing of these Acts is known as "Supply procedure". Funds are made available under the Acts only for a specified financial year.

Main Estimates

5. The process begins with the presentation to Parliament by the Treasury of Main Supply Estimates containing a request for funds for the coming financial year. The aim is to present the Main Estimates before the end of March each year.

6. Presentation to Parliament does not authorise government departments to spend the sums requested. Part I of each Estimate forms the basis of a Supply Resolution which is normally voted on by MPs in the House of Commons before the end of July. A Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill is then brought in and passed before Parliament rises for the summer Recess.

Appropriation Act

7. The resulting Appropriation Act authorises departments to spend up to the amounts requested in the Main Supply Estimates and in any Summer Supplementaries (see paragraph 10). It not only gives Parliamentary authority for the total sums requested to be issued from the Consolidated Fund but also limits the way in which this money can be spent by prescribing how the overall sum is to be appropriated to particular Estimates in order to finance specified services. It also appropriates to individual Estimates sums provided under Consolidated Fund Acts passed since the previous Appropriation Act.

Revised Estimates

8. Revised Estimates affecting some expenditure may be presented to replace the original Estimates before the Supply Resolution is voted on. They normally reduce the provision sought in the original Estimate or vary the way in which it is to be spent.

Votes on Account

9. Parliament does not normally approve the Main Estimates until around the end of July or early August, so funds for the early months of the financial year are provided by a system of Votes on Account. These are normally presented to Parliament in the previous November along with the Winter Supplementary Estimates (see paragraph 10). In general they seek, for the coming financial year, 45 per cent of the amounts authorised to date in the current year.

Supplementary Estimates

10. The Government may decide to ask Parliament for additional money during the year. Supplementary Supply Estimates, where necessary, are usually presented in June (Summer), November (Winter) and February (Spring). Following any Estimates Day debates (see paragraph 18) and the vote on the necessary Supply Resolution, formal statutory authority for extra funds is provided by the Appropriation Act in the case of Summer Supplementaries and by separate Consolidated Fund Acts in the case of Winter and Spring Supplementaries. The Winter Consolidated Fund Act also covers the Votes on Account. Exceptionally, as necessary, Supplementaries may be presented at other times.

Contingencies Fund

11. There is also a Contingencies Fund which can be used to finance urgent expenditure in anticipation of Parliamentary approval of Estimates. Total advances outstanding at any time must not exceed 2 per cent of the previous year's total Estimates provision. Drawings on the Fund are repaid when Parliament has voted the additional money.

Accounts and audit

12. Supply Estimates are based on a cash accounting system for payments and receipts. The provision for expenditure reflects the amounts expected to be paid in the year. No provision is made for commitments entered into but not yet matured.

13. After the end of the financial year an Appropriation Account is prepared for each Estimate which, after being certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General (and reported on where necessary), is laid before the House of Commons in the Autumn following the end of the financial year to which it relates.

14. The accounting and audit arrangements for some expenditure including grants in aid and certain subscriptions to international organisations are different from those for most expenditure. These exceptions are indicated by a common set of symbols used in all Estimates (see **Section 5**).

15. Under the National Audit Act 1983 the Comptroller and Auditor General also carries out value for money studies of departments' expenditure. The Public Accounts Committee's examination of departments in these studies substantially enhances the accountability provided through the Appropriation Accounts.

Excess Votes

16. If expenditure on any Vote exceeds the funds available, and it is too late to seek a Supplementary Estimate, the excess will appear in the department's Appropriation Accounts and will be reported on to the Public Accounts Committee by the Comptroller and Auditor General. Subject to that report, the necessary provision is sought in an Excess Vote. A Statement of Excesses is presented to Parliament by the Treasury, usually in February of the following year at the same time as Spring Supplementary Estimates. Funds are then voted in March (ie 11 months after the end of the financial year to which they relate).

Parliamentary debate

17. Parliament's consideration of individual Estimates is primarily a task for departmentally-related Select Committees which examine the expenditure of particular departments. A Committee may decide to examine individual Main or Supplementary Estimates, ask the department for more information about some aspects and examine Ministers and officials about particular areas of expenditure. A Committee's conclusions often take the form of a Report which is printed by the House.

18. The House of Commons has an opportunity to debate, and vote on, individual Estimates on three Estimates Days in each Parliamentary Session. When this happens the debate is generally informed by a Report from the relevant Select Committee. The time available in Estimates Days is allocated on the advice of the Liaison Committee whose membership includes the Chairmen of the Departmental Select Committees. In addition, the Government may make some extra time available for debates on special Supplementary Estimates.

19. Proceedings on Consolidated Fund Bills are formal, ie not open to debate.

**Parliamentary
timetable**

20. Under Standing Orders of the House of Commons, seven clear days must elapse between the presentation of an Estimate and the vote on the related Supply Resolution. The Government aims to leave at least 14 days between presentation and the vote, and to give Select Committees advance proof copies of Supplementaries ahead of presentation, although this may not always be possible. In practice, some 5–7 weeks are usually available for Select Committees to examine Supplementaries on the three main occasions when they are presented. This period is necessarily shorter if there are any late revisions or any special Supplementaries.

21. Parliament's consideration of Estimates is therefore generally concentrated in three periods:

- (i) March–July for Main Estimates and June–July for Summer Supplementaries, including any Estimates Day debates, followed by the Appropriation Act;
- (ii) November–December for Winter Supplementaries and any associated debates, followed by a Consolidated Fund Bill; and
- (iii) February–March for Spring Supplementaries and any associated debates, also followed by a Consolidated Fund Bill.

**Consolidated Fund
standing services**

22. Parliament has passed statutes that authorise certain expenditure to be charged directly to the Consolidated Fund and not be subject to the annual Supply procedure. These "Consolidated Fund standing services" include payments to the National Loans Fund to service the National Debt, payments to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund of a share of UK tax revenues, most payments to the European Union, Her Majesty's Civil List and the salaries and pensions of some people who hold offices which are constitutionally independent of the Executive. These include the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Comptroller and Auditor General, United Kingdom members of the European Parliament and the judiciary.

Section 5. Format of Estimates

Classes of Estimates

1. This section explains the format of simplified Main Estimates. The format of simplified Supplementary Estimates is described in their introductory pages when they are published during the course of the year.

2. A total of 106 Main Estimates are presented for 1997–98. **Table 1.1** shows how the Estimates are grouped into Classes, each of which covers the Estimates which are the responsibility of one, or sometimes more than one, department. The coverage of each Class corresponds to the coverage of this year's series of departmental reports (*Cm3602–3620*). The Estimates, with the exception of those presented separately for the House of Commons and the National Audit Office, are presented to Parliament by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Structure

3. Each simplified Main Supply Estimate (or Vote) is in a standard format.

4. The Estimate is prefaced by an introductory note containing some basic information intended to put it into context. The note indicates the cash limit status of the expenditure contained within the Vote and gives a general description of the expenditure involved, cross-referring to further explanatory information of each Estimate section in the relevant departmental report. It also draws attention to any important features, such as any contingent liabilities in force which if they matured would involve payments from the Vote, and briefly compares the provision sought with the provision and likely outturn in the previous year or years. It also indicates any related Votes of the same or other departments.

5. The introduction is followed by the Estimate itself, which is in three parts.

Part I

6. **Part I** of the Estimate contains the following key facts:

- (i) the net provision, ie the net amount of money sought for the coming financial year;
- (ii) a formal description of the services to be financed from the Estimate, known as its "Ambit"; and
- (iii) the department or person(s) who will account for the Estimate and the amount already allocated to it in the Vote on Account.

7. The net provision and the Ambit are important because they are both reproduced in the Appropriation Act and together provide the statutory authority for the expenditure. No expenditure can be financed from the Vote which is in excess of the net provision or is not covered by the Ambit. Vote Ambits are under continual review to ensure they properly describe the purposes for which expenditure may be incurred.

Parts II and III

8. The remaining parts of the Estimate give a further breakdown of the expenditure for which approval is sought.

9. **Part II** of the Estimate is in a tabular format consisting of one or more functional sections corresponding with the detailed cash plans table of the relevant departmental report. Different types of expenditure within the Estimate sections are shown in columns using a standard form of analysis.

10. The first three columns of each Estimate table in Part II show the direct expenditure of departments, agencies and other central government bodies on employment of staff and the purchase of goods, services and physical assets. Column 1 shows the running costs of government departments; column 2 shows other direct current expenditure; and column 3 shows capital expenditure. Columns 4 and 5 show all grants and transfers from central government bodies to other sectors, including grants to persons. Columns 4 and 5 cover respectively current and capital transfers with all financial transactions with other sectors included in the capital column.

11. Appropriations in aid are shown in a separate column and are deducted from the gross provision to give the net amount for which approval is sought.

12. The final two columns of each Estimate show total net provision for the current year (1996–97), up to and including any Spring Supplementaries, and net outturn for the previous year (1995–96). These figures have been adjusted as far as possible to be consistent with the Estimate structure for the coming year. For the Estimate as a whole, the forecast outturn for the current year is shown in the introductory note with a more detailed breakdown given in the cash plans table of the relevant departmental report.

13. There is a direct read-across between the descriptors in the Part II Estimate table and the “voted in Estimates” section of the cash plans table in the corresponding departmental report. As in the cash plans table, provision in the Estimate is grouped according to spending sectors as follows:

- central government expenditure
- central government grants to local authorities
- financing requirements of nationalised industries
- other expenditure not included in the control total.

14. Central government expenditure covers both central government’s own expenditure and the financing requirements of public corporations (excluding nationalised industries). Within these categories, expenditure is grouped into one or more sections as necessary.

15. The individual expenditure items within the Estimate sections are the “subheads” against which the Treasury will require the expenditure to be accounted for. Departments may not redistribute the sums shown between sections, or into running costs within sections, without the agreement of the Treasury which, as long as the total gross and net amounts voted by Parliament are not exceeded, may sanction the use of savings in one section or subhead to meet excess expenditure in another—a process known as “virement”. This discretion will not be used in cases where the proposed reallocation is thought to be of such importance or so great a departure from the original Estimate that it should be brought specifically before Parliament by means of a token Supplementary Estimate.

16. **Part III** of the Estimate gives details of receipts which are expected to be received in connection with the expenditure on the Estimate but which are to be paid into the Consolidated Fund and not appropriated in aid of the Vote.

17. Part III is followed by an **explanatory footnote** identifying expenditure resting on the sole authority of the Appropriation Act.

18. Parts II and III of the Vote are not reproduced in the Appropriation Act, although a total figure is given in the Act for appropriations in aid—that is, receipts which Parliament authorises to be used to finance some or all of the gross expenditure on the Estimate, thereby limiting the amount which needs to be issued from the Consolidated Fund. Apart from the total of appropriations in aid, Parts II and III do not therefore have any statutory authority.

**Tables appended
to the Estimates**

19. With effect from the 1995–96 Main Estimates, explanatory tables previously appended to some Estimates, including tables containing information on long-term projects and the estimated allocation of substantial grants in aid, no longer appear alongside the Estimates but are published elsewhere, normally in departmental reports. The introductory note to the relevant Vote contains a cross-reference to the alternative location of the material.

**Information for
Parliament**

20. The Estimates, together with the supporting information in departmental reports, provide an explanation of the expenditure that the Government proposes to finance from funds made available by Parliament. More information is provided to Select Committees through their consideration of Estimates or to the whole House through debates (see **Section 4**).

Publication date

21. The Government aims to present the Main Estimates during March each year.

Contingent liabilities

22. The introductory note to individual Votes draws attention to outstanding contingent liabilities where any cost would be met from the Vote. Where the list of contingent liabilities is too long to be contained within the single page introductory note, the note summarises the nature of the liabilities and gives a cross-reference to the full list of liabilities published elsewhere, normally in the departmental report.

**Appropriations
in aid**

23. 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 the Estimates as would otherwise have been required to be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund. The source of all types of receipts to be appropriated in aid is explained in a footnote to Part II of the Vote.

Symbols

24. For convenience, the symbols used throughout Supply Estimates are reproduced below.

Cash limit status:

- ★ A Vote which is treated wholly as a cash limit or a section of a Vote which contains cash limited expenditure.
- ☆ A Vote which contains both cash limited and non-cash limited sections.

Public expenditure:

- Expenditure not included in the control total.
- ⊕ Receipts that are included in the control total and are, exceptionally, surrendered to the Consolidated Fund as extra receipts rather than taken into the Vote as appropriations in aid.

Statutory authority for expenditure:

- Items where provision is sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act.

Accounting and audit arrangements for grants in aid and certain subscriptions, etc, to international organisations:

- ♥ The accounts of this body are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and presented to Parliament.
- ◆ The accounts of this body are audited by auditors appointed by the Secretary of State (or Minister) and presented to Parliament. The books and accounts are also open to inspection by the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- ♣ The accounts of this body are audited by auditors appointed by the Secretary of State (or Minister) and presented to Parliament.

Section 6. Supply Estimates by Vote

Table 6.1 summarises the Estimates Classes and provides information for each Class and Vote. It shows the amount sought for individual Votes in each Class in 1997-98, the outturn for 1995-96 and the total provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97. It also shows, where appropriate, the cash limited element of the 1997-98 provision and the component of the 1997-98 provision that is counted within the public expenditure control total.

Vote	Title	1995-96	1996-97		1997-98		Control total element of provision
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	Cash limit	
I -	Ministry of Defence						
★1	Defence: operational and support costs	11,023	11,006	11,006	10,145	10,145	10,140
★2	Defence: logistics services	4,662	4,729	4,729	4,807	4,807	4,807
★3	Defence: systems procurement and research	5,837	6,076	6,076	6,176	6,176	6,176
4	Defence: armed forces retired pay, pensions, etc	828	1,101	1,101	1,073	—	—
Class I Total		22,349	22,912	22,912	22,200	21,128	21,122
II -	Foreign and Commonwealth Office						
★1	Foreign and Commonwealth Office: overseas representation	659	618	612	620	620	620
★2	Foreign and Commonwealth Office: other external relations	423	229	229	217	217	186
★3	Foreign and Commonwealth Office: BBC World Service	181	176	176	170	170	170
★4	Foreign and Commonwealth Office: The British Council	103	102	102	98	98	98
★5	Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: external assistance	1,768	1,622	1,617	1,564	1,564	1,564
6	Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: overseas superannuation	135	142	142	162	—	141
Class II Total		3,268	2,889	2,879	2,830	2,669	2,779
III -	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Intervention Board—Executive Agency						
★1	Intervention Board—Executive Agency: CAP market support and administration	93	1,072	1,072	424	119	1,802
★2	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	781	951	924	765	740	2,275
Class III Total		873	2,023	1,996	1,189	859	473

Table 6.1 (Contd)

£ million

Vote	Title	1995-96	1996-97		1997-98		Control total element of provision
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	Cash limit	
IV -	Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department						
★1	Department of Trade and Industry: programmes and administration	1,850	1,678	1,668	1,523	1,344	1,503
★2	Department of Trade and Industry: science	1,295	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,331	1,330
3	Department of Trade and Industry: United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation funds	95	251	251	103	—	—
★4	Export Credits Guarantee Department: administration	25	24	24	24	24	1
5	Export Credits Guarantee Department: export finance assistance	23	27	27	9	—	9
6	Export Credits Guarantee Department: trading operations	—	—	—	—	—	—
★7	Office of Fair Trading	20	19	19	20	20	20
★8	Office of Telecommunications	10	10	10	10	10	10
★9	Office of Gas Supply	7	10	10	8	8	8
★10	Office of Electricity Regulation	10	14	14	14	14	14
Class IV Total		3,334	3,353	3,343	3,042	2,751	2,895
V -	Transport						
★1	Highways Agency	1,848	1,663	1,663	1,562	1,562	1,562
★2	Department of Transport: administration and transport services	154	155	155	158	158	158
★3	Transport industries	1,274	1,746	1,746	1,135	5	910
★4	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	145	153	153	155	155	155
★5	Roads and local transport	456	371	371	314	314	272
★6	Department of Transport: other transport agencies	134	177	177	97	97	90
★7	Passenger rail services	1,703	1,853	1,853	1,516	1,516	1,516
★8	Office of the Rail Regulator	9	8	8	9	9	9
Class V Total		5,723	6,126	6,126	4,947	3,816	4,672
VI -	Environment						
★1	Housing and construction, England	7,007	6,126	6,098	5,683	600	5,269
★2	Regeneration and countryside and wildlife, England	1,512	1,496	1,496	1,454	1,453	1,248
★3	Environmental protection and water	334	355	355	344	342	342
★4	Local government and planning, England	30,670	31,633	31,632	31,488	30,988	30,988
★5	Department of the Environment: administration	424	469	469	393	393	393
★6	Sale of PSA Services businesses	—	—	—	—	—	—
★7	Office of Water Services	9	10	10	10	10	10
★8	Ordnance Survey	14	14	14	7	7	7
Class VI Total		39,970	40,103	40,074	39,379	33,793	38,257
VII -	Home Office						
★1	Home Office administration, police, probation, immigration and other services, England and Wales	4,672	4,870	4,870	5,063	4,729	5,031
★2	Prisons, England and Wales	1,666	1,642	1,642	1,757	1,757	1,757
Class VII Total		6,338	6,512	6,512	6,820	6,486	6,788

Table 6.1 (Contd)

		£ million					
Vote	Title	1995-96	1996-97		1997-98		Control total element of provision
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	Cash limit	
VIII -	Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments						
★1	Lord Chancellor's Department	2,185	2,255	2,255	2,223	630	2,204
★2	Northern Ireland Court Service	51	50	50	43	19	43
★3	Public Record Office	40	33	33	23	23	23
★4	The Crown Prosecution Service	296	300	300	283	220	283
★5	Serious Fraud Office	17	17	17	16	10	16
★6	HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor	7	9	9	9	7	9
★7	The Crown Office, Scotland and Lord Advocate's Department	46	48	48	45	45	45
Class VIII Total		2,643	2,712	2,712	2,642	954	2,623
IX -	Education and Employment						
★1	Department for Education and Employment, programmes and central services	12,424	12,510	12,510	11,893	9,405	11,893
2	Teachers' superannuation, England and Wales	1,186	1,473	1,473	1,922	—	—
★3	Employment Service	1,411	1,269	1,269	1,155	1,155	1,155
★4	Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England	82	123	123	151	151	151
Class IX Total		15,104	15,375	15,375	15,121	10,710	13,199
X -	National Heritage						
★1	Department of National Heritage: programme expenditure and administration	1,032	965	965	866	866	866
2	Department of National Heritage: home broadcasting	1,823	1,930	1,923	1,984	—	—
★3	Office of the National Lottery	2	2	2	2	2	2
★4	Charity Commission	23	23	23	21	21	21
Class X Total		2,880	2,920	2,913	2,874	890	890
XI -	Department of Health						
★1	Hospital, community health, family health and related services, England	27,827	29,034	29,034	30,099	29,362	33,609
★2	Department of Health administration, miscellaneous health and personal social services, England	1,587	1,500	1,498	1,285	999	1,285
3	National Health Service (superannuation, etc), England and Wales	780	922	922	802	—	—
Class XI Total		30,194	31,456	31,454	32,187	30,361	34,894
XII -	Department of Social Security						
1	Central government administered social security benefits and other payments	34,567	36,261	36,261	38,010	—	25,114
★2	Housing benefit subsidies, council tax benefit subsidies and administration, payments into the National Insurance Fund and the Social Fund and other grants	12,232	11,275	11,275	10,938	462	8,810
★3	Department of Social Security: administration	2,066	2,326	2,326	2,036	2,036	2,036
Class XII Total		48,864	49,862	49,862	50,984	2,498	35,960

Table 6.1 (Contd)

£ million

Vote	Title	1995-96	1996-97		1997-98		Control total element of provision
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	Cash limit	
XIII -	Scotland and the Forestry Commission						
★1	Agriculture, fisheries and environmental services, Scotland	921	374	374	310	310	676
★2	Local government, housing, transport, other environmental services and European funds, Scotland	5,935	5,784	5,784	5,535	5,474	5,535
★3	Education, industry, arts and libraries, Scotland	2,209	2,312	2,312	2,188	1,667	1,906
★4	Hospital, community health, family health, other health services and welfare food, Scotland	3,780	3,988	3,922	4,036	3,628	4,363
★5	Law, order and protective services, police grant and social work services, Scotland	718	809	809	838	660	827
★6	Scottish Office: administration	165	162	162	150	150	150
★7	General Register Office for Scotland	5	5	5	5	5	5
★8	Scottish Record Office	5	6	6	4	4	4
★9	Administration of justice, Scotland	59	61	61	53	44	53
★10	Forestry Commission	66	54	54	52	52	63
Class XIII Total		13,863	13,556	13,489	13,171	11,995	13,583
XIV -	Wales						
★1	Agriculture, fisheries and food, Wales	39	48	44	54	53	245
★2	Industrial support, training and enterprise and education, Wales	707	746	741	817	786	817
★3	Roads and transport, housing, other environmental services, CADW, arts and libraries, health and personal social services, ERDF and Welsh Office administration, Wales	1,102	1,043	1,038	907	437	873
★4	Hospital, community health, family health services and other health services (part), Wales	1,932	2,052	2,044	2,099	1,980	2,274
★5	Local government, Wales	2,276	2,320	2,320	2,358	2,341	2,341
★6	Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales	8	10	9	10	10	10
Class XIV Total		6,064	6,219	6,195	6,244	5,607	6,361
XV -	Northern Ireland						
★1	Northern Ireland Office administration, law, order, protective and miscellaneous services	950	961	915	943	943	929
2	Transfers to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund	2,129	2,570	2,400	2,000	—	—257
Class XV Total		3,079	3,531	3,315	2,943	943	672

Table 6.1 (Contd)

		£ million				
Vote	Title	1995-96	1996-97		1997-98	
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	Cash limit
XVI-	Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer					
★1	HM Treasury	65	66	66	61	61
2	HM Treasury: UK coinage	21	26	26	26	26
★3	HM Customs and Excise: administration	858	851	851	842	842
★4	Inland Revenue: administration	1,647	1,648	1,648	1,627	1,627
★5	Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): administration	—	—	—	—	—
6	Inland Revenue: payments in lieu of tax relief	242	243	218	204	204
7	Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): contributions in lieu of rates	63	60	60	55	55
★8	National Savings	194	182	182	176	176
★9	Registry of Friendly Societies	3	8	8	4	4
★10	National Investment and Loans Office	1	1	1	1	1
★11	Office for National Statistics	101	113	113	94	94
★12	Government Actuary's Department	1	—	—	1	1
★13	Crown Estate Office	2	2	2	2	2
★14	Sale, or sales, of residual government shareholdings and government holdings of privatised companies' debt	—	—	—	—	—
	The Office of HM Paymaster General	—	—	—	—	—
	Repayments to the Contingencies Fund	1	2	2	—	—
Class XVI Total		3,197	3,202	3,177	3,092	2,807
XVII-	Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service, etc.					
★1	Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service	66	184	184	141	141
2	Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service: civil superannuation	1,479	1,706	1,685	1,462	134
★3	Central Office of Information	1	6	6	1	1
Class XVII Total		1,545	1,896	1,876	1,604	276
XVIII-	Cabinet Office: other services, Privy Council Office, Parliament, etc.					
★1	Cabinet Office: other services	39	41	41	36	36
★2	Cabinet Office: security and intelligence services	791	755	755	714	701
★3	Privy Council Office	3	3	3	3	3
★4	Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners	10	14	14	15	15
5	House of Lords: Peers' expenses, administration, etc.	25	28	28	29	29
6	House of Lords: works services	15	14	14	14	14
7	House of Commons: Members' salaries, etc.	72	84	84	89	89
Class XVIII Total		955	938	938	899	886

Table 6.1 (Contd)

£ million

Vote	Title	1995-96	1996-97		1997-98		Control total element of provision
		Outturn	Total provision	Forecast outturn	Provision	Cash limit	
XVIII,A - House of Commons							
	1 House of Commons: administration	68	75	72	78	—	78
	2 House of Commons: accommodation services	46	85	71	112	—	112
Class XVIII,A Total		114	160	142	190	—	190
Class XVIII,B - National Audit Office							
		37	37	37	39	—	39
Grand total		210,395	215,784	215,329	212,398	139,175	189,847

(1) The symbols used in this table are as follows:

★ A Vote that is treated wholly as a cash limit.

☆ A Vote which contains both cash limited and non-cash limited expenditure.

— Nil or less than half a million pounds. Many of the Estimates containing provision of half a million pounds or less are for a token £1,000, usually because expenditure is offset by receipts appropriated in aid.

(2) Figures for 1995-96 and 1996-97 are the best available estimates of the outturn and provision in those years adjusted for transfers, classification and machinery of government changes to reflect the 1997-98 Vote structure, therefore they may differ from those published previously. Due to independent rounding, the sum of the components may differ from the totals.

(3) Any Vote that no longer features in the current Estimate structure is shown in Table 6.1 for past years (ie 1995-96 and 1996-97) in italics at the end of the relevant Class.

Section 7. Main Supply Estimates

Defence: operational and support costs

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit within the defence block budget.
2. The Vote provides for expenditure which is primarily to meet the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) operational and support costs and is constructed to meet the way in which the MOD manages its expenditure. Each of the nine Top Level Budget (TLB) holders included in this Vote has been allocated an individual Vote Section consistent with the expenditure and receipts for which the TLB holder is responsible and accountable within the Department. Information on the responsibilities of each TLB holder and the type of expenditure they incur is contained in the Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (MOD) (Cm 3602).
3. Expenditure provided for under Sections A to K of this Vote is a constituent part of MOD operating costs and is eligible for the Defence end year flexibility scheme. An explanation of MOD operating costs is contained within Cm 3602.
4. Supporting information and further details relating to expenditure contained in this Vote and Class I, Votes 2 and 3, including details of contingent liabilities valued in excess of £100,000, and an analysis of appropriations in aid is contained in Cm 3602. Cm 3602 will also include the MOD long term projects table.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is some 7.8 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £11,006 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 is given in table 1 of Cm 3602. Provision for 1997-98 represents some 48.0 per cent of the Defence Budget.
6. The Meteorological Office became a trading fund under MOD ownership on 1 April 1996. The MOD has provided a working capital loan to the Met Office and recovery is made under subhead KZ. Interest on the loan will be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund in accordance with Government Accounting principles.
7. Grants in aid above £1 million included in this Vote are: Section E—Naval and maritime museums ♥ £2,148,000; Section F—National Army Museum ♥ £3,270,000; Royal Hospital Chelsea ♥ £8,589,000; Section G—Royal Air Force Museum ♥ £4,207,000; Section I—Commonwealth War Graves Commission ♦ £24,446,000.
8. International Subscriptions above £1 million include in this Vote are: Section H—NATO maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA) £1,099,000; European Meteorological Satellite Programme £5,741,000; Section I—NATO military budgets £77,558,000; NATO infrastructure projects £58,201,000.
9. Payments made in advance and charged to this Vote at time of issue but adjusted later to reflect actual expenditure once known are: Section M—advance to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for the estimated cost of maintenance of some non-war graves.
10. Section M includes £487,000 in respect of the VAT paid by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for UK expenditure. Section L includes £5,045,000 in respect of payments and interest charges under the Armed Forces (Housing Loan) Acts. Both of these sums are classified as expenditure not included in the control total.
11. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to the booklet.

Defence: operational and support costs

Part I

£10,145,386,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence on personnel costs etc of the armed forces and their reserves and cadet forces, etc; personnel costs etc of Defence Ministers and of civilian staff employed by the Ministry of Defence; movements, stores, supplies and services; spares and maintenance; plant and machinery; charter of ships; research; lands and buildings; works services; contingent liabilities; services provided by other Government departments; sundry services, subscriptions, grants, and other payments including those abroad such as assistance to foreign and Commonwealth governments for defence related purposes; and set-up costs, loans and funding to trading funds.

The Ministry of Defence will account for this Vote.

Net total	10,145,386,000	£
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	4,952,605,000	
Balance to complete	5,192,781,000	

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z. Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital					
Central government's own expenditure									
★A: <i>Commander-in-Chief Fleet</i>									
—	1,151,437	8,385	—	—	1,159,822	29,681	1,130,141	1,147,693	1,155,015
★B: <i>General Officer Commanding (Northern Ireland)</i>									
—	500,518	9,937	—	—	510,455	2,212	508,243	513,591	475,024
★C: <i>Commander-in-Chief Land Command</i>									
—	3,128,563	23,687	355	—	3,152,605	224,650	2,927,955	2,949,049	3,039,761
★D: <i>Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Strike Command</i>									
—	1,848,377	22,063	—	—	1,870,440	148,684	1,721,756	1,723,875	1,759,068
★E: <i>2nd Sea Lord/Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command</i>									
—	536,745	12,132	—	—	548,877	56,172	492,705	628,768	677,998
★F: <i>Adjutant General (Personnel & Training Command)</i>									
—	1,068,198	16,875	—	—	1,085,073	39,687	1,045,386	1,081,589	1,048,822
★G: <i>Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Personnel and Training Command</i>									
—	688,243	7,348	—	—	695,591	123,156	572,435	820,527	769,326
★H: <i>2nd Permanent Under Secretary of State</i>									
—	695,064	45,618	6,794	—	747,476	62,570	684,906	705,987	739,914
★I: <i>Vice Chief of the Defence Staff</i>									
—	1,625,153	194,568	171,408	—	1,991,129	226,146	1,764,983	1,706,333	1,352,476
★J: <i>Sale of Married Quarters</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	700,000	-700,000	-304,082	—
★K: <i>Loans and grants to and repayments from the Meteorological Office</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	8,656	-8,656	26,915	—

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
*L: 2nd Permanent Under Secretary of State ●										
			3,978	1,067	5,045			5,045	5,045	5,045
*M: Vice Chief of the Defence Staff ●										
			487		487			487	500	300
Total		11,242,298	340,613	183,022	1,067	11,767,000	1,621,614†	10,145,386	11,005,790	11,022,749

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the provision of medical, education, training, administrative, accommodation, works and other support and technical services and goods to exchequer and non-exchequer customers; sales and disposal of surpluses including land, buildings and equipment; the sale of the

Married Quarters Estate and other charges for the use of MoD facilities; refunds of overpayments in prior years; recoveries and refunds in respect of services provided by personnel and for personnel on loan; receipts from the CAA; receipts from Portsmouth Heritage Trust; repayments and recoveries from service and civilian personnel

including purchase of discharge, pension and pay adjustment; receipts and refunds from the European Community; receipts and refunds from NATO and other Governments, including recoveries for services provided for US forces; instalments in repayments of working capital loans; recovery of input VAT.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

Mainly accrued interest on short-term bank deposits, net gain on foreign currency exchange rate transactions and interest receivable on trading fund loans ●

Sale of Married Quarters ☼

Total

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Mainly accrued interest on short-term bank deposits, net gain on foreign currency exchange rate transactions and interest receivable on trading fund loans ●	5,310	4,500	—
Sale of Married Quarters ☼		641,062	—
Total	5,310	645,562	—

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

E2 Royal Navy and Royal Marine Sports Control Board ■	57
F2 Army Sports Control Board ■	276
G2 RAF Sports Control Board ■	73
H2 The Royal British Legion ■	480
H4 Subscription to the European Meteorological Satellite Programme ■	5,741
I4 Subscription to the Association of the Army Chiefs of Staff of France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom and Luxembourg (FINABEL) ■	8

Defence: logistics services

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit within the defence block budget.
2. The Vote provides for expenditure which is primarily to meet the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) logistics services costs and is constructed to reflect the way in which the MOD manages its expenditure. Each of the three Top Level Budget (TLB) holders include in this Vote has been allocated an individual Vote section consistent with the expenditure and receipts for which the TLB holder is responsible and accountable within the Department. Information on the responsibilities of each TLB holder and the type of expenditure they incur is contained in The Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000—MOD (Cm 3602).
3. Expenditure provided for under sections A to C of this Vote is a constituent part of MOD operating costs and is eligible for the Defence end year flexibility scheme. An explanation of MOD operating costs is contained in Cm 3602.
4. Supporting information and further details relating to the expenditure contained in this Vote and Class I, Votes 1 and 3, an analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in Cm 3602, which will also include tables giving an analysis of the provision for programmed ship contract refit and repairs by category of vessel and the number of programmed ship projects to be started.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is some 1.6 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 and the forecast of outturn for that year of £4,729 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 is given in Table 1 of Cm 3602. The provision for 1997-98 represents some 22.8 per cent of the Defence Budget.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to the booklet.

Defence: logistics services

Part I

£4,806,637,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence on logistics services for the armed forces and the related personnel services for the armed forces and the related personnel costs, spares, repair, maintenance, stores and supply services; associated capital facilities and works; contractors' redundancy costs; services provided by other Government departments; sundry services, subscriptions and grants; and set up costs, loans and funding to trading funds.

The **Ministry of Defence** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£4,806,637,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,097,977,000
Balance to complete	2,708,660,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Chief of Fleet Support										
—	2,274,257	92,701	—	1	2,366,959	275,910	2,091,049	2,048,250	2,079,599	
★B: Quartermaster General										
—	997,406	91,918	—	—	1,089,324	43,786	1,045,538	1,096,775	989,342	
★C: Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Logistics Command										
—	1,759,257	60,133	—	—	1,819,390	149,340	1,670,050	1,584,257	1,592,574	
Total	5,030,920	244,752	—	1	5,275,673	469,036†	4,806,637	4,729,282	4,661,515	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from: the provision of medical, education, training, administrative, accommodation, fuel and other support and technical services and goods to exchequer and non-exchequer customers; the provision of ship refitting services and the loan

of ships; the operation of the Government Pipeline and Storage System; sales and disposal of surpluses including land, buildings, equipment, ships and spares; recoveries of rents and other charges for the use of MOD facilities; refunds of overpayments in prior years; recoveries and refunds in respect of services provided by

personnel and for staff on loan; repayments and recoveries from service and civilian personnel; the recovery and refunds of receipts from NATO and other governments, for works and other services provided; instalments in repayments of working capital loans; recovery of input VAT.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Mainly receipts relating to sales of fuels, clothing, certain movements and interest receivable on trading fund loans ●	1,400	270	30,364

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and the confirming Appropriation Act:

A2 Grant in aid to the Scott Polar Research Institute ■

£'000

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Defence: systems procurement and research

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit within the defence block budget.
2. The Vote provides for expenditure which is primarily to meet the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) equipment capability required by defence policy and is constructed to reflect the way in which the MOD manages its expenditure. The Vote also provides for expenditure on a feasibility study for the procurement of a new Royal Yacht to replace HMY Britannia.
3. Section A provides for the operating costs of the Top Level Budget (TLB) holder in the Procurement Executive, for which the TLB holder is accountable within the Department. Expenditure provided for under this section is a constituent part of MOD operating costs and is eligible for the Defence end year flexibility scheme. Section B, which is not part of the TLB's operating costs, covers miscellaneous items for which the TLB holder is responsible. Information on the responsibilities and types of expenditure to be incurred in both Sections and an explanation of MOD operating costs is contained in The Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000—MOD (Cm 3602).
4. Sections C to J and M provide for expenditure on the procurement of new equipment by the business units of the Procurement Executive. Information on the responsibilities of each business unit and the type of expenditure they incur is contained in Cm 3602. An element of the provision in Sections C to J and M is eligible for the equipment programme end-year flexibility scheme. The scheme allows for a limited carry forward of eligible unspent provision from one year to the next.
5. The Defence Evaluation and Research Agency (DERA) was formed on 1 April 1995 as a trading fund under MOD ownership. The MOD provided a working capital loan to DERA and recovery is made under subhead LZ. Interest on the loan will be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund. Applied and strategic research is provided under Section K and this expenditure principally lies with the DERA.
6. Repair and maintenance of existing equipment, including provision for ship refit and repair, is borne on Class I Vote 2.
7. Supporting information and further details relating to the expenditure contained in this Vote, and Class I, Votes 1 and 2, details of contingent liabilities in excess of £100,000 and an analysis of appropriations in aid is contained in Cm 3602.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is some 1.8 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 and forecast of outturn for that year of £6,076 million. The breakdown of the forecast of outturn is given in Cm 3602. Provision for 1997-98 represents some 29.2 per cent of the Defence Budget.
9. Some advances made periodically for the UK share of costs of collaborative projects will be charged to the Vote at the time of issue and MOD will be provided with periodic statements of actual expenditure incurred. The only applicable project in 1997-98 is Eurofighter—advances in deutschmarks to the International Programme Office, NATO European Fighter Aircraft Development and Production and Logistic Management Agency (NETMA) for expenditure against the operational budget are charged to Section G.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to the booklet.

Defence: systems procurement and research

Part I

£6,175,530,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Procurement Executive of the Ministry of Defence in operating its headquarters and establishments and for its other common services; research etc by contract; procurement including development and production of equipment and weapon systems for the three armed forces; purchases for sale abroad; contingent liabilities; for sundry other procurement services including those on repayment terms; the procurement of a new Royal Yacht; and loans and funding to trading funds.

The **Ministry of Defence** will account for this Vote.

Net total	6,175,530,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,592,842,000
Balance to complete	3,582,688,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Chief of Defence Procurement TLB	—	789,565	5,094	—	—	794,659	58,683	735,976	769,622	796,595
★B: Miscellaneous procurement services	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—1,617	—14,153
★C: Director-General Surface Ships	—	339,220	—	—	—	339,220	4,583	334,637	344,000	392,766
★D: Director-General Submarines	—	431,430	—	—	—	431,430	2,071	429,359	449,020	408,068
★E: Chief of Strategic Systems Executive	—	275,273	—	—	—	275,273	16,872	258,401	368,423	373,240
★F: Director-General Command Land Systems	—	746,747	—	—	—	746,747	5,280	741,467	890,236	757,893
★G: Director-General Air Systems 1	—	882,988	—	—	—	882,988	53,131	829,857	724,625	802,622
★H: Director-General Air Systems 2	—	1,400,045	—	—	—	1,400,045	21,687	1,378,358	874,293	780,326
★I: Director-General Weapons and Electronic Systems	—	661,574	—	—	—	661,574	19,397	642,177	700,000	675,865
★J: Director-General Command Information Systems	—	399,389	—	—	—	399,389	12,649	386,740	427,041	362,133
★K: Major customers' research budgets	—	464,728	—	—	—	464,728	1,285	463,443	514,019	484,015

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers					Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total						
*L: Loans and grants to and repayments from DERA											
							25,846	-25,846	16,264	17,304	
*M: Royal Yacht Procurement											
	960				960			960			
Total	6,391,920	5,094			6,397,014	221,484	6,175,530	6,075,926	5,836,674		

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising in the main from: the recovery of departmental expenses and in respect of services provided by personnel and for personnel on loan; sales and disposal of land and buildings; sales, loan, hire

or disposal of sea, land and air systems, associated equipment, spares and other stores to exchequer and non-exchequer customers and other governments; capital assistance rentals; refunds and receipts from contractors; refunds of overpayments in prior years; receipts and refunds

from various research and development activities, levies and commercial exploitation agreements; instalments in repayment of working capital loans; and recovery of input VAT.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

Mainly receipts relating to accrued interest on advances held by an agency or a foreign government for contractual purposes and interest receivable on trading fund loans ●

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
	86,044	14,896	43,705

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act

£'000

A2 Contributions to Export Credit Guarantee Department (ECGD) in connection with credit arrangements for certain defence export sales ■

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Defence: armed forces retired pay, pensions, etc

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit and is not included in the control total within the defence block budget.
2. The Vote provides for the payment of retired pay, pensions and lump sum benefits to persons covered by the Armed Forces Superannuation Scheme (AFSS), the rules for which are set out in the Royal Navy Orders in Council, the Army Pensions Warrant and the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force. Provision is made for:
 - (a) expenditure and receipts on transfer payments for personnel transferring outside the Armed Forces;
 - (b) income from transfer payments and purchase of added years, etc, and the increases payable in accordance with the Annual Review Orders;
 - (c) payment of those benefits outside the AFSS. Such benefits include short service gratuities, resettlement grants, and pensions for inter-war pensioners and locally engaged personnel;
 - (d) the accruing superannuation liability charges (ASLC) receipts for armed forces personnel in subhead AZ. The related expenditure is borne on Class I, Votes 1, 2 and 3.
3. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 2.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 and the forecast outturn for that year of £1,101 million.
4. Further details of the expenditure and appropriations in aid contained in this Vote are included in The Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000—MOD (Cm 3602).
5. It has been assumed that pensions averaging £5,230 will be paid to 285,561 retired armed forces personnel, compared to £5,193 paid to 285,487 retired armed forces personnel in 1996-97.
6. The Ministry of Defence is responsible for administering the AFSS; the related staff and other costs are borne on Class I, Vote 1.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Defence: armed forces retired pay, pensions, etc

Part I

£1,072,744,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence on retired pay, pensions and other payments, etc.

The **Ministry of Defence** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£1,072,744,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	488,093,000
Balance to complete	584,651,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
<i>A: Retired pay, pensions and other payments to Service personnel and their dependents ●</i>										
			2,077,739		2,077,739	1,004,995†	1,072,744	1,101,378	828,316	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations entered from employment outside the armed half-rate forces family pensions and purchase in aid in addition to the net total, arising from: forces; refunds of non-effective pay and of added years enhanced benefits; receipts for receipts from transfer values for personnel gratuities on re-engagement, "buying-in" of accruing superannuation liability charges.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: overseas representation

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the cost of running the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the United Kingdom and the Diplomatic Service at home and abroad.
3. Expenditure in Sections A to C of the Vote is explained on pages 1 to 54 of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Departmental Report (Cm 3603). A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Appendix A, Table 43 of Cm 3603. Running costs-related receipts in column Z for Sections A to C are detailed in Appendix A, Table 39 of Cm 3603. Details of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Appendix A, Table 42 of Cm 3603.
4. Overseas representation (Section A) includes gross running cost provision of £519,539,000 (net of VAT on contracted out services and Cabinet Office contributions to European Fast Stream costs). Wilton Park executive agency (Section B) includes gross running cost provision of £1,507,000 (net of receipts from FCO commissions). Government Hospitality Fund and Lancaster House (Section C) includes gross running cost provision of £2,974,000. Further details of the departmental gross running cost limit are provided in Appendix A, Table 41 of Cm 3603.
5. Section C includes grant-in-aid provision for the Government Hospitality Fund (£1,639,760).
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 0.3 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £617.5 million and 1.2 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £612.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3603.
7. The gift delegations associated with this Vote under overseas representation (Section A) are as follows:
 - (i) ministerial gifts to overseas governments and offices subject to a limit of £10,000 per annum;
 - (ii) gifts to London Heads of Mission subject to a limit of £2,700 per annum;
 - (iii) gifts to visiting Heads of State subject to a limit of £4,200 per annum.
8. Details of long term project tables can be found in Appendix B, Table 44 of Cm 3603.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: overseas representation

Part I

£619,601,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on its salaries, building and other accommodation services, and administration, and those of HM Diplomatic Service, official information services, sundry services, and loans and payments in connection with catering services and related receipts.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	£619,601,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	298,355,000
Balance to complete	321,246,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Overseas representation										
	519,539	105,497	88,699	—	—	713,735	97,813	615,922	613,787	656,414
★B: Wilton Park										
	1,507	43	65	—	—	1,615	1,404	211	190	1,163
★C: Government Hospitality Fund and Lancaster House										
	2,974	—	600	—	—	3,574	106	3,468	3,541	1,465
Total	524,020	105,540	89,364	—	—	718,924	99,323†	619,601	617,518	659,040

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from: salary refunds of seconded diplomatic staff and locally engaged staff; the sale of information material overseas receipts; income from sub-letting and receipts from sales of surplus material and equipment; receipts at home and overseas from legalisation fees, telephone

and postage recoveries, medical scheme recoveries, bank interest and other sundry receipts; repayment by locally engaged staff overseas of loans for car purchase and medical and other assistance; receipts from Government departments including receipts from ODA in respect of the aid administration grant; receipts for visa and other services provided at consular

offices; receipts from the sale of certain land and buildings; receipts at home and overseas from the sale of official vehicles; Wilton Park executive agency receipts for related running costs from other customers and receipts from sales and rents; Government Hospitality Fund and Lancaster House receipts for related running costs from other customers.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Overseas representation ●	10,500	10,236	11,020

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: other external relations

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. Administrative costs associated with the Vote are borne on Class II, Vote 1.
3. The Vote covers subscriptions to international organisations, peacekeeping and other FCO programmes and grants. Subscriptions to international organisations form the major part of the Vote. Of these subscriptions, the UN and its family of organisations take the lion's share. Expenditure in Sections A to D is explained on pages 55 to 65 of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Departmental Report (Cm 3603).
4. Detailed allocations are listed in Appendix A, Table 41 of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Departmental Report (Cm 3603).
5. The Vote also provides for the refund of certain UK taxes and duties paid by certain Foreign and Commonwealth governments and international organisations etc (which is not classified as public expenditure).
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 5.3 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £229,299,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3603.
7. There are two outstanding contingent liabilities, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. These are as follows:

Nature of liability	Amount outstanding at 31.3.96
Commonwealth Institute	
—indemnities against loss or damage given to the owners of objects exhibited on its premises	300
—liability for maintenance of building and other statutory requirements, in the event of closure	655

8. Details of appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Appendix A, Table 43 of Cm 3603.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: other external relations

Part I

£217,215,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on grants and subscriptions etc to certain international organisations; contributions in respect of international peacekeeping; special payments and assistance; scholarships; military aid; overseas visitors; sundry other grants and services.

The **Foreign and Commonwealth Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 217,215,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	94,093,000
Balance to complete	123,122,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Subscriptions to international organisations										
	—	—	—	94,577	—	94,577	224	94,353	96,471	96,036
★B: Peacekeeping										
	—	—	—	22,535	—	22,535	3,000	19,535	39,636	236,330
★C: Other FCO programmes and grants										
	—	55,018	—	29,005	—	84,023	12,057	71,966	60,195	61,442
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★D: Reimbursement of certain duties, taxes and licence fees ●										
	—	—	—	31,361	—	31,361	—	31,361	32,997	28,766
Total	—	55,018	—	177,478	—	232,496	15,281†	217,215	229,299	422,574

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoveries from the UN of certain troops costs

refunds from the ODA of a share of certain subscriptions and scholarships costs, repayments of sums advanced to distressed British nationals,

and repayments of defence assistance loans to Singapore and Malaysia.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Miscellaneous ●	1	1	15,255

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: BBC World Service

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for the Government's grants to the BBC in respect of the World Service. Further background on the work of the BBC World Service can be found on pages 66 to 68 of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Departmental Report (Cm 3603).
3. The grant in aid to the BBC World Service comprises Broadcasting (£156,272,000) and Monitoring (£17,355,000). Expenditure in Section A is explained further on pages 66 to 68 of Cm 3603.
4. The grant in aid reflects proposed public corporation capital expenditure on schemes etc to provide studio and other facilities, to maintain the transmission network and to improve audibility worldwide.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.6 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £176,062,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3603.
6. The accounts of the BBC's expenditure are audited in accordance with the BBC's Royal Charter. Any unexpended balance of the sums issued from the grant in aid are not liable to surrender to the Consolidated Fund. Sums are issued as necessary to meet estimated expenditure and to enable the BBC to maintain a cash balance of about £2.4 million at the end of the year.
7. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Table 44 of Appendix B of Cm 3603.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: BBC World Service

Part I

£169,906,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on payments to the British Broadcasting Corporation for external radio broadcasting and monitoring services.

The **Foreign and Commonwealth Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 169,906,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	76,337,000
Balance to complete	93,569,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★ A: BBC World Service, grant in aid: Broadcasting										
	173,627					173,627	3,721†	169,906	176,062	180,862

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from a contribution by the MOD towards the cost of BBC monitoring.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: The British Council

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the contribution from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Diplomatic Wing towards the expenses of the British Council. The Council is an independent non-departmental public body incorporated by Royal Charter and registered in England as a charity. It is the UK's principal agency for cultural relations abroad and an integral part of the UK's overall diplomatic and development assistance effort. Further background on the work of the British Council can be found on pages 69 to 74 of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Departmental Report (Cm 3603).
3. The Council's estimated operating income in 1997-98 is £367 million, of which 63 per cent comes from the Council's own income. The balance of 37 per cent is funded by grants-in-aid of £98 million, as shown in Section A (£102 million in 1996-97) from the Diplomatic Wing of the FCO and £30 million (£35 million in 1996-97) from the Overseas Development Administration (ODA), the ODA's grant to the Fund for International Co-operation in Higher Education of £3 million (£3 million in 1996-97) and grants from the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE), the Department of Education for Northern Ireland (DENI) and the Scottish Office Education Department (SOED) totalling £4 million (£4 million in 1996-97). The Council also expects to administer, as an agent, receipts of £45 million (£87 million in 1996-97) on behalf of government departments and of international and other organisations.
4. Expenditure will be accounted for in detail by the Council to the Comptroller and Auditor General, who is nominated by HM Treasury to audit the Council's accounts. Sums will be issued as necessary from the grants-in-aid, the ODA's grant to the Fund for International Co-operation in Higher Education, and the grants from the DfEE, the DENI and the SOED to meet estimated expenditure. At year end, the Council may retain a working balance of an amount agreed with the FCO in respect of grant in aid related activities and may accumulate reserves on non-grant in aid to cover working capital, risk and investment required as agreed with the FCO and the Treasury. Such unexpended balances remaining at the end of the year will not be liable to surrender to the Consolidated Fund.
5. The Council borrows exhibits from national institutions and private collections for exhibition overseas. Indemnities are given to the owners against loss or damage to the objects whilst in custody of the Council. The approximate value of these indemnities at 1 January 1997 was £5 million.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 4 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £102,384,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3603.
7. The analysis of operating expenditure and receipts and the long term capital projects can be seen in Table 44 Appendix B of Cm 3603.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office: The British Council

Part I

£97,884,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the British Council.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	£97,884,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	44,166,000
Balance to complete	53,718,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z. Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: The British Council: grant in aid										
	91,223	3,661	3,000	—	97,884	—	97,884	102,384	102,735	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
The British Council ●	1	1	1

Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: external assistance

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The External Assistance Vote covers expenditure by the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) on the United Kingdom overseas development assistance, global environmental assistance, certain Aid and Trade Provision projects outside the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980, payments to certain beneficiaries of the Gibraltar Social Insurance Fund, and related administrative work, including the administration of pensions expenditure (Class II Vote 6).
3. A description of the type of activities undertaken by ODA in respect of each of the Sections of this Vote, including tables providing a detailed breakdown of voted resource allocation, a detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and a detailed analysis of extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund is provided in Tables 41 and 43 of Appendix A of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's 1997 Departmental Report (Cm 3603). The tables also include details of non-voted attributions for the UK share of European Union budgetary spending on aid and for the loss of interest to the Consolidated Fund as a result of Retrospective Terms Adjustment arrangements.
4. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 3.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996–97 of £1,622 million and 3.3 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £1,617 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given in Table 41, Appendix A of Cm 3603.
5. Payments for certain subheads are charged to the Vote at the time of issue and adjustments made if necessary on receipt of audited accounts of statements. The Comptroller and Auditor General will be provided with these and with a report on them by the auditors. Where satisfactory discharge cannot be obtained by means of audited accounts or statements, due to circumstances beyond the control of the ODA, the expenditure will be the subject of a note in the Appropriation Accounts.
6. Bilateral development assistance in Section A includes grant-in-aid provision for the British Council ♥ (£30,320,000). Details of ODA's other grants-in-aid and international subscriptions are contained in Appendix F of Cm 3603.
7. Section F—Unallocated, contains provision for contingencies to meet additional needs elsewhere on the Vote as they emerge. It also contains receipts arising from aid lending in previous years.
8. Details of ODA's contingent liabilities and those of the bodies it sponsors are contained in Appendix H of Cm 3603.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: external assistance

Part I

£1,564,279,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Overseas Development Administration under the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980 on the United Kingdom's overseas development assistance, including financial and technical assistance to governments, institutions, voluntary agencies and individuals; capital and other subscriptions and contributions, including payments under guarantee, to multilateral development banks and other international and regional bodies; emergency, refugee and other relief assistance; pensions and allowances in respect of overseas service including contributions to pension funds (including payments under the Overseas Pensions Act 1973, and grants in lieu of pensions); global environment assistance; loans to the Commonwealth Development Corporation under the Commonwealth Development Corporation Acts 1978-1995; expenditure on the Turkey Ankara Metro mixed credit Aid and Trade provision project; running costs, related capital expenditure and other administrative costs including for the Natural Resources Institute (a former executive agency); and payments (under the authority of the European Communities Act 1972) to certain beneficiaries of the Gibraltar Social Insurance Fund.

The **Overseas Development Administration** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,564,279,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	716,160,000
Balance to complete	848,119,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Bilateral development assistance										
—	—	—	894,044	—	894,044	1,797	892,247	1,073,965	1,054,289	
★B: Multilateral development assistance										
—	—	—	354,020	248,440	602,460	100	602,360	513,407	648,863	
★C: Administration										
56,379	1,990	1,600	—	—	59,969	3,799	56,170	61,291	55,822	
★D: Gibraltar Social Insurance Fund										
—	9,000	—	—	—	9,000	—	9,000	8,145	3,000	
★E: Commonwealth Development Corporation										
—	—	—	—	23,276	23,276	33,276	-10,000	-15,000	19,000	
★F: Unallocated										
—	—	—	45,436	—	45,436	50,548	-5,112	-47,171	-38,633	
★G: Global environment assistance										
—	—	—	19,600	—	19,600	—	19,600	17,000	10,376	
★H: Aid and trade provision (outside the Overseas Development Corporation Act 1980)										
—	—	—	14	—	14	—	14	2,951	6,799	
<i>Crown Agents</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,500	—	
<i>Natural Resources Institute</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-168	7,859	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
<i>Privatisation programme: Crown Agents ●</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	117	319	
Total	56,379	10,990	1,600	1,313,114	271,716	1,653,799	89,520†	1,564,279	1,622,037	1,767,694

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from overseas governments in respect of bilateral country and sectoral programmes, recoveries of contributions to widows' and

orphans' pension schemes taken over by the UK, and VAT recoveries, refunds of payments made under UK guarantees to the EIB, recoveries in respect of administration including the EBRD Executive Director's salary, VAT

refunds (non-running costs related) and costs involving the former Natural Resources Institute, repayment of loans given to CDC and Crown Agents, and capital repayments of development assistance loans

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Unallocated ●	6,000	6,000	25,983
Commonwealth Development Corporation ●	—	—	5,450
Total	6,000	6,000	31,433

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

A4 Grants to certain pensioners in lieu of superannuation benefits, payment of which has been suspended by the overseas government ■

H4 Financial aid associated with mixed credits, and the monitoring of the Turkey Ankara Metro project ■

£'000

500

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: overseas superannuation

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers various superannuation payments arising from service overseas. The main components being pensions, UK supplements and increases to overseas service pensions of former officers of the India, Pakistan and Burma civil and military services and their dependants, and to former colonial public servants and dependants; pension entitlements arising from post-independence service; pensions for beneficiaries of certain former overseas pension funds for which the UK assumed responsibility for the takeover of the pensions; police and firemen pension liabilities; war service credit; Hong Kong HMOCS compensation and pension package.
3. Expenditure in each of the sections of the Vote, and a table providing a detailed breakdown of voted resource allocation is provided in Table 41, Appendix A of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Departmental Report (Cm 3603).
4. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on the Vote can be found in Table 43, Appendix A of Cm 3603.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 13.9 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £141.9 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 41, Appendix A of the Cm 3603. Expenditure is determined principally by the annual increases added to pension supplements to compensate for inflation, the incidence of pensioners qualifying for supplements for the first time and the mortality of pensioners and their dependants.
6. The 1996-97 provision reflects the 1996 pensions increase of 3.9 per cent applicable from 8 April 1996. Allowance has been made for a pensions increase of 2.1 per cent applicable from 7 April 1997.
7. The related running costs associated with this Vote are met from Class II, Vote 5.
8. The British government has given assurances that should any pension protected by a Public Officers Agreement not be paid by an overseas territory, HMG will ensure the continued payment of the pension. The number of pensioners who could be affected is now very small.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction of this booklet.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office—Overseas Development Administration: overseas superannuation

Part I

£161,564,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: (Overseas Development Administration) on pension and superannuation payments and compensation payments, etc in respect of overseas service; and sundry other services and expenditure.

The **Overseas Development Administration** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£161,564,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	63,858,000
Balance to complete	97,706,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Overseas superannuation										
—	737	—	115,544	—	116,281	281	116,000	115,200	113,556	
B: Other expenditure										
—	150	—	25,100	—	25,250	—	25,250	5,400	—	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
C: Other pensions expenditure ●										
—	—	—	20,314	—	20,314	—	20,314	21,306	21,892	
Total	887	—	160,958	—	161,845	281†	161,564	141,906	135,448	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid arising from superannuation transfer values from overseas employing governments in

respect of UK police officers and firemen returning to their home forces following

overseas service; police pension receipts and bank commission on overseas payments.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Overseas superannuation Φ	—	—	265

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

	£'000
A1 Pensions etc for service with the Cotton Research Corporation ■	176
A2 Grants to British subjects in lieu of superannuation and other benefits due to them by the Municipal Council of China, payment of which is suspended; grants to certain pensioners of the former Burma services resident outside Burma; supplementary payments for certain Hong Kong pensioners ■	23

Intervention Board-Executive Agency: CAP market support and administration

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, F and H of this Vote, totalling £118,865,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote makes provision for the implementation in the United Kingdom of the market regulation and agricultural support measures of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union; of the measures introduced in connection with the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) crisis and the administration costs of the Intervention Board-Executive Agency (the Agency). Most of these measures are mandatory under directly applicable EU legislation and most are reimbursed in full or in part by the Union's European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF). The net provision sought is therefore much less than the gross expenditure on the Vote. Expenditure in Sections A, B, D, F, G and H can be identified in Annex 1 and Sections C and E in Annex 3 of the MAFF/IB Departmental Report (Cm 3604). Section A is also covered in Chapter 10. Chapters 4 and 5 contain more information on EU expenditure and related receipts. Details of appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Annex 3 of Cm 3604.
3. The provision is based on the support levels expected to be prescribed by the Union, assumed levels of agricultural or "green" conversion rates and expected developments in world prices and levels of UK production and trade. Expenditure on this Vote is unpredictable and sensitive to changes in, for example, trade volumes, world commodity prices, exchange rates and the day-to-day operations of the CAP instruments to market management.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 60 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £1,072 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 and provision for 1997-98 is given in Annex 3 and Chapter 10 of Cm 3604.
5. Section A covers the administrative costs of the Agency. It includes running costs provision of £55.085 million which forms the Department's gross running costs limit and accounts for about 98 per cent of the provision. The balance consists of provision for capital to purchase computer and telecommunications equipment in support of the Agency's Information Systems Strategy Plan. Included in this Section are BSE related administrative costs of £13.394 million. Included in running costs is provision to cover the administrative costs of other bodies providing services to the Agency which are paid in the form of advances and adjusted as necessary in subsequent years.
6. Section B covers expenditure by the Agency on non-BSE related activities which include intervention buying; other internal market measures; EU refunds on export trade with non-members countries and some remnant payments on trade within the EU.
7. Section C covers net contributions from the EAGGF—normally two months in arrears—towards the net non-BSE related expenditure in Sections B, I and J and token amounts for the closure of prior year accounts and for unrecovered losses. Section I includes those payments of school milk subsidy which are made to local authorities. Section J covers the market support schemes which are administered by other Government departments or their grant-aided bodies. The section includes certain agri-environmental and forestry measures for which the expenditure represents the EAGGF funding with the Exchequer share being borne on the cash limited votes of the departments concerned.
8. Sections F and H cover expenditure on national schemes introduced as a result of the BSE crisis. Section D covers BSE related expenditure on measures which include beef intervention buying, the over thirty month scheme, and calf processing scheme. Section G covers the expenditure on the Selective Cull Scheme. Section E covers net contribution from the EAGGF towards the net BSE expenditure in Sections D and G.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to the booklet.

Intervention Board-Executive Agency: CAP market support and administration

Part I

£424,157,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Intervention Board-Executive Agency in giving effect in the United Kingdom to the agricultural support provisions of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union; other services including BSE emergency measures; and administration.

The **Intervention Board-Executive Agency** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 424,157,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	286,805,000
Balance to complete	137,352,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure									
★A: Administration									
55,085	—	1,767	—	—	56,852	487	56,365	64,458	40,057
B: CAP market support—non BSE									
—	10,448	70,686	451,372	—	532,506	19,439	513,067	457,783	441,388
C: European Union Institutions—non BSE									
—	—	—	—	—	—	2,662,569	-2,662,569	-2,691,727	-2,602,851
D: CAP market support—BSE									
—	161,612	192,674	261,639	—	615,925	196	615,729	1,100,345	—
E: European Union Institutions—BSE									
—	—	—	—	—	—	561,911	-561,911	-443,300	—
★F: Beef stocks transfer and disposal schemes—BSE									
—	3,500	—	—	—	3,500	—	3,500	69,575	—
G: Selective Cull—BSE									
—	33,430	—	130,500	—	163,930	—	163,930	20,000	—
★H: Aid to the Rendering Industry—BSE									
—	—	—	59,000	—	59,000	—	59,000	—	—
<i>Clean beef top up schemes—BSE</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,200	—
Central government grants to local authorities									
I: EU grants for school milk and milk products									
—	—	—	10,685	—	10,685	—	10,685	12,917	15,076

Part II		Subhead detail (continued)						£'000		
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers							
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
J: Payments to other government departments or their grant-aided bodies ●										
—	—	—	2,228,133	—	2,228,133	1,772	2,226,361	2,477,613	2,199,196	
Total	55,085	208,990	263,127	3,141,329	—	3,670,531	3,246,374†	424,157	1,071,864	92,866

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from for Section B and D proceeds of sales out of intervention (capital—£16.4 million) receipts and recoveries in connection with internal

market schemes and external trade measures, for Section A receipts in respect of milk quota charges, unsuccessful appeals, sales of rates information and processing supervision charges, for Section C receipts from European

Union Institutions (EAGGF) (non-BSE), Section E receipts from European Union Institutions (EAGGF) (BSE) and Section J certain recovered payments with interest where applicable.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. CAP market support ●	159	1,321	3,248
2. Administration ●	50	50	122
3. European Union Institutions †	9,382	5,818	6,657
4. EU Measures ●	57,028	68,838	69,823
Total	66,619	76,027	79,850

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act.

- F2 Beef stocks transfer and disposal service schemes ■
H4 Aid to the Rendering Industry ■

£'000

3,500
59,000

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, C, D and F to M of this Vote, totalling £739,802,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote is divided into three spending sectors; ie central government's own expenditure, central government support to local authorities and non-control total expenditure. Within each spending sector, provision is analysed according to the five aims of the Ministry: to protect the public (PP); to protect and enhance the rural and marine environment (RE); to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE); to protect farm animals (AW); and to ensure the best use of internal resources in support of the Ministry's business (IR). Two further sections cover the Ministry's executive agencies and Research and Development. Further details are given in Chapters 3-9 and Annex 1 of the 1997 MAFF/IB Departmental Report (Cm 3604).
3. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 19.6 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £951.2 million and 17.2 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £923.9 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Annex 5 of Cm 3604.
4. Contingent liabilities are listed in paragraph 1.60 of Cm 3604. Grants-in-aid are listed in Annex 14 of Cm 3604.
5. The Intervention Board Executive Agency (IB) is responsible for funding MAFF-administered CAP schemes and a contributory element to MAFF-administered agri-environmental schemes. IB also accounts for this expenditure to the European Commission under present arrangements.
6. Classes XIII and XIV provide for corresponding expenditure in Scotland and Wales. Corresponding expenditure by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is published under separate Estimates for the Government of Northern Ireland submitted to Parliament directly by the Secretary of State.
7. MAFF has seven executive agencies. The Central Science Laboratory (CSL), the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA), the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) and the Farming and Rural Conservation Agency (FRCA) operate under net running costs control; the Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD), the Meat Hygiene Service (MHS) and the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) operate under gross running costs control. FRCA is a new Executive Agency whose activities relate to functions transferred from ADAS and core-MAFF. The consulting, R&D and laboratory-testing businesses of ADAS are due to have been privatised by 1 April 1997. CEFAS (formerly the Directorate of Fisheries Research) has also been launched as a new Executive Agency.
8. An analysis of the appropriations-in-aid of this Vote can be found in Annex 4 of Cm 3604. Details of EU expenditure and related receipts can be found in Chapters 3 to 5 and Annexes 2 to 5 of Cm 3604. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Annex 11 of Cm 3604.
9. Details of BSE-related expenditure are included in Cm 3604.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Part I

£764,818,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on operational expenditure, agencies and departmental administration including BSE-related measures; promote food safety; take action against diseases with implications for human health; safeguard essential supplies in an emergency; promote action to alleviate flooding and coastal erosion; protect the rural economy particularly in Less Favoured Areas; encourage action to reduce water and other pollution and by other measures to safeguard the aquatic environment including its fauna and flora; improve the attractiveness and bio-diversity of the rural environment; implement MAFF's CAP obligations efficiently and seek a more economically rational CAP while avoiding discrimination against UK businesses; create the conditions in which efficient and sustainable agriculture, fishing and food industries can flourish; take action against animal and plant diseases and pests; encourage high animal welfare standards; provide specialist support services, allocate resources where they are most needed; manage and develop staff; undertake research and development; and provide for the expenditure of the Ministry's executive agencies.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food will account for this Vote.

Net total	£764,818,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	424,810,000
Balance to complete	340,008,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z. Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Programmes to protect the public (PP)										
40,670	73,612	36,448	—	—	150,730	4,844	145,886	127,839	99,927	
B: Programmes to protect the public (PP)										
—	12,975	—	6,677	—	19,652	554	19,098	24,414	25,152	
★C: Programmes to protect and enhance the rural and marine environment (RE)										
8,896	24,594	133	108,480	3,612	145,715	7,061	138,654	136,181	115,019	
★D: Programmes to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE)										
70,766	72,534	7,715	8,672	36,921	179,264	15,305	163,959	317,187	173,628	
E: Programmes to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE)										
—	5,766	—	1,489,516	130	1,495,412	777	1,494,635	1,740,910	1,504,596	
★F: Programmes to protect farm animals (AW)										
4,073	697	12	—	—	4,782	—	4,782	4,807	4,552	
★G: Programmes to make the best use of internal resources in support of the Ministry's business (IR)										
127,921	11,879	44,922	2	—	184,724	12,476	172,248	192,703	195,318	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
★H: Operational costs of the Ministry's Executive Agencies (EA)	105,102	-7,697	6,402	—	—	103,807	120,741	-16,934	1,446	17,150
★I: Research and development	—	126,300	—	—	—	126,300	—	126,300	126,015	128,563
Central government grants to local authorities										
★J: Programmes to protect the public (PP)	—	—	—	—	25,598	25,598	—	25,598	31,729	32,607
★K: Programmes to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE)	—	—	—	—	535	535	—	535	822	169
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★L: Programmes to protect and enhance the rural and marine environment (RE) ●	—	—	—	-20,827	—	-20,827	—	-20,827	-20,127	-15,928
★M: Programmes to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE) ●	—	—	—	-399	—	-399	—	-399	-200	-215
N: Programmes to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE) ●	—	—	—	-1,488,717	—	-1,488,717	—	-1,488,717	-1,732,487	-1,499,980
Total	357,428	320,660	95,632	86,060	66,796	926,576	161,758†	764,818	951,239	780,558

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the European Guidance and Guarantee Fund on Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowances, eligible expenditure on farm grants, monitoring of Arable Area Payments Scheme, the UK Register of Organic Food Standards, decommissioning of fishing vessels, EU Leader Programme. Receipts from sale of carcasses and vaccine relating to Anthrax, Brucellosis and Tuberculosis eradication, land managed by the Minister and the food stockpile. Receipts from fees and charges on local Veterinary inspectors' work, public enquiries on salmon, whaling and inland fisheries, certification testing, National list and plant

breeders' rights, commissioned surveys, studies and advice. Repayments of ATB: Landbase redundancy fund and loans, SFIA loan capital and refund of SFIA grants. Rental income from ATB: Landbase and from land managed by the Minister. Receipts in respect of the tide gauge network, from work carried out by the Veterinary Laboratories Agency. Recovery of debts following the winding up of the Land Settlement Association and shellfish inquiry expenses. Income from the provision of services to internal and external customers, including the secondment of staff and services to IBEA. Statutory receipts. Receipts from the sale or use of rights

and assets. Rents from property. Receipts from the sale of information, including publications. Income from levies, licensing, approvals, certification, inspections, registrations, supervision and extensification. Reimbursement of MAFF expenditure, including EU receipts. Income from legal claims. Insurance recoveries. Proceeds from the sale of recyclable goods and materials. Receipts in respect of the privatization of ADAS, to the extent that they are matched by direct sale costs. Other miscellaneous receipts and credits. VAT recovery on non-contracted-out services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Programmes to improve the economic performance of the agriculture, fishing and food industries (CE) †	1	1	817

Department of Trade and Industry: programmes and administration

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, C, D, F and L totalling £1,344,409,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers support for business, consumer and investor protection, energy programmes and industrial relations. These activities represent a major part of the Department's assistance to industry and include Regional Selective Assistance; support for the development of Business Links and the Business Link delivered services; the Small Firms Loan Guarantee Scheme and other measures for small firms: export promotion; inward investment: innovation and technology support; sectoral support; telecommunications and posts; civil aircraft research and demonstration; space technology; nuclear and non-nuclear energy programmes; the coal industry including the discharge of liabilities to former coal industry employees, mainly employees of the British Coal Corporation; British Coal Corporation's External Financing Limit (EFL); grant in aid to the Coal Authority and the regeneration of former British Coal sites; support for consumer organisations, consumer safety and investor protection measures; and industrial relations. Assistance is also provided to certain other industries. Departmental running costs (including support for the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service), associated capital expenditure, the funding of executive agencies, privatisation expenses and certain other miscellaneous expenditure are also borne on this Vote.
3. Expenditure in Sections A, B and F to L is explained in Chapters 1–11 of "Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans 1997–98 to 1999–2000" Cm 3605. Section C is explained in Chapter 13 and Sections D and E in Chapter 14 of Cm 3605.
4. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid of the Vote, EU expenditure and related receipts and Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
5. A number of grants in aid and international subscriptions in excess of £1 million are borne on this Vote. These are provided to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service ♥ (£22,838,000); the National Association of Citizen's Advice Bureaux ♦ (£13,016,000); Citizen's Advice Scotland ♦ (£1,455,000); the National Consumer Council ♦ (£2,210,000); the Gas Consumers' Council ♦ (£2,924,000); the Financial Reporting Council ♦ (£1,001,000); the Design Council ♥ (£5,900,000); the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ♥ (£7,970,000); the British Standards Institution (£1,250,000); the Regional Development Organisations (£10,361,000); the Coal Authority ♥ (£62,300,000) and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) ♥ (£21,400,000). Relevant international subscriptions are the European Space Agency; World Trade Organisation; the International Telecommunications Union; the Universal Postal Union; the International Atomic Energy Agency; and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.
6. The provision for 1997–98 is 10.2 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996–97 of £1,678 million and 9.5 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £1,668 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
7. Details of contingent liabilities arising from statutory and non-statutory commitments for which this department takes administrative responsibility are contained in Table S2 of Cm 3605.
8. Details of long term projects can be found at Table S4 of Cm 3605.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of Trade and Industry: programmes and administration

Part I

£1,522,835,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on support for business; research and development, consumer protection and the regulation of trade; improvement of industrial relations including trade union ballots, and payments towards the expenses of the Office of Manpower Economics; regional and selective assistance; the aerospace and shipbuilding industries; exchange risk and other losses; international subscriptions; energy-related programmes including research and development, security of oil and gas supplies, and civil nuclear emergency planning; grants and loans to the British Coal Corporation, liabilities in respect of former coal industry employees, mainly employees of the British Coal Corporation and associated administration costs including arbitration arrangements, grant in aid to the Coal Authority, and support for regeneration mainly, of former British Coal sites; assistance to redundant steel workers; departmental administration including the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service grant-in-aid, support for industrial tribunals, a share of the running costs of the Government Offices for the Regions, and the disaster recovery costs in respect of the Radiocommunications Agency's headquarters facilities; central and miscellaneous services; the operational costs of departmental executive agencies; privatisation expenses including the coal, nuclear power and electricity industries; loans to trading funds; petroleum licensing and royalty; provision of land and buildings, loans, grants and other payments.

The Department of Trade and Industry will account for this Vote.

Net total	£1,522,835,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	746,834,000
Balance to complete	776,001,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Support for business, consumer and investor protection, energy programmes and industrial relations	—	547,506	2,480	319,015	143,935	1,012,936	23,695	989,241	943,009	964,851
B: Measures relating to individual industries and related programmes	—	63,885	—	203,834	1,001	268,720	151,807	116,913	277,559	353,886
★C: Departmental capital and administration	366,380	—	23,022	—	—	389,402	52,234	337,168	361,101	382,421
★D: Net controlled agencies and central services	29,496	6,593	8,205	—	—	44,294	46,583	-2,289	-427	-3,764
E: Loans to and repayment from trading funds	—	—	—	—	—	—	551	-551	-549	-411

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
★F: European Regional Development Fund	—	7,296	—	15,100	—	22,396	22,395	1	- 412	- 256
G: European Regional Development Fund (net)	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—
H: Other European Union Programmes (net)	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
Central government grants to local authorities										
I: European Regional Development Fund (net)	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—
Nationalised industries' external finance										
J: British Coal Corporation external finance	—	—	—	71,000	150,000	221,000	158,940	62,060	77,320	131,419
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
K: Petroleum licensing and royalty ●	—	—	—	26,600	—	26,600	26,599	1	1	—
★L: Privatisation expenses and refunds of pension adjustments ●	—	22,298	—	244	—	22,542	2,254	20,288	20,373	22,170
Total	395,876	647,579	33,707	635,794	294,937	2,007,893	485,058†	1,522,835	1,677,978	1,850,316

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the European Union/ECSC and receipts and VAT recoveries relating to Regional Selective Assistance, flexible business support measures, Business Links, Business Link delivered services, Small Firms Loan Guarantee and other small firm support schemes, inward investment, trade promotions and expert services, energy and coal expenditure,

innovation and technology support schemes, sectoral support, Regional Development Grants, the Exchange Risk Guarantee Scheme, National Selective Assistance to Industry, privatisation advisers' fees, and expenditure in the following areas: telecommunications, posts, civil aircraft research and demonstration, aerospace, private sector shipbuilding, redundant steelworkers, space, consumer and investor protection, energy, industrial relations,

privatisation and the sale of shares, legal services, consultancy, publications, secondment, departmental running costs, central services, capital, executive agencies and trading funds; repayment of voted loans made to British Coal; receipts in connection with the coal subsidence adviser; and the distribution of surpluses from coal industry pension schemes.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Support for business, consumer and investor protection, energy programmes and industrial relations ●	67,354	78,978	49,181
2. Measures relating to individual industries and related programmes ●	75,978	14,019	2,821
3. Loans to trading funds ●	15,908	18,662	16,504
4. Petroleum Licensing and Royalty ●	622,000	566,000	587,568
5. Share proceeds and individual receipts following privatisation of AEA Technology ●	1	215,001	630
6. Privatisation of the coal industry ●	12,040	99,000	14,839
7. Expenditure in relation to the coal industry ●	14,000	10,000	19,084
8. British Coal Corporation external finance ●	1,001	2,250	11,501
9. Privatisation of the nuclear power industry ●	675,000	525,000	—
10. Distribution of surpluses from coal industry pension scheme ●	10,000	39,500	—
Total	1,493,282	1,568,410	702,128

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

A2 Export Promotion: trade fairs, trade missions, etc. ■	76,394
A3 International Trade capital expenditure: administrative computers and associated development costs ■	2,049
L2 Expenses incurred in connection with privatisation of the nuclear power and coal industries ■	22,298

Department of Trade and Industry: science

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides grant in aid to the seven science Research Councils— Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council ♥ (£186,300,000); Economic and Social Research Council ♥ (£64,896,000); Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council ♥ (£386,373,000); Medical Research Council ♥ (£292,670,000); Natural Environment Research Council ♥ (£166,616,000); Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council ♥ (£199,150,000); and the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils ♥ (£1,450,000), including the UK's subscriptions to international organisations in their fields of activity; Research Councils' Pension Scheme ♥ (£11,530,000); grants in aid to other scientific bodies (the Royal Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering); and grants for other sundry scientific services.
3. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 1 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £1,319 million. A breakdown of forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given in the Table at the end of Chapter 12 of the Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997–98 to 1999–2000. (Cm 3605).
4. There are a number of international subscriptions in excess of £1 million borne by this Vote. Relevant international subscriptions are paid to the Institut Laue-Langevin, European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, and European Science Foundation (by EPSRC); International Agency for Research on Cancer, Human Frontier Science Program, European Molecular Biology Conference, and European Molecular Laboratory (by MRC); European Organisation for Nuclear Research, European Incoherent Scatter Facility, European Space Agency, Anglo Australian Telescope, and European Science Foundation (by PPARC). Details of the international subscriptions borne by this Vote are given in the table in Chapter 12 of Cm 3605.
5. There are two contingent liabilities in the case of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (the successor Council to the Agricultural and Food Research Council—AFRC). The first arises from the AFRC's agreement to indemnify the Cranfield Institute of Technology (CIT) and the Lawes Agricultural Trust against legal claims arising from the work carried on by the Soil Survey and Land Resource Centre prior to its transfer from AFRC to CIT. This is unquantifiable. The AFRC also had a liability to meet the redundancy costs of AFRC employees attached to Horticulture Research International who are made redundant. The maximum amount involved is £16 million.
6. Further detail of expenditure by the Research Councils is given in Chapter 12 and in the grant in aid analysis tables and long term project tables at S3 and S4 of Cm 3605.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of Trade and Industry: science

Part I

£1,330,543,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry on payments to the science Research Councils, the Royal Society, the Royal Academy of Engineering, OST initiatives, fees payable under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, and Research Council Pensions.

The Department of Trade and Industry will account for this Vote.

Net total	£	1,330,543,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)		617,631,000
Balance to complete		712,912,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1. Running costs	2. Other	3. Capital current	4. Current	5. Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council										
	—	6,894	590	158,890	19,926	186,300	3,000	183,300	183,980	180,031
★B: Economic and Social Research Council										
	—	2,540	—	61,756	600	64,896	—	64,896	64,070	61,483
★C: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council										
	—	56,295	130	287,513	42,435	386,373	—	386,373	377,983	368,868
★D: Medical Research Council										
	—	112,670	15,000	152,790	12,210	292,670	3,600	289,070	282,083	278,099
★E: Natural Environment Research Council										
	—	101,928	8,366	52,425	3,897	166,616	—	166,616	159,341	167,831
★F: Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council										
	—	49,202	2,483	142,227	5,238	199,150	—	199,150	213,536	202,698
★G: Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils										
	—	1,450	—	—	—	1,450	—	1,450	1,454	2,417
★H: Swindon Research Councils' Pensions Scheme										
	—	11,530	—	—	—	11,530	—	11,530	9,874	8,212
★I: The Royal Society										
	—	—	—	22,271	—	22,271	—	22,271	22,091	21,056

Part II		Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>							£'000	
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers							
1: Running costs	2: Other	3: Capital current	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96	
Central government's own expenditure <i>(continued)</i>										
★J: <i>The Royal Academy of Engineering</i>										
—	—	—	3,370	—	3,370	—	3,370	3,120	2,617	
★K: <i>OST initiatives</i>										
—	—	—	2,337	—	2,337	—	2,337	1,595	1,770	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★L: <i>Fees payable under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986</i> ●										
—	—	—	180	—	180	—	180	171	170	
Total	—	342,509	26,569	883,759	84,306	1,337,143	6,600†	1,330,543	1,319,298	1,295,252

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the sale of fixed assets, notably Hurley Farm (BBSRC) and the remainder of the Carshalton site (MRC).

Part III **Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund**

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

	£'000		
	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Medical Research Council ●	180	230	187
2. Royal Society ●	70	70	76
<i>Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council</i> ●	—	—	32
<i>Natural Environment Research Council</i> ●	—	—	5
<i>Economic and Social Research Council</i> ●	—	—	22
<i>Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council</i> ●	—	—	36
Total	250	300	428

Department of Trade and Industry: United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation funds

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the payment of pensions etc to retired members or their dependants, transfer values for members transferring to other schemes and repayments of contributions under the UKAEA's superannuation schemes. The schemes, which are the Principal Non-Industrial Superannuation Scheme (PNISS), the Industrial Superannuation Scheme (ISS) and the Protected Persons Superannuation Scheme (PPSS) cover employees of the UKAEA, National Radiological Protection Board and British Nuclear Fuels plc together with some employees of Amersham International plc and some employees of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council and the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils who were formerly employed by the Science and Engineering Research Council and former UKAEA employees who transferred to the Ministry of Defence (Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE)).
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in this Vote can be found in Chapter 15 of the Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605).
4. The income consists of actual receipts and notional interest which is credited each year at rates agreed with the Government Actuary. Income from contributions under the scheme is appropriated in aid.
5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 59 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £250.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
7. Assumptions for 1997-98 compared to current estimates for 1996-97 are:

	Number	1996-97		Number	1997-98	
		Average Pension Annual	Weekly		Average Pension Annual	Weekly
Pensioners	13,040	£6,068	£117	13,258	£6,250	£120
Dependants	5,515	£2,502	£48	5,605	£2,577	£50
8. Associated administrative costs are borne by the UKAEA who recover the appropriate proportion from the other participating employers.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of Trade and Industry: United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority superannuation funds

Part I

£103,250,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for payment of pensions, etc, to members of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's superannuation schemes and other related expenditure.

The Department of Trade and Industry will account for this Vote.

Net total	£103,250,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	86,220,000
Balance to complete	17,030,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Gross total	Z: Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	6: Total						
Other expenditure not included in the control total											
<i>A: Payments of pensions, transfer values, and repayments of contributions ●</i>											
—	—	—	128,050	—	—	128,050	24,800†	103,250	250,600	94,720	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from receipts from both employees and employers contributions and transfer values received.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
<i>Employees and employers contributions and transfer values received ●</i>	—	—	3,413

Export Credits Guarantee Department: administration

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the cost of administering the operations of the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) described in Class IV, Votes 5 and 6. Capital expenditure (Section A) is included in the control total but administration costs (Section B) are not because they are met from trading income. Charges made to exporters for the Department's services largely anticipate the recovery of related costs. Further details of these costs can be found in Chapter 16 of Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605).
3. Further trading expenses of £6.2 million, £1.3 million and £0.2 million are provided for in Sections A, B and C respectively of the trading operations Vote (Class IV, Vote 6).
4. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.7 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £24.4 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Export Credits Guarantee Department: administration

Part I

£24,035,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Export Credits Guarantee Department on administration.

The **Export Credits Guarantee Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 24,035,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	10,998,000
Balance to complete	13,037,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★ A: Capital										
—	—	591	—	—	591	84	507	513	585	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★ B: Administration ●										
—	—	—	24,778	—	24,778	1,250	23,528	23,926	23,997	
Total	—	—	591	24,778	—	25,369	1,334†	24,035	24,439	24,582

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoverable VAT.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Export Credits Guarantee

Department: export finance assistance

Introduction

1. Expenditure on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for expenditure by the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) on its non-trading public expenditure programme of financial support for exporters. Statutory authority is given under sections 1 and 3 of the Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991. Further details of the programmes run by ECGD can be found in Chapter 16 Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605). A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
3. Section A provides for costs arising from interest equalisation agreements with lending banks under the fixed rate export finance scheme (FREF). ECGD makes grants to the lenders when the commercial rate of return guaranteed to them exceeds the fixed rates at which export finance is provided and receives payment when the fixed rates are higher than the agreed commercial return. The fixed rates are established under the OECD Consensus arrangements. This section also provides for payment of grants to lenders to meet the difference between fixed consensus rates and concessionary rates of interest offered on commercial loans for long term projects in developing countries, or for certain long-term defence export contracts. It also incorporates the costs/savings arising from ECGD initiatives aimed at reducing or containing the cost of supporting exports, e.g. in connection with arrangements for capital market funding of fixed rates export finance loans and for certain interest rate swap arrangements. In addition, it includes the mixed credit matching facility which reduced the effective cost of export finance to match foreign competition in certain circumstances, although only four projects have been supported by the scheme.
4. The FREF programme will account for 98 per cent of gross expenditure in 1997-98. Approximately £6.5 billion of supported finance is presently outstanding. Operations in support of this lending are projected to show a net outflow of £7.6 million, compared with a net outflow of £28.6 million in 1995-96 and the latest forecast for 1996-97 of £25 million.
5. Section B provides for partial protection to exporters tendering in foreign currency against losses caused by exchange rate fluctuations in the period before the contract is secured. The forward exchange supplement guarantee affords similar protection after the contract is secured and where cover cannot be obtained through normal forward exchange markets. Gross cashflow is affected by the size and timing of rolled over forward exchange contracts and the scheme should show a net outflow of £73,000 in 1997-98 compared with a net receipt of £4.8 million in 1995-96 and a forecast net receipt of £50,000 in 1996-97.
6. Section C provides for residual commitments under schemes which have been discontinued, ie Comprehensive Bank Guarantees (CBG) and Comprehensive External Trade Guarantees (CET) issued prior to 25 October 1985 and 1 April 1987 respectively and the Cost Escalation Scheme.
7. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 67 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £26.7 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
8. As at 31 March 1996 contingent liabilities chargeable to the Consolidated Fund in connection with activities provided for in this Vote were under Section 1 (£4,330 million) and Section 3 (£1,702 million) of the Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Export Credits Guarantee Department: export finance assistance

Part I

£8,860,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Export Credits Guarantee Department in connection with interest support to banks and other lenders of export finance; cover under the tender to contract/forward exchange supplement scheme; grants towards financing of exports to match foreign competition; residual commitments under discontinued guarantees offered to banks and external trade agencies; and cost escalation.

The **Export Credits Guarantee Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 8,860,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	7,146,000
Balance to complete	1,714,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
<i>A: Fixed rate export finance</i>										
—	49,167	—	128,007	—	177,174	169,579	7,595	24,950	28,642	
<i>B: Tender to contract/forward exchange supplement</i>										
—	—	—	2,368	—	2,368	2,295	73	— 50	— 4,812	
<i>C: Discontinued insurance services, export finance and cost escalation guarantees</i>										
—	—	—	1,192	—	1,192	—	1,192	1,788	— 380	
Total	49,167	—	131,567	—	180,734	171,874†	8,860	26,688	23,450	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from interest equalisation receipts under the interest support schemes and interest swap agreements,

contributions from ODA and MOD; premium paid for tender to contract/forward exchange supplement guarantees, gains arising from fluctuations in exchange rates of guaranteed

contracts, interest and recoveries due under rescheduling agreements.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:			£'000
<i>Fixed rate export finance</i> †	—	—	6,819
<i>Tender to contract/forward exchange supplement</i> †	—	—	52
<i>Discontinued insurance services, export finance and cost escalation guarantees</i> †	—	—	1,138
Total	—	—	8,009

Export Credits Guarantee

Department: trading operations

Introduction

1. Expenditure on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit and is not included in the control total.
2. The Vote provides for payment by the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) of claims and associated trading expenses arising under credit insurance and other support activities for exporters including cover against certain risks for new direct overseas investment. Statutory authority for these activities is given in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991.
3. Full details of all ECGD's trading activities are reported to Parliament in the annual trading account and published by HMSO as "ECGD: Annual Report and Trading Accounts". They are summarised in Chapter 16 of Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605). A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
4. Section A provides for claims expected under credit insurance guarantees and/or obligations arising from debt rescheduling agreements, payments under other forms of guarantee including cover to banks financing insured exports, indemnities for banks and surety companies issuing bonds against calls by overseas buyers, and reinsurance arrangements with other countries' credit insurance organisations for jointly sourced goods. Expenses in connection with the provision of these services are also included and cover commission to brokers for negotiating and administering ECGD guarantees, charges by agents for information on company and market risks, legal fees and professional advice on underwriting of guarantees and assessment of risk and liability and costs arising out of action taken to avoid or minimise potential loss or recover payments under guarantees.
5. Section B provides for the settlement of reinsurance arrangements between ECGD and private sector export credit organisations in addition to the administration and reinsurance of risks transferred as a result of the partial privatisation of ECGD and expenses in connection with the provision of these services.
6. Section C provides for claims, related expenses and recoveries under contracts insuring investors overseas against certain political risks.
7. ECGD is required to operate these activities at no overall cost to public funds (for new business this is subject to agreed levels of confidence). Since 1980-81 the need for many of the UK's overseas trading partners to reschedule trade debts has caused claims to exceed income, and the Department's notional cash balance with the Consolidated Fund went into deficit in February 1984. By the end of March 1996 ECGD's notional borrowing from the Fund, including interest, amounted to £3,698 million after writing off £59 million in 1995-96.
8. The token provision sought for 1997-98 is the same as the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
9. As at 31 March 1996 contingent liabilities chargeable to the Consolidated Fund in connection with activities provided for in this Vote were:

Export and Investment Guarantees Act 1991	£ million
Section 1	28,088
Section 2	205
Section 3	1,618
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Export Credits Guarantee Department: trading operations

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Export Credits Guarantee Department in connection with export credit guarantees, other guarantees given in the national interest or to render economic assistance to overseas countries, overseas investment insurance and trading expenses

The Export Credits Guarantee Department will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
A: Export credit guarantees ●										
—	—	—	215,376	—	215,376	215,375	1	1	1	
B: Reinsurance operations ●										
—	—	—	8,109	—	8,109	8,109	—	—	—	
C: Overseas investment insurance ●										
—	—	—	1,315	—	1,315	1,315	—	—	—	
Total	—	—	224,800	—	224,800	224,799†	1	1	1	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts of premium, receipts with interest of or

in respect of debts which have been subject to claims and/or debt rescheduling agreements, recoveries of loss minimisation costs including

contributions from insured parties towards joint action and recovered VAT input.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

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

£'000

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Export credit guarantees ●	342,085	218,187	230,177
2. Reinsurance operations ●	52,911	25,396	32,409
3. Overseas investment insurance ●	2,535	1,679	1,678
Privatisation programme ●	—	5,000	—
Total	397,531	250,262	264,264

Office of Fair Trading

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Office of Fair Trading supports the Director General of Fair Trading in carrying out a wide range of statutory duties and functions in relation to the promotion of competition and the protection of consumers. The Director General is responsible for initiating action against restrictive agreements, monopolies and anti competitive practices. He also advises Ministers on mergers affecting competition, and on the rules of the regulatory bodies in the financial services sector. The Director General takes action against trading practices including 'unfair contract terms' which adversely affect consumers and negotiates codes of practice. He administers the legislation and regulation of consumer credit and is charged with initiating court action on misleading advertising wherever other means of control have been inadequate.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A and B of this Vote are in Chapter 17 of the Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605). Details of appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund are in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
4. The refunds, in Section B, are of fees overpaid under the Consumer Credit Act, and of payments for non qualifying mergers, under the Fair Trading Act, or those mergers falling under EU Regulation.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.7 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £19.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Fair Trading

Part I

£20,043,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Fair Trading on administrative and operational costs.

The Office of Fair Trading will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 20,043,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	8,582,000
Balance to complete	11,461,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
	19,385	536	245	—	—	20,166	146	20,020	19,302	19,532
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★B: Refunds ●										
	—	—	—	23	—	23	—	23	23	9
Total	19,385	536	245	23	—	20,189	146†	20,043	19,325	19,541

†Amounts that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, include receipts from European travel, recovered legal costs and receipts from common services provided to other departments

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	3,491	6,295	4,021

Office of Telecommunications

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Office of Telecommunications (OFTEL) was set up on 1 July 1984 under the Telecommunications Act 1984. The Director General of Telecommunications is responsible for the enforcement of telecommunications operators' licences and for initiating their modification where appropriate, his duties include the promotion of users' interest and of effective competition. OFTEL's aim is to promote competition in order to create conditions in which telecommunications can operate most effectively to the benefit of the economy. OFTEL is funded by licence fees paid to the Government by UK telecommunication operators, and by sundry small commercial receipts. Licence fees, which are set at a level sufficient to cover full costs, are surrendered to the Consolidated Fund as extra receipts.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Chapter 17 of the Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605). Details of appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 0.4 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £10.362 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Telecommunications

Part I

£10,408,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Telecommunications on administrative and operational costs.

The Office of Telecommunications will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	10,408,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	4,092,000
Balance to complete	6,316,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration										
9,993	285	154	—	—	10,432	24	10,408	10,362	9,547	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the sale of publications and obsolete office equipment.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	10,408	10,212	9,797

Office of Gas Supply

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Office of Gas Supply is established under the authority of the Gas Act 1986. The Vote makes provision for expenditure by the Director General of Gas Supply exercising her regulatory powers under the Act as amended by the Gas Act 1995. These powers relate to the authorisation of gas suppliers, shippers and transporters.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote are supplied in Chapter 17 of the Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605). Details of appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund are supplied in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
4. OFGAS' aims are to work towards the introduction of full competition in the supply industry while protecting the interests of gas consumers.
5. OFGAS expenditure is offset by income from fees from authorised gas suppliers, shippers and transporters.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 20.9 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £10.2 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Chapter 17 of Cm 3605.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Gas Supply

Part I

£8,100,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Gas Supply on administrative and capital costs.

The Office of Gas Supply will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 8,100,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	3,484,000
Balance to complete	4,616,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z-Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★ A: Administration										
9,437	—	548	—	—	9,985	1,885†	8,100	10,243	6,697	

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts in connection with fees and charges levied under the Gas Act in connection with metering and examining.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	8,100	5,835	5,352

Office of Electricity Regulation

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Office of Electricity Regulation (OFFER) is established under the authority of the Electricity Act 1989. It covers expenditure by the Director General of Electricity Supply in exercising his regulatory powers under the Act. It also includes provision for supporting the Electricity Consumers' Committees. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A can be found in Chapter 17 of the Trade and Industry, the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Cm 3605). Details of appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
3. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.0 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £14.382 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table S1 of Cm 3605.
4. OFFER's expenditure is offset by income from licence fees collected from the electricity generators, transmitters, distributors and suppliers, which is surrendered to the Consolidated Fund as extra receipts.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Electricity Regulation

Part I

£13,950,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Electricity Regulation on administrative and operational costs.

The Office of Electricity Regulation will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 13,950,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	4,604,000
Balance to complete	9,346,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration										
14,645	—	250	—	—	14,895	935†	13,950	14,382	10,156	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recovery of the cost of administering the Fossil

Fuel Levy, receipts in connection with the Electricity Meter Examining Service, recovery of costs of the services provided for OFFER

Northern Ireland, and user contributions from the official car scheme.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	13,500	14,000	8,797

Highways Agency

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the construction, improvement, maintenance and management of the trunk road network for which the Secretary of State is responsible, payments to Private Consortia for Design, Build, Fund and Operate Schemes and 100 per cent grants to local authorities for works on local authority roads required or incurred by the Department, together with the associated administrative costs. Expenditure in Section A of the Vote is explained in Part 2 Section 3.5 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606) and expenditure in Section B in Part 1 Section 1.7 of Cm 3606.
3. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote and Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Table 10 of Cm 3606.
4. In 1996–97, 78 kilometres of motorway and all-purpose trunk roads are expected to be completed. As part of the maintenance programme, 64 nearside lane kilometres of motorway and 91 nearside lane kilometres of trunk roads are forecast to be renewed. Present plans are to complete about 94 kilometres of new motorway and all purpose trunk roads in 1997–98.
5. Advances to agent authorities in respect of maintenance and improvement will be made as required and charged to the Vote at the time of issue, any necessary adjustments being made on subsequent advances. The authorities will be required to submit statements of expenditure incurred. Local authority accounts will be inspected on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission.
6. Administration (Section B) includes running costs provision of £69.492 million which forms part of the Department's gross running costs limit.
7. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 6.1 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £1,663 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual functions is given in the cash plans table in Part 2 Section 3 of Cm 3606.
8. There were four contingent liabilities outstanding at 31.3.96, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. These are as follows:

Nature of liability	
Dartford Thurrock Crossing—protection to third parties in the event of siltation or scouring attributable to bridge construction where costs arise beyond the time they could be met from toll revenue.	unquantifiable
Birmingham Northern Relief Road—liabilities arising under the Agreement with the concessionaire in the event of changes in policy or legislation.	unquantifiable
Indemnities given to the Department's staff who are acting as non-executive directors of commercial organisations.	unquantifiable
Second Severn Crossing—liabilities arising under the Agreement with the Concessionaire.	unquantifiable
9. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Table 9 of Cm 3606.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Highways Agency

Part I

£1,562,329,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Transport's Highways Agency on the construction, improvement, maintenance and management of motorways and trunk roads, including the acquisition of land, publicity, scheme design and preparation, archaeological survey and rescue work, compensation; administration costs of the Highways Agency; and research and development in support of Highways Agency operations.

The Highways Agency of the Department of Transport will account for this Vote.

Net total	£1,562,329,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	738,527,000
Balance to complete	823,802,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: National roads	—	267,100	1,287,227	4,900	1	1,559,228	68,001	1,491,227	1,583,690	1,760,174
★B: Administration	69,492	—	2,109	—	—	71,601	500	71,101	79,807	87,993
★C: Trans European Networks (net)	—	—	—	-2,260	2,261	1	—	1	1	—
Total	69,492	267,100	1,289,336	2,640	2,262	1,630,830	68,501†	1,562,329	1,663,498	1,848,167

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from: recoveries of sale of land on completion or abandonment of schemes, rents from property and land, disposal of surplus plant and machinery, sale of motorway service area freeholds, extra

contractual claims for defective work, receipts from Dartford River Crossing Ltd, claims for damage to motorways and trunk roads, administration charges and hire charges for specialised vehicles and equipment, recovery of administrative costs and repayment

services, sale of information including publications, disposal and rental of land, buildings, plant, equipment, vehicles and other capital assets and contributions from developers.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
National Roads ●	4,001	4,801	13,961

Department of Transport: administration and transport services

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote contains the running costs of the central department and government offices for the regions and provision for ports and shipping services, civil and international aviation services, Royal travel, transport security, freight grants, land transport research and development and expenditure associated with the non rail privatisation programme.
3. In 1996-97 and previous years, expenditure on official Royal travel has been met from Class I, Vote 3, Class II, Vote 2 and Class V, Vote 3. Because of the changes in the basis of payment for MOD facilities, it is not possible to show figures for 1996-97 and 1995-96 in Part II of this Estimate and they will continue to appear within the historic figures on Class I, Vote 3, Class II, Vote 2 and Class V, Vote 3.
4. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to J of this Vote can be found in chapters 1, 4, 5 and 7 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606).
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 2 per cent higher than the final provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £154,909,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3606.
6. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table 11 of Cm 3606.
7. There are eight outstanding contingent liabilities, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. These are as follows:

Amount
outstanding at
31.3.96
£ million

Nature of liability

Reinstatement of International Maritime Organisation (IMO) building: abatement of rent if IMO building destroyed and rehousing of IMO during rebuilding	104
Indemnity given to Trustees and members of National Bus Company (NBC) pension funds against legal challenge by pensioners that they should receive surplus	121
General Lighthouse Authorities' Pension Funds	87
Borrowing guarantee to the trustees of the Air Travel Trust Fund	11
Potential liabilities in the event of termination of Eurotunnel's concession arising from the Channel Tunnel Act	unquantifiable
Indemnities given to the Department's staff who are acting as non-executive directors of commercial organisations	unquantifiable
War Risk reinsurance for British shipowners	unquantifiable
NATO indemnification scheme for civil aircraft	unquantifiable

8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of Transport: administration and transport services

Part I

£158,075,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on central transport administration; Government Office administration; miscellaneous services; ports and shipping services; civil aviation services; international aviation services; Royal Travel; transport security; freight grants; land transport research and development; and expenditure associated with the non rail privatisation programme.

The Department of Transport will account for this Vote.

Net total	£158,075,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	58,054,000
Balance to complete	100,021,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Central Transport Group administration										
80,075	695	5,153	—	—	85,923	6,285	79,638	108,827	114,778	
★B: Government offices administration										
6,361	—	—	—	—	6,361	—	6,361	7,132	6,067	
★C: Miscellaneous services										
—	872	200	526	—	1,598	2	1,596	2,031	3,459	
★D: Ports and shipping services										
—	578	—	553	—	1,131	1,557	-426	-33	522	
★E: Civil aviation services										
—	4,786	207	22,500	—	27,493	31,250	-3,757	-3,880	-1,444	
★F: International aviation services										
—	1,990	—	2,128	—	4,118	—	4,118	4,265	2,405	
★G: Transport security										
—	1,855	—	—	—	1,855	—	1,855	1,950	4,480	
★H: Freight grants										
—	—	—	25,671	5,000	30,671	—	30,671	12,422	4,007	
★I: Land transport research and development										
—	18,127	—	—	—	18,127	—	18,127	20,900	18,855	
★J: Royal Travel										
—	19,492	—	—	—	19,492	—	19,492	—	—	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★K: Non-rail privatisation programme ●										
—	450	—	—	—	450	50	400	1,295	1,368	
Total	86,436	48,845	5,560	51,378	5,000	197,219	39,144†	158,075	154,909	154,497

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the recovery of administrative costs, repayment services and sale of information, including publications, receipts from the rental and disposal of land, buildings, plant, equipment,

vehicles and other capital assets, recoveries in respect of the Mersey Conservancy, receipts in respect of the International Maritime Organisation building and from shipping services, receipts from Eurocontrol, sale of civil aviation items and recoveries of costs

of civil aviation services, the hire of Civil Defence equipment, receipts from the levy on the sale of Trust Ports, and recoveries from local authorities in respect of public inquiries into non-highways orders.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Miscellaneous services ●	1,327	1,021	1,603
2. Shipping services †	3,988	4,413	17,261
3. Non-rail privatisation programme ●	60,580	7,353	8,608
Total	65,895	12,787	27,472

Transport industries

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections C, D and E of this Vote, totalling £4,726,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote contains part of the Department of Transport's support to public and private industries. The remainder is in the passenger rail services Vote (Class V, Vote 7), the administration and transport services Vote (Class V, Vote 2) and the roads and local transport Vote (Class V, Vote 5). Class V, Vote 2 also includes administration costs relevant to this Vote.
3. Because of the changes in the basis of payment for MOD facilities, historic expenditure on Royal travel (now found on Class V, Vote 2) continues to appear on this Vote.
4. Grants to London Transport form part of that industry's external financing limit.
5. Expenditure falling within the Department's control total in Sections A to L is explained in the following Chapters of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606)—Sections A, D and E, Chapter 1 paragraph 9; Sections B and C, Chapter 1 paragraph 11; Section F, Chapter 1 paragraph 10; Sections G and H, Chapter 7 paragraph 4; Section I, Chapter 1 paragraph 3; Sections J and K, Chapter 1 paragraph 5 and Section L, Chapter 2.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 35 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,746 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3606.
7. There are seven outstanding contingent liabilities, where any costs arising would be met from this Vote. These are as follows:

	Maximum amount outstanding at 31.3.96 £ million
Nature of liability	
Guarantee of due performance by British Railways Board concerning deposit of British Rail savings Company monies with the British Railways Board	20
Guarantee of obligations of European Passenger Services under leasing arrangements entered into for Channel Tunnel trains	260
Guarantee of obligations of Eversholt Limited under leasing arrangements entered into for Networker trains	211
Guarantee under pensioners' A and B Sections of Railways Pension Scheme in respect of trustee's liabilities	3,000
Guarantee of obligations of Eurostar (UK) Limited in respect of Ashford International Station	133
Guarantee of obligations of Eurostar (UK) Limited under leasing arrangements entered into for European Night Stock	112
Guarantee of obligations of British Railways Board	Unquantifiable

8. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Table 9 of Cm 3606.
9. Details of appropriations in aid can be found in Table 10 of Cm 3606.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Transport industries

Part I

£1,135,374,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on support to nationalised industries; grants to Railtrack, DoA Ltd; MRPS grant; payments in respect of expenditure relating to Channel Tunnel Rail Link; expenditure connected with the privatisation of British Rail businesses and Railtrack; other consultancies; capital expenditure by transport industries funded by EU grants; railway industry and National Freight Company pension funds; National Freight Company travel concessions; and rebate of fuel duty to bus operators.

The Department of Transport will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,135,374,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	741,028,000
Balance to complete	394,346,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Rail industry pension funds										
—	61	—	39,000	—	39,061	—	39,061	41,609	41,556	
B: National Freight Company pension funds										
—	—	—	6,835	—	6,835	—	6,835	6,903	6,834	
★C: National Freight Company travel concessions										
—	—	—	2,667	—	2,667	—	2,667	2,743	2,936	
★D: British Rail privatisation										
—	950	—	—	—	950	—	950	4,112	9,498	
★E: Other rail consultancies										
—	1,109	—	—	—	1,109	—	1,109	7,036	4,130	
F: CTRL competition										
—	—	—	3,500	—	3,500	—	3,500	12,900	—	
G: Trans European Network payments for rail projects (net)										
—	—	—	38,080	38,081	1	—	1	—	—	
H: Trans European Network payments for other transport industries (net)										
—	—	—	2,120	2,121	1	—	1	—	—	
I: Privatisation of ROSCOs										
—	—	—	—	—	—	43,000	-43,000	—	—	
Royal travel and railway grant audits										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,041	1,981	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96	
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government grants to local authorities										
J: MRPS grant										
—	—	—	173,498	—	173,498	—	173,498	—	—	
K: DoA Limited										
—	—	—	25,001	—	25,001	—	25,001	19,000	—	
<i>European Regional Development Funds in advance and in place of receipts</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,376	—	
Nationalised industries' external finance										
L: London Transport										
—	—	—	—	700,750	700,750	—	700,750	972,700	904,550	
<i>Railtrack grants for level crossings and other railway crossings</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,520	33,801	
<i>Grants to European Passenger Services</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	423,700	—	
<i>Union Railways—funding for management of Channel Tunnel Rail Link</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,900	30,000	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
M: Bus fuel duty rebates ●										
—	—	—	225,000	—	225,000	—	225,000	235,000	228,767	
N: Privatisation of Railtrack ●										
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	9,936	
Total	—	2,120	—	435,302	740,952	1,178,374	43,000	1,135,374	1,745,541	1,273,989

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid to the net total, arising from proceeds from the sale of ROSCOs.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Bus fuel duty rebates ●	500	900	362
Sale of Railtrack proceeds ●	—	1	—
Sale of ROSCO proceeds ●	—	1,070,000	786,976
Lapsed BA share subscriptions	—	204	—
Total	500	1,071,105	787,338

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers expenditure on driver and vehicle licensing and registration and the collection of motor vehicle excise duty. It includes the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea and some 40 local vehicle registration offices which deal with vehicle registration and complex vehicle licensing and excise duty enforcement. It also includes payment to agents of the Department of Transport for vehicle licence renewals and to the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland as the department's agent for vehicle licensing and registration in the Province. The Vote also accounts for fee income from the sale of cherished registration marks. Details of the activities and performance measures are in the Agency's Annual Report and Accounts. Details of activities and plans and an explanation of the expenditure contained in Sections A and B of this Vote are in Chapter 3 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606).
3. Expenditure attributable to Northern Ireland is collected from their share of all UK taxes under regulations made under section 15(3) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973.
4. The advance funding of local authorities to meet the Department's liability to contribute to the pensions of ex local taxation office staff who previously worked on driver and vehicle licensing is also covered by the Vote.
5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 10 of Cm 3606. A detailed analysis of the Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Table 11 of Cm 3606.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.2 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £153 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3606.
7. The gift delegations associated with this Vote are as follows:
 - (i) gifts to visiting dignitaries (primarily from EU member states), not exceeding a total of £500 in any one year;
 - (ii) gifts of obsolete equipment/furniture to charities, not exceeding a total of £1,000 in any one year;
 - (iii) a total donation of £1,000 to charity through the Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) of the year scheme.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

Part I

£154,825,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Transport in connection with driver and vehicle registration and licensing, the collection of revenue, compensation and payments towards the pension of Local Authority staff employed on driver and vehicle licensing before the setting up of DVLC; and the development and operations of other systems associated with registration and licensing, the provision of anonymised data and the provision of miscellaneous services to other parts of the Department.

The Department of Transport will account for this Vote.

Net total	£154,825,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	80,247,000
Balance to complete	74,578,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency										
178,546	8,475	7,729	234	—	194,984	42,015	152,969	151,016	142,919	
Central government grants to local authorities										
*B: Pre-DVLC pensions										
—	—	—	1,856	—	1,856	—	1,856	1,900	1,702	
Total	178,546	8,475	7,729	2,090	—	196,840	42,015†	154,825	152,916	144,621

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from fees from duplicate licences, drivers licence fees,

fee paying enquiries, retention and extension of cherished registration marks, the sale of information and highway code booklets,

award of court costs, administration receipts arising from the operation of driver and vehicle licensing, and VAT refunds

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency ●	63,000	66,129	68,919

Roads and local transport

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote contains provision for transport supplementary grant, public transport facilities grant and Industrial Development Act grant along with other expenditure relating to roads and local transport, including Red Routes in London, vehicle and traffic enforcement, road safety publicity campaigns, Government Office programme expenditure including maintenance and operation of the Woolwich Ferry and payments to (and recoveries from) agent authorities in exercise of the Secretary of State's reserve powers of traffic control, other grants and consultancies, statistics, censuses and surveys, Trans European Network payments for roads and local transport projects, licence fee refunds to goods and public service vehicle operators and drivers, and grants to the Humber Bridge Board.
3. Transport supplementary grant, the largest single component of the voted provision, is paid to highway authorities in England in respect of capital expenditure on highways and traffic regulation under the Local Government Finance Act. The grant provision of £194.876 million also includes a sum in respect of the structural maintenance of bridges and principal roads.
4. Priority routes in London (Section C) includes a grant in aid to the Traffic Director of £21.830 million, and grants and consultancies for roads and local transport (Section A) a grant in aid to the Rural Transport Development Commission of £1.464 million.
5. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to K of this Vote can be found in Chapters 3, 6 and 7 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606).
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 15 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £371.384 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3606.
7. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote and Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Tables 10 and 11 respectively of Cm 3606.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Roads and local transport

Part I

£313,863,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on grants and consultancies for roads and local transport; Central Transport Group services and consultancies for national roads; priority routes in London; Government office programme expenditure including maintenance and operation of the Woolwich ferry; vehicle and traffic enforcement; publicity, statistics, censuses and surveys; Trans European network payments for various local transport projects; transport supplementary grants to highway authorities in England; public transport facilities grants; grants to highway authorities and developers under the Industrial Development Act; licence fee refunds to goods vehicle and public service vehicle operators and drivers; and grants to the Humber Bridge Board.

The Department of Transport will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 313,863,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	175,311,000
Balance to complete	138,552,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Grants and consultancies for roads and local transport										
	—	950	—	1,971	50	2,971	208	2,763	2,969	2,118
*B: Central Transport Group services and consultancies for national roads										
	—	937	—	—	—	937	—	937	480	2,073
*C: Priority routes in London										
	—	2,820	19,010	—	—	21,830	—	21,830	17,456	13,456
*D: Government office programme expenditure										
	—	23,457	—	—	—	23,457	15,988	7,469	7,280	6,216
*E: Vehicle and traffic enforcement										
	—	16,329	—	—	—	16,329	—	16,329	16,329	16,232
*F: Publicity (road safety etc)										
	—	7,768	—	—	—	7,768	—	7,768	7,472	7,525
*G: Statistics, censuses and surveys										
	—	3,696	6	110	—	3,592	—	3,592	3,668	3,709
*H: Trans European Network payments for other local transport projects (net)										
	—	—	—	419	420	1	—	1	1	—
Central government grants to local authorities										
*I: Transport supplementary grants (England)										
	—	—	—	—	194,876	194,876	—	194,876	235,934	277,842
*J: Public transport facilities grants										
	—	—	—	—	15,000	15,000	—	15,000	18,309	13,070

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
★K: Grants to highway authorities and developers under the Industrial Development Act									
—	—	—	—	998	998	—	998	3,500	853
<i>Metropolitan Rail Grant</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,458	71,778
<i>European Regional Development Funds: in advance and in place of EU receipts</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,527	—
Other expenditure not included in the control total									
★L: Licence fee refunds to goods vehicle and public service vehicle operators and drivers ●									
—	—	—	2,300	—	2,300	—	2,300	2,600	1,893
★M: Grants to the Humber Bridge Board ●									
—	—	—	40,000	—	40,000	—	40,000	49,400	38,898
<i>Trans European Network payments for local authority transport projects (net) ●</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Total	55,957	19,016	43,742	211,344	330,059	16,196†	313,863	371,384	453,663

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from Mobility Road show exhibitors fees, booking

fees for driving assessments and disposal of MAVIS vehicles; recoveries from local authorities in respect of traffic control

systems and public inquiries into orders and receipts from sales of the LTS and Meplan models.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Interest and repayments of loan (Second Mersey tunnel) ●	2,663	2,663	2,663
2. Interest and repayment of loan (Tyne Tunnel) ●	1,719	1,715	1,712
3. Grants to Humber Bridge Board ●	41,750	41,750	41,743
4. Licencing of goods vehicle and public service vehicle operators ●	28,000	26,000	33,020
5. Miscellaneous central government managed local roads and transport, rural bus grants and new bus grants other than to the National Bus Company ●	10	2,898	5,179
Total	74,142	75,026	84,317

Department of Transport: other transport agencies

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote contains provision for the Coastguard and Marine Safety agencies which are subject to gross running cost control; the Vehicle Certification Agency which is subject to net running cost control; loans to the Vehicle Inspectorate and the Driving Standards Agency trading funds; and payments to the Meteorological Office and the Driving Standards Agency. Up to 1996-97 provision was sought for the Driving Standards Agency which becomes a trading fund during the course of 1 April 1997.
3. Details of the main activities of the Coastguard Agency (Section A) and the Marine Safety Agency (Section B) can be found in Chapter 5 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606).
4. Details of the main activities of the Vehicle Certification Agency (Section C), the Vehicle Inspectorate (Section D) and the Driving Standards Agency (Section E) can be found in Chapter 3 of Cm 3606.
5. Further details on agencies' expenditure and performance can be found in their published annual business plans and annual report and accounts.
6. The Coastguard Agency (Section A) and the Marine Safety Agency (Section B) include total running cost provision of £38.8 million which forms part of the department's gross running cost limit.
7. Section G enables the Department of Transport to make a payment of £7 million to the Driving Standards Agency to facilitate the setting up of the agency as a trading fund.
8. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid and Consolidated Fund extra receipts on this Vote can be found in Tables 10 and 11 of Cm 3606.
9. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 44.8 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £176.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3606.
10. There is one outstanding contingent liability, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote.

Amount
outstanding
at 31.3.96

Nature of liability

Industrial injuries to trainees under the Merchant Navy Training Scheme

£m
0.3

11. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of Transport: other transport agencies

Part I

£97,408,000

Amount required in year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on Marine Safety, Coastguard and Vehicle Certification agencies; loans to the Vehicle Inspectorate and the Driving Standards Agency trading funds; and payments to the Meteorological Office and the Driving Standards Agency.

The Department of Transport will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 97,408,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	70,994,000
Balance to complete	26,414,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1 Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: The Coastguard Agency										
25,500	23,669	4,800	25	—	53,994	634	53,360	63,854	55,511	
★B: Marine Safety Agency										
13,300	20,515	700	38	—	34,553	4,802	29,751	25,958	27,882	
★C: Vehicle Certification Agency										
3,959	38	125	—	—	4,122	4,112	10	10	-22	
★D: Vehicle Inspectorate (Trading Fund) short term loans										
—	—	—	—	3	3	2	1	1	—	
★E: Driving Standards Agency (Trading Fund) short term loans										
—	—	—	—	2	2	1	1	—	—	
★F: Payments to the Meteorological Office (Trading Fund)										
—	7,285	—	—	—	7,285	—	7,285	3,576	—	
<i>Transport Research Laboratory Agency</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-4,077	
<i>Driving Standards Agency</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	830	1,050	

Part II		Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>									£'000
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers								
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	Gross	Z.	Net	Total net	Net		
Running	Other	Capital	Current	Capital	total	Appropriations in	total	provision	outturn		
costs	current					aid		1996-97	1995-96		
Other expenditure not included in the control total											
★G: Cash injection to the Driving Standards Agency (Trading Fund) ●											
			7,000		7,000		7,000				
Driving Standards Agency ●											
								82,350	53,659		
Total	42,759	51,507	5,625	7,063	5	106,959	9,551†	97,408	176,579	134,003	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the recovery of administrative costs, repayment services and sale of information including publications, fees and receipts for

marine emergency and safety services including Classification Society Surveyors, receipts from the private sector for vehicle and component testing and from DOT for enforcement and related work, from rental of buildings and

disposal of plant, equipment, vehicles and other capital assets, repayment of deemed and Voted loans made to the Vehicle Inspectorate and the Driving Standards Agency trading fund.

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
1. The Coastguard Agency ●	1	1	927
2. Marine Safety Agency ●	687	690	648
3. Vehicle Inspectorate (trading fund) external finance ●	1,730	1,730	2,008
Driving Standards Agency ●	—	82,404	65,623
Total	2,418	84,825	69,206

Passenger rail services

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the support for Passenger Rail Services in Great Britain provided by the Franchising Director, the administrative costs of the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising and costs incurred in the franchising of passenger rail services.
3. The passenger operations of the British Railways Board were incorporated as 25 subsidiary Train Operating Companies which have been progressively franchised. The support for Passenger Rail Services grant is provided to the British Railways Board in respect of non-franchised Train Operating Companies under a Section 52 agreement and to private sector franchisees in respect of franchised Train Operating Companies under Franchise Agreements.
4. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Part 3 paragraphs 11 to 12 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606).
5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Table 10 of Cm 3606.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 18 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,853 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Figure 32 of Cm 3606.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Passenger rail services

Part I

£1,516,385,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising on the franchising of passenger rail services; the provision of, and support for, passenger rail services; the formation and financing of companies formed to facilitate the Franchising Director's functions; and administration and miscellaneous services.

The **Office of Passenger Rail Franchising** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,516,385,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	610,747,000
Balance to complete	905,638,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Passenger rail services										
7,367	8,818	200	1,540,000	—	1,556,385	40,000†	1,516,385	1,852,997	1,703,397	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from payments by passenger rail franchises and VAT refunds.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Passenger rail services †	—	1	1

Office of the Rail Regulator

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers expenditure by the Office of the Rail Regulator (ORR) on administrative and associated capital and other expenditure. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Part 4 of the Transport Report 1997 (Cm 3606). Details of extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found in Table 11 of Cm 3606.
3. The ORR is responsible for the regulation of access to the railways and promotion of competition in the provision of services. It is also responsible for promoting the efficient use of railways and protecting the interests of consumers.
4. This Vote is subject to gross running cost control, and covers expenditure on salaries of staff and associated general administrative expenditure.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 4.7 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £8.2 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3606.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of the Rail Regulator

Part I

£8,600,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of the Rail Regulator on administration and associated capital and other expenditure; and on costs of the Rail Users Consultative Committees.

The **Office of the Rail Regulator** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 8,600,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	3,697,000
Balance to complete	4,903,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure									
★A: <i>Office of the Rail Regulator</i>									
8,200	—	400	—	—	8,600	—	8,600	8,216	9,049

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Office of the Rail Regulator ●	8,200	7,970	8,442

Housing and construction, England

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on sections A, D to G, I, J and L of this Vote, totalling £599,708,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers payments to the Housing Corporation, local authorities and other bodies. Further details can be found in Chapters 1 and 2 of the Department of the Environment Annual Report 1997 (Cm 3607). Payments of certain local authority claims are made on account, subject to adjustments on receipt of audited claims, in which case net payments within the financial year are shown, including adjustments.
3. The Housing Corporation oversees the activities of the housing association sector. Its expenditure is financed by grant-in-aid ♦ of £922,650,000 and receipts. Sections A and B cover net grant in aid for the development and maintenance of social housing for rent and shared ownership, home ownership incentive schemes, housing the single homeless, management of schemes for people with special needs and other costs, Housing Corporation administration and non grant-in-aid for board members' remuneration and pensions. Section M covers grant-in-aid for schemes sponsored by local authorities and to cover any shortfall in loan sale receipts compared with the amount owed to the National Loans Fund. (Cm 3607 paragraphs 2.16 to 2.30, with a full break-down at Figure C1).
4. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy consists of the housing element (Section C), which is regarded as central government expenditure; and the rent rebate element, which is net of "housing element surpluses" (Section H). (Cm 3607 paragraphs 2.46 to 2.57).
5. Section D covers the Rent Assessment Panels, whose accounts are audited by the National Audit Office; and the Leasehold Advisory Service. Section I covers reimbursement of local authority costs in providing the rent officer service (Cm. 3607 paragraph 2.74).
6. Sections J and K cover payments to local authorities in respect of private sector housing. Section J includes private sector renewal and home improvement agency grants; and Section K disabled facilities and housing defects grants. Section N covers payments and adjustments made in respect of loan charges, some of which have been commuted. (Cm 3607 paragraphs 2.39 to 2.42, 2.64 to 2.65 and 2.77 to 2.78).
7. Sections E and L cover payments in support of social housing, including the Estates Renewal Challenge Fund for the transfer of the worst quality large local authority estates to new social landlords; grants to prevent or relieve homelessness; for housing management, housing mobility and gypsy sites. (Cm 3607 paragraphs 2.45, 2.58 to 2.62, 2.68 to 2.71, 2.73 and 2.75).
8. Section F covers other miscellaneous housing grants and payments, including to the Valuation Office Agency for Right to Buy work, research on housing and urban policy and housing publicity. Section G covers construction research, the British Board of Agrément, support for best practice in the UK construction industry, and construction publicity. (Cm 3607 paragraphs 2.76, 2.80, 3.13, 3.17, 3.31, 3.35 to 3.38 and 3.60).
9. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 7 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £6,125,976,000 and the forecast outturn for that year of £6,097,955,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Figure B1 of Cm 3607.
10. Departmental running costs of £4,550,000 for Rent Assessment Panels are carried on Section D of this Vote. Other administrative costs associated with this Vote are on Class VI, Vote 5. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in Figure B9 of Cm 3607. A detailed analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Figure B10 of Cm 3607.
11. Contingent liabilities, which are unquantifiable at present, are expected as a result of the anticipated sale of the Housing Corporation's loans portfolio.
12. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Housing and construction, England

Part I

£5,683,279,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on payments to the Housing Corporation; Housing Revenue Account Subsidy; private sector renewal; home improvement agencies; the Estates Renewal Challenge Fund; rent officers and Rent Assessment Panels; homelessness; housing management and mobility; gypsy sites; research, including projects on regeneration and European Union programmes; publicity; and for sundry other housing and construction services and projects.

The Department of the Environment will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 5,683,279,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,656,620,000
Balance to complete	3,026,659,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Housing Corporation										
—	—	—	174,396	—	174,396	2	174,394	177,758	160,017	
B: Housing Corporation										
—	—	—	66,857	681,550	748,407	—	748,407	1,109,802	1,208,439	
C: Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (housing element)										
—	—	—	656,840	—	656,840	—	656,840	679,779	643,550	
★D: Rent and leasehold services										
4,550	7,336	—	200	—	12,086	1,000	11,086	5,771	5,480	
★E: Other support for social housing										
—	5,075	—	25,967	55,951	86,993	—	86,993	25,095	17,624	
★F: Other housing grants and payments										
—	7,900	—	423	—	8,323	201	8,122	9,940	8,670	
★G: Construction research and sponsorship										
—	24,034	—	—	—	24,034	—	24,034	26,542	27,619	
Central government grants to local authorities										
H: Housing Revenue Account Subsidy (rent rebate element)										
—	—	—	3,201,007	—	3,201,007	—	3,201,007	3,302,334	3,379,645	
★I: Rent and leasehold services										
—	—	—	35,879	700	36,579	—	36,579	36,018	33,676	
★J: Private housing renewal										
—	—	—	6,304	192,471	198,775	1,906	196,869	245,314	252,743	
K: Private housing renewal										
—	—	—	730	62,036	62,766	—	62,766	70,171	75,172	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
★L: Other support for social housing										
—	—	—	2,748	58,883	61,631	—	61,631	38,828	14,342	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
M: Housing Corporation ●										
—	—	—	30,000	366,000	396,000	—	396,000	380,000	342,000	
N: Commutation and loan charge grants ●										
—	—	—	18,101	500	18,601	50	18,551	18,624	17,397	
<i>Commutation of New Towns debt ●</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	820,546	
Total	4,550	44,345	—	4,219,452	1,418,091	5,686,438	3,159†	5,683,279	6,125,976	7,006,920

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from pension contributions from the Housing Corporation and Rent Assessment

Panels, contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys; receipts from sale of publications; recovery of renovation or disabled facilities grant on disposal of grant

aided properties or breaches of condition; net surpluses incurred by local authorities in exercising their slum clearance function; and adjustments to commuted loan charges.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Housing Corporation ☐	21	21	21
2. Housing Corporation ●	301	4,726	3,610
3. Other support for social housing ☐	110	107	195
4. Housing transfers ●	5,000	32,500	69,106
<i>Other housing grants and payments ☐</i>	—	—	487
<i>Rent and leasehold services ☐</i>	—	—	212
<i>Excess appropriations in aid ☐</i>	—	—	370
<i>Loan charge grants ●</i>	—	8	—
Total	5,432	37,362	74,001

Regeneration and countryside and wildlife, England

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to L and N of this Vote, totalling £1,453,168,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers Single Regeneration Budget payments; payments of special grants to the voluntary sector and grant-in-aid to the Development Commission, the Nature Conservancy Council for England, the Countryside Commission and the National Forest Company, grant to the Groundwork Foundation and Trusts, grant to the Broads Authority and payments for the residual pension rights of past employees of the former Nature Conservancy Council for Great Britain; agency payments prefunded by the European Community structural funds; payments to Dearne Valley College; grant to National Parks Authorities; expenditure on countryside research and payments related to publicity and the promotion of regeneration and countryside policies and the private finance initiative.
3. Details of the following are in the Department of the Environment Annual Report, 1997 (Cm 3607): programmes to be funded from the Single Regeneration Budget, groundwork organisation and special grants programme are to be found in Section 4; Development Commission, Nature Conservancy Council for England, Countryside Commission, the National Forest Company and National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority are to be found in Section 5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of the Vote can be found in Figure B9 of Cm 3607.
4. The respected use of grant-in-aid by the Urban Development Corporation ♦ (£199,784,000), the Urban Regeneration Agency (English Partnerships) ♦ (£208,779,000), Housing Action Trusts ♦ (£88,688,000), Development Commission ♥ (£39,364,000), Nature Conservancy Council for England ♥ (£38,774,000), Countryside Commission ♥ (£24,093,000), and the National Forest Company (£2,500,000) is shown in Cm 3607.
5. The Urban Regeneration Agency's and Urban Development Corporations' expenditure is financed by grant-in-aid and receipts. In 1997-98, capital receipts are expected to amount to £81 million and £1,245 million. Any such receipts in excess of £89.1 and £137 million will be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund.
6. Section D also includes support to local authorities by the National Forest Company. Sections G and L are for payments for projects not funded by EU receipts. Sections F, K and N cover agency payments prefunded by the European Structural Funds and include payments towards the cost of current projects that are not shown on the face of the Vote. ERDF agency payments previously accounted for by other Departments in England now appear on this Vote but the expenditure continues to be shown in the cash plans tables of the originating Department. A full breakdown is given in Section 4 of Cm 3607.
7. Control on the payment of grants from the provision on this Vote is exercised by the approval of schemes or programmes of work. In most cases advance payments are made pending audits of final claims. Grant in aid is paid to public corporations and NDPBs as and when required. The Vote records net payments within the financial year including adjustments in respect of previous years. Public expenditure on this Vote forms part of the non-voted cash limits DOE/RCW and DOE/ERDF. The Department's administrative costs are borne on Class VI, Vote 5. There were two contingent liabilities outstanding at 31.3.96, which, if any costs arise, would involve payments of £177,115,000 from the Vote. Details are given in Cm 3607.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 2.8 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,495.747 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Figure A2 of Cm 3607.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Regeneration and countryside and wildlife, England

Part I

£1,453,868,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on Single Regeneration payments to support urban and other regeneration initiatives; payments to Dearne Valley College; countryside and wildlife payments; grant to voluntary bodies; EU agency payments; central government grants to local authorities for the Single Regeneration Budget; National Park Authorities; countryside and wildlife and publicity payments related to the promotion of the Department's regeneration and countryside policies and programmes; and the private finance initiative.

The **Department of the Environment** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,453,868,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	657,065,000
Balance to complete	796,803,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Single Regeneration Budget grants										
—	10,336	—	72,440	33,140	115,916	187	115,729	99,565	112,986	
★B: Single Regeneration Budget grants in aid										
—	—	—	101,562	374,689	476,251	—	476,251	523,442	524,782	
★C: Special grants programme, publicity, payments to Dearne Valley College and Groundwork										
—	1,913	345	6,357	—	8,615	—	8,615	8,959	8,598	
★D: Countryside and wildlife grant in aid										
—	50,688	5,481	29,490	9,847	95,506	—	95,506	96,757	98,316	
★E: Other countryside and wildlife										
—	4,425	—	—	—	4,425	—	4,425	4,339	4,464	
★F: European Structural Funds (net)										
—	—	—	-72,312	72,313	1	—	1	1	1	
★G: European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by receipts										
—	—	—	—	1,500	1,500	—	1,500	493	4,000	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★H: Single Regeneration Budget										
—	—	—	223,799	513,030	736,829	13,800	723,029	725,480	718,559	
★I: Support for National Parks										
—	—	—	15,915	—	15,915	—	15,915	15,618	16,308	

Part II		Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>									£'000
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers								
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96		
★J: Countryside Commission: grant in aid											
—	—	—	9,195	—	9,195	—	9,195	9,195	10,768		
★K: European Structural Funds: local authority current and parish council capital (net)											
—	—	—	—379	380	1	—	1	1	1		
★L: European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by receipts											
—	—	—	—	3,000	3,000	—	3,000	11,318	5,336		
<i>Manchester Regeneration</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,227		
<i>Coalfield Areas Fund</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	422		
Other expenditure not included in the control total											
M: Rural Development Commission ●											
—	—	—	700	—	700	—	700	578	517		
★N: European Structural Funds: local authority capital (net) ●											
—	—	—	—204,874	204,875	1	—	1	1	1		
<i>Urban programme loan charges ●</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58		
<i>Grants to the Commission for New Towns ●</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,215		
Total	—	67,362	5,826	181,893	1,212,774	1,467,835	13,9871	1,453,868	1,495,747	1,511,559	
†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the recovery of grants from the Single Regeneration Budget, recovery of grants by the			Urban Regeneration Agency acting as the agent of the Secretary of State of the Environment, refund of VAT and Corporation tax; refund of VAT in respect of countryside research and			long term monitoring, receipts from the sale of publications and bank interest.					

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Rural Development Commission interest on loans \pounds	960	1,180	1,260
European Regional Development Funds \pounds	—	6,000	—
Recovery of grants under the Local Government Grants (Social Need) Act 1969 \pounds	—	—	1,863
Recovery of inner city task force project grants to the private sector \pounds	—	—	78
Merseyside Development Corporation grant in aid not paid due to unauthorised expenditure \pounds	—	—	497
Countryside Commission: surrender of certain receipts \pounds	—	60	2,736
Recovery of Safer Cities grant \pounds	—	—	6
Recovery of City Action Team grant \pounds	—	—	3
Recovery of City Challenge grant to the private sector \pounds	—	—	46
Recovery of City Challenge grant to local authorities \pounds	—	—	56
Recovery of Inner City Task Force project grants to local authorities \pounds	—	—	326
Total	960	7,240	6,871

Environmental protection and water

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to H totalling £341,630,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. Section A includes provision for energy efficiency, grants under the Environmental Action Fund; contributions to international organisations (including £4.5 million contribution to UNEP), grants to the Tidy Britain Group and National Environmental Technology Centre; grants under the "Darwin initiative", environmental publicity and awareness including measures to promote sustainable development; environmental protection in industry, including grant in aid to the UK Ecolabelling Board (£638,000 net); the Wash Estuary Trial Bank; radon measurement; environmental business management; support for Going for Green and the Mersey Basin Business Foundation; and payment to the Meteorological Office for pollution response services.
3. Section B covers expenditure on environmental research and long term monitoring (see Chapter 6 of the Department of the Environment Annual Report 1997 (Cm 3607)).
4. Section C covers expenditure on grant in aid to the Environment Agency (£111.296 million). Further details are given in Cm 3607.
5. Section D provides for grant payments to those affected by pneumoconiosis and dust related diseases; and on advice to employers on health issues affecting the workplace (see Chapter 6 of Cm 3607).
6. Section E covers payments for water supply and sewerage services (except where made to local authorities) and grants towards civil defence and national security measures (see Chapter 6 of Cm 3607).
7. Section F covers grants to local authorities for water supply and sewerage in assisted areas and air quality grants (see Chapter 6 of Cm 3607).
8. Section G provides for grant in aid to the British Waterways Board (£50.89 million) (see Chapter 6 of Cm 3607).
9. Section H is a token section in the event of residual expenditure in connection with the privatisation of the water supply industry being incurred (see Chapter 6 of Cm 3607).
10. Section I provides for grants to local authorities towards notional loan charges on redevelopment schemes, including commutations where schemes are complete (see Chapter 6 of Cm 3607).
11. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.2 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £355.260 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Figure B3 of Cm 3607.
12. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Figure B9 of Cm 3607 and further details of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Figure B10 of Cm 3607.
13. Provision would be sought on the vote for any expenditure arising from the indemnity by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to certain ship owners in respect of any claims by third parties arising from dumping radioactive waste at sea. The extent of the liability is unquantifiable.
14. Control on the payment of grants from the provision on this Vote is exercised by the approval of schemes. In most cases advance payments are made pending audits of final claims. Grant in aid is paid to public corporations as and when required. The vote records payments within the financial year including adjustments in respect of previous years.
15. Administrative costs associated with this Vote are borne on Class VI, Vote 5.
16. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Environmental protection and water

Part I

£343,730,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on the environment, including research, long term monitoring and surveys; support to the environmental protection industry; environmental technology; support for measures to improve energy efficiency and environmental practice; support for measures which improve local environmental quality; support of the aims and implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity; support for the Tidy Britain Group and the National Environmental Technology Centre; smoke control and other improvements in air quality; environmental (including energy efficiency) publicity, promotion and awareness, including support for measures to promote sustainable development; the measurement of radon in premises; grant-in-aid to the Environment Agency, British Waterways Board and UK Ecolabelling Board; water supply and sewerage services including civil defence; the Wash Estuary Trial Bank; grants to voluntary bodies; subscriptions and contributions to international organisations; planning redevelopment; residual services in connection with the privatisation of the water supply industry; compensation for persons disabled by certain industrial diseases; advice and awareness on handling of health issues which arise in the workplace; Going for Green; and pollution emergency response services.

The Department of the Environment will account for this Vote.

Net total	£343,730,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	157,459,000
Balance to complete	186,271,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Environmental protection										
—	45,083	—	17,532	76,060	138,675	310	138,365	142,204	159,033	
★B: Environmental research										
—	28,660	—	—	—	28,660	260	28,400	30,070	33,109	
★C: Environment Agency										
—	98,756	12,540	—	—	111,296	—	111,296	112,980	16,649	
★D: Pneumoconiosis grant and support for awareness of workplace health issues										
—	62	—	6,045	—	6,107	—	6,107	5,845	4,178	
★E: Water services (including civil defence)										
—	172	—	—	5,953	6,125	—	6,125	6,629	6,086	
<i>National Rivers Authority</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58,183	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000										
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government grants to local authorities										
★F: <i>Miscellaneous grants</i>										
—	—	—	67	379	446	—	446	4,581	1,493	
Nationalised industries' external finance										
★G: <i>British Waterways Board</i>										
—	—	—	49,290	1,600	50,890	—	50,890	49,800	49,840	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★H: <i>Water privatisation</i> ●										
—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	4	
I: <i>Planning redevelopment</i> ●										
—	—	—	—	2,100	2,100	—	2,100	3,150	5,283	
Total	—	172,734	12,540	72,934	86,092	344,300	570†	343,730	355,260	333,858

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from a part contribution by DTI towards the UK Ecotlabelling Board, receipts in connection with

environmental publicity and energy efficiency contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys, and payments from customers for research, dissemination of

information, royalties, sales and hire of equipment, and sale of research publications.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000			
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:			
	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. OFWAT: receipt of licence fee ●	9,550	8,783	8,697
2. Environmental protection ●	20	20	—
<i>Environmental protection</i>	—	—	19
<i>Miscellaneous grants</i>	—	—	9
Total	9,570	8,803	8,725

Local government and planning, England

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on sections A to F of this Vote, totalling £30,987,957,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the costs of exchequer grants, contributions, non-domestic rates (NDR), and other payments paid in England by the Department of the Environment to local authorities and other bodies. It is divided into seven sections:
 - Section A:* payments in respect of rating and banding work by the Valuation Office Agency, and the costs of valuation tribunals. Department of the Environment Annual Report (Cm 3607), sections 7.74 to 7.82.
 - Section B:* grant in aid to the Local Government Commission ♦ (£2.855 million), and to the Local Government Residuary Body (£0.150 million). Cm 3607, sections 7.9 to 7.17.
 - Section C:* the local government research programme, publicity, and contributions to the Local Government Management Board joint staffing watch survey. Cm 3607, sections 7.84 to 7.85, 7.88 and 7.99.
 - Section D:* the land use planning and minerals research programmes, including the European Union spatial planning initiative and publicity. Cm 3607, sections 8.27 to 8.28 and 8.37.
 - Section E:* provides for the payment of revenue support grant (RSG) to receiving authorities in England, to specified bodies and to the Commission for Local Administration in England; and for the payment of reorganisation: transitional reduction grant and SSA reduction grants to local authorities in England, under Section 88A and Section 88B respectively of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. Cm 3607, sections 7.16, 7.30 to 7.44 and 7.93 to 7.94.
 - Section F:* provides for the payment of non-domestic rates (NDR) to receiving authorities in England. Cm 3607, sections 7.45 to 7.51.
 - Section G:* provides for repayments of excess contributions to the non-domestic rating pool made by billing authorities in England in 1996-97 and previous years. Cm 3607, section 7.47.
3. Further information on the Department's local government and planning programmes can be found in Chapters 7 and 8 of Cm 3607. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and CFERs on this Vote can be found in Tables B9 and B10 of Cm 3607.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 0.5 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £31,633 million and the forecast outturn for that year of £31,632 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table A3 of Cm 3607.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Local government and planning, England

Part I

£31,487,957,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on payment of revenue support grant and redistributed non-domestic rates to receiving authorities in England; payments to specified bodies and the Commission for Local Administration in England; payments for Valuation Office Agency rating and valuation services; payments to meet the expenses of valuation tribunals; grant in aid to the Local Government Commission and to the Local Government Residuary Body; residual payments of community charge grant; payments under the council tax transitional reduction scheme; payments of SSA reduction grants; payments of reorganisation; transitional reduction grant; emergency financial assistance to local authorities, including payments under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 to authorities affected by terrorism; repayments of excess contributions made by local authorities in respect of non-domestic rates in 1996-97 and previous years; and local government minerals and planning research and publicity, including European Union programmes and contributions to the Local Government Management Board.

The Department of the Environment will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 31,487,957,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	14,234,025,000
Balance to complete	17,253,932,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Valuation services										
—	139,538	400	—	75	140,013	65	139,948	137,659	148,473	
★B: Reorganisation of local government										
—	2,905	100	—	—	3,005	—	3,005	2,464	4,047	
★C: Local government research and surveys										
—	625	—	47	—	672	—	672	847	570	
★D: Planning and minerals research										
—	5,231	—	—	—	5,231	65	5,166	3,767	1,677	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★E: Revenue support grants										
—	—	—	18,812,166	—	18,812,166	—	18,812,166	18,246,270	18,575,416	
★F: Non-domestic rates payments										
—	—	—	12,027,000	—	12,027,000	—	12,027,000	12,736,000	11,354,000	
<i>Council tax transitional reduction grant</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,000	30,379	
<i>Other grants</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,041	45,203	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
G: Non-domestic rates outturn adjustments ●										
—	—	—	500,000	—	500,000	—	500,000	500,000	510,347	
Total	—	148,299	500	31,339,213	75	31,488,087	130†	31,487,957	31,633,048	30,670,112

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from repayments of amounts of loans to purchase cars from employees of valuation tribunals;

contributions from co-sponsors towards the cost of research and surveys and payments from customers for research, dissemination of information, royalties, sales and hire of

equipment and sale of research publications from planning and minerals research.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Valuation services ☐	25	250	28
Council tax transitional reduction grant ☐	—	2,400	8,720
Other grants ☐	—	2,835	2,718
Total	25	5,485	11,466

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

B2 Grant in aid to the Local Government Residuary Body ■	150
C4 Contributions to the Local Government Management Board joint staffing watch ■	47

Department of the Environment: administration

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. Section A includes the budgets managed internally by the nine budget groups within the Department which broadly correspond to a Deputy Secretary or equivalent command (although some Deputy Secretaries are responsible for more than one budget group). Chapter 9 of the Department's Annual Report for 1997 (Cm 3607) provides more information about the budgets and at Figure B5 shows a breakdown of the running cost provision by budget group. Also included is the provision for allied services which was shown separately in the Vote for 1996-97 (under Section F).
3. Section B includes the cost of the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency activities in England and Wales. The costs incurred by the Agency in carrying out work in Wales are reimbursed by the Welsh Office (Class XIV, Vote 3) and the receipts are included under appropriations in aid. Further information is contained in Chapters 8 and 9 of Cm 3607 and in the Agency's own Annual Report.
4. Section C covers the Health and Safety Commission (HSC) which was established in 1974 to help improve the health and safety and welfare of persons at work and to protect the public against risks arising from the activities of people at work. Within HSC's net grant in aid of £175,597,000 there is a gross running cost limit of £154,572,000 which is eligible for end year flexibility and a net running cost limit of nil covering the work of the Health and Safety Laboratory. Further information about the activities of HSC can be found in Chapter 10 of Cm 3607.
5. Section D covers the rent payable for the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency. As mentioned in Chapter 9 of Cm 3607, from 1 April 1997, the Agency operates as a trading fund which will carry the costs of all other activity. Further information about the Agency's performance can be found in its Annual Report.
6. Section E covers expenditure by the PSAS central organisation on residual costs of PSA Services, including the salaries of staff seconded to the privatised former PSAS business. These costs are partially offset by receipts, mainly recoveries of seconded staff salaries from the privatised business and fee receipts.
7. Section F covers the residual costs arising from the privatisation of the former Building Research Establishment Executive Agency.
8. Information about appropriations in aid, extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund and long term capital projects can be found in Appendices B and D of Cm 3607.
9. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 16 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £469.163 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Figure B5 of Cm 3607.
10. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Department of the Environment: administration

Part I

£393,455,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment and its agencies on administration, royal commissioners, committees, etc., by the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency on appeals; grant in aid to the Health and Safety Commission; the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Executive Agency; and the residual functions of PSA Services; and the former Building Research Establishment Executive Agency.

The Department of the Environment will account for this Vote.

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Net total	393,455,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	203,749,000
Balance to complete	189,706,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Central administration										
158,298	1,462	18,846	—	—	178,606	2,319	176,287	235,752	179,909	
★B: Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency										
26,650	1	522	—	—	27,173	6,500	20,673	22,205	24,163	
★C: Health and Safety Commission: grant in aid										
123,610	43,464	8,818	— 295	—	175,597	—	175,597	179,487	180,697	
★D: QEII Conference Centre Executive Agency										
6,400	—	—	—	—	6,400	—	6,400	5,492	6,171	
★E: PSA Services										
14,473	123	—	—	—	14,596	123	14,473	19,553	32,730	
★F: Residual costs of the Former Building Research Establishment Executive Agency										
25	—	—	—	—	25	—	25	4,395	173	
<i>Sale of the Housing Corporation Loan Portfolio</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	954	—	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
<i>Privatisation of Building Research Establishment Executive Agency</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,325	—	
Total	329,456	45,050	28,186	— 295	—	402,197	8,942†	493,445	469,163	423,843

†Amount that may be appropriated in aid in addition to the net total in respect of receipts from running cost services provided to Class VI, Vote 1, to other government departments, local authorities and others, charges made by the

Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency in England and for services in Wales, recoveries of seconded staff salaries, fee receipts and sales of surplus land and buildings by PSA Services, contributions from the European Coal and

Steel Community and Eurotom towards certain expenditure by the HSC and from customers of the QEII Conference Centre Executive Agency.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Administration Φ	50	75	423
2. Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency Φ	190	80	7,613
Health and Safety Commission Φ	—	—	—
Building Research Establishment	—	—	1,053
Miscellaneous	—	12	—
Total	240	167	9,089

Sale of PSA Services businesses

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. Further information about the services covered by the provision in the Vote can be found in Chapter 11 of the Department of the Environment's Annual Report for 1997 (Cm 3607).
3. The Vote covers expenditure related to the PSA Services privatisation programme for which associated administrative costs are borne on Class VI, Vote 5. Expenditure on this Vote is netted off the Government's privatisation programme and does not form part of the control total.
4. Section A provides for expenditure following the privatisation of PSA Projects during 1992.
5. Section B provides for expenditure following the privatisation of the five Building Management businesses during 1993.
6. Expected receipts exceed expenditure by £250,000. Excess receipts will be surrendered to the Consolidated Fund. Further details of appropriations in aid and Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Figures B9 and B10 of Cm 3607.
7. Provision would need to be sought in the Vote for any expenditure arising from the guarantee given by the Government that, in the event of the purchasers being unable to meet staff severance liabilities due to insolvency within five years of the sales of the PSA businesses, it would make up any shortfall in the redundancy payments due to ex-PSA civil servants who had transferred with the businesses. This will, however, be subject to individual redundancy payments not exceeding the amount individuals would have received had they been made redundant at the point of sale, uprated to allow for inflation. The maximum contingent liability arising from this guarantee is unlikely to exceed £17.5 million for PSA Projects and £51.8 million for the five BM businesses. The liability in respect of PSA Projects will cease in December 1997.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Sale of PSA Services businesses

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on the sale of the PSA Services businesses.

The Department of the Environment will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Other expenditure not included in the control total									
★A: Sale of PSA Projects ●									
—	25	—	—	—	25	500	-475	1	3,140
★B: Sale of PSA Building Management businesses ●									
—	3,025	—	—	—	3,025	2,549	476	1	— 3,140
Total	—	3,050	—	—	3,050	3,049†	1	2	—

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the sale of the PSA businesses.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Sale of PSA Building Management businesses ●	285	5,990	11,914
Sale of PSA Projects ●	—	22,390	—
Total	285	28,380	11,914

Office of Water Services

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. This Vote provides for the funding of the Office of Water Services. The Department is headed by the Director General of Water Services who is responsible for ensuring that Water (and Sewerage) companies properly carry out their functions and can finance them. Subject to that he must protect consumers, promote economy and efficiency and facilitate competition. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in chapter 12 of the Department of the Environment's Annual Report 1997 (Cm 3607).
3. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 6.9 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £9,635,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table B7 of Cm 3607.
4. Ofwat is financed by Parliament through licence fees paid to the Consolidated Fund and is subject to cash limits and cost controls.
5. Provision for Consolidated Fund extra receipts for 1995-96 in Part III represent recovery of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's costs incurred as a result of enquiries initiated by water companies following the periodic review of the price limits. Consolidated Fund extra receipts for 1996-97 represent recovery of Monopolies and Mergers Commission's costs and excess appropriations in aid relating to VAT refunds and publications as provided for in the Vote.
6. There are no contingent liabilities on this Vote.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Water Services

Part I

£10,300,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Water Services on administrative and operational costs and the provision of customer representation.

The Office of Water Services will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 10,300,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	4,140,000
Balance to complete	6,160,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Office of Water Services										
10,000	—	310	—	—	10,310	10†	10,300	9,635	9,195	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the sale of publications.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Monopolies and Mergers Commission's costs	—	540	1,129
Excess appropriations in aid of VAT refunds and sale of publications	—	30	—
Total	—	570	1,129

Ordnance Survey

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. Ordnance Survey (OS) is responsible for the official surveying and mapping of Great Britain including geodetic surveys and associated scientific work and topographical "basic scale" surveys at 1:1250 scale in major urban areas, 1:2500 scale in rural areas and 1:10 000 scale in mountain and moorland areas. Maps and data from the basic scale survey are made available to customers. In addition, uniform series of maps at 1:10 000, 1:25 000, 1:50 000, 1:250 000 and 1:625 000 scales are published which cover the whole country.
3. To satisfy user requirements, tourist, leisure, town and other maps are also produced from those at the basic scales. In addition to these mapping tasks, OS undertakes survey and mapping work on a repayment basis for other government departments and public sector bodies, and additionally competes for, and executes, repayment work for private sector clients. Income is also derived from co-publications produced with companies in the private sector. OS also carries out overseas survey and mapping activities principally for the Overseas Development Administration.
4. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of the Vote can be found in Chapter 13 of the Department of the Environment's 1997 Annual Report (Cm 3607). Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Table B8 of Cm 3607.
5. The Vote covers OS running costs and capital expenditure which are partly offset by receipts from the sale of maps, copyright fees and repayment services. Cost recovery targets are included in the OS chapter of Cm 3607.
6. The department's production and development activities are governed by the needs of its customers. The Department assess these needs through professional market research, liaison with local authorities and public utilities, and by regular consultative meetings with those bodies which have a major interest in OS services and products. In taking account of user needs, OS pursues an active commercial policy, ensuring that revenue is maximised so as to reduce the Department's need for Exchequer support.
7. This Vote is subject to net running cost control and the limit for 1997-98 is £3,025,000. It covers OS expenditure on wages and salaries of staff and associated general administrative expenditure. The expenditure is partially offset by running cost related receipts.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 53 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £14.4 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table B8 of Cm 3607.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Ordnance Survey

Part I

£6,759,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Ordnance Survey on the survey of Great Britain and other mapping services.

The **Ordnance Survey** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 6,759,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	4,100,000
Balance to complete	2,659,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Records, registrations and surveys</i>										
73,970	6,337	4,632	—	—	84,939	78,180†	6,759	14,415	14,421	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid arising from sales of maps; copyright fees; public sector services; receipts in respect of seconded staff; VAT recovery from Customs and Excise; and receipts from sale of scrap.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
<i>Surplus receipts of classes authorised to be used as appropriations in aid</i> †	—	—	1,189

Home Office administration, police, probation, immigration and other services, England and Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to H, J, L to N, P to S, U and V of this Vote, totalling £4,729,044,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. These sections provide for Home Office direct expenditure explained in the Home Office 1997 Annual Report (Cm 3608) as follows: on police in Chapter 5, organised and international crime in Chapter 4, the forensic science service in Chapter 7, emergency planning and fire in Chapter 14, central services in Chapter 18, criminal policy and programmes in Chapter 3, 6 & 9, research and statistics in Chapter 17, criminal injuries compensation—administration in Chapter 11, control of immigration and nationality in Chapter 12, issue of passports etc in Chapter 13 and constitutional and community in Chapter 16. They also provide for the payment of certain cash-limited grants to local authorities.
3. Sections I, K, O, T, W and X which are not subject to a cash limit, provide for criminal injuries compensation payments explained in Cm 3608 Chapter 11, superannuation transactions for police officers and firefighters temporarily employed on central support and training duties, firearms compensation and for special grants to police authorities for policing costs arising from the coal strike in 1984–85, and for additional expenditure incurred in respect of certain operations. Provision, outside the control total is also made for specific grants on debt charges in respect of capital expenditure on the police and probation services approved before 1 April 1990.
4. Payments in Sections P to X of the Vote are mainly payments to local authorities of specific grants of approved expenditure on certain demand determined services in the law, order and protective services programme. These payments comprise advances of grant and also grant adjustments for previous years. Advances of emergency planning, probation, ethnic minorities and loan charges grants may be subject to adjustment when final, audited claims have been received.
5. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 3.9 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £4,870 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given in Annex 1 of Cm 3608.
6. Details of subhead breakdown, appropriations in aid, extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund and long term projects can be found in Annexes 7, 8, 9, 10 respectively of Cm 3608.
7. Grant-in-aid provision included as follows: police Section A: the Police Complaints Authority ♥ (£3,503,000); criminal policy and programmes Section F: the Criminal Cases Review Commission ♥ (£5,914,000); Criminal Injuries compensation—administration Section H: the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board ♥ (£9,280,000), Authority ♥ (£13,390,000) and Appeals Panel (£1,770,000); Criminal Injuries Compensation Section I: for the Board ♥ (£87,600,000) and Authority ♥ (£126,680,000); immigration and nationality Section L: grants under Section 23 of the Immigration Act 1971 (£6,794,000); constitutional and community Section N: the Commission for Racial Equality ♥ (£14,680,000), the Gaming Board for Great Britain ♥ (£3,328,000) and the Data Protection Registrar ♥ (£3,657,000).
8. Unquantifiable outstanding contingent liabilities relate to one item in this Vote, acting as insurer of last resort for the secure training centres under the Private Finance Initiative.
9. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Home Office administration, police, probation, immigration and other services, England and Wales

Part I

£5,063,059,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Home Office on police; the Forensic Science Service; emergency planning; fire services (including grants for private finance initiative projects); the Fire Service College; criminal policy and programmes including offender programmes; the prevention of drug abuse; crime prevention and other services related to crime; research; criminal injuries compensation; organised and international crime; control of immigration and nationality (including the employer sanctions helpline); issue of passports; community and constitutional services; firearms compensation and related matters including administration and grants to police authorities under the Firearms Amendment Act 1997; and on administration (excluding the provision for prisons administration carried on Class VII, Vote 2).

The Home Office will account for this Vote.

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Net	5,063,059,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,191,358,000
Balance to complete	2,871,701,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Police										
	84,919	31,018	30,115	—	—	146,052	20,144	125,908	109,761	110,085
★B: Forensic Science Service										
	45,641	— 598	5,038	—	—	50,081	52,927	— 2,846	4,397	— 609
★C: Emergency planning										
	5,174	9,510	71	—	786	15,541	590	14,951	20,200	18,168
★D: Fire										
	6,881	3,036	214	2,032	1	12,164	1,245	10,919	13,915	11,425
★E: Central services										
	76,424	1,040	3,488	—	—	80,952	1,295	79,657	81,730	89,161
★F: Criminal policy and programmes										
	16,959	28,177	332	48,435	18,014	111,917	585	111,332	106,918	89,252

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
★G: Research and statistics										
9,877	1,931	485	—	—	12,293	—	12,293	12,896	14,752	
★H: Criminal injuries compensation—administration										
—	24,440	—	—	—	24,440	3,177	21,263	21,193	17,808	
I: Criminal injuries compensation										
—	—	—	214,280	—	214,280	27,856	186,424	225,078	162,800	
★J: Organised and international crime										
40,580	6,633	5,050	2,346	—	54,609	6,778	47,831	46,789	44,935	
K: Police and fire services superannuation										
—	5,795	—	—	—	5,795	3,145	2,650	3,119	801	
★L: Immigration and nationality										
208,001	14,189	2,482	6,794	—	231,466	5,455	226,011	222,588	205,527	
★M: Passport Agency										
41,662	41	1,463	—	—	43,166	1,029	42,137	52,383	57,438	
★N: Constitutional and community										
6,645	25,048	38	7,337	—	39,068	5,317	33,751	36,405	34,594	
O: Firearms compensation and related costs										
—	107,000	—	—	—	107,000	—	107,000	—	—	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★P: Police: grants										
—	—	—	3,472,631	104,683	3,577,314	—	3,577,314	3,464,197	3,332,339	
★Q: Emergency planning: current grants										
—	—	—	14,457	—	14,457	—	14,457	14,933	15,204	
★R: Probation: grants										
—	—	—	329,200	13,678	342,878	—	342,878	346,760	334,724	
★S: Section 11 (ethnic minorities): grants										
—	—	—	69,878	—	69,878	—	69,878	54,023	51,081	
T: Police current grants outside AEF										
—	—	—	5,552	—	5,552	—	5,552	10,952	64,837	
★U: Probation current grants outside AEF										
—	—	—	810	—	810	—	810	—	—	
★V: Fire current grants outside AEF										
—	—	—	500	—	500	—	500	—	—	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
W: Police loan charges: grants ●										
—	—	—	29,554	—	29,554	—	29,554	17,422	14,556	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
Xi: Probation loan charges: grants ●	—	—	—	2,835	—	2,835	—	2,835	3,027	2,690
Total	542,763	257,260	48,776	4,206,641	137,162	5,192,602	129,543†	5,063,059	4,869,686	4,671,568

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from sale and hire of vehicles, plant, machinery, land and buildings, receipts for rent, accommodation charges, sale of equipment and scrap, receipts for Police service training courses, contributions from Scottish Office Home and Health Department and Northern Ireland Office towards the cost of certain services, receipts from police training repayment services, police examinations board, Police National Computer Organisation repayment services, loan of specialised equipment, police national recruitment sales of forms, repayment of support for Police Dependents' Trust, National Identification Bureau—subject access fees, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary inspections, Superintendents' Association contribution to police negotiating machinery, research repayment services and sub-bureaux contributions to Interpol subscription, receipts from fees for Forensic Science Services to the

police service, other Government Departments and the private sector, recoveries of VAT, Emergency Planning College—receipts for training courses, receipts from loans of fire service emergency equipment, repayment by the Fire Service College of the principal on the capital assets, long and short term loans, recovery of salaries of staff on loan or seconded to outside bodies, receipts for repayment services, payments for information and publications, receipts from the Treasury Solicitor's Department, contributions toward the grants in aid (at 13%) from the Scottish Office Home Department (Class XIII, Vote 5) to Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority and Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, fees for licence for production, supply, possession, import and export of controlled drugs, receipts from European Union, contributions by employees toward police and firefighters pensions, police and

fire services superannuation transfer values received from local authorities, fees for documents of identity: receipts under the Data Protection Act 1984, charges for provision of additional (or special) immigration services, receipts from Hong Kong Government in respect of cost of Home Office staff operating in Hong Kong under the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1990, private telephone calls, vending machines, receipts in connection with the Channel Tunnel, receipts from carrying companies for any expenses incurred in respect of certain persons detailed or liable to be detailed under Immigration Act 1971, receipts and recoveries related to passport search fees, reclaim of cost of blank passports from Foreign and Commonwealth Office, issue of licensing certificates for gaming machines and operators of gaming establishments etc., burial removal fees, royal licences, fees payable to Data Protection Registrar

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Fire ●	1,736	1,743	1,757
2. Immigration and nationality ●	15,670	16,379	16,707
3. Passport Agency ●	63,065	77,000	89,580
4. Constitutional and community ●	1,813	1,855	2,325
Total	82,284	96,977	110,369

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

	£'000
C2 Emergency Planning research programme ■	50
D2 Fire research programme ■	843
D4 Grant to Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association ■	42
Grant to Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents ■	16
F4 Grants to the National Office of Victim Support ■	1,250
Local victim's support schemes ■	10,432
Grant to voluntary organisations in support of experimental projects aimed at diverting the mentally disturbed from the criminal justice system ■	146
G2 For development costs of projects in the areas of crime reduction and the criminal justice system ■	685
External research projects ■	800
British Crime Survey ■	372
J2 Drugs investigation abroad ■	943
N4 Voluntary service grants: reception and settlement of refugees ■	3,313
Grants to assist organisations or projects working to reduce racial disadvantage ■	175
Ethnic minority grants ■	198
T4 Special grants for policing costs ■	2,052

Prisons, England and Wales

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. With effect from 1 April 1993, HM Prison Service for England and Wales became an executive agency of the Home Office.
3. The Vote covers the current and capital costs of prisons in England and Wales (including other costs arising from the detention of prisoners), the Parole Board, transport management, and grants to "Prisoners Abroad". It includes provision for payment to private contractors for the operation of penal establishments, escorting of prisoners and other contracted-out services and for payments for the placement of juveniles in secure accommodation under Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.
4. Expenditure on the Prisons Vote is explained in Chapter 8 of the Home Office Annual Report 1997 (Cm 3608).
5. Section A:—Prisons: operations (public sector) includes the operating costs of directly managed prison establishments, payments for placements in secure accommodation under Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, prisoners' earnings, discharge grants, grants towards the running of prison visitor centres and compensation and ex-gratia payments to inmates, former inmates, staff and members of the public, and the capital costs of the building programme.
6. Section B:—Prisons: operations (contracted-out) covers the costs of major contracted-out operational services such as privately-managed prisons and court escort services.
7. Section C:—Prison service headquarters and central services covers the costs of the headquarters of the Prison Service, including operational directors and area managers and their support teams, and other central provision including prison service colleges, central purchases of some clothing, goods and equipment used in prison establishments, grant-in-aid provision for the Parole Board ♥ (£2,459,000), grants and assistance to voluntary organisations, including NACRO and Prisoners Abroad, compensation and ex-gratia payments and assisted visits for close relatives of inmates.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 7 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,642.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in the cash plans table in Annex 1 of Cm 3608.
9. There was one contingent liability outstanding at 31.3.96, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. This relates to contracts to design, construct, manage and finance new prisons, where the Crown will act as insurer of last resort, and is unquantifiable.
10. Details of subhead breakdown, appropriations in aid and long term capital projects can be found in Annexes 7, 8 and 11 of Cm 3608.
11. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Prisons, England and Wales

Part I

£1,756,845,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Home Office in England and Wales on prisons (including central administration and other costs arising from the detention of prisoners); placements in secure accommodation under Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933; Prison Service colleges; the Parole Board; the storage and maintenance of equipment; transport management; and grants to "Prisoners Abroad".

The Home Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	£	1,756,845,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)		684,752,000
Balance to complete		1,072,093,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Prison operations (public sector)										
1,102,707	74,485	275,053	22,173	—	1,474,418	12,387	1,462,031	1,377,701	1,411,529	
★B: Prison operations (contracted out)										
129,184	—	—	—	—	129,184	—	129,184	109,250	77,432	
★C: Prison service headquarters and central services										
159,058	5,852	2,825	4,566	—	172,301	6,671	165,630	155,365	177,294	
Total	1,390,949	80,337	277,878	26,739	—	1,775,903	19,058†	1,756,845	1,642,316	1,666,255

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from rent and accommodation receipts, income from the sale of waste, private telephone calls, share

of gross profits from inmate canteens and from services purchased by staff, etc, income from advertisements in Prison Service News, receipts from external sales from prison industries and

farms and from the supply of other goods and services, VAT refunds, receipts from the sale and rental of information, publications, land, building, plant, equipment, vehicles and other capital assets.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Prisons: operations (public sector) †	—	—	1,133
Prisons: operations (contracted out) †	—	—	4,677
Prison Service Headquarters and central services †	—	—	3,004
Total	—	—	8,814

Lord Chancellor's Department

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to C, E, G and H of this Vote, totalling £629,628,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the costs of the Lord Chancellor's Department HQ and five associated offices (the Council on Tribunals, Law Commission, Legal Services Ombudsman, Official Solicitor's Department and the Office of the Judge Advocate General), grant-in-aid paid in support of marriage guidance, conciliation and reconciliation, grant-in-aid paid to the Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct and payments to the General Commissioners of Income Tax in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
3. It covers the costs of the Court Service, including fees and salaries paid to some judicial officers and the court building programme. The agency provides administrative support to the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the Crown Court and the county courts of England and Wales and the tribunals for which the Lord Chancellor is responsible (the Banking and Building Societies Appeals tribunal, Immigration Appellate Authorities, Lands Tribunal, Pension Appeal Tribunal, the Office of Social Security Commissioners, the Special Commissioners of Income Tax and the Value Added Tax Tribunal). Expenditure on the civil courts is largely offset by fees which are shown as appropriations in aid.
4. It covers the administration of private monies through the Public Trust Office. The full cost of the Public Trust Office, including the cost of services provided by LCD HQ, is offset by fees and costs recovered.
5. It covers the cost of the legal aid programme, including the administrative grant-in-aid paid to the Legal Aid Board. The Board administers civil legal aid and advice and assistance schemes and pays criminal legal aid bills in the magistrates' courts. Expenditure on criminal legal aid in the higher courts is met directly by the Lord Chancellor's Department.
6. It covers provision for the costs of acquitted defendants, private prosecution costs and witnesses' allowances payable from central funds and specific grants towards the cost of magistrates' courts, which are largely paid in advance of final audited claims.
7. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to H can be found in Chapter A of the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departmental Report Cm 3609. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid and Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Annex A Table 4 of Cm 3609.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.4 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £2,255 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1997-98 by individual function is given in Annex A Table 1 of Cm 3609.
9. The salaries of the higher judiciary and stipendiary magistrates are met direct from the Consolidated Fund. This expenditure, which is estimated at £77 million for 1997-98, is classified as non cash limited current expenditure.
10. There are presently 6 outstanding contingent liabilities where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. They are:

Nature of outstanding liability	Amount at 31.3.97
Share certificates held by the Public Trust Office.	£540,000
Jewellery, silverware and other valuable property held by the Public Trust Office.	£1,500,000
Jewellery and valuables held by the Legal Aid Board.	£367,000
Collection of paintings and drawings at Middlesex Guildhall.	£984,925
Collection of paintings and drawings held at Bristol Crown Court and Judges Lodgings.	£198,160
Collection of paintings and a bronze sculpture held at Truro Combined Court.	£117,500

11. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Lord Chancellor's Department

Part I

£2,223,453,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Lord Chancellor's Department on the Lord Chancellor's Department HQ and associated offices; payments in support of marriage guidance; conciliation and mediation; the Court Service; the Public Trust Office; legal aid in criminal cases; grants to the Legal Aid Fund; costs paid from central funds; the magistrates' courts; and other legal services.

The Lord Chancellor's Department will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,223,453,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	996,860,000
Balance to complete	1,226,593,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Headquarters and associated offices										
51,885	21,233	4,039	4,300	—	81,457	1,299	80,158	81,018	71,987	
★B: Court Service										
356,753	111,988	37,359	—	—	506,100	307,000	199,100	260,679	318,981	
★C: Public Trust Office										
19,116	93	743	—	—	19,952	19,500	452	-75	-2,004	
D: Legal aid										
—	1,561,504	—	—	—	1,561,504	1,479	1,560,025	1,516,927	1,389,256	
★E: Legal aid: administration										
—	50,510	2,446	1,139	—	54,095	—	54,095	51,263	54,900	
F: Costs from central funds										
—	33,800	—	—	—	33,800	—	33,800	32,645	30,512	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★G: Magistrates courts grants										
—	—	—	258,399	18,424	276,823	—	276,823	293,788	303,236	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★H: Magistrates courts grants on loan charges ●										
—	—	—	19,000	—	19,000	—	19,000	19,000	17,780	
Total	427,754	1,779,128	44,587	282,838	18,424	2,552,731	329,278	2,223,453	2,255,245	2,184,648

Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from civil court fees, fees charged by the Public Trust Office and the Court of Protection; recoveries from the National Investment and Loans Office for the cost of administering funds in court; recovery from the investment managers for the

cost of administering the Commons Investment Schemes; fees charged by the Lands Tribunal; recoveries from the National Insurance Fund for the cost of Social Security Commissioners; fees from the Land Registry Trust; fees from nursery facilities and other fees, charges and receipts received; sale of publications; receipts from rents,

service charges and site usage; recovery for magistrates' court accommodation; the disposal of land, buildings and surplus equipment; and contributions paid by legally aided defendants in the higher courts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Magistrates court grants ●	227,181	232,900	241,800
Headquarters and associated offices ☉	—	—	351
Court service ☉	—	—	15,770
Total	227,181	232,900	257,921

Northern Ireland Court Service

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A and B of this Vote, totalling £18,534,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the costs of administering the courts in Northern Ireland, including salaries of staff, construction and maintenance of courthouses, provision of office accommodation and general administrative expenditure. It also provides for the administrative costs of the Pensions Appeal Tribunals, Office of the Social Security Commissioners and payments to the Civil Superannuation Vote. It further provides for grant-in-aid provision for the Law Society of Northern Ireland ♦ (£2,840,000) and grant-in aid for Queen's University ♦ (£31,000). Further details can be found in Chapter B paragraphs 5 to 8 of the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments' departmental report (Cm 3609).
3. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid can be found in Table 7 of Cm 3609. Further details of the Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in the note to table 7 of Cm 3609.
4. The Vote covers payments to solicitors and counsel in respect of civil and criminal legal aid and legal advice and assistance; provision is also made for the cost of jurors and for shorthand writers employed in the higher courts. Anticipated contributions from assisted persons and recoveries of costs and other moneys on behalf of assisted persons are netted against the gross provision. Further details can be found in Chapter B paragraphs 39 to 41 of Cm 3609.
5. The legal aid fund is administered by the Law Society of Northern Ireland which also acts as agent for the Northern Ireland Court Service in making payments in respect of criminal legal aid, being funded monthly on the basis of estimated expenditure. The fund is audited by auditors appointed by the Lord Chancellor. The Comptroller and Auditor General, who also has the right to audit the fund, examines the annual statement of accounts and, after certification, lays a copy of it together with his report before Parliament.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 14 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £50.2 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3609.
7. Direct expenditure from the Consolidated Fund on the salaries and pensions of the judiciary in Northern Ireland is estimated at £3.966 million in 1997-98. This expenditure is classified as public expenditure (current) and is not included in this Vote,
8. There are presently no outstanding contingent liabilities where any costs arising would be met from the Vote.
9. Details of long-term capital projects can be found in Table 9 of Cm 3609.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Northern Ireland Court Services

Part I

£42,799,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Court Service on court services; other legal services; accommodation services; and legal aid.

The Northern Ireland Court Service will account for this Vote.

Net total	£42,799,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	19,701,000
Balance to complete	23,098,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Court and other legal services	16,985	1,845	—	2,871	—	21,701	10,712	10,989	9,214	9,733
★B: Accommodation services	1,795	—	5,750	—	—	7,545	—	7,545	13,201	15,234
C: Legal aid and other court services	—	24,265	—	—	—	24,265	—	24,265	27,797	26,413
Total	18,780	26,110	5,750	2,871	—	53,511	10,712†	42,799	50,212	51,380

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from court fees paid by litigants in civil proceedings

together with recoveries from the National Insurance Fund for the costs of the Office of Social Security Commissioners and other fees

and receipts received. Contributions paid by legally aided defendants are netted off gross expenditure.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Court Services ●	5,500	5,100	6,202

Public Record Office

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Public Record Office is an executive agency. The Vote covers the cost of maintaining its two record repositories, a payment to the British Film Institute for the preservation and storage of government films and the microfilming of documents for essential conservation purposes. Copies of documents are also provided for sale to the public, the cost of the service being offset by fees received. In 1997-98 a key priority will be the Archives Direct 2001 project, which will develop and implement ways of accessing the records by electronic means in response to public demand, within the Office and around the world.
3. The Office successfully completed a major capital project, within budget and on time, in the construction of a new building at Kew (NewPRO).
4. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Chapter C paragraph 11 of the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments' departmental report (Cm 3609). Details of appropriations in aid can be found in Table 1, Chapter C of Cm 3609.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 29 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £32.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in the table in Chapter C of Cm 3609.
6. An explanatory table which gives more information about the long term capital project to construct the new building at Kew is to be found in Cm 3609.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Public Record Office

Part I

£23,286,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Public Record Office on administration and operational costs.

The **Public Record Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 23,286,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	14,201,000
Balance to complete	9,085,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z- Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Records, registrations and surveys</i>										
23,536	—	1,250	—	—	24,786	1,500†	23,286	32,593	40,428	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from charges for the sale of copies of documents; sale of publications and other items; and professional fees.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
<i>Records, registration and surveys</i> ●	—	—	362

The Crown Prosecution Service

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Section A of this Vote, totalling £220,083,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers running costs, capital costs and operational costs incurred by the Crown Prosecution Service in England and Wales. Included in Section A are the costs of an average of 5,845 legal and administrative staff, capital costs and other running costs.
3. Crown prosecutions and legal services (Section B) include counsel fees, professional and other charges in connection with the confiscation of the proceeds of crime, witness expenses, associated prosecution costs and costs awarded against the Crown Prosecution Service.
4. The Service, headed by the Director of Public Prosecutions, is responsible for the conduct of all criminal proceedings on behalf of the police services in England and Wales. Further details of expenditure on Section A and B can be found in Chapter E of the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officer's Departmental Report (Cm 3609).
5. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in Chapter E, table 6 of Cm 3609.
6. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 5.7 per cent lower than the final provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £299,916,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 is given by individual function in Chapter E, table 2 of Cm 3609.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

The Crown Prosecution Service

Part I

£282,941,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Crown Prosecution Service on administrative costs, including the hire of private prosecuting agents; Crown prosecutions; and in connection with the confiscation of the proceeds of crime.

The **Director of Public Prosecutions** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 282,941,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	115,000,000
Balance to complete	167,941,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
217,435	—	3,559	—	—	220,994	911	220,083	225,772	230,487	
B: Crown prosecutions and legal services										
—	82,858	—	—	—	82,858	20,000	62,858	74,144	65,515	
Total	217,435	82,858	3,559	—	303,852	20,911†	282,941	299,916	296,002	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the recovery of costs from private tenants in jointly occupied buildings, leased cars and costs awarded to the CPS in court.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	—	—	244
Crown prosecution and legal services ●	—	—	1,460
Total	—	—	1,704

Serious Fraud Office

Introduction

1. Expenditure in Section A totalling £9,760,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the running costs, capital costs and operational costs incurred by the Serious Fraud Office. Included are the costs for SFO staff, fees to counsel and outside accountants, witness expenses, use of information technology to improve the presentation of evidence, other investigation and prosecution costs and defendants' costs ordered by the court to be paid by the SFO.
3. Further details of the expenditure of the SFO can be found in Chapter F paragraph 2 of the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments Departmental Report (Cm 3609).
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 6.3 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £16,988,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 2 Cm 3609.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Serious Fraud Office

Part I

£15,917,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Serious Fraud Office on administration, investigation and prosecution costs.

The **Director of Serious Fraud Office** will account for this Vote.

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Net total	15,917,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	7,510,000
Balance to complete	8,407,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration										
9,350	—	410	—	—	9,760	—	9,760	10,403	10,705	
B: Investigation and prosecutions										
—	6,258	—	—	—	6,258	101	6,157	6,585	6,621	
Total	9,350	6,258	410	—	16,018	101†	15,917	16,988	17,326	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the costs awarded to the SFO.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	—	—	59

HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Section A of the Vote, totalling £7,003,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the administration costs (Section A) of the Department of the Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency, the Government Property Lawyers' Agency and the Legal Secretariat to the Law Officers. These include running costs, capital expenditure, the salaries of two Ministers of the Crown and VAT payments to HM Customs & Excise. Further details of the department's administration costs are provided in Chapter G of the Departmental Report for the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments (Cm 3609).
3. This Vote also covers the operational costs (Section B) of the Department of the Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency and the Government Property Lawyers' Agency. Operational costs arise on the provision of legal services (for example litigation, conveyancing and legal advice) to government departments. These services are provided on a repayment basis. The principal areas of expenditure are adverse costs, counsel fees, expert witnesses and solicitor agents. Further details of the department's operational costs are provided in Chapter G of Cm 3609.
4. Further information about the Government Property Lawyers' Agency and associated expenditure is given in the Agency's Annual Report (HC 445).
5. A breakdown of appropriations in aid, £23,379,000 (Section A) and £16,485,000 (Section B), which cover charges for legal and administrative services, charges for bona vacantia work and recovery of costs from private tenants in jointly occupied buildings, is contained in Chapter G of Cm 3609.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 0.25 per cent less than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £8,539,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Chapter G of Cm 3609.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor

Part I

£8,518,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, the Treasury Solicitor's Department Agency, the Government Property Lawyers' Agency and the Legal Secretariat to the Law Officers on administration and costs for fees for legal and related services.

The **Solicitor to the Treasury** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 8,518,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	5,123,000
Balance to complete	3,395,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z-Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
25,742	4,140	500	—	—	30,382	23,379	7,003	7,023	3,639	
B: Operational costs										
—	18,000	—	—	—	18,000	16,485	1,515	1,516	3,140	
Total	25,742	22,140	500	—	48,382	39,864†	8,518	8,539	6,779	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from charges for legal and administrative services provided, from charges for bona vacantia work and from recovery of costs for private tenants in jointly occupied buildings.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ₤	—	—	255
Operational costs ₤	—	753	467
Total	—	753	722

The Crown Office, Scotland and Lord Advocate's Department

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. It provides for the running costs associated with the review and prosecution of crime in Scotland, certain other legal services and the supervision of charities. It also provides for certain non-administrative costs incurred by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service on the prosecution of crime in Scotland. These costs relate mainly to witness fees and expenses and the provision of medical expertise, laboratory tests etc.
3. More detail can be found in Chapter H, paragraphs 1 to 13 within the Departmental Report for the Lord Chancellor's and Law Officers' Departments (Cm 3609). (Crown Office Cash Plans: Tables 1 and 2; Crown Office Long term projects: Table 4). Details of appropriations in aid can be found in paragraph 14 of Cm 3609 and details of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in paragraph 15 of Cm 3609.
4. The Vote also includes provision for grant in aid to certain Scottish Universities (£1,509,000) which undertake post mortem examinations on behalf of the Crown. This grant represents an agreed share of the salary and overhead costs of the Universities' staff engaged on the work.
5. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 5.7 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £48,070,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given in Table 1 of Cm 3609.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

The Crown Office, Scotland and Lord Advocate's Department

Part I

£45,337,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Crown Office and Lord Advocate's Department on administrative costs, including fees paid to temporary Procurators Fiscal, and on witnesses expenses and other costs associated with Crown prosecutions.

The Crown Agent will account for this Vote.

Net total	£45,337,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	20,597,000
Balance to complete	24,740,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
43,565	—	369	1,509	—	45,443	106†	45,337	48,070	46,435	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from fees charged for administering the estates of persons who die intestate and without known heirs (Ultimus Haeres); sale of Statute Amendments; and receipts from the sale of waste paper and obsolete office machinery.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	11,000	10,500	11,392

Department for Education and Employment: programmes and central services

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, C to F, H to M, O, Q and S to U of this Vote, totalling £9,404,771,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for expenditure by the Department for Education and Employment in pursuit of its objectives as reflected in the section headings. It also provides for administrative expenditure by the department in implementing its programmes and on central services including support for the Employment Service.
3. Further information on the targets and performance of programmes covered by the Vote is in the Department for Education and Employment Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3610). Expenditure in Sections A, B, Q and R of the Vote is explained in Chapter 1 of Cm 3610; Sections C and S in Chapter 2; Section D in Chapter 3; Section E in Chapter 4; Sections F and G in Chapter 5; Sections H and T in Chapter 6; Section I in Chapter 7; Section J in Chapter 8; Section K in Chapter 9; Sections L, M, N, and U in Chapter 10; Sections O and P include other central functions and running costs, further details of which are in Chapter 11 and Annex E of Cm 3610.
4. Payments on account on the basis of uncertified claims will be made periodically as required to the organisations covered by this Vote and charged to the subheads at the time of issue. Any necessary adjustments will be made in subsequent net payments of grant and irrespective of financial years. These organisations will be required to submit audited statements of accounts.
5. This Vote includes net expenditure comprising agency payments to local authorities and non-Exchequer bodies for education, training and employment projects assisted by the European Social Fund less receipts from the EU to meet such payments. Table 10.1 of Cm 3610 provides details of this expenditure and EU receipts.
6. The Vote also includes provision for a number of grant-in-aid funded bodies, details of which are given in Annex G of Cm 3610. The long term projects table can be found in Annex D of Cm 3610.
7. The contingent liabilities which would fall to be met from this Vote are set out in Chapter 11 of Cm 3610.
8. The Department's forecasts of Consolidated Fund extra receipts in Part III assume that, of the amounts for gross loan financing set out in Chapter 1, paragraph 1.123 of Cm 3610, £89.6 million will ultimately be unrecoverable as a result of statutory provision for loans to be cancelled due to long term deferment or death and that a further £60.5 million will be irrecoverable due to borrowers defaulting on their repayments. Further details of Consolidated Fund extra receipts can be found in Annex I of Cm 3610.
9. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 4.9 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £12,509,986,000. A breakdown of expenditure for 1991-92 to 1999-00 is given in Annex A of Cm 3610.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to the booklet.

Department for Education and Employment: programmes and central services

Part I

£11,893,243,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department for Education and Employment on grant-maintained schools and schools conducted by Education Associations; voluntary and special schools; the Assisted Places Scheme; the provision of education for under-fives; City Colleges and other specialist schools; music and ballet schools; direct grant schools; the school curriculum and its assessment; the youth service and other educational services and initiatives; careers guidance and services; payments for or in connection with teacher training; higher and further education provision and initiatives; loans to students, student awards and other student grants and their administration; the payment of access funds; reimbursement of fees for qualifying European Community students; compensation payments to teachers and staff of certain institutions; expenditure on other central government grants to local authorities; the provision of training and assessment programmes for young people and adults; initiatives to improve training and qualifications arrangements and access to these; the promotion of enterprise and the encouragement of self employment; payments for education, training and employment projects assisted by the European Union and refunds to the European Union; help for unemployed people; the promotion of equal opportunities and co-ordination of certain issues of particular importance to women; the payment of certain fees to the Home Office; the Department's own administration and research and that of Capita; information and publicity services; expenditure via Training and Enterprise Councils and amounts retained by them as surpluses and spent by them on training and other initiatives within their articles and memoranda of association.

The **Department for Education and Employment** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 11,893,243,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	5,621,520,000
Balance to complete	6,271,723,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: To enable children, young people and adults achieve skills and qualifications at the highest standard of which they are capable and to ensure progress towards the National Targets for Education and Training	—	72,537	—	7,219,424	72,648	7,364,609	1,810	7,362,799	6,633,188	6,627,378
B: To enable children, young people and adults achieve skills and qualifications at the highest standard of which they are capable and to ensure progress towards the National Targets for Education and Training	—	—	—	964,000	928,813	1,892,813	1,401,000	491,813	1,803,663	1,628,367
★C: To equip young people for the responsibilities of adult life and the world of work	—	255,072	—	15,862	—	270,934	—	270,934	259,181	185,668
★D: To encourage lifetime learning so that people can use their skills and knowledge to compete effectively in a changing labour market	—	—	—	20,730	—	20,730	188	20,542	19,270	21,111
★E: To develop a coherent framework of high quality national qualifications for all ages reflecting both academic and vocational achievement	—	—	—	70,974	—	70,974	—	70,974	67,018	71,946
★F: To promote the advancement of understanding and knowledge across all subjects, including through the support of high quality research	—	—	—	24,709	—	24,709	—	24,709	23,956	23,696
G: To promote the advancement of understanding and knowledge across all subjects, including through the support of high quality research	—	—	—	4,020	—	4,020	—	4,020	4,034	4,304
★H: To enhance choice, diversity and excellence in education and training	—	13,701	—	2,258,062	151,238	2,423,001	1,800,291	622,710	468,888	402,954
★I: To provide a framework to encourage employers to invest in the skills needed for competitive business	—	30,903	—	46,449	—	77,352	7	77,345	98,622	85,450
★J: To help unemployed people into work	—	207,522	—	231,459	—	438,981	—	438,981	473,526	504,306
★K: To promote equality of opportunity in education, training and at work with regard to gender, race, disability and age, and to further women's issues more generally	—	7,939	—	4,100	—	12,039	—	12,039	15,625	23,793
★L: To pursue the government's aims for employment and for education and training in the European Union and more widely	—	—	—	24,205	364	24,569	1,365	23,204	22,745	23,348
★M: To pursue the government's aims for employment and for education and training in the European Union and more widely (net)	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—
N: To pursue the government's aims for employment and for education and training (including education and training exports) in the European Union and more widely	—	—	—	340	—	340	—	340	1,518	1,453
★O: Activities to support all objectives	255,174	20,250	15,709	820	—	291,953	8,908	283,045	404,152	432,094
P: Activities to support all objectives	—	—	—	5,970	—	5,970	—	5,970	6,497	6,590
Central government grants to local authorities										
★Q: To enable children, young people and adults to achieve skills and qualifications at the highest standard of which they are capable and to ensure progress towards the National Targets for Education and Training	—	—	—	173,773	7,962	181,735	—	181,735	172,864	153,248
R: To enable children, young people and adults to achieve skills and qualifications at the highest standard of which they are capable and to ensure progress towards the National Targets for Education and Training	—	—	—	1,986,329	—	1,986,329	—	1,986,329	2,007,609	2,107,103
★S: To equip young people for the responsibilities of adult life and world of work	—	—	—	4,872	—	4,872	—	4,872	21,485	118,481
★T: To enhance choice, diversity and excellence in education and training	—	—	—	10,880	—	10,880	—	10,880	6,143	2,452

Part II		Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>							£'000	
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers							
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital	Gross total	Z. Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96	
			1		1		1	1		
Total	255,174	607,924	15,709	13,066,980	1,161,025	15,106,812	3,213,569†	11,893,243	12,509,986	12,423,742

★U: To pursue the government's aim for employment and for education and training (including education and training exports) in the European Union and more widely (net)

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from repayments of working capital loans; sale of National Training Awards mementoes; refunds by TECs in respect of premises costs; repayment of career development loans; recovery of salaries, etc. from seconded staff; receipts from careers service conferences; receipts relating to Skills Training Agency properties; receipts from outside organisations (including the EU) in respect of advertising and publicity activities and materials; receipts from the EU in respect of a follow up survey; general administration receipts; sale of surplus equipment; recoupment from local authorities of annual maintenance grant for grant-maintained schools and school conducted by education associations; receipts from the Education Assets Board and from the repayment of loans to the Funding Agency for Schools; receipts from the sale of student loan debt; repayment of grants overpaid to voluntary aided and special schools in previous years, including repayment of sale; and the repayment of discretionary loans paid under section 105 of the Education Act 1944; rent income from three domestic properties on the estate of the European School at Culham, Oxfordshire; contributions from other government departments and other sources towards the costs of research and miscellaneous services and projects.

Part III		Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund			£'000
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:					
		1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	
1.	To enable children, young people and adults to achieve skills and qualifications at the highest standard of which they are capable and to ensure progress towards the National Targets for Education and Training ☐	73,820	68,520	53,546	
2.	To pursue the government's aim for employment and for education and training in the European Union and more widely ☐	272,801	466,500	187,854	
	To enable children, young people and adults to achieve skills and qualifications at the highest standard of which they are capable and to ensure progress towards the National Targets for Education and Training ●	—	17,250	8,754	
Total		346,621	552,270	250,154	

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

L4 Joint United States/United Kingdom educational commission (Fulbright Commission) ■ 413

Teachers' superannuation, England and Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit and is not included in the control total.
2. The Vote provides for the payments of pensions and lump sum benefits to persons covered by the Teachers' Superannuation (England and Wales) Scheme (TSS). The rules of the scheme are contained in the Teachers' Superannuation (Consolidation) Regulations 1988. The scheme applies mainly to teachers employed in schools in England and Wales and their dependants. Provision is made for the refund of contributions to early leavers, and for the payment of and receipt of transfer payments in respect of teachers moving out of and into employment covered by the scheme. The Vote also includes the increases payable in accordance with the Annual Review Orders made under section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 and section 109 of the Pensions Schemes Act 1993. Further details of the expenditure on this Vote can be found in Chapter 15 of the Department for Education and Employment Departmental Report 1997, Cm 3610.
3. The TSS is notionally funded. Part of its income consists of actual receipts, e.g. contributions from employers and employees, transfer payments from other superannuation schemes, etc. These are appropriated in aid of this Vote to meet expenditure on benefits, although in practice there need be no correspondence between receipts and expenditure.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 30 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,473,333,000.
5. Benefits and contributions are carried to a statutory account and valued quinquennially by the Government Actuary. The deficiency revealed as at 31 March 1991 was £1,252 million and this falls to be met by the employers over a period of 40 years.
6. The Vote also contains provisions for premature retirement compensation payments made on behalf of employers (where the Department for Education and Employment is not the compensating authority) and for the recovery of the costs of these payments from employers.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Teachers' superannuation, England and Wales

Part I

£1,922,005,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department for Education and Employment on superannuation allowances and gratuities, etc, in respect of teachers, and the widows, widowers, children and dependants of deceased teachers; and for premature retirement compensation payments made to members of the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme and on behalf of their employers.

The Department for Education and Employment will account for this Vote.

Net total	£
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,922,005,000
Balance to complete	619,349,000
	1,302,656,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
A: Pensions and associated payments ●										
—	—	—	3,695,658	—	3,695,658	1,773,683†	1,922,005	1,473,333	1,186,360	
†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from employees and employers superannuation contributions; transfer values received; deductions from returns of			superannuation contributions towards payment in lieu of graduated national insurance contributions equivalent premiums; recovery of contributions equivalent premiums from the state pension scheme; amounts received from			employers of teachers' scheme members in reimbursement of the costs of premature retirement compensation payments on their behalf by Capita.				

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
<i>Pensions and associated payments ●</i>	—	—	50

Employment Service

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for expenditure on: assessing whether people who are unemployed meet the labour market conditions for receipt of the Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and helping them, as well as people with disabilities, into work through a network of Jobcentres where details of job vacancies are available and advisory services provided; a range of programmes designed to improve individuals' prospects of obtaining employment; grants towards supported employment; and the administration of the Employment Service. Expenditure on certain elements of JSA which the Employment Service delivers on behalf of the Benefits Agency and which are covered by a service level agreement, is received as an appropriation in aid from the Department of Social Security (Class XII, Vote 3). Further information about the activities for which the expenditure in Sections A and B is incurred can be found in Chapter 8 of the Department for Education and Employment Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3610).
3. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 9 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,269,424,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 9.1 of Cm 3610.
4. There is an unquantifiable contingent liability on this Vote in respect of the legal responsibility that the Secretary of State for Education and Employment has as sole guarantor of Remploy Limited. The liability is secured by an all monies debenture. For 1997-98 the grant in aid to Remploy Limited is just over £94 million, with a facility for temporary loans to a maximum of an additional £5 million.
5. Long term capital projects covered by this Vote are shown in Annex D of Cm 3610 and details of Consolidated Fund extra receipts are shown in Annex I of Cm 3610.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Employment Service

Part I

£1,155,101,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Employment Service of the Department for Education and Employment on measures to help people, particularly people who are unemployed and people with disabilities, into work; the elements of the delivery of the Jobseeker's Allowance undertaken by the Employment Service; the payment of grants to voluntary bodies and local authorities towards the provision of supported employment; a grant in aid and the provision of a temporary loan facility to Remploy Limited; the administration of, and where appropriate the payment of allowances to people participating in, employment programmes, including pilot programmes and new measures to help people into work; assistance to eastern Europe on labour market issues; European Employment Services on behalf of the European Commission; research; publicity; and administration.

The **Department for Education and Employment: Employment Service** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,155,101,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	580,040,000
Balance to complete	575,061,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: To help unemployed people into work										
	801,576	124,317	31,000	176,560	18,867	1,152,320	32,461	1,119,859	1,234,132	1,377,843
Central government grants to local authorities										
★B: To help unemployed people into work										
	—	—	—	32,347	2,895	35,242	—	35,242	35,292	33,626
Total	801,576	124,317	31,000	208,907	21,762	1,187,562	32,461†	1,155,101	1,269,424	1,411,469

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from the recovery from the Department of Social Security of the cost of work done on behalf of the Benefits Agency; the recovery of the costs of administering Training for Work allowance payments in Scotland and Wales; property

disposals; rent and similar receipts; the Employment Service (ES) private mileage scheme; sale of surplus equipment; recovery of salary costs of ES staff seconded to other organisations; recovery from the European Commission of the costs of work on European Employment Services (EURES); the ES

Revenue Generation Scheme; work undertaken on labour market issues in eastern Europe; receipts from sponsors of supported placements in the ES; repayment of temporary loans by Remploy Limited; sale of Remploy Limited capital assets; and the recovery of excess payments made on ES employment measures.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
To help unemployed people into work †	27,000	16,000	13,879

Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (OHMCI) was established on 1 September 1992 under the Education (Schools) Act 1992 (now the School Inspections Act 1996) and conducts business under the name of OFSTED (Office for Standards in Education). Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI) has a general responsibility to keep the Secretary of State for Education and Employment informed about the quality, standards and financial efficiency of schools; the quality and standards of funded nursery education, or nursery education under consideration for funding; and the development of pupils within those institutions. HMCI's remit also includes giving advice, inspecting and reporting on matters relating to education in general and on issues or institutions as requested by the Secretary of State; running the system of inspection of schools and nursery providers in England by registered inspectors; and other functions as required by the Secretary of State. Other duties are specified in the School Inspections Act 1996, the Further and Higher Education Act 1992, the Education Acts 1993 and 1994 and the Nursery Education and Grant Maintained Schools Act 1996. Subject to Parliamentary approval of the Education Bill 1997, HMCI will also be responsible for the inspection of Local Education Authorities (LEAs). £0.4 million of the grant is therefore subject to the passage of legislation and will not be used for the new service nor for any other purpose until the enabling legislation has been enacted, or in the event of the legislation not passing into law, further authority has been obtained from Parliament.
3. The Vote covers the OHMCI's administration expenditure, which includes the provision of advice to the Department for Education and Employment and other departments, and the publication of reports and advice on best practice; and inspection expenditure, which includes payment under contract for the inspection of schools and nursery providers by registered inspectors and teams, provision of publicity material to parents and schools, commissioned research relevant to OHMCI's responsibilities and running invitation conferences.
4. Expenditure contained in the Vote is explained in Chapter 17 of the Department for Education and Employment Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3610).
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 22.7 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £122.667 million.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England

Part I

£150,503,000†

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England on administration and inspection, including the inspection of nursery education.

The Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England will account for this Vote.

Net total	£150,503,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	60,000,000
Balance to complete	90,503,000

†£0.4 million of the grant is subject to passage of the Education Bill currently before Parliament.

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z. Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration and inspection										
32,330	118,313	610	—	—	151,253	750†	150,503	122,667	82,140	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoveries of the cost of staff seconded out to

other bodies; costs of services provided to departmental, non-departmental, public and other bodies; sale and use of official cars and

equipment, sale of publications, registration fees, and charges for training of inspectors other than OHMCI staff.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration and inspection ●	1	1	87

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

A2 Invitation conferences ■

£'000

100

Department of National Heritage: programme expenditure and administration

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The vote covers grant-in-aid and grant expenditure by the Department of National Heritage on support to museums and galleries, libraries, arts, sport, national heritage, tourism and media; expenditure by the Historic Royal Palaces Agency and the Royal Parks Agency; expenditure by the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Royal Commission on Historic Monuments in England and the Royal Fine Art Commission; expenditure on services related to the national heritage; and the running costs of the Department of National Heritage.
3. Details of expenditure, including grants-in-aid, are contained in the Department of National Heritage Report 1997 (Cm 3611); for Section A, see pages 22 and 88 to 104; for Section B, see pages 28 and 105 to 108; for Section C, see pages 32 and 109 to 112; for Section D, see pages 37 and 113 to 118; for Section E, pages 41 and 119 to 127; for Section F, pages 48 and 49; for Section G, page 50; for Section H, pages 51 to 54 and page 130; for Section I, pages 55, 131 and 132; for Section J, pages 60 and 133 to 142; for Sections K and L, see pages 1 and 76 to 83.
4. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in the relevant table on pages 158 and 159 of Cm 3611.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 10.2 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £965.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in the cash plans table of Cm 3611.
6. Indemnities have been granted by the Secretary of State for the National Heritage under the National Heritage Act 1980. The maximum total indemnity liability in 1997-98 is £2,043 million. A breakdown of the indemnities can be found on page 156 of Cm 3611.
7. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Department of National Heritage: programme expenditure and administration

Part I

£866,330,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of National Heritage on payments in the support of national and other museums and galleries; for the Government Indemnity Scheme; to the Inland Revenue for assets accepted in lieu of tax; in the support of the British Library and other library institutions and services; to the Arts and Sports Councils and for other arts and sports bodies and schemes; to Royal Palaces and Parks; to the Royal Armouries; for historic buildings, ancient monuments, certain public buildings and the national heritage; for the promotion of tourism and European Regional Development Fund projects; to film bodies and projects; to the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority and for certain broadcasting services and schemes including the expenses on the privatisation of the BBC transmission services; for related research, surveys and other services; for central administration costs; and for commemorative services.

The **Department of National Heritage** will account for this Vote.

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Net total	866,330,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	426,942,000
Balance to complete	439,388,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z. Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Museums and galleries	—	186,049	17,297	7,666	—	211,012	—	211,012	213,898	227,619
★B: Libraries	—	84,364	11,488	7,519	—	103,371	—	103,371	121,155	171,399
★C: Arts	—	14,210	—	180,720	—	194,930	5	194,925	195,030	200,173
★D: Sport	—	17,784	—	22,060	10,250	50,094	—	50,094	51,611	53,965
★E: Historic buildings, monuments and sites	—	98,842	5,123	47,325	—	151,290	3,351	147,939	160,798	169,783
★F: Historic Royal Palaces Agency	11,173	18,175	14,594	—	—	43,942	34,925	9,017	12,745	4,232
★G: Royal Parks Agency	8,141	16,704	3,332	—	—	28,177	6,477	21,700	23,244	24,701
★H: Voluntary organisations, volunteering and community development	—	79	—	16,244	346	16,669	—	16,669	17,421	13,588

Part II		Subhead detail (continued)									£'000
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers								
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96		
★I: Tourism	44,931	185	—	—	45,116	14	45,102	45,786	44,671		
★J: Broadcasting and media	25,006	439	17,414	1,025	43,884	1,027	42,857	98,200	97,877		
★K: Research and other services	1,013	—	—	—	1,013	—	1,013	765	488		
★L: Central administration	21,950	1	928	—	22,879	248	22,631	21,774	20,158		
Commemorative services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,364		
Central government grants to local authorities											
<i>Payments to cover shortfall in EU receipts for local authority projects completed under closed ERDF programmes</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,732	—		
Other expenditure not included in the control total											
<i>Privatisation of BBC Transmission services ●</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—		
Total	41,264	507,158	53,386	298,948	11,621	912,377	46,047†	866,330	965,277	1,032,018	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in-aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts by the Government Art Collection from sale of prints, hire of transparencies, copyright fees etc; receipts from the National Heritage Lottery Fund to the Royal Commission for Historical Manuscripts for assessment work; admission fees to Windsor Castle precincts; recovery of maintenance and service costs of certain historic buildings and monuments; recovery of ceremonial costs; fees and charges for licences and receipts from concessionaires and sponsors; recovery of VAT on ex-PSA services for the works programme of the Royal Estate; receipts from sales,

licences, rents and related receipts from Historic Royal Palaces open to the public; VAT refunds; Royal Parks Agency fees and charges for licences, rents, gardening services, sports charges, unclaimed lost property, sponsorship and receipts for private use of telephones; recoveries of VAT on contracted out services; Royal Commission on Historical Monuments income from sale of photographs; royalty payments for the use of material from the National Monuments Record; sponsorship for projects and grants from non-governmental sources; receipts from sales of published material by the Royal Fine Art Commission; repayment of grants from

hotel industry and tourist projects; repayment of loans in connection with film development projects; payments by the BBC, ITC and Radio Authority to meet costs of the Broadcasting Standards Commission; fees for self help TV transmission licences; repayment of Radio Authority Loan; EU receipts and receipts from the National Lottery Distribution Fund to meet the cost of its administration by the Department of National Heritage; proceeds from the disposal by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service of properties held for the Crown.

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
1. Museums and galleries ●	5	5	5
2. Libraries ●	851	1,006	992
3. Sport ●	9	9	9
4. Media ●	15	2	48
<i>Historic buildings, monuments and sites ●</i>	—	—	5
<i>Central administration</i>	—	—	312
Total	880	1,022	1,371

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Acc:

	£'000
C2 Arts Council of England ■	62,075
C4 Arts Council of England ■	124,025
D4 Chess ■	49
E4 Underwater Archaeology ■	255
E4 Art to architecture ■	105
E4 Heritage Grant Fund ■	546
H4 Assistance to certain national organisations working in the voluntary sector or to promote voluntary activity or community development and to support innovatory projects etc ■	10,270
H4 National Council for Voluntary Organisations ■	851
H4 Women's Royal Voluntary Services ■	5,202
H5 Women's Royal Voluntary Service ■	346

Department of National Heritage: home broadcasting

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the Department of National Heritage's payments to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) to finance television and sound broadcasting within the United Kingdom. The 1997-98 provision is calculated on the basis of estimated gross licence revenue less Department of National Heritage and National Audit Office costs (borne on Class X, Vote 1, Section L) and the cost of work carried out by the Radiocommunications Agency on behalf of the Department of National Heritage (borne on Class X, Vote 1, Section J). The payment is subject to any necessary inter-year adjustment if actual and estimated receipts differ. Expenditure is explained on page 61 of the Department of National Heritage Report 1997 (Cm 3611).
3. Further details of extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund can be found on page 61 of Cm 3611.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 2.8 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £1,930 million and 3.2 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £1,923 million.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of National Heritage: home broadcasting

Part I

£1,984,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of National Heritage on payments to the British Broadcasting Corporation for home broadcasting; and payments to the Independent Television Commission.

The **Department of National Heritage** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,984,000,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	868,500,000
Balance to complete	1,115,500,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Other expenditure not included in the control total									
<i>A: British Broadcasting Corporation ●</i>									
—	—	—	1,984,000	—	1,984,000	—	1,984,000	1,930,000	1,823,070

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
British Broadcasting Corporation and Independent Television Commission ●	1,984,100	1,923,100	1,838,459

Office of the National Lottery

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Office of the National Lottery (OFLOT) was set up under the National Lottery, etc Act 1993. The Director General of the National Lottery is responsible for issuing licences for the operation of the National Lottery and regulating the National Lottery.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in the Vote together with details of the operation and work of OFLOT can be found on pages 89 and 90 of the Department of National Heritage Report 1997 (Cm 3611).
4. Provision is made for the staff, accommodation and other costs. A sum equal to the net provision required will be paid from the operator's licence fee and from the National Lottery Distribution Fund to the Consolidated Fund as extra receipts (see Part III of the Estimate).
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is the same as the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £2.5 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1995-96 by individual function is given in the cash plans table of Cm 3611.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of the National Lottery

Part I

£2,500,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of the National Lottery on administrative costs.

The Office of the National Lottery will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,500,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,125,000
Balance to complete	1,375,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure:-										
★A: Administration										
2,474	—	26	—	—	2,500	—	2,500	2,500	2,266	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Receipts from the operator's licence fees under the administration of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 ●	240	280	260
2. Receipts from the National Lottery Distribution Fund to cover the administration costs of OFLOT ●	2,260	2,152	1,932
Total	2,500	2,432	2,192

Charity Commission

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. It covers both the running and capital costs of the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The Commission is established to promote the effective use and administration of charitable resources by giving charity trustees information or advice and to protect these resources by investigating and remedying abuses. The work involves making legal schemes for the administration of charitable trusts, developing standards of good administration and management in the charitable sector, determining charitable status and maintaining a computerised central register of charities, and monitoring to identify charities subject to or at risk of maladministration or abuse.
3. The work of the Commission is governed by statute and demand-led. The Commissioners are independent in their day to day work, but their decisions can be challenged in the High Court. Further information on expenditure can be found on page 77 of the Department of National Heritage Report 1997 (Cm 3611). Further details of appropriations in aid can be found on page 78 of Cm 3611.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 5.3 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £22.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 2 on page 78 of Cm 3611.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Charity Commission

Part I

£21,368,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on administrative costs.

The Charity Commission will account for this Vote.

Net total	21,368,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	9,855,000
Balance to complete	11,513,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
20,115	—	1,284	—	—	21,399	311	21,368	22,594	22,622	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from sales of copies of documents, etc.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration †	—	—	760

Hospital, community health, family health and related services, England

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on sections A, B, J and L of this Vote, totalling £29,362,456,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. About 90 per cent of central government expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services (HPSS) in England is in sections A to I: the balance of voted expenditure including the Department's costs of administering expenditure from this Vote is borne on Class XI, Vote 2. Corresponding expenditure in Scotland and Wales is on Class XIII and Class XIV.
3. This Vote provides for expenditure which is managed by the NHS Executive and for which the NHS Chief Executive is the Accounting Officer.
4. Section A covers expenditure on the hospital, community health, cash limited family health and related services. This is mainly made up of current and capital advances to health authorities and the budgets of general practice fund holders. Health authorities purchase most of the health services needed for their resident populations, fundholders purchase the rest. Health authorities are also responsible for cash limited expenditure on general medical services. Section A also covers the central funding of certain national bodies (e.g. the Special Hospitals Service Authority, the Prescription Pricing Authority and the Dental Practice Board) and services (e.g. purchase of vaccines). Department of Health Departmental Report 1977 (Cm 3612, Annex H).
5. Section B covers loans, any issues of public dividend capital (pdc) to NHS trusts and also loan repayments by NHS trusts. Funding is generally in the form of interest bearing loans with defined interest and repayment terms and in certain circumstances as pdc, a form of long term government finance on which trusts pay dividends to the government. Most trust expenditure is financed through income from contracts with health authorities for health services and other health service purchasers. Loans and pdc are granted to finance approved capital expenditure and to re-finance debt, where these require more resources than are generated by a trust's activities. (Cm 3612, Paragraphs 4.91 to 4.94).
6. Sections C to I cover the cost of the non cash limited family health services. These are mainly the remuneration and expenses of general medical practitioners (other than their expenses in Section A) and the costs of prescriptions written by them (the cost of drugs and appliances prescribed by GP fundholders are shown in Section A), together with all other pharmaceutical, dental and ophthalmic service costs. (Cm 3612, paragraphs 4.44 to 4.51 and 4.118 to 4.142).
7. Section J covers advances to health authorities to pay the debt remuneration element of prices charged by NHS trusts, which is intended to cover the liability of trusts to remunerate their loan debt from the Consolidated Fund, trusts' debt remuneration payments appear in Part III. Section K covers an appropriate element of National Health Service contributions paid by employers and employees. Section L covers mainly provision for financing the difference in timing where a health authority transfers its banking from a commercial cheque based system to the Paymaster's payable order system.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.67 per cent higher than both the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £29,034 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1.1 and Annex A of Cm 3612.
9. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid on this Vote is in Annex K of Cm 3612. Contingent liabilities are shown in full also in Annex K.
10. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Hospital, community health, family health and related services, England

Part I

£30,099,261,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Health on hospital, community health, family health and related services.

The Department of Health will account for this Vote.

Net total	£30,099,261,000
Already allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	14,392,778,000
Balance to complete	15,706,483,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government expenditure										
★A: National Health Service hospital, community health, family health (cash limited) and related services										
	—	27,787,177	280,841	43,734	24,919	28,136,671	344,000	27,792,671	26,509,809	25,048,225
★B: NHS trusts										
	—	—	—	—	1,520,000	1,520,000	1,158,000	362,000	280,366	436,054
C: FHS—general medical services										
	—	2,136,159	—	—	—	2,136,159	—	2,136,159	2,050,695	1,965,535
D: FHS—drugs										
	—	1,647,789	—	—	—	1,647,789	1	1,647,788	1,998,388	2,202,544
E: FHS—dispensing costs										
	—	764,831	—	—	—	764,831	—	764,831	740,931	706,158
F: FHS—prescription charges income										
	—	1,400	—	—	—	1,400	374,678	-373,278	-294,278	-298,746
G: FHS—general dental services										
	—	1,405,800	—	—	—	1,405,800	384,294	1,021,506	957,000	908,361
H: FHS—general ophthalmic services										
	—	255,182	—	—	—	255,182	40	255,142	240,742	223,465
I: FHS—other family health services										
	—	1,701	—	—	—	1,701	—	1,701	1,500	2,026
Other expenditure not included in the control total:-										
★J: Trust debt remuneration ●										
	—	1,206,750	—	—	—	1,206,750	—	1,206,750	1,000,000	930,000
K: NHS contributions ●										
	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,717,044	-4,717,044	-4,451,840	-4,296,605

Part II Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>										£'000	
Direct expenditure			Grants and transfers								
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96		
★L: Other ●											
—	—	—	1,005	30	1,035	—	1,035	1,005	—		
Total	—	35,206,789	280,841	44,739	1,544,949	37,077,318	6,978,057†	30,099,261	29,034,318	27,827,017	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: charges for accommodation, goods and services to private and NHS patients and others; receipts from income generation schemes; receipts in respect of medical and dental education levy; receipts in respect of Special Hospitals Service; licensing of software; receipts in respect of the Mental Health Act Commission; receipts in

respect of the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education; capital receipts from sale of land, buildings, surplus vehicles and equipment; capital repayments by NHS trusts; receipts by the Prescription Pricing Authority and the Dental Practice Board; prescription and dental charges received or collected by FHS contractors or health authorities; recoveries from patients by health authorities

or by the Prescription Pricing Authority for incorrect claims for eligibility for FHS services or relief from charges; rebates from manufacturers under the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme; contributions by employers and employees towards the cost of the NHS; receipts by Regional Offices.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. NHS trusts debt remuneration ●	1,226,750	1,029,433	920,566
2. Other ●	110	110	35
<i>National health Service hospital, community health, family health and related services †</i>	—	—	83
Total	1,226,860	1,029,543	920,684

Department of Health administration, miscellaneous health and personal social services, England

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on sections A to G and I to S of this Vote, totalling £998,724,000 is treated as a cash limit.

2. Most central government expenditure on health and personal social services (HPSS) is on Class XI, Vote 1; while this Vote covers a wide range of miscellaneous HPSS for which the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health is the Accounting Officer, as follows:

Sections A to E: the gross running costs of the Department and its Agencies and the associated capital expenditure on buildings, furniture, computer and telecommunications equipment etc. The NHS Estate Management and Health Building Agency's running costs are controlled net (Department of Health Departmental Report 1997, Cm 3612 Table 6.1 and Annex G).

Sections F and G: central health and miscellaneous services (CHMS) consists of advances to non-departmental public bodies (including the National Biological Standards Board, the National Radiological Protection Board, the Public Health Laboratory Service, but not advances to the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work which are included in Section I) and special health authorities (including the Microbiological Research Authority and the Health Education Authority) for their work on regulatory and protection services and health promotion; and certain other services such as grants to voluntary organisations, research and development, information services and payments to international organisations. Section G also includes grant-in-aid provision for the Family Fund (£18,818,000). (Cm 3612, Figure 3.1 and Annex H).

Section H: (CHMS non-cash limited) consists of European Economic Area medical costs and welfare food. (Cm 3612, Figure 3.1 and Annex H).

Section I: social services training. (Cm 3612 Annex H).

Section J: the central health service element of civil defence.

Sections K to R: certain grants to local authorities including community care, social services training, provision of secure accommodation, services for people with HIV infection and AIDS and for those with a mental illness, for alcohol and drug misusers and to support the guardians ad litem and reporting officers' service and care for unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children. Advances to local authorities for personal social services specific and special grants are charged to the Vote at the time of issue, and as final grant expenditure is not known until local authorities' accounts are audited after the end of the financial year, any necessary adjustments may be made in subsequent advances. (Cm 3612, Table 2.4).

Section S: other services not included in the control total mainly payments under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

3. The UK subscription to the WHO (£13,659,000) is included in Section G.

4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 16.7 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £1,500 million and 16.6 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £1,498 million.

5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and contingent liabilities on this Vote are shown in full in (Cm 3612, Annex K).

6. Corresponding expenditure in Scotland and Wales is on Class XIII and Class XIV.

7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Department of Health administration, miscellaneous health and personal social services, England

Part I

£1,285,260,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Health on administration, including certain expenditure on behalf of the Department of Social Security and the National Health Service in England; miscellaneous health, personal social and other services (some of which are administered on a United Kingdom basis), including medical, scientific and technical services, services for disabled persons, grants to voluntary organisations, medical treatment given to people from the United Kingdom in other countries of the European Economic Area and welfare food; payments in respect of Home Office inspection of laboratories services; grants in aid; and payments and subscriptions to international organisations.

The Department of Health will account for this Vote.

Net total	£	1,285,260,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)		675,516,000
Balance to complete		609,744,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government expenditure										
★A: Central department	229,687	1,950	7,928	—	—	239,565	5,033	234,532	245,258	258,521
★B: NHS Estates Agency	3,683	368	240	—	—	4,291	4,790	-499	-150	-991
★C: NHS Pensions Agency	15,764	—	268	—	—	16,032	1,102	14,930	17,285	17,256
★D: Medical Devices Agency	9,947	423	256	—	—	10,626	447	10,179	8,352	8,272
★E: Youth Treatment Service	5,531	—	271	—	—	5,802	6,307	-505	2,699	3,711
★P: Non-departmental public bodies and special health authorities	—	141,192	7,626	—	—	148,818	70,119	78,699	79,966	79,243
★G: Other services including medical, scientific and technical services, grants to voluntary bodies, research and development and information services	—	95,250	50	67,839	—	163,139	1,942	161,197	168,316	160,045
H: Welfare food and European Economic Area medical costs	—	151,432	—	155,594	—	307,026	20,490	286,536	291,690	258,619

Part II		Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>								£'000	
Direct expenditure			Grants and transfers								
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96		
★I: Personal social services											
—	19,525	175	14,340	—	34,040	1,303	32,737	32,106	29,828		
★J: Civil defence											
—	975	—	—	—	975	1	974	577	122		
Central government grants to local authorities											
★K: Training support programme for social services staff											
—	—	—	35,450	—	35,450	—	35,450	35,450	34,576		
★L: Services for people with HIV and AIDS											
—	—	—	13,700	—	13,700	—	13,700	13,700	13,401		
★M: Services for alcohol and drug misusers											
—	—	—	2,500	—	2,500	—	2,500	2,500	2,509		
★N: Services for people with mental illness											
—	—	—	67,262	—	67,262	—	67,262	58,262	47,262		
★O: Guardians ad litem and reporting officer service											
—	—	—	6,300	—	6,300	—	6,300	6,300	6,199		
★P: Community care grant											
—	—	—	325,000	—	325,000	—	325,000	418,000	647,600		
★Q: Provision for secure accommodation											
—	—	—	13	13,228	13,241	—	13,241	27,239	20,860		
★R: Unaccompanied asylum seeking children											
—	—	—	3,000	—	3,000	—	3,000	3,000	—		
<i>Services for people seeking asylum</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,000	—		
<i>Long term capital disregard increase</i>											
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64,487	—		
Other expenditure not included in the control total											
★S: Other ●											
—	—	—	27	—	27	—	27	30	17		
Total	264,612	411,115	16,814	691,025	13,228	1,396,794	111,534	1,285,260	1,500,067	1,587,050	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from receipts for or from seconded officers; Manufacturers Registration Scheme and Product Approval Scheme; Good Laboratory Practice Inspection Scheme; staff telephone calls; staff lease car scheme; sales of British National Formulary; refunds of VAT on non-contracted out services; recoveries from other government departments; receipts from the NHS, local authorities, youth treatment centre and Medicines Control Agency for goods and

services; receipts by the NHS Pensions Agency for dealing with misold pensions and assessing pensions on divorce; receipts from commercial tenants in DH buildings; licence fees and royalties; sales of publications on equipment for the disabled; sales of British Pharmacopoeia Chemical Reference substances; sale of community homes; evaluation reports; equipment, cars, buildings, furniture, waste paper and surplus items; from Competent Authority Activities and contractors; sale of publications; contributions

by members of the public; insurance claims. Receipts by the National Biological Standards Board, Public Health Laboratory Service, Microbiological Research Authority, Health Education Authority, Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work; from other European Economic Area countries for NHS treatment of their residents and sale of subsidised dried milk.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	£'000		
	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Non departmental public bodies and special health authorities ●	950	980	991
2. Dividends on public dividend capital and repayment of interest on long-term loans by the Medicines Control Agency ●	280	258	263
<i>Other services including medical, scientific and technical services, grants to voluntary bodies, research and development and information services †</i>			1,132
Total	1,230	1,238	2,386

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

	£'000
A1 Departmental running costs ■	247
G2 Payment to local authorities for public health services at airports ■	249
G4 Grants to voluntary organisations to expand opportunities for unemployed people to participate in voluntary work ■	9,101
G4 Grant to the Family Fund ■	18,818
I2 Citizens charter ■	320
I2 Remuneration for chairmen of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work's Council and its Committees ■	8,131

National Health Service (Superannuation, etc), England and Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers expenditure managed by the NHS Pensions Agency. The Agency Chief Executive is the Accounting Officer and is responsible for the payment of pensions and lump sum benefits to persons covered by the National Health Service Pension Scheme. The rules of the scheme are set out in the National Health Service (Pension Scheme) Regulations 1995. Membership of the scheme is open to most employees in the NHS and for doctors and dentists in general practice, and the benefits include payments to widows or widowers and dependants of participants who die in service or after retirement. Provision is made for refunds of contributions to early leavers, and for the payment and receipt of transfer payments in respect of persons moving out of and into employments covered by the scheme. The Vote includes the increase payable in accordance with the Annual Review Orders made under Section 59 of the Social Security Pension Act 1975. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A can be found in Annex A, Table A2, of the Department of Health Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3612).

The provision sought for 1997-98 is 12.96 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £921.630 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 is given in Table A2 of Cm 3612.

3. The scheme is notionally funded for basic benefits but not for pensions increase. Part of its income consists of actual receipts eg contributions from employees and employers, capitalised payments for early retirements, transfers from other superannuation schemes etc. These are appropriated in aid of the Vote to meet expenditure on benefits. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Table A2 of Cm 3612.
4. Gross expenditure in 1996-97 is expected to amount to £2,211 million and the provision for 1997-98 shows an increase of 6.83 per cent on that sum. This increase arises from a combination of higher new awards of pensions and lump sums as a result of pay increases, the increase in pensions under the 1996 and 1997 Review Orders, and an expected increase in the number of pensioners. The increase also provides for the expected effects of voluntary membership of the scheme.
5. The increased provision reflects the pension increase of 2.1 per cent applicable from 7 April 1997. This is consistent with similar assumptions made elsewhere in the Estimates. The provision also reflects the 1996 pay increases averaging about 3.2 per cent for which the major effective date was 1 April. Expenditure is also increasing due to the rise in the number of beneficiaries from an average of 413,372 during 1996-97 to 428,622 during 1997-98 (including about 49,981 compensation cases by the year end).
6. It has been assumed that pensions in non-compensation cases averaging about £4,279 a year will be in payment to about 325,711 retiring participants, and that about 52,930 dependants will be receiving pensions averaging about £2,721 a year. This compares with an average pension of £4,502 a year expected to be in payment to 315,861 retired participants and an average pension of £2,692 a year expected to be in payment to 51,630 dependants in 1996-97. The superannuation element of recurring payments in compensation cases is expected to average about £3,462.
7. The NHS Pensions Agency is responsible for administering the scheme: the related running costs are borne on Class XI, Vote 2.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

National Health Service (superannuation, etc), England and Wales

Part I

£802,157,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the NHS Pensions Agency on pensions, allowances, gratuities, etc, to or in respect of persons engaged in health services or in other approved employment.

The NHS Pensions Agency will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 802,157,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	414,734,000
Balance to complete	387,423,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
A: Pensions ●										
—	—	—	2,362,307	—	2,362,307	1,560,150†	802,157	921,630	779,593	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from superannuation contributions; transfer values and lump sum payments in lieu of graduated contributions; contributions equivalent premiums; deductions from superannuation contributions

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Pensions ●	182	175	166

Central government administered social security benefits and other payments

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote provides for expenditure on non-contributory social security benefits (ie benefits not financed from the National Insurance Fund) and on the vaccine damage payment scheme. The main benefits are pension benefits, war pensions, disability benefits, industrial injury benefits, income support, family benefits, earnings top up pilot and jobseeker's allowance (although the contributory based element of jobseeker's allowance is being financed from the National Insurance Fund). Expenditure from this Vote is determined by the level of demand—ie the number of claimants entitled to benefit at the prescribed rates. The costs of administering the benefits and other payments covered by this Vote are provided for in Class XII, Vote 3.
3. The rates of most of these benefits are, by statute, subject to annual review. Those payable from April 1997, were announced by the Secretary of State for Social Security on 26 November 1996 (Official Report, col. 207) and approved by Parliament in the Uprating Orders.
4. Explanations of each of these benefits are at Parts 1 and 2 of the Social Security Departmental Report 1997 Cm 3613.
5. The average number of people expected to be receiving these benefits at any one time in 1997-98 is given at Table 6 of Cm 3613.
6. A detailed analysis of receipts applied as appropriations in aid are given at Table 1d of Cm 3613.
7. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 4.6 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £36,261 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1a of Cm 3613.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Central government administered social security benefits and other payments

Part I

£38,010,026,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on non-contributory retirement pensions; Christmas bonus payments to pensioners; pensions etc. for disablement or death arising out of war, or service in the armed forces after 2 September 1939 and sundry other services, including pension and other payments in respect of service in the armed forces at other times; attendance allowances; invalid care allowance; severe disablement allowance; disability living allowance; disability working allowance; pensions, gratuities and sundry allowances for disablement and specified deaths arising from industrial causes; income support; payments of spousal and child maintenance; child benefit; one-parent benefit; family credit; vaccine damage payment scheme; earnings top up pilot; jobseeker's allowance (contribution based); jobseeker's allowance (income based); and back to work bonus.

The Department of Social Security will account for this Vote.

Net total	£38,010,026,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	15,887,506,000
Balance to complete	22,122,520,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Pension benefits	—	—	—	52,207	—	52,207	35	52,172	52,779	50,535
B: War pensions	—	11,006	—	1,332,157	—	1,343,163	1,000	1,342,163	1,418,693	1,257,923
C: Disability benefits	—	—	—	9,548,154	—	9,548,154	31,828	9,516,326	8,467,985	7,452,875
D: Industrial injury benefit	—	—	—	793,665	—	793,665	22,100	771,565	715,606	730,847
E: Income support for the elderly	—	—	—	3,888,297	—	3,888,297	10,203	3,878,094	3,739,351	3,888,074
F: Family benefits	—	—	—	9,533,540	—	9,533,540	2,101	9,531,439	9,118,876	8,381,788
G: Vaccine damage payment	—	—	—	245	—	245	—	245	245	178
H: Earnings top up pilot	—	—	—	22,001	—	22,001	1	22,000	11,000	—

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

	Direct expenditure			Grants and transfers			Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total				
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
I: <i>Income support (under 60 years of age) ●</i>	—	—	—	8,946,921	—	8,946,921	201,036	8,745,885	10,322,314	12,804,459
J: <i>Jobseeker's allowance (income based) ●</i>	—	—	—	4,235,142	—	4,235,142	85,005	4,150,137	2,414,022	—
K: <i>Jobseeker's allowance (contribution based) ●</i>	—	—	—	618,821	—	618,821	618,821	—	—	—
Total	—	11,006	—	38,971,150	—	38,982,156	972,130†	38,010,026	36,260,871	34,566,679

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from refunds of overpayments of non-contributory retirement pensions, Christmas bonus, war pensions, attendance allowance, invalid care allowance, severe disablement allowance, disability living allowance and mobility allowance, disability working allowance, industrial injury benefits, income support, child benefit, one-parent benefit, family credit, earnings top up pilot, jobseeker's allowance (income based), jobseeker's allowance (contribution based) and back to work bonus, refunds of overpayments of direct payments to utilities companies and building societies;

recoveries from damages paid to recipients of attendance allowance, severe disablement allowance, disability living allowance, and mobility allowance, disability working allowance, industrial injury benefits, income support, earnings top up pilot and jobseeker's allowance (income based) and jobseeker's allowance (contribution based); recoveries of income support and jobseeker's allowance (income-based) from arrears of social security benefits; recoveries of emergency payments and payments on return to work after a trade dispute made to people who would normally be excluded from income support because they are in full time work; payments by liable relatives,

amounts collected through a court order or on a voluntary basis from relatives of income support claimants; refunds from the Department of Employment for income support and jobseeker's allowance (income-based) paid to certain trainees in the Training for Work programme, Learning for Work and Community Action, receipts from the Child Support Agency of payments of maintenance from absent parents for parents with care who are in receipt of income support and repayment of jobseeker's allowance (contribution based) from the National Insurance Fund.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Miscellaneous †	500	350	11,169

Housing benefit subsidies, council tax benefit subsidies and administration, payments into the National Insurance Fund and the Social Fund and other grants

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, C to F, H, I and K of this Vote, totalling £462,105,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers grants to independent bodies comprising Independent Living, Motability and the British Limbless ex-Servicemen's Association; housing benefit comprising rent rebate subsidies, anti-fraud incentives and fast track payments to new towns; challenge funding payments to new towns towards expenditure on anti-fraud initiatives and similar administrative measures; administration grants comprising payments to new towns towards costs incurred in administering the housing benefit scheme and to Motability towards their administrative costs; funding for London Organised Fraud Investigation Team (LOFIT); current grants within AEF comprising housing benefit administration and council tax benefit administration; current grants outside the AEF comprising rent rebate, rent allowance and council tax benefit subsidies, anti-fraud incentive and fast track payments; payments of certain discretionary rent allowance subsidies; challenge funding payments to local authorities towards expenditure on anti-fraud initiatives and similar administrative measures, payments into the National Insurance Fund comprising a Treasury Grant and compensation in respect of Statutory Sick Pay and Statutory Maternity Pay and the national insurance contribution holiday scheme; payments to the Social Fund in respect of budgeting and crisis loans, community care grants, maternity and funeral expenses and heating costs in exceptionally cold weather. Costs incurred by the Department of Social Security in making these payments are borne on Class XII, Vote 3.
3. Grants to independent bodies (Section A) includes grant-in-aid provision for Independent Living (£115,500,000), Motability (£2,918,000), and for the British Limbless ex-Servicemen's Association (£10,000).
4. Explanations of the expenditure contained in the Vote are in Parts 1A, 2B, 3B and C of the Social Security Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3613). Details of appropriations in aid are in Table 1a of Cm 3613.
5. The average number of people expected to be receiving housing and council tax benefits at any one time in 1997-98 is given in Table 6 of Cm 3613.
6. Details of expenditure incurred by the Social Fund are included in Table 1b of Cm 3613.
7. Details of the subsidies payable in respect of housing benefit, council tax benefit administration costs and funding for LOFIT will be shown in the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy Order 1997.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £11,275 million for that year. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1a of Cm 3613.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction of this booklet.

Housing benefit subsidies, council tax benefit subsidies and administration, payments into the National Insurance Fund and the Social Fund and other grants

Part I

£10,937,830,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on rent rebate, rent allowance, council tax benefit, community charge benefit, community charge rebate and rate rebate subsidies to housing, billing, levying and local authorities, subsidies towards their costs incurred in administering the housing benefit and/or council tax benefit schemes and sums payable in respect of anti-fraud and similar administrative measures; sums payable as funding for LOFIT; sums payable to the National Insurance Fund to increase its income and compensation payments in respect of statutory sick pay, statutory maternity pay and the national insurance contribution holiday scheme; sums payable into the Social Fund for expenditure on maternity expenses, funeral expenses, and heating expenses in exceptionally cold weather, and to finance budgeting loans, crisis loans and community care grants; sums payable as grants to Independent Living, as grants to Motability towards their administrative costs and to enable them to assist invalid vehicle users and others to have adapted and/or to purchase or lease cars from them and as grants to the British Limbless ex-Servicemen's Association to enable them to assist certain other disabled vehicle users have cars adapted.

The Department of Social Security will account for this Vote.

Net total	£10,937,830,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	5,006,305,000
Balance to complete	5,931,525,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Grants to independent bodies										
—	—	—	118,560	—	118,560	132	118,428	112,503	107,500	
B: Housing benefit subsidies: New Towns										
—	—	—	38,201	—	38,201	10	38,191	49,100	70,350	
★C: Challenge funding and similar administrative measures										
—	—	—	30	—	30	—	30	10	—	
★D: Administration grant										
—	991	—	4,646	—	5,637	204	5,433	5,631	5,581	
★E: Funding for LOFIT										
—	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	1,000	—	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government grants to local authorities										
★F: Housing benefit and council tax benefit administration grants (current grants within AEF)										
—	—	—	158,044	—	158,044	—	—	158,044	150,441	163,606
G: Housing benefit subsidies and council tax benefit subsidies (current grants outside AEF)										
—	—	—	8,448,186	—	8,448,186	482	—	8,447,704	8,262,000	7,601,877
★H: Discretionary rent allowance										
—	—	—	20,000	—	20,000	—	—	20,000	18,250	2,500
★I: Challenge funding and similar administrative measures										
—	—	—	20,970	—	20,970	—	—	20,970	7,038	—
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
J: Payments to the National Insurance Fund ●										
—	—	—	1,925,500	—	1,925,500	5,900	—	1,919,600	2,417,000	4,017,655
★K: Payments to the Social Fund ●										
—	—	—	138,200	—	138,200	—	—	138,200	143,000	137,062
L: Payments to the Social Fund ●										
—	—	—	70,230	—	70,230	—	—	70,230	108,820	125,600
Total	—	1,991	—	10,942,567	—	10,944,558	6,728†	10,937,830	11,274,793	12,231,731

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoveries of payments from the Department of

Social Services (Northern Ireland) towards Motability's car adaptation and administration costs; recoveries from authorities not achieving

baseline targets set in respect of anti-fraud measures; and from damages payable to recipients of statutory sick pay.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Housing benefits ☐	50	—	32
Grants to independent bodies ☐	—	—	11
Total	50	—	43

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and Confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

C4	Payments to Scottish Homes and development corporations in Scotland towards expenditure on anti-fraud initiatives ■	30
I4	Payments to local authorities towards expenditure on anti-fraud initiatives ■	20,970

Department of Social Security: administration

Introduction

1. This vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the cost of administration of social security benefit schemes in Great Britain, including grants to voluntary organisations/local authorities towards the capital and running costs of providing resettlement accommodation and support and certain other services including the Polish Hostel. It also includes the cost of other departments which act as agents of DSS in administering various aspects of social security, including payments made to the Post Office and National Girobank for the encashment of order books and girocheques. The Vote makes provision for running costs, capital expenditure, and for certain other services. Details of the expenditure are contained in figures 13, 14 and 15 of the Social Security Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3613). The Department's running costs are controlled gross apart from Information Technology Services Agency—Product and Service Provision who operate on a net running cost basis. Further details on all business units can be found in Part 4, pages 80–98 of Cm 3613.
3. The Vote also covers the salary costs of the pensions ombudsman, president, regional chairman and chairman of social security appeals tribunals, and the cost of fees (except that part of the president's salary which is borne by the Lord Chancellor's Department), travelling and other expenses of commissioners and referees of the departments' adjudication services and of the staff of the occupational pensions' advisory services.
4. Gross expenditure shown on this Vote includes the costs incurred by the Department of Social Security in collecting the contributions due to, and administering the benefits payable from, the National Insurance Fund. They are reimbursed from the Fund and these receipts are shown as appropriations in aid. The department's cost of collecting the other components of the combined national insurance contributions (also included in gross expenditure) are also recovered as appropriations in aid from the National Health Service. Further details of the National Insurance Fund can be found in the report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1997 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Fund Payments) Order 1997 (Cm 3547).
5. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 12.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £2,326 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given at Part 4, pages 80–98 of Cm 3613.
6. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in table 1a of Cm 3613. Details of long term capital project tables can be found in tables 11 and 12 of Cm 3613.
7. With the introduction of the Job Seekers Allowance from 1 April 1996, the cost of the Unemployment Benefit Service run by DfEE has been transferred from this Vote to Class IX, Vote 3. The prior year figures on both Votes have been adjusted to reflect this change. However, prior to 1996–97 the UBS was part funded by appropriations in aid from the National Insurance Fund which are attributed to this Vote. This means that the outturn for 1995–96 in Section A of the Vote is understated by £144,549,000 by comparison with the provision sought for 1997–98.
8. Symbols are explained in the introduction to the booklet.

Department of Social Security administration

Part I

£2,035,828,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on administration; agency payments; the promotion of Government policy on disability issues; measures to help lone parents into work; and for other services including grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations and other organisations including Chaseley Nursing Home.

The Department of Social Security will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,035,828,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,018,792,000
Balance to complete	1,017,036,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
177,982	—	9,946	—	—	187,928	21,381	166,547	155,632	32,475	
★B: Information Technology Services Agency—Product and Service Provision										
15,576	— 29,315	23,300	—	—	9,561	17,447	— 7,886	— 5,386	— 68,533	
★C: Information Technology Services Agency—Purchaser										
17,302	—	84	—	—	17,386	—	17,386	18,147	10,870	
★D: Benefits Agency										
2,557,511	—	44,096	—	—	2,601,607	987,753	1,613,854	1,894,151	1,862,097	
★E: Contributions Agency										
224,151	—	1,482	—	—	225,633	222,852	2,781	20,513	326	
★F: Child Support Agency										
207,183	—	1,666	—	—	208,849	3	208,846	207,362	185,133	
★G: War Pensions Agency										
34,779	—	502	—	—	35,281	981	34,300	35,937	43,627	
Total	3,234,484	— 29,315	81,076	—	—	3,286,245	1,250,417†	2,035,828	2,326,356	2,065,995

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the National Insurance Fund for the estimated cost of administering NI benefits and the estimated cost of collection and administration of contributions in Great Britain, recovery from the revenue collected in combined National Insurance contributions of the estimated administration costs of collecting the sum allocated to the National Health Service, receipts from staff for the use of outside facilities, services carried out by Department of

Social Security on behalf of public and private sector bodies and members of the public, receipts from staff for private telephone calls and telemessages, recovery of law costs from defendants, receipts from sales of obsolete machinery, equipment, official vehicles, surplus land and buildings, amounts collected from residents and visitors to the Polish Hostel, receipts from sub-let accommodation, receipts from the Department for Education & Employment (Training) in respect of YTS students, other departments/organisations in

respect of outward secondments, mortgage lenders, recoveries from staff for the administration cost of making attachment of earnings orders, receipts from staff towards the cost of private use of official vehicles, recoverable VAT, allowable and non allowable running cost related receipts for services to other Government Departments and service providers, and receipts from applicants for services provided by CSA.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Administration Φ	10,510	1,510	45,707
2. Benefits Agency Φ	3,000	3,000	5,905
Total	13,510	4,510	51,612

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and the confirming Appropriation Act:

	£'000
D1 Work incentive measures for low income couples without children and single people ■	2,450
F1 Compensation payments to persons with care in respect of non enforcement of maintenance arrears ■	5,000

Agriculture, fisheries and environmental services, Scotland

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections B to H of this Vote, totalling £309,772,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. Provision on the Vote is aimed at fostering efficient and competitive agriculture, fisheries and food industries, having regard to the needs of sparsely populated rural communities, of consumers, of animal health and welfare and the environment; and on water and sewerage, natural heritage, environmental protection and rural affairs. Details of the provision and expenditure plans are explained in Chapter 2 of Serving Scotland's Needs (Cm 3614).
3. Market support under the Common Agricultural Policy (Section A) is explained in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.15 of Cm 3614.
4. Structural and agri-environmental measures (Section B) is explained in paragraphs 2.16 to 2.22 of Cm 3614.
5. Agricultural services (Section C) covers a wide range of research and development, education and advisory services, certification work and administrative services and includes a grant in aid to the Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh ♥ (£4,925,000), Scottish Agricultural College (£17,899,000) and Scottish Agricultural Biological Research Institutes (£25,114,000). Details are explained in paragraphs 2.23 to 2.34 of Cm 3614. Assistance for production, marketing and processing borne on a net subhead is explained at paragraph 2.32 of Cm 3614.
6. Fisheries support measures (Section D) provides assistance for harbour improvements, fisheries and aquaculture projects. Expenditure is explained in paragraphs 2.49 to 2.52 of Cm 3614. Assistance borne on a net subhead is explained in paragraph 2.51 of Cm 3614.
7. The running costs of the Scottish Agricultural Science Agency, the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency (Section E) and the new Fisheries Research Services Agency are part of The Scottish Office gross running cost limit. Expenditure is explained in paragraphs 2.35 to 2.37 and 2.53 to 2.55 of Cm 3614.
8. Section F covers domestic sewerage relief grant, rural water supply grant and water supply and sewerage for industry grant. It also includes grant in aid to Scottish Natural Heritage ♥ (£37,005,000) and Scottish Environment Protection Agency ♥ (£21,000,000) and other expenditure on rural affairs and environmental matters. Expenditure is explained in paragraphs 2.38 to 2.47 of Cm 3614.
9. Section G covers grants to local authorities for coast protection and flood prevention. Expenditure is explained in paragraph 2.48 of Cm 3614.
10. The Department has a contingent liability in respect of bank overdraft guarantees amounting to £20 million as at 1 April 1996 issued in respect of the three Water Authorities under Section 85(1) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.
11. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614.
12. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 17 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £373,978,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual functions is given in Table 2.1 of Cm 3614. Corresponding expenditure in England and Wales is contained in Classes III, VI and XIV. Administration costs relevant to this Vote are included in Class XIII, Vote 6.
13. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Agriculture, fisheries and environmental services, Scotland

Part I

£309,772,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by The Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department on market support; support for agriculture in special areas includingcrofting communities; for structural measures (including agri-environmental measures); compensation to sheep producers and animal health; agricultural education; advisory, research and development services; botanical and scientific services; assistance to production marketing and processing; administration land management and other agricultural services; assistance to the Scottish fishing industry; fishery protection; other services including fisheries research and development and special services; domestic sewerage relief grant; natural heritage; environment protection; rural affairs; flood and coastal protection; and other water grants.

The Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 309,772,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	161,591,000
Balance to complete	148,181,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Market support										
—	—	—	359,385	—	359,385	—	359,385	383,778	345,388	
★B: Structural and agri-environmental measures										
—	35	16	70,776	15,784	86,611	14,088	72,523	63,377	49,219	
★C: Agricultural services										
—	74,719	2,207	1,340	1,634	79,900	4,547	75,353	74,379	75,995	
★D: Fisheries										
—	82	—	-4,060	6,755	2,777	207	2,570	4,031	2,391	
★E: Agencies										
29,209	—	9,582	—	—	38,791	3,718	35,073	38,358	31,946	
★F: Environmental services										
—	47,356	3,600	67,658	11,848	130,462	—	130,462	196,532	57,789	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★G: Environmental services										
—	—	—	7	450	457	—	457	2,442	5,252	
Fisheries										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
*H: Transactions with other government departments ●										
—	—	—	- 6,666	—	- 6,666	—	—	- 6,666	- 7,591	- 1,957
I: Transactions with other government departments ●										
—	—	—	- 359,385	—	- 359,385	—	—	- 359,385	- 381,328	- 345,369
<i>Payment to the Public Works Loan Board Fisheries ●</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	700,000
Total	29,209	122,192	15,405	129,055	46,471	332,332	22,560†	309,772	373,978	920,655

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: sale of carcasses; repayment of loans under crofters building scheme; contributions under the superannuation scheme for Agricultural College and Research Institutes; rents; wayleaves land drainage; bond fees and insurance; plant health and control work; seed and variety testing; pesticide work; sale

of surplus land, buildings, equipment and produce; sale of holdings to existing tenants; charges under livestock schemes; pension contributions from Members of Deer and Crofters Commissions; charges for cattle passports; repayment of loans to harbour authorities; charges for FEPA licences; charges for advisory visits, certifications, and testing plants, animals and fish; hire charges;

publications and statistics, EU contributions towards HLCA, Highlands and Islands Agricultural Programme, Rural Development Programme, FCGS, closed Capital Grant Schemes and fish producer organisations; EU payments for Farm Account data and agriculture and fisheries research contract work.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Structural and Agricultural environmental measures ●	1,500	1,500	1,751
2. Fisheries ●	83	83	73
3. Environmental services ●	1	91	231
<i>Agricultural services †</i>	—	—	599
Total	1,584	1,674	2,654

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

B4 Sheep Compensation ■	90
C2 Emergency services ■	42
F2 Research studies, surveys, consultancies etc.; departmental committees etc.; central and environmental services publicity ■	411

Local government, housing, transport, other environmental services and European Funds, Scotland

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to F, J, K, and M to Q of this Vote, totalling £5,473,575,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers expenditure on housing, Historic Scotland, urban programme and environmental services; payment of revenue support grant to local authorities and non-domestic rates to levying authorities in Scotland; grants in respect of council tax relief and spend-to-save schemes; roads and transport services including work on roads on behalf of the Department of Transport, grants and loans towards investment by local and other authorities for certain transport services including grants for the restructuring of the railways. The Vote also accounts for payment of grant by SODD to various bodies upon receiving receipts from the European Commission for ERDF (including EU initiatives and third party FEOGA) and European Social Fund.
3. Section A includes provision for grant-in-aid for Scottish Homes ♥ (£264,899,000) and Housing Support Grant (£15,249,000); Section E covers provision for Historic Scotland which will operate under a part net running cost regime from 1 April 1997.
4. Details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to R including EU expenditure and related receipts, can be found in Chapter 3, paragraph 3.1 to 3.103 of *Serving Scotland's Needs* (Cm 3614). Although expenditure borne on Sections G, H, I, L and R is not subject to a cash limit, any underlying capital expenditure by local authorities is contained in non-voted cash limits SO/LA1 and SO/LA2. Payments in respect of certain services are subject to adjustment on receipt of revised and final audited claims. Any necessary adjustments are made to subsequent payments. Expenditure borne on Sections D and M is subject to a cash limit; for non-ESF receipts the underlying expenditure is contained in the non-voted cash limit SO/ERDF. The balance of the cash limit is contained in Vote 3.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 4.3 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £5,784 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual functions is given in Table 3.1 of Cm 3614.
6. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund is in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614. Details of long term project tables are in Chapter 3 of Cm 3614. Details of grant-in-aid for Scottish Homes is in Chapter 3 of Cm 3614. Administration costs associated with this Vote, with the exception of Historic Scotland are borne on Class XIII, Vote 6.
7. Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, Scottish Homes has guaranteed obligations totalling £13.3 million to cover working capital for housing associations, comprehensive tenemental improvements and improvement for sale and shared ownership indemnities. Under the National Heritage Act 1980 the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments has guaranteed obligations as at 31 March 1996 totalling £1.4 million to cover indemnity to owners of material deposited on permanent loan in National Record of Scotland.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Local government, housing, transport, other environmental services and European Funds, Scotland

Part I

£5,535,162,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by The Scottish Office Development Department on revenue support grants and payment of non-domestic rates in Scotland; special grants relating to council tax and spend-to-save scheme; housing subsidies, financial support for Scottish Homes, other expenditure, contributions and grants relating to housing; historic buildings and monuments (including administration); other central and environmental services including flood and storm emergencies, special financial assistance for Dunblane, sites for travelling people and residual grants to housing associations; roads and certain associated services, including the acquisition of land, lighting, road safety, work on roads on behalf of the Department of Transport and related services; assistance to local transport; support for transport services in the highlands and islands; piers and harbours; certain other transport services and grants; grants for other services on the urban programme; other urban regeneration initiatives; expenses connected with the new towns wind up; expenditure relating to the privatisation of the Scottish Bus Group and Highlands and Islands Airports Limited; grants to local authorities forming part of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Area; other sundry services in connection with the environment; and European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund grants to public corporations, non-departmental public bodies, local authorities and other bodies and organisations.

The **Scottish Office Development Department** will account for this Vote.

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Net total	5,535,162,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,579,083,000
Balance to complete	2,956,079,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Housing										
—	3,846	—	74,457	218,599	296,902	—	296,902	302,411	318,397	
★B: Other environmental services										
—	8,371	156	37	—	8,564	432	8,132	8,147	7,374	
★C: Roads and transport										
—	55,359	128,847	11,530	3,066	198,802	22,756	176,046	216,380	238,538	
★D: Agency payments on behalf of the EU (net)										
—	—	—	—44,699	44,700	1	—	1	1	—	
★E: Historic Scotland										
13,101	11,375	4,164	352	11,897	40,889	9,600	31,289	33,261	34,007	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
<i>Scottish New Towns (cash limited)</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,550	31,184
<i>Scottish New Towns (non cash limited)</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	5,516
Central government grants to local authorities										
★F: Revenue support grant										
—	—	—	3,481,707	—	3,481,707	—	—	3,481,707	3,664,446	3,782,251
G: Urban programme										
—	—	—	45,000	9,800	54,800	—	—	54,800	64,600	63,048
H: Other environmental services										
—	—	—	403	—	403	—	—	403	6,865	591
I: Housing										
—	—	—	—	2,556	2,556	—	—	2,556	1,356	1,424
★J: Non domestic rate payments										
—	—	—	1,326,129	—	1,326,129	—	—	1,326,129	1,313,035	1,193,000
★K: Roads and transport										
—	—	—	105,568	—	105,568	—	—	105,568	—	60,234
L: Roads and transport										
—	—	—	—	3,826	3,826	—	—	3,826	4,193	3,136
★M: Agency payments on behalf of the EU (net)										
—	—	—	-45,999	46,000	1	—	—	1	1	—
★N: Council tax relief schemes										
—	—	—	18,000	—	18,000	—	—	18,000	37,233	—
★O: Council spend-to-save scheme										
—	—	—	2,000	—	2,000	—	—	2,000	—	—
<i>Rate rebates—disabled persons</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,720
<i>Community charge and council tax relief grants</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,996
<i>Shadow local authorities</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36,000
<i>Rate income forgone in Enterprise Zones</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	663	225
Nationalised industries' external finance										
★P: Caledonian MacBrayne										
—	—	—	10,900	10,300	21,200	—	200	21,000	17,200	15,371
★Q: Highland and Islands Airports										
—	—	—	4,800	2,000	6,800	—	—	6,800	9,200	10,792

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
R: Housing ●										
—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	2	2
Scottish New Towns ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89,000	121,985
Total	13,101	78,951	133,167	4,990,187	352,744	5,568,150	32,988†	5,535,162	5,783,644	5,934,791

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts received by Historic Scotland covering admissions income; sales and other receipts including sale of property and surplus equipment recovery of VAT and receipts from ERDF; receipts from the sale of research results and

publications; receipts for 'deemed' planning applications and 'deemed' applications for hazardous substances; recovery of VAT and receipts received by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland; sales of land; disposal of surplus plant and machinery; Erskine Bridge toll

receipts; the recovery of VAT and receipts for the hire of bridge inspection vehicles; receipts in respect of legal costs recovered by the Local Government Boundary Commission and the Local Government Property Commission.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Housing ●	7	7	10
2. Other environmental services ●	6	7	509
3. Rate rebates ●	1	1	1
4. Roads and transport ●	619	619	1,997
Total	633	634	2,517

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act.

£'000

A4 Grant to Saltire Society for annual awards in design and layout of housing schemes ■	8
B2 Research studies; surveys; consultancies etc; departmental committees etc; central and environmental services publicity; enforcement appeals and hazardous substance and construction notice appeals ■	1,421

Education, industry, arts and libraries, Scotland

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A and C to H of this Vote, totalling £1,667,405,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. Section A includes grant-in-aid provision for the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council ♥ (£548,771,000), grant and grants-in-aid provision for the centrally funded further education colleges (£288,675,000) and provision to meet the costs of the Careers Service (£21,474,000); Section B covers expenditure on Student Awards for Scottish domiciled students attending full time courses at universities and further education colleges throughout the UK; Section C includes grant-in-aid provision for the National Museums of Scotland ♥ (£20,772,000), National Galleries of Scotland ♥ (£8,168,000), National Library of Scotland ♥ (£11,419,000) and the Scottish Arts Council ♥ (£27,097,000); Section E includes grant-in-aid provision for Scottish Enterprise (£407,661,000, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (£62,907,000) and the Scottish Tourist Board (£19,309,000). Provision is also made for investment assistance and innovation and support services grants (£101,051,000) including expenditure (£2,000,000) funded by ERDF receipts; Expenditure not included in the control total includes payments made by the Scottish Pension Agency in respect of superannuation benefits.
3. Sections D and F include running cost provision for the Students Awards Agency for Scotland (£2,779,000) and the Scottish Office Pensions Agency (£4,556,000) respectively. These costs form part of the departmental gross running cost limit; further details of which are provided in Appendix 3 of Serving Scotland's Needs (Cm 3614).
4. Expenditure is explained further in Chapter 4 of Cm 3614.
5. Maximum for indemnities given to owners against loss or damage to objects held on loan by: National Museum of Scotland (£10,000,000), National Galleries of Scotland (£715,000,000), National Library of Scotland (£25,000,000). Scottish Enterprise: loans and overdrafts guarantees and joint venture property investment exposure (£12,000,000).
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 5.7 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £2,312 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Tables 4.3, 4.20, 4.26, Chapter 4 of Cm 3614.
7. Administration costs associated with this Vote are borne on Class XIII, Vote 6.
8. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614. Details of long term project tables can be found in Chapter 4 of Cm 3614.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Education, industry, arts and libraries, Scotland

Part I

£2,187,815,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by The Scottish Office Education and Industry Department on schools; grants for pre-school education; higher education and research, including the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council; the Student Awards Agency for Scotland including running and capital costs of the agency; further education, including payments to further education colleges; curriculum development including the Scottish Consultative Council on the Curriculum and national testing including payments to the Scottish Qualifications Authority; international and other educational services, including support for School Boards, and training, research and educational technology; payments to careers service companies and education/industry link activities; sport; community education; Gaelic broadcasting; arts, libraries, museums and galleries, including purchase grants; cultural and scientific activities and organisations; publicity; indemnities; administration; central government grants to local authorities; enterprise, training and tourism including support for Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Tourist Board; investment assistance; innovation and technology support; technical and vocational education; the privatisation of the electricity industry; sundry industry etc related activities including research and the expenses of various bodies; pensions and lump sums payable under the teachers' and NHS pension schemes, and certain premature retirement compensation payments; and the running and capital costs of the Scottish Office Pensions Agency.

The **Scottish Office Education and Industry Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,187,815,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,027,450,000
Balance to complete	1,160,365,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Education										
—	4,123	—	922,508	46,739	973,370	—	973,370	904,077	869,971	
B: Education										
—	2,923	—	297,159	117,758	417,840	179,176	238,664	405,501	371,004	
★C: Arts and libraries										
—	27,859	12,500	39,941	—	80,300	—	80,300	77,005	75,358	
★D: Students Awards Agency for Scotland										
2,779	149	416	—	—	3,344	—	3,344	3,526	2,975	
★E: Industry, enterprise and training										
—	115,755	—	250,643	237,582	603,980	12,378	591,602	605,825	599,823	
★F: Scottish Office Pensions Agency										
4,556	—	200	—	—	4,756	—	4,756	5,405	5,732	

Part II		Subhead detail <i>(continued)</i>									£'000
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers								
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Approp- riations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96		
Central government grants to local authorities											
*G: Education											
—	—	—	13,733	—	13,733	—	13,733	12,468	12,401		
*H: Industry, enterprise and training											
—	—	—	300	—	300	—	300	1,824	7,150		
Other expenditure not included in the control total											
I: Industry, enterprise and training, privatisation programme ●											
—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	129		
J: Teachers superannuation ●											
—	—	—	345,131	—	345,131	195,217	149,914	149,722	114,761		
K: National Health Service superannuation ●											
—	—	—	315,796	—	315,796	183,965	131,831	147,009	149,585		
Total	7,335	150,810	13,116	2,185,211	402,079	2,758,551	570,736†	2,187,815	2,312,363	2,208,889	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total: ERDF receipts; repayment of voted loans (capital) by Scottish Enterprise; refunds of regional development grants; recovery of VAT; departmental charges for exchange rate cover

on European Coal and Steel Community loans; refunds of Regional Selective Assistance grants under section 7 of the Industrial Development Act; repayment of loans and access funds and refunds of awards overpaid in earlier years in respect of the Student

Awards Agency for Scotland; recovery of costs from local authorities in respect of self-governing schools and recoveries relating to the Pre 5 education voucher scheme; contributions in respect of National Health Service and teachers' superannuation.

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
1. Industry, enterprise and training ●	43,436	42,136	34,618
2. Education ●	80	20	52
Total	43,516	42,156	34,670

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

A2 Education: expenditure on Administration and Publicity ■	352
E2 Industry, enterprise and training: expenditure on Departmental research and the expenses of the Scottish Economic Council and the Convention of the Highlands and Islands ■	327

Hospital, community health, family health, other health services and welfare food, Scotland

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, C and E of this Vote, totalling £3,628,304,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers expenditure on hospital, community health, including National Health Service trusts, family health, other health services, welfare food and certain other related services managed by the NHS Management Executive in Scotland. Details of this expenditure, and a description of present government policy in relation to the health service in Scotland, are contained in Chapter 5 of Serving Scotland's Needs (Cm 3614). The staff administration costs associated with this Vote are borne on Class XIII, Vote 6.
3. Advances to meet the expenditure of health boards and certain other organisations are made as required and charged to the Vote at the time of issue. Any differences between the sums advanced and the expenditure incurred are taken into account in calculating subsequent advances.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.2 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £3,988.0 million and 2.9 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £3,921.7 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 5.2 of Cm 3614.
5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614.
6. There are two outstanding non statutory contingent liabilities, where any costs arising would be met from the Vote. These are as follows:-

Nature of liability	Amount outstanding at 31.3.96
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service—cost of injury claims arising from the clinical trials of manufactured products.	unquantifiable
Legal or other costs of those, other than qualified medical personnel, distributing iodine tablets to the general public in the event of a nuclear emergency.	unquantifiable

7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Hospital, community health, family health, other health services and welfare food, Scotland

Part I

£4,036,400,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by The Scottish Office Department of Health on hospital and community health services, including National Health Service trusts, family health services and welfare food; the Scottish Drugs Challenge Fund; and other services provided under the National Health Service in Scotland.

The **Scottish Office Department of Health** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 4,036,400,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,762,947,000
Balance to complete	2,273,453,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Hospital and community health services										
	—	3,606,096	15,330	—	—	3,621,426	8,773	3,612,653	3,474,464	3,269,976
B: Family health services										
	—	803,626	—	—	—	803,626	84,303	719,323	728,242	752,133
★C: Other health services										
	—	37,476	104	1,044	—	38,624	1,383	37,241	38,651	31,646
D: Welfare food										
	—	15,610	—	—	—	15,610	19	15,591	15,686	14,434
★E: NHS Trusts										
	—	—	—	—	53,410	53,410	75,000	- 21,590	35,025	13,454
<i>Port health</i>										
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
F: Trust debt remuneration ●										
—	170,000	—	—	—	170,000	—	—	170,000	164,790	150,791
G: National insurance contributions ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	496,818	-496,818	-468,885	-452,536
Total	4,632,808	15,434	1,044	53,410	4,702,696	666,296†	4,036,400	3,987,973	3,779,953	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from income from sales of surplus land and buildings, charges to private patients, income generation schemes, the processing of plasma for the Department of Health and Social Services

Northern Ireland, handling charges and sale of blood products, antibodies and related products, prescription charges collected by pharmacists and appliance suppliers, charges collected by dental practitioners, fees for administering examinations and indexing students on entry to

approved courses of nurse training, sales of vitamin drops and tablets at NHS clinics, repayments of project 2000 bursaries and other miscellaneous income.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
NHS Trust debt remuneration ●	172,000	166,940	150,791

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

C2 Legal expenses of haemophiliacs with HIV ■

£'000

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Law, order and protective services, police grant and social work services, Scotland

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, C, E to G, I and K to R of this Vote, totalling £660,189,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. Chapter 6 of *Serving Scotland's Needs*, (Cm 3614) provides a detailed description of the present policy and the relevant tables provide a breakdown of expenditure and appropriations in aid in relation to law, order and protective services and social work services, as contained in this Vote.
3. Sections C and D relate to Scotland's contribution to the Home Office (13 per cent) towards the grants in aid for Criminal Injuries Compensation Board/Authority administration costs and the compensation payments, paid from Class VII, Vote 1.
4. Police authorities will make contributions (50 per cent of the cost) towards certain items of expenditure in connection with common police services in section G. Recovery will be effected by deducting this amount from the grant payable (Section N). Current grant is payable to police authorities or joint police committees at a rate of 51 per cent of approved expenditure, including payments in connection with security measures associated with terrorism.
5. Advances for police authority services will be charged to Section G at the time of issue with subsequent adjustments. Authorities will be required to submit statements of accounts by the Controller of Audit of local authority accounts. Advances of grant to local authorities are also made in respect of Sections N, O, P and Q with possible adjustments made in later years following the receipt of certified claims.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.6 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £809 million. A breakdown of forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 6.1 of Cm 3614.
7. Administrative costs associated with the Vote are included in Class XIII, Vote 6 except for the running costs of the Scottish Prison Service which are carried on this Vote. Other elements of law, order and protective services appear on Class XIII, Vote 9 (see Chapter 10 of Cm 3614).
8. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Chapter 6.4 of Cm 3614.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Law, order and protective services, police grant and social work services, Scotland

Part I

£838,298,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Scottish Office Home Department on legal aid (including administration); criminal injuries compensation (including administration); certain services relating to crime including Parole Board for Scotland; the Scottish Prison Service (an executive agency); the Scottish Prisons Complaints Commission; police services (including grants) to local authorities and superannuation of police on secondment; fire services (including Scottish Fire Service Training School and superannuation); civil defence (including grants) and other protective miscellaneous services; social work services, including the Scottish Children's Reporter administration and the provision of residential and secure accommodation for children; services for offenders including probation and supervised attendance orders; grants to voluntary organisations; training and research; unemployed voluntary action fund; grants for ethnic minority groups and other grants to local authorities.

The **Scottish Office Home Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£838,298,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	361,934,000
Balance to complete	476,364,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Scottish Legal Aid Fund (administration)										
—	7,476	210	—	—	7,686	180	7,506	7,037	7,317	
B: Scottish Legal Aid Fund										
—	138,898	—	—	—	138,898	—	138,898	133,648	125,658	
★C: Criminal injuries compensation (administration)										
—	3,286	—	—	—	3,286	—	3,286	3,167	2,384	
D: Criminal injuries compensation										
—	—	—	27,747	—	27,747	—	27,747	32,546	22,200	
★E: Other services related to crime										
—	3,989	—	2,480	—	6,469	—	6,469	5,471	3,027	
★F: Scottish Prison Service										
149,025	17,014	22,196	—	—	188,235	2,810	185,425	181,827	160,904	
★G: Police services										
—	29,843	6,932	205	—	36,980	4,746	32,234	25,957	25,518	
H: Police superannuation										
—	189	—	—	—	189	30	159	137	214	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
★I: Scottish fire services										
—	3,682	2,024	—	—	5,706	69	5,637	3,873	4,222	
J: Fire services superannuation										
—	150	—	—	—	150	—	150	112	95	
★K: Civil defence central support services										
—	2,038	—	—	—	2,038	7	2,031	1,863	1,328	
★L: Miscellaneous services										
—	1,768	—	—	—	1,768	1	1,767	2,799	1,323	
★M: Social work services										
—	59,851	1,248	—	—	61,099	—	61,099	61,993	47,997	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★N: Police current grants paid to police authorities or joint police committees										
—	—	—	333,500	—	333,500	—	333,500	309,090	286,584	
★O: Civil defence grant in respect of emergency planning										
—	—	—	2,700	—	2,700	—	2,700	2,600	2,550	
★P: Social work services grants										
—	—	—	16,800	—	16,800	—	16,800	23,675	16,583	
★Q: Police capital grants										
—	—	—	—	1,635	1,635	—	1,635	2,331	557	
★R: Secure accommodation capital grants										
—	—	—	—	100	100	—	100	80	102	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
S: Police (loan charges) ●										
—	—	—	11,155	—	11,155	—	11,155	11,155	9,758	
Total	149,025	268,184	32,610	394,587	1,735	846,141	7,843†	838,298	809,361	718,321

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from police and fire officers (on secondment to including Scottish Police College and Scottish Fire Service Training School) superannuation contributions; charges for students from outwith Scottish Police Forces, charges for use of the Scottish Police College at weekends by outside organisations; receipts from non Scottish Police Forces in respect of officers sitting the police (Scotland) promotion examination; receipts from pay-phones, insurance, garden produce, rents from college houses, refunds of VAT on SPC salaries and

expenses; receipts from sale of vehicles, contributions made by the Scottish Police Federation to the cost of salaries, etc of their secretary and chairman and receipts from the sale of Scottish Crime Squad vehicles; refunds of VAT on non-SPC common police service expenditure; superannuation contributions collected by Scottish Legal Aid Board; receipts from the sale of prison manufactured goods, services and other industries receipts, land, buildings and staff quarters sale of vehicles, equipment and property; various receipts from hire of prison labour, staff meals, prisoners canteens etc, rent from leased garages

and recovery of VAT; general receipts realised by Scottish Fire Services Training School, including those from fire-related and other organisations which use the school's teaching and conference facilities on a repayment basis and recovery of VAT; civil defence receipts realised from the sale of surplus and obsolete equipment and course receipts; and rents from other bodies using radio masts or stations owned by the Scottish Office; receipts from cinematography exemption certificate fees and criminal statistics; recovery of VAT on criminal law, civil law and social work research.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

None extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

C2	Criminal injuries compensation administration ■	3,286
D4	Criminal injuries compensation ■	27,747
E2, E4	Other services related to crime ■	6,469
M2, M3	Social work services ■	61,099

Scottish Office: administration

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. Provision is principally for the running costs of the Scottish Office excluding the executive agencies which feature independently under their own departmental Votes.
3. The salaries and expenses of Scottish Office Ministers are also met from this Vote.
4. Expenditure in this Vote is explained in paragraphs 12.1 to 12.5 of *Serving Scotland's Needs* (Cm 3614).
5. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614.
6. Administration costs includes running costs provision of £133,885,000 which forms part of the department's gross running cost limit. Further details are provided in Appendix 3 of Cm 3614.
7. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 7.9 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £162,026,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Appendix 1 of Cm 3614.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Scottish Office: administration

Part I

£150,154,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Scottish Office on administrative costs, operational costs and on the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.

The **Scottish Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£150,154,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	72,418,000
Balance to complete	77,736,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration										
133,885	8,698	15,913	—	—	158,496	8,342†	150,154	162,026	164,513	
†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from payments from other departments for			professional services; recoveries of salaries of outward seconded staff and staff assigned to CICA; receipts from the Statistical Office of			the EU; receipts of discounts; recoveries of legal costs; receipts from other services; and capital receipts.				

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	—	—	10

General Register Office for Scotland

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The General Register Office is responsible for the administration of the registration of births, deaths and marriages; the statutory provisions relating to the formalities of marriage and the conduct of civil marriages in Scotland; the taking of periodic censuses of the population; the production and dissemination of a wide range of demographic and social statistics; and the maintenance, on a repayment basis on behalf of the Scottish Office, of the National Health Service Central Register in Scotland, which records persons on National Health Service doctors' lists.
3. Expenditure in this Vote is explained in paragraphs 7.1 to 7.2 of *Serving Scotland's Needs* (Cm 3614).
4. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614.
5. Administration costs includes running costs provision of £7,400,000. Further details are provided in Appendix 3 of Cm 3614.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 4.0 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £5,279,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Appendix 1 of Cm 3614.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

General Register Office for Scotland

Part I

£5,067,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the General Register Office for Scotland on administrative and operational costs.

The **General Register Office for Scotland** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 5,067,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,334,000
Balance to complete	2,733,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
7,400	—	380	—	—	7,780	2,713†	5,067	5,279	5,166	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the Scottish Office for running the NHS Central Register; receipts from sales of information by NHS Central Register, receipts from sales of records services, receipts from sales of vital statistics; receipts from sales of population statistics; receipts from sales of census and other geographical information and receipts from IT services and capital receipts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Scottish Record Office

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Scottish Record Office is responsible for preserving the public records of Scotland and other records including local authority records, which have been transmitted to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland and for making them available for public inspection. The Office is concerned with the selection, disposal and transfer of non-current records of government departments, other public bodies and Courts of Law in Scotland. It also advises local authorities on their records, and arranges for retransmission where appropriate.
3. Expenditure in this Vote is explained in paragraphs 8.1 to 8.2 of Serving Scotland's Needs (Cm 3614).
4. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614.
5. Administration costs include running costs provision of £4,445,000. Further details are provided in Appendix 3 of Cm 3614.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 30.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £6,365,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Appendix 1 of Cm 3614.
7. There is one outstanding contingent liability which will be met from the Vote:

Nature of liability

Indemnity to owners of historical documents lent to the Scottish Record Office against loss or damage.

Amount
outstanding
at 1.1.97

£1,700,000

8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Scottish Record Office

Part I

£4,422,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Scottish Record Office on administrative costs; acquiring record material; construction and associated costs of a new purpose-built repository; publication of a revised edition of the Act of Parliament of Scotland; conservation grants to local archives; and a grant to the Business Archives Council of Scotland.

The Scottish Record Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 4,422,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	2,253,000
Balance to complete	2,169,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
4,445	100	636	20	—	5,201	779†	4,422	6,365	5,402	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from fees for the issue of photocopy orders, professional searchers contract fees, inspection

fees; issue of microfilm and sale of facsimiles, receipts from conservation and binding services, a contribution from the Vote of the General Register Office for Scotland

(Class XIII, Vote 7) for binding services and capital receipts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Administration of justice, Scotland

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A and C of this Vote, totalling £43,500,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. Sections A and C cover the general running costs of the Scottish Court Service, an executive agency of the Scottish Courts Administration, comprising of the Supreme and Sheriff Courts; the Scottish Land Court and Lands Tribunal for Scotland, The Office and Court of the Lord Lyon, The Office of the Accountant in Bankruptcy, the Scottish Law Commission, the Pensions Appeal Tribunal for Scotland, the Office of the Social Security Commissioners in Scotland, the VAT & Duties Tribunals in Scotland and the Scottish Courts Administration. A small grant in aid to the Faculty of Advocates Library is also made from this vote for use of the library made by senior members of the Judiciary in the Supreme Courts.
3. Sections B and D, which are not subject to a cash limit, provide for the operational costs of the Scottish Court Service comprising payments to jurors, the cost of shorthand writers and fees in respect of other services; and of the Scottish Courts Administration comprising payments of expenses to the Judiciary and payments by the Accountant in Bankruptcy to Trustees and Agents and payments and fees in respect of other services.
4. Further information on the expenditure contained in Sections A and C can be found in Chapter 10 of *Serving Scotland's Needs* (Cm 3614).
5. Direct expenditure from the Consolidated Fund on the salaries of the Judiciary in Scotland is estimated at £14.5 million. This expenditure is classified as current expenditure within the control total.
6. Fees charged for services provided in the civil courts, costs recoverable from the National Insurance Fund in relation to the Office of Social Security Commissioners and miscellaneous receipts are treated as appropriations in aid of this Vote. However, criminal fines and forfeitures, and fines under the Road Traffic Act, are paid over to the Consolidated Fund.
7. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 12.2 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £60,835,000. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 10.1 of Cm 3614.
8. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614. Further details of Consolidated fund extra receipts can be found in Appendix 6 of Cm 3614.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Administration of justice, Scotland

Part I

£53,395,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Scottish Courts Administration and the Scottish Court Service on court services; the Scottish Law Commission; certain legal services; costs and fees in connection with legal proceedings.

The **Scottish Courts Administration** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 53,395,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	26,528,000
Balance to complete	26,867,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Scottish Court Service: administration											
	36,700	—	12,600	—	—	49,300	13,250	36,050	44,298	44,757	
B: Scottish Court Service: operational											
	—	5,329	—	—	—	5,329	—	5,329	5,606	4,747	
★C: Scottish Courts Administration: administration											
	7,044	3,097	100	—	—	10,241	2,791	7,450	4,953	3,858	
D: Scottish Courts Administration: operational											
	—	4,566	—	—	—	4,566	—	4,566	5,978	6,088	
Total	43,744	12,992	12,700	—	—	69,436	16,041	53,395	60,835	59,450	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from cash fees for civil cases (£15,966,000) and recoveries from the National Insurance Fund (£75,000).

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Fines and forfeitures ●	9,372	9,372	9,800

Forestry Commission

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The objectives of the Forestry Commission are to promote the interests of forestry, the development of afforestation including the establishment and maintenance of adequate reserves of growing trees, the production and supply of timber and other forest products and the provision of opportunities for recreation and the development of the potential of the forests it manages as a habitat for wildlife. It has a duty to seek to achieve a reasonable balance in carrying out its functions, between the needs of productive forestry and those of the environment. It is concerned essentially with the conservation of the country's existing forests and the creation of new ones. It covers grant in aid for the promotion of forestry, including planting, management and conservation of forests and woodlands, forestry research, the operation of the Commission's estate and its superannuation liabilities. Further information on the scale and scope of these activities can be found in *Serving Scotland's Needs* (Cm 3614), chapter 11, and in the Forestry Commission Annual Report and Accounts presented to Parliament each year.
3. The Vote consists of a net grant in aid of £52,425,000 payable to the Forestry Fund, of which £72,112,000 is allocated to the Department of Forestry which advises Ministers, and is responsible for the implementation of Government forestry policies, and is offset by the surplus of £28,884,000 from the Forest Enterprise Agency which covers the management of Commission's forests. The remaining £9,197,000 is allocated to the Forestry Commission Research Agency which provides research and development to the forestry industry and supports Ministers and Commissioners in their duties.
4. In 1996-97 it is expected to grant aid the private sector for planting 17,700 hectares of new forest and woodlands, replanting 6,500 hectares after felling and 280,000 hectares improved through maintenance grants. Forest Enterprise will plant 280 hectares of new forest, replant 7,991 hectares after felling and harvest 4,498,000 cubic metres of timber.
5. The provision sought in 1997-98 is 2.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £53,796,000. A breakdown by individual function is given in Table 11.1 of Cm 3614 but excludes contributions from the European Union to grants for woodlands in the private sector.
6. Contributions from the European Union to grants for woodlands in the private sector are received through the Intervention Board—Executive Agency and are shown in the Scottish Office Report 1997 Cm 3614, Appendix 5. In 1997-98 this is expected to be £10.5 million.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Forestry Commission

Part I

£52,425,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for payments to the Forestry Fund.
The **Forestry Commission** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 52,425,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	24,208,000
Balance to complete	28,217,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Forestry Fund: grant in aid										
—	57,994	- 37,992	43,123	—	63,125	200	62,925	63,296	73,865	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★B: Forestry ●										
—	—	—	- 10,500	—	- 10,500	—	- 10,500	- 9,500	- 8,000	
Total	57,994	- 37,992	32,623	—	52,625	200	52,425	53,796	65,865	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from receipts from the European Union.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Forestry ●	—	928	6,242

Agriculture, fisheries and food, Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections B to G and I of this Vote, totalling £53,462,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers market support under the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) and provides for environmental measures (Sections A and B); support for farming in special areas (ie hill farming) and for animal health (Section B). Section A includes expenditure of £188,471,000; this expenditure is offset by receipts from the EAGGF via the Intervention Board Executive Agency in subhead H4. Section B includes expenditure estimated at £3,372,000 offset by receipts from the IBEA in subhead I4 and expenditure estimated at £499,000 offset by receipts from the EAGGF in subhead B4. Section C includes expenditure estimated at £1,975,000 offset by receipts from the EAGGF (subhead C4). Details of the EU expenditure and receipts for both fully and part-funded schemes within Sections A to C can be found in Table 2.02, Chapter 2 of the Welsh Office Departmental Report (Cm 3615).
3. The provision in Section C provides for capital grant schemes and alternative land uses; the food strategy; processing grants and marketing development grants to producer groups to foster a more efficient and competitive food industry; services and advice provided by ADAS Agency; the Rural Development Programme; the continuing farm management survey undertaken by the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth and other small payments.
4. Section D provides support to the fishing industry and fisheries protection. Section G includes provision for local authority harbour grants.
5. Grants are made for arterial drainage flood and coast protection to the Environment Agency and local authorities (Sections E and G).
6. Expenditure in Sections A to D, F, H and I is explained in Chapter 2 of Cm 3615. Expenditure in Sections E and G is explained in Chapter 6 of Cm 3615. A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Annex 3 of Cm 3615.
7. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 12.6 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £47.7 million and 22.4 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £43.8 million. Details of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function are to be found in Cm 3615.
8. Payments in respect of certain services are made in advance and are subject to adjustments in respect of the current and previous years. The Vote records the payments within the financial year, including such adjustments.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Agriculture, fisheries and food, Wales

Part I

£53,653,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Welsh Office on market support; support for agriculture in special areas and compensation to sheep producers; animal health; assistance to agricultural production, marketing and processing; grants for capital and other improvements and certain alternative land uses; compensation to the farming, fishing and fish-farming industries; support for the food industry, the rural economy and the fishing industry; fisheries protection; agency payments for fishing projects; European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund grants to local authorities and other organisations; other miscellaneous agricultural services; and arterial drainage, flood and coast protection.

The **Welsh Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 53,653,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	21,443,000
Balance to complete	32,210,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Market support etc.										
—	—	—	188,662	—	188,662	—	188,662	205,589	182,110	
*B: Structural and agri-environmental measures										
—	119	—	43,754	550	44,423	6,111	38,312	31,388	25,741	
*C: Other agriculture										
—	5,578	37	2,947	4,530	13,092	468	12,624	13,625	10,125	
*D: Fishing industry and fisheries protection										
—	223	—	10	47	280	—	280	554	502	
*E: Arterial drainage and flood prevention										
—	—	1,037	—	—	1,037	—	1,037	1,000	988	
Central government grants to local authorities										
*F: Rural support										
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	
*G: Arterial drainage, coast protection and flood prevention, etc										
—	—	—	—	4,580	4,580	—	4,580	5,671	3,187	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
H: Market support etc. ●										
—	—	—	-188,471	—	-188,471	—	-188,471	-205,588	-182,099	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
—	—	—	-3,372	—	-3,372	—	-3,372	-4,590	-1,069	
Total	5,920	1,074	43,531	9,707	60,232	6,579†	53,653	47,650	39,485	

★I: Environmental support etc. ●

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund on hill

livestock compensatory allowance scheme; receipts from the sale of carcasses of slaughtered animals (Section B); contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and

Guarantee Fund in respect of reimbursement for capital grant schemes; receipts in respect of the wildlife incident investigation scheme (Section C).

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Agriculture, fisheries and food ☉	1	—	124
Market support, etc. ●	—	1	—
Arterial drainage and flood protection ☉	—	—	5
EAGGF—excess receipts ☉	—	—	653
Total	1	1	782

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

B4	Sheep Compensation Scheme 1986 ■	656
D2	Other payments (including publicity) ■	246
D4	(i) Commissioned surveys and studies ■	650
	(ii) Rural development scheme ■ (net)	1,000
	(iii) Food strategy ■	1,000

Industrial support, training and enterprise and education, Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Section A, C, D, F, G and H of this Vote, totalling £785,732,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote comprises expenditure on industry (Sections A and B), Training (Section C) and education (Sections D, E, F and G). Provision for TECs administrative expenses (part) is contained in Section I of Class XIV, Vote 3.
3. The grant-in-aid bodies contained on this Vote are: in Section A—the Development Board for Rural Wales ♥ (£9,480,000), the Welsh Development Agency ♥ (£84,187,000), in Sections D and E—the Further Education Funding Council for Wales ♥ (£176,817,000), the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales ♥ (£236,787,000), the Curriculum Assessment Authority for Wales ♥ (£9,280,000) and the Welsh Language Board ♥ (£3,721,000).
4. Expenditure on the WDA and DBRW is explained in Chapter 3 of the Welsh Office Departmental Report (Cm 3615); the remainder of industry, and training and enterprise in Chapter 4 and education in Chapter 5.
5. Section F comprises current grants within AEF and Sections G and H comprises current grants outside AEF.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 9.5 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £746.2 million and 10.3 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £741.0 million. Details of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual functions are to be found in Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of Cm 3615.
7. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote is shown in Annex 3 of Cm 3615, contingent liabilities in Annex 5 and details of long-term capital projects in Annex 6.
8. Payments in respect of certain services are made in advance and are subject to adjustments in respect of current and previous years. The Vote records net payments within the financial year, including such adjustments.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Industrial support, training and enterprise and education, Wales†

Part I

£817,129,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Welsh Office on regional assistance; Welsh Development Agency; Development Board for Rural Wales; exchange risk guarantees; other industry expenditure; the Teaching Company Scheme; expenditure via Training and Enterprise Councils and amounts retained by them as surpluses on training, including the provision of training programmes for young people and adults; initiatives and programmes within education; the promotion of enterprise; and encouragement of self-employed and small firms; help for unemployed people; Careers Service; publicity and research; education (including the Further Education Funding Council for Wales and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales); and certain other services and expenses.

The **Welsh Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 817,129,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	504,890,000
Balance to complete	312,239,000

†In the Vote on Account this Vote was entitled Industrial support, employment, training and education, Wales.

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: <i>Industry</i>	—	1,532	—	22,948	144,403	168,883	242	168,641	125,782	95,668	
B: <i>Industry</i>	—	—	—	6,737	—	6,737	340	6,397	6,000	11,286	
★C: <i>Training and enterprise</i>	—	130,350	—	2,172	1	132,523	—	132,523	136,399	127,610	
★D: <i>Education</i>	—	58,258	—	410,699	23,620	492,577	26,541	466,036	424,610	409,229	
E: <i>Education</i>	—	—	—	25,000	—	25,000	—	25,000	36,000	44,780	
Central government grants to local authorities											
★F: <i>Education—current grants within AEF</i>	—	—	—	18,324	—	18,324	—	18,324	17,386	16,965	
★G: <i>Education—current grants outside AEF</i>	—	—	—	207	—	207	—	207	—	—	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
★H: EU payments (net)										
			1		1		1	1		
<i>Training</i>									1,920	
Total	190,140		486,088	168,024	844,252	27,123}	817,129	746,178	707,458	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from repayments of regional selective assistance; refunds of regional development grants;

regional enterprise grants; investment; regional enterprise grants; innovation; miscellaneous industrial support services; receipts; departmental charges for exchange risk cover

on EU loans; receipts from repayments of loans made to aided and grant-maintained schools; repayment of proceeds of sales.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Industry ◊	2	2	1,130
2. Education ●	1	1	1,641
3. Employment ◊	16,510	11,300	13,990
Total	16,513	11,303	16,761

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

A2 Miscellaneous industrial support ■	982
C2 TEC surpluses ■	2
D2 Educational services, research programmes, publicity and related expenditure etc ■	345

Roads and transport, housing, other environmental services, Cadw, arts and libraries, health and personal social services, ERDF and Welsh Office administration, Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to C, E to G, I, K, M, N, P, R, T and V of this Vote, totalling £437,196,000 is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers arts, libraries and museums; roads and transport; housing, including the commutation of loan charge grants to local authorities; Cadw, the Welsh historic monuments agency; other environmental services including National Parks Grants, Welsh Capital Challenge and the Strategic Development Scheme; health and personal social services; grants from the ERDF and Welsh Office administration costs.
3. Expenditure in Section A of the Vote is explained in Chapter 5 of the Welsh Office Departmental Report (Cm 3615), Sections B, E, K, R, T and X in Chapter 6; Sections C, D, N, O, S and W in Chapter 7; Section F split between Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7; Section I in Chapter 1; Sections G, H, M and V in Chapter 7; Sections J, L, Q, U and Y (including details of ERDF expenditure and related receipts) within Table 3.06 in Chapter 3 and Section P split between Chapters 3 and 6.
4. Arts and libraries Section A includes grant-in-aid provision for the National Library of Wales ♥ (£5,991,000), National Museums and Galleries of Wales ♥ (£12,427,000) and Arts Council of Wales ♥ (£14,549,000); housing Sections C and X include grant-in-aid provision for Housing for Wales ♥ (£2,770,000); other environmental services Section F includes grant-in-aid provision for the Countryside Council for Wales ♥ (£23,155,000) Sports Council for Wales ♥ (£6,596,000), Cardiff Bay Development Corporation ♥ (£47,919,000) and the Wales Tourist Board ♥ (£11,420,000).
5. Section E includes running cost provision of £4,000,000 for Cadw Agency and Section I includes running cost provision of £68,139,000 (net of VAT on contracted out services) for central administration. These form part of the departmental gross running cost limit, further details of which are provided in Chapter 1 of Cm 3615. Sections K to M comprise current grants within AEF and Sections N to Q comprise current grants outside AEF.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 13 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £1,043.1 million and 12.5 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £1,037.5 million. Details of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function are to be found in Cm 3615.
7. Payments in respect of certain services are made in advance and are subject to adjustments in respect of the current and previous years. The Vote records net payments within the financial year, including such adjustments.
8. Details of contingent liabilities associated with Voted expenditure are contained in Annex 5 of Cm 3615, a detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Annex 3 and details of long term projects can be found in Annex 6.
9. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Roads and transport, housing, other environmental services, Cadw, arts and libraries, health and personal social services, ERDF and Welsh Office administration, Wales

Part I

£907,403,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Welsh Office on arts; libraries; museums; roads and transport and associated services; housing, including the commutation of loan charge grants to local authorities; historic buildings and ancient monuments; Cadw Agency; other environmental services (including tourism, civil defence, national parks, Planning Inspectorate Agency and payments related to EU matters); health and personal social services and related inquiries; European Regional Development Fund; Welsh Office administration; TEC management fees (part); and other grants and services, including research.

The Welsh Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	907,403,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	462,686,000
Balance to complete	444,717,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers		Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Arts and libraries	—	19,067	—	13,077	1,365	33,509	—	33,509	34,452	39,643
★B: Roads and transport	—	25,156	88,988	56	1,752	115,952	890	115,062	166,821	195,371
★C: Housing	—	259	—	7,143	—	7,402	7	7,395	6,437	5,123
D: Housing	—	—	—	14,816	72,769	87,585	790	86,795	111,714	119,065
★E: Cadw	4,000	4,362	948	3,670	—	12,980	3,000	9,980	10,580	11,088
★F: Other environmental services	—	26,661	1,001	23,321	47,426	98,409	171	98,238	110,769	107,970
★G: Health and personal social services	—	55,567	10	6,935	5	62,517	—	62,517	82,773	77,864

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
H: Health and personal social services										
—	15,000	—	—	—	15,000	100	14,900	14,900	13,863	
★I: Central administration										
68,139	1,014	2,117	—	—	71,270	807	70,463	74,489	74,999	
J: European Regional Development Fund (net)										
—	—	—	-17,499	17,500	1	—	1	1	—	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★K: National Parks										
—	—	—	5,834	—	5,834	—	5,834	5,834	5,506	
L: Social, economic and environmental										
—	—	—	4,624	—	4,624	—	4,624	5,256	4,020	
★M: Health and personal social services										
—	—	—	2,115	—	2,115	—	2,115	1,945	1,813	
★N: Housing										
—	—	—	1,818	—	1,818	—	1,818	1,818	1,790	
O: Housing										
—	—	—	198,638	—	198,638	—	198,638	191,291	190,285	
★P: Environmental services, including Cadw										
—	—	—	854	—	854	—	854	470	627	
Q: European Regional Development Fund (net)										
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	
★R: Roads and transport										
—	—	—	—	28,565	28,565	—	28,565	38,468	42,231	
S: Housing										
—	—	—	—	134,883	134,883	—	134,883	142,042	144,560	
★T: Other environmental services										
—	—	—	—	672	672	—	672	672	30	
U: Social, economic and environmental										
—	—	—	—	29,094	29,094	—	29,094	25,483	23,541	
★V: Health and personal social services										
—	—	—	—	174	174	—	174	1,540	2,578	
<i>Health and personal social services</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,882	—	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
W: Housing ●										
—	—	—	988	2	990	—	990	11,197	39,351	
X: Other environmental services ●										
—	—	—	280	—	280	—	280	280	306	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Y: European Regional Development Fund (net) ●										
—	—	—	-31,749	31,750	1	—	1	1	—	
Total	72,139	147,086	234,922	365,957	913,168	5,765†	907,403	1,043,116	1,101,624	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from: roads and transport for sale of land and materials; rents from property and land; third party claims and administration charges; receipts from other bodies in respect of maintenance costs; housing for widow's pension and superannuation deductions from the President of the Rent Assessment Panel for Wales; other Rent Assessment Panel receipts; repayment of housing association grant following the sale of property; repayment of

capital grant by Housing for Wales; Cadw for income from admission charges, sales and miscellaneous receipts; VAT receipts; receipts from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and other bodies; other environmental services for repayment of loans and grants to the hotel industry; repayment of loans and grants for tourist projects; receipts by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments (Wales); planning receipts from sale of publications etc; planning inquiry receipts in respect of the Transport and Works Act 1992;

recovery of EIP expenses etc; health and personal social services for receipts from sales of subsidised dried milk for children under one year in families in receipt of Family Credit; other public services for receipts for services provided to Government departments and other bodies; receipts for secondments provided to Government departments and other bodies; receipts for jointly occupied buildings, other certain accommodation costs and receipts from the sale of land and property (Common User Estate).

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Roads and Transport ●	260	299	2,042
2. Housing ●	10	10	74
3. Other environmental services ●	744	2,320	2,664
4. Welsh Office administration ☐	1	10	228
5. European Regional Development Fund ☐	1	1	578
Surplus receipts of Classes authorised to be appropriated in aid ☐	—	—	304
Total	1,016	2,640	5,890

Notes:

The following subheads contain provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

A2 European Libraries Co-operation Plan ■	1
A4 Art for Architecture scheme ■	10
B2 Payments for services in respect of Valuation Office, Treasury Solicitor and ADAS Agency, publicity, information services etc. ■	583
C2 Welsh Housing Consultative Committee and associated sub-committees; Welsh housing awards; leasehold enfranchisement advisory service ■	5
C4 Housing publicity, information services, etc. ■	61
E2 Cadw other operating expenses ■	200
F2 Environmental research, surveys, publicity, Lord Lieutenants expenses etc. ■	148
F4 Environmental research, surveys, publicity, etc. ■	632
G2 Information services, miscellaneous payments and expenses ■	80
G4 Family Fund ■	1,718

Hospital, community health, family health services and other health services (part), Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A, B and E of this Vote, totalling £1,979,708,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. About 97 per cent of net central government expenditure on health and personal social services in Wales appears on this Vote; the remaining voted expenditure including administrative costs associated with this Vote appear in Class XIV, Vote 3.
3. This Vote comprises expenditure on the NHS, for which the Director of the Welsh Office Health Department is accounting officer, as set out below.
4. Section A covers expenditure on (i) hospital, community health, and cash limited family health services, including current and capital advances to health authorities, and the budgets of general practice fundholders ♦ (£1,783,399,000); and (ii) education and training of NHS staff and other health services, including advances to the Dental Practice Board, Public Health Laboratory Services Board and National Biological Standards Board.
5. Section B covers loans to and repayments from NHS Trusts, funding for which is generally in the form of interest-bearing loans with defined interest and repayment terms and in certain circumstances as public dividend capital.
6. Section C covers family health services non-cash limited expenditure, mainly the remuneration and expenses of general medical practitioners, and prescriptions written by them or non-fundholders, together with all other pharmaceutical, dental and ophthalmic service costs.
7. Section D covers an appropriate element of NHS contributions by employers and employees.
8. Section E covers the debt remuneration element of health authorities' payments to NHS Trusts. This element of Trusts' charges is intended to cover the Trusts' liability to remunerate their capital debt to the Consolidated Fund.
9. Expenditure contained in Sections A, B and C of this Vote is explained in Chapter 8 of the Welsh Office Departmental Report (Cm 3615).
10. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Annex 3 of Cm 3615. Contingent liabilities are shown in Annex 5, details of long term capital projects in Annex 6 and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund in Annex 4 of Cm 3615.
11. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 2.3 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £2,051.9 million and 2.7 per cent higher than forecast outturn for that year of £2,043.9 million. Details of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function are to be found in Chapter 8 of Cm 3615.
12. Advances to meet the expenditure of health authorities and certain other organisations are made as required and charged to the Vote at the time of issue. Any differences between the sums advanced and the expenditure incurred are taken into account in calculating subsequent advances.
13. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Hospital, community health, family health services and other health services (part), Wales

Part I

£2,098,610,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Welsh Office on hospital, community health, family health services, National Health Service trusts and on other health services (part).

The **Director of the Welsh Office Health Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,098,610,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 5)	901,652,000
Balance to complete	1,196,958,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: National Health Service: HCFHS										
—	1,868,520	3,159	18	—	1,871,697	6,993	1,864,704	1,782,492	1,662,314	
★B: National Health Service: Trusts										
—	—	—	—	91,704	91,704	46,790	44,914	60,987	49,742	
C: National Health Service										
—	403,536	—	—	—	403,536	39,000	364,536	374,260	385,382	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
D: National Health Service contributions ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	245,634	—245,634	—232,647	—223,782	
★E: National Health Service trust debt remuneration ●										
—	70,090	—	—	—	70,090	—	70,090	66,785	58,088	
Total	2,342,146	3,159	18	91,704	2,437,027	338,417†	2,098,610	2,051,877	1,931,744	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from National Health Service: receipts from the sale of land, buildings, vehicles and other equipment; income collected by health authorities in the registration and inspection of nursing homes and from charges for services to general practitioners and receipts from income generation schemes; receipts in respect of licensing of software in NHS computer services; receipts from sales of publications; medical negligence claims. Education and Training—receipts from the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting. Prescription charges collected by pharmacists

less amount credited in respect of prescriptions issued by hospitals etc and dispensed by retail pharmacists; charges collected by dentists; receipts from sales of pre-payment certificates for prescription charges; prescription charges paid by patients and surrendered by dispensing doctors; prescription charges recovered from patients by health authorities; charges paid by patients for dental services in health centres; dental charges recovered from patients by health authorities; incorrect ophthalmic voucher payments recovered from patients or suppliers by health authorities. Other rebates from manufacturers under the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation scheme;

recovery from national insurance and supplementary benefit funds and from the Training Agency of the cost of reports supplied by general practitioners on persons claiming certain social security benefits or eligibility for inclusions in the Disabled Persons Register. Public Health Laboratory Service Board income; receipts by the Health Promotion Authority for Wales; receipts from capital repayments by NHS trusts; contributions from employers and employees towards the cost of the National Health Service.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

	£'000		
In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. National Health Service ◊	1	1	2
2. NHS trust debt remuneration ●	70,900	81,541	61,844
Total	70,901	81,542	61,846

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part I of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

A2 International Hospital Federation ■

£'000

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Local government, Wales

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on Sections A to D of this Vote, totalling £2,340,554,000, is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the costs of Valuation Office Agency rating and valuation services and Valuation Tribunals; provides for the payment of revenue support grant and non-domestic rates to receiving authorities in Wales; provides for the payment of grants to local authorities in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme; and provides for the repayments of excess contributions in respect of non-domestic rates made by billing authorities in previous years.
3. Expenditure in Sections A to F of the Vote is explained in Chapter 7 of the Welsh Office Departmental Report (Cm 3615).
4. Sections B to D relate to provisions within aggregate external finance (AEF) and Section E to provision outside AEF.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.6 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £2,320 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Chapter 7 of Cm 3615.
6. Payments in respect of certain services are made in advance and are subject to adjustments in respect of the current and previous years. The Vote records the payments within the financial year, including such adjustments.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Local government, Wales

Part I

£2,357,555,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Welsh Office on revenue support grant and payment of non-domestic rates income to receiving authorities in Wales; payments to specified bodies; grants to local authorities in Wales in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme; reduction grant to Dyfed-Powys Police Authority; special grants to local authorities following natural emergencies; payments for Valuation Office Agency rating and valuation services; running costs of Valuation Tribunals; publicity costs; exceptional expenses for the Commission for Local Administration in Wales; Treasury Solicitor legal services; repayments of excess contributions made by billing authorities and adjustments for shortfalls in receipts made by the Secretary of State in respect of non-domestic rates in previous years, etc.

The **Welsh Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,357,555,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,044,162,000
Balance to complete	1,313,393,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Valuation Office services, etc										
—	7,151	—	—	—	7,151	21	7,130	7,509	7,771	
Central government grants to local authorities										
★B: Revenue support grant										
—	—	—	1,732,698	—	1,732,698	—	1,732,698	1,791,979	1,718,296	
★C: Non-domestic rate payments										
—	—	—	584,000	—	584,000	—	584,000	459,000	520,000	
★D: Council tax reduction scheme (within AEF)										
—	—	—	16,726	—	16,726	—	16,726	29,128	—	
E: Miscellaneous										
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	
<i>Council tax reduction scheme (outside AEF)</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,792	—	
<i>Shadow unitary authority</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,950	17,550	
<i>Community charge grant</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,200	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
F: <i>Non-domestic rates outturn adjustment</i> ●										
—	—	—	17,000	—	17,000	—	17,000	15,000	9,886	
Total	7,151	—	2,330,425	—	2,357,576	21†	2,357,555	2,320,359	2,275,703	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from Valuation Tribunals car loan repayments and other miscellaneous receipts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts:	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
<i>Miscellaneous receipts</i> ●	—	—	6

Notes:

The following subhead contains provision sought under the sole authority of Part 1 of the Estimate and of the confirming Appropriation Act:

£'000

A2 Costs arising from publicity in respect of the council tax, etc, exceptional expenses for the Commission for Local Administration in Wales, and payments to the Treasury Solicitor for legal services relating to local government ■

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Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the running costs and administrative capital expenditure of Her Majesty's Chief Inspectorate and the staff of HMCI's Office (OHMCI) based throughout Wales, including the provision of advice to the Welsh Office, other departments and non-departmental public bodies; programme expenditure for payments under contract for inspection of schools; provision of publicity material and guidance; provision of advice on best practice, training registered inspectors and their teams; and running short courses for teachers and invitation conferences. Certain central services which are not readily identifiable are met by the Welsh Office from Section I of Class XIV, Vote 3.
3. Expenditure borne on this Vote is explained in Chapter 9 of the Welsh Office Departmental Report (Cm 3615). Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Annex 3 of Cm 3615.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3.2 per cent higher than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £9.8 million and 10.3 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £9.2 million.
5. Payments in respect of certain services are made in advance and are subject to adjustments in respect of the current and previous years. The Vote records net payments within the financial year, including such adjustments.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales

Part I

£10,105,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales on inspections, publicity, training, teacher's short courses and conferences, administration and associated capital, etc.

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales will account for this Vote.

Net total	£10,105,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	4,334,000
Balance to complete	5,771,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: OHMCI										
3,545	6,879	26	—	—	10,450	345†	10,105	9,789	7,791	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from the recovery of costs of staff seconded out to other bodies.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
OHMCI †	1	1	15

Northern Ireland Office: administration, law, order, protective and miscellaneous services

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for the salaries of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and four other Ministers and for the administration of the Northern Ireland Office.
3. It also provides for the enforcement of the law (excluding Army costs) the maintenance of a secure and humane prison system; and for certain other services. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to L of this Vote can be found in Appendix A of the Northern Ireland Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3616). The Northern Ireland Court Service, which has been reserved to the United Kingdom Government under the Northern Ireland Act 1973, is provided for on Class VIII, Vote 2. Other services under the Northern Ireland Programme are the responsibility of Northern Ireland Departments. The main grants in aid within the Vote are the grant to the Police Authority for Northern Ireland ♥ (£659,272,000), grant to training schools, remand homes and attendance centres (£8,692,000) and the grant to Probation Board for Northern Ireland ♥ (£9,755,000). Explanatory details are provided in Cm 3616.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.9 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £961.1 million and 2.9 per cent higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £915.3 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 4.1 of Cm 3616.
5. Section D includes running costs provision of £124,900,000 (net of VAT on contracted out services) for the Prisons Agency. This forms part of the departmental gross running cost limit, further details of which are provided in Chapter 11 of Cm 3616.
6. Sections K and L contain - £1,766,000 and £15,550,000 respectively which is not included in the control total in respect of receipts from the European Union peace and reconciliation package; and pension provision for the police, further details of which are provided in Appendix A of Cm 3616.
7. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Appendix A of Cm 3616. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Appendix B of Cm 3616.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Northern Ireland Office: administration, law, order, protective and miscellaneous services

Part I

£942,922,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on central and miscellaneous services; security and associated costs; elections; Forum administration; political talks administration and associated costs; forensic services; services related to crime; police; prisons; criminal justice; training schools; probation and after-care, etc; compensation schemes; Crown prosecutions and other legal services; European Union peace and reconciliation projects; and certain other grants.

The Northern Ireland Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 942,922,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	388,286,000
Balance to complete	554,636,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

	Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
	1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Administration and miscellaneous services	21,173	1,524	3,542	—	—	26,239	807	25,432	39,858	26,439	
★B: Security	2,635	673	46	—	—	3,354	—	3,354	7,218	9,873	
★C: Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland	4,214	107	704	—	—	5,025	5,774	-749	355	-18	
★D: Northern Ireland Prison Service	124,900	10,583	6,799	—	—	142,282	59	142,223	144,811	142,932	
★E: Criminal justice	3,543	6,596	2	20,431	—	30,572	1	30,571	39,484	39,324	
★F: Administration of justice	8,231	2,733	81	—	—	11,045	3,091	7,954	9,243	8,914	
★G: Compensation Agency	3,004	980	22	54,900	—	58,906	180	58,726	63,751	74,612	
★H: Police	—	630,088	29,184	—	—	659,272	—	659,272	641,458	635,291	
★I: Matching funding for the European Union Peace and reconciliation programme	—	—	—	588	—	588	—	588	275	16	
★J: European Union peace and reconciliation programme	—	—	—	1,767	—	1,767	—	1,767	2,779	64	

Part II Subhead detail *(continued)*

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★K: <i>European Union Peace and reconciliation programme</i> ●										
—	—	—	-1,766	—	-1,766	—	—	-1,766	-2,778	-63
★L: <i>Police pensions</i> ●										
—	—	—	15,550	—	15,550	—	—	15,550	14,670	12,724
Total	167,700	633,284	40,380	91,470	—	952,834	9,912†	942,922	961,124	950,108

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from recoupment of electoral expenses, sale of publications, shared accommodation costs, salary costs from the Central Office of Information, receipts arising from political talks, recovery from Police Authority for Northern Ireland in respect of forensic science services

(capital and current), central administration costs and receipts for services supplied to others, receipts of administration costs for the car leasing scheme, receipts for the use of video-conference facilities, sale of paper for recycling, creche fees, sale of residential properties, proceeds of prison occupational services, sale of surplus stores and catering

equipment, tuck shop receipts, proceeds from sale of food stock-pile and other Civil Defence stores, costs and fees awarded in favour of the Crown, certain pension contributions, fees and costs recovered or received for work done for other departments and recovery of compensation paid

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
<i>Administration and miscellaneous services</i> Ⓞ	—	350	3,941

Transfers to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the subvention to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund in respect of the difference between spending by the Northern Ireland Departments and the province's income from rates and other receipts and from its attributed share of United Kingdom taxes. Expenditure by Northern Ireland Departments on services analogous to those subject to cash limits in Great Britain is subject to one overall non-voted cash limit-NID1.
3. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 22.2 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £2,570 million and 16.7 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £2,400 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Appendix A of the Northern Ireland Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3616).
4. Section B contains £257,399,000 arising from receipts from the European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance.
5. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A and B of this Vote can be found in Appendix A of Cm 3616.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Transfers to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund

Part I

£2,000,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on a grant-in-aid to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund and other transfers.

The Northern Ireland Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	2,000,000,000	£
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,080,000,000	
Balance to complete	920,000,000	

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
A: Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund (grant in aid) ●										
—	—	—	1,999,999	—	1,999,999	—	1,999,999	2,569,999	2,129,000	
B: European Institutions (net) ●										
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	
Total										
—	—	—	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	2,570,000	2,129,002	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

HM Treasury

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the running costs and other administrative costs of the central Treasury. It also covers expenditure associated with the award of honours and dignities and in Section B provides grants in aid to Commonwealth Parliamentary Association ♦ (£889,000); British American Parliamentary Group ♦ (£70,000) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body ♦ (£985,000). Other services, Section C, includes grant in aid provision for the Private Finance Panel Executive ♦ (£2,500,000). Expenditure borne on Section A to C of the Vote is explained in Chapter 1 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 3617).
3. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund on this Vote can be found in Tables 1D and 1E of Cm 3617.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 7.1 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £66 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 1C of Cm 3617.
5. The running costs provision for 1997-98 of £55,509,000 is 3.2 per cent (£1,809,000) below the 1996-97 provision of £57,318,000.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Treasury

Part I

£61,285,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by Her Majesty's Treasury on economic, financial and related administration, including debt management, payments to certain parliamentary bodies and certain other services including expenses in connection with Honours and Dignities, and a grant in aid to the Private Finance Panel Executive.

HM Treasury will account for this Vote.

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Net total	61,285,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	29,700,000
Balance to complete	31,585,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	7: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration										
55,509	1,414	2,576			59,499	3,426	56,073	59,899	61,363	
*B: Parliament and Privy Council										
			1,944		1,944		1,944	1,880	1,979	
*C: Other services										
	3,288				3,288	20	3,268	3,283	1,382	
Other expenditure not included in the Central total										
<i>Advisors' fees in connection with the privatisation of certain Postmaster activities ●</i>										
								1,000		
Total	55,509	4,702	2,576	1,944	63,731	3,446	61,285	66,163	66,745	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the recoveries in respect of the administration of the Treasury, including charges for courses, services provided by the Economist Group Management Unit and officers loaned to other organisations, including

the salary of the UK Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund/International Bank for Reconstruction and Development who is a Treasury employee; income from publications; travel costs recovered from the European Union; disposal of assets; recoveries from staff and in-house services;

recoveries of costs from minor occupier; NEDC residual receipts; receipts from recovery actions in connection with Barlow Clowes; receipts from fees charged to Foreign Investment Exchanges/Clearing Houses and recoveries in respect of Honours and Dignities.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	176,715	322,115	557,515

HM Treasury: UK coinage

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers payments to the Royal Mint for the manufacture and distribution of UK coins which are supplied to the banks on behalf of the Treasury and for storage of coins returned by the banks. Proceeds from the sale to the Mint of metal from returned coins are applied as appropriations in aid. Payments from this Vote appear as receipts in the Royal Mint trading fund accounts, together with receipts and payments for other coin production. Payments received from the banks for coins issued to them and payments made to the banks for coins withdrawn, both at face value, are shown in the Consolidated Fund accounts.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A and a detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Chapter 1 of the Departmental Report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments 1997 (Cm 3617).
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.9 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £26.5 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table G of Cm 3617. Forecasts of demand for coin and of metal prices are subject to wide margins of error; if additional provision is required for 1997-98 a Supplementary Estimate will be presented.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Treasury: UK coinage

Part I

£26,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by Her Majesty's Treasury in connection with the manufacture, storage and distribution of coinage for use in the United Kingdom.

HM Treasury will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 26,000,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	10,575,000
Balance to complete	15,425,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: UK coinage										
—	35,000	—	—	—	35,000	9,000†	26,000	26,500	20,974	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from receipts from the proceeds of metal sales from melted down coin.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
UK Coinage ●	6,000	7,500	15,000

HM Customs and Excise: administration

Introduction

1. The Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote distinguishes running costs from other costs (capital and those administration costs which are by agreement excluded from the running costs limit). Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Table 2 of the HM Customs and Excise Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3618). The running costs attributable to different functions and other details of the planning and use of resources are shown in Tables 3 to 6 of Cm 3618.
3. The Vote covers all the costs of HM Customs and Excise. The Department collects and accounts for revenue in respect of VAT; excise duties, principally on hydrocarbon oil, tobacco, alcoholic liquor and betting, gaming and lottery; customs duties and levies on imported goods; insurance premium tax and landfill tax. The Department is also responsible for carrying out non-revenue functions such as the enforcement of major prohibitions (eg against drugs), import licencing and the compilation of overseas trade statistics. The Vote also includes payment of the United Kingdom subscription to the World Customs Organisation (formerly the Customs Co-operation Council), which is an international organisation dealing with the simplification and harmonisation of customs procedures and also a grant in aid of £255,000 to the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside to run the Customs and Excise National Museum on the Department's behalf.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.0 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £850.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Tables 3 to 6 of Cm 3618.
5. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid and CFERs on this Vote can be found in Table 10 of Cm 3618.
6. Expenditure attributable to the Isle of Man is recovered by deduction from the Isle of Man share of duties on goods and of VAT. Expenditure attributable to Northern Ireland is collected from its share of all UK taxes.
7. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Table 11 of Cm 3618.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

HM Customs and Excise: administration

Part I

£842,003,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Customs and Excise Department on the administration of taxation; the operation of customs and revenue controls and other customs and excise work; and payments in respect of the Customs and Excise National Museum.

The **Customs and Excise Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 842,003,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	372,407,000
Balance to complete	469,596,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: HM Customs and Excise: administration										
748,986	40,293	67,800	435	—	857,516	15,513†	842,003	850,622	858,020	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from moneys received for the special attendance of officers, recovered law costs, international commitments, recovery of the costs of staff on

loan, recovery of EU travelling expenses and receipts from the EU, recovery of input VAT on other business activities, receipts from catering support, recovery from the United Nations of the costs of training staff from

developing countries, receipts from the sale of statistical services, certificates and assets, receipts from insurance and compensation claims and receipts from the costs of estate management services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	145,000	140,000	161,825

Class XVI, Vote 4

Inland Revenue: administration

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The net provision covers the running costs and other administrative costs incurred by the Inland Revenue in the management and collection of the direct taxes. The gross provision includes expenditure on services for the Department of Social Security and the Department of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland in respect of the collection of National Insurance contributions, for which reimbursement is received from the National Insurance Fund.
3. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Table 3 of the annex to the Inland Revenue Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3619).
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 1.2 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £1,648 million. A breakdown of the 1996-97 provision by function is in Table 3 of the annex to Cm 3619.
5. Expenditure attributable to Northern Ireland is deducted from their share of UK taxes.
6. Further details of appropriations in aid are found in Table 3 of the annex to Cm 3619. Details of long term capital projects are in Table 12 of Cm 3619.
7. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Class XVI, Vote 4

Inland Revenue: administration

Part I

£1,627,009,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Inland Revenue Department on the management and collection of the direct taxes and for services provided for the Department's information technology partner, for other departments and for overseas tax administrations.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,627,009,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	723,406,000
Balance to complete	903,603,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z. Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Inland Revenue: administration</i>										
1,680,155	—	84,645	—	—	1,764,800	137,791†	1,627,009	1,647,596	1,646,687	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from law costs recovered; recoveries of Vote overpayments in prior years; excess cash receipts; recovery of costs of seconded staff;

receipts from sale of stores, equipment and publications; receipts for services provided to the Valuation Office Agency, other government departments and other bodies; receipts from the use of certain official cars;

recovery of the costs of collection of National Insurance contributions; receipts from disposal of surplus buildings; receipts from private tenants and other running costs receipts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	14,850	14,850	18,177

Class XVI, Vote 5

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): administration

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The gross provision covers the running costs and other administrative costs incurred by the Valuation Office in providing or securing valuation and other services. The appropriations in aid include receipts from executive offices within the Inland Revenue and other government departments for valuation and other services. Also included are receipts from other public bodies for services provided by the Valuation Office.
3. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A and a detailed analysis of appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 3 of the annex to the Inland Revenue Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3619).
4. The net token provision sought for 1997-98 is in line with the token provision for 1996-97. A breakdown of the 1996-97 forecast outturn by function is in Table 3 of the Annex to Cm 3619.
5. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Class XVI, Vote 5

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): administration

Part I**£1,000**

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Inland Revenue Department Valuation Office (Executive Agency) on the provision of valuation and other services for government departments and other public bodies.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: IRVO: administration										
154,383	—	6,720	—	—	161,103	161,102†	1	2	—	—

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recovery of cash costs of valuation and other services; receipts from use of certain official

cars; receipts from sale of information, publications, stores, official vehicles and equipment; recovery of law costs; receipts from disposal of surplus buildings; receipts

from private tenants and other running costs receipts; recovery of depreciation and other non-cash costs of valuation services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration †	12,358	11,078	3,268

Class XVI, Vote 6

Inland Revenue: payments in lieu of tax relief

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the public expenditure incurred in granting life assurance premium relief, mortgage interest relief, private medical insurance premium relief and vocational training relief to those policy holders, borrowers and trainees who are not liable to United Kingdom income tax.
3. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A of the Vote can be found in Table 3 of the annex in the Inland Revenue Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3619).
4. Under the relevant legislation, qualifying policy holders, borrowers and trainees receive tax relief on their premium, interest or vocational training payments. The reliefs are given by allowing the payers to deduct a prescribed percentage from their life assurance premiums, an amount equal to 15 per cent on mortgage interest payments or an amount equal to basic rate income tax on the other payments. The Inland Revenue reimburse the insurers, lenders and training providers for the amounts so deducted. In so far as such payments are in substitution for tax reliefs, they are met out of tax receipts.
5. It is a feature of these schemes that payers who have incomes below the tax threshold will receive relief against income tax which they have not in fact paid. So, in part, will those with incomes only slightly above the threshold. In consequence, the Inland Revenue are paying over amounts to insurers, lenders and training providers which are not in substitution for tax relief and which they cannot meet from tax receipts. The reduction in tax receipts which would otherwise occur will be met from this Vote and the payments are classed as public expenditure.
6. The public expenditure on these reliefs and transitional payments is calculated statistically and is necessarily subject to a wide estimating error. The amounts attributable to life assurance premium relief, mortgage interest relief, private medical insurance premium relief and vocational training relief are about 73 per cent, 12 per cent, 2 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.
7. Also included in this Vote is the expenditure by the Inland Revenue on transitional payments to charities entitled to receive tax credits on dividends. Although these tax credits have been reduced from 25 per cent to 20 per cent, charities are entitled to claim special transitional payments over the four years from 1993-94 to 1996-97 inclusive. But, as charities have six years in which to claim these payments, expenditure is expected to be incurred in each of the years up to 2002-03. These transitional payments are classed as public expenditure.
8. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 16 per cent lower than the provision for 1996-97 of £243 million and 6 per cent lower than the forecast outturn for that year of £218 million.
9. The associated administrative costs are borne on Class XVI Vote 4.
10. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Class XVI, Vote 6

Inland Revenue: payments in lieu of tax relief

Part I

£204,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Inland Revenue Department on life assurance premium relief, mortgage interest relief, private medical insurance premium relief, vocational training relief and transitional payments to charities.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 204,000,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	109,350,000
Balance to complete	94,650,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Payments in lieu of tax relief										
—	—	—	204,000	—	204,000	—	204,000	243,000	242,362	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Class XVI, Vote 7

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): contributions in lieu of rates

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote provides for contributions in lieu of rates to local authorities and National Non-Domestic Pools in respect of certain properties occupied by the Crown and by visiting forces. It also covers payments of rates for premises occupied by foreign and Commonwealth governments for diplomatic purposes and premises occupied by certain international organisations.
3. Details of the expenditure contained in Section A can be found in Table 3 of the annex in the Inland Revenue 1997 Departmental Report (Cm 3619). Further details of appropriation in aid can be found in the same table of Cm 3619.
4. In the case of Crown occupations, the contributions in lieu of rates are based upon rateable values determined by the Valuation Office Agency to which the national non-domestic business rate is applied. In the case of diplomatic premises, etc, the assessments are made in accordance with substantive United Kingdom rating law, or where appropriate the local rate poundage.
5. The Crown premises include all the royal palaces, the Palace of Westminster, defence establishments, courts of justice, prisons and other penal establishments, metropolitan police departments, research establishments and the offices of all Exchequer departments.
6. The contributions in lieu of rates in respect of Crown occupations are recovered and will be brought to account in this Vote. These recoveries will be based upon the rate contributions made on each individual hereditament. Full recovery is not made in all cases.
7. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 9 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £60.4 million.
8. The amounts recovered from occupiers of Crown property include an addition to cover administration costs which are included in Class XVI Vote 5.
9. Symbols are explained in the introduction to this booklet.

Class XVI, Vote 7

Inland Revenue: Valuation Office (Executive Agency): contributions in lieu of rates

Part I

£55,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for rates and contributions in lieu of rates paid by the Inland Revenue Department in respect of property occupied by the Crown and premises occupied by representatives of Commonwealth and foreign countries and international organisations.

The **Inland Revenue Department** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 55,000,000
Allocated in Vote on Account (HC 19)	27,194,000
Balance to complete	27,806,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: Contributions in lieu of rates										
	640,000				640,000	585,000†	55,000	60,430	63,121	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from payments of contributions in lieu of rates by departments and other occupiers of Crown property, Commonwealth and foreign countries and international organisations; refunds from local authorities.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Contributions in lieu of rates ●	10	10	22

National Savings

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The cost of National Savings operations comprises of debt interest, tax foregone and administration. The last is included in the public expenditure control total and is covered by this Vote which provides for administering and selling National Savings products; maintaining over 50 million customer holdings and making payments to and conducting correspondence with investors.
3. A substantial amount of National Savings business is undertaken on an agency basis by the Post Office and Girobank. Approximately £65 million (37 per cent of the total Vote) will be needed to pay for selling National Savings products in this way, and for advertising. Further details of the expenditure contained in section A of this Vote, can be found in Chapter 2 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 3617). A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid of this Vote can be found in Table 2G of Cm 3617.
4. The product range and the terms of the products are kept under review. The aim of National Savings is to support the Government's management of its debt and its policies for personal savings by attracting and retaining investments from the retail market efficiently and cost effectively.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is over 3 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £181.7 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 2F of Cm 3617.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

National Savings†

Part I

£175,748,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by National Savings on administration and publicity costs.

National Savings will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 175,748,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	80,907,000
Balance to complete	94,841,000

†In the Vote on Account this Vote was entitled Department for National Savings

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers				Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital							
Central government's own expenditure											
★A: Administration											
174,842	—	3,540	—	—	178,382	2,634†	175,748	181,735	193,520		

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid to the net total, consists of commission charged on purchase and sale of Government

Stock held on the National Savings Stock Register, receipts from sales of assets, receipts from other Government departments for ADP

Services, other running costs receipts, VAT refunds on non contracted out services and capital receipts.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ●	43	43	54

Registry of Friendly Societies

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the total running costs of the Registry of Friendly Societies which serves three statutory bodies: the Building Societies Commission, the Friendly Societies Commission, and the Central Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies.
3. The Building Societies Commission is responsible for the regulation of building societies under the Building Societies Act 1986, and in particular for their prudential supervision to protect investors. The Friendly Societies Commission is responsible for the regulation of friendly societies under the Friendly Societies Act 1992. The Central Office is responsible for administering the register, and related functions, for some 16,500 mutual organisations (including building societies and friendly societies). It is also responsible for the prudential supervision of credit unions.
4. The full cost of the work of the Building Societies Commission is recovered from building societies. The full cost of the work of the Friendly Societies Commission will be progressively recovered from friendly societies over a number of years. The appropriations in aid also include fees in respect of specific statutory functions which are set at a level intended to recover the full cost of these services.
5. Details of the expenditure and appropriations in aid contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in Chapter 3, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 3617).
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 51.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £7.77 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 3C of Cm 3617.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Registry of Friendly Societies

Part I

£3,767,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Registry of Friendly Societies on behalf of the Building Societies Commission, the Friendly Societies Commission and the Central Office of the Registry on administrative costs.

The **Registry of Friendly Societies** will account for this Vote.

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Net total	3,767,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	3,452,000
Balance to complete	315,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
7,337	—	240	—	—	7,577	3,810†	3,767	7,770	2,796	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from charges and fees paid by registered societies, search and copy fees, sales of publications and prosecution costs recovered.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration ☉	—	—	458

National Investment and Loans Office

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the running costs and other expenses of the National Investment and Loans Office.
3. Section A covers principally the management of the investment portfolios of certain public funds such as the National Savings Bank Fund and the National Insurance Fund Investment Account, lending to local authorities by the Public Works Loan Board and operation of the gilt warehousing function.
4. Section B covers the provision of banking and related services for government departments and other bodies and analysing Central Government expenditure principally as an aid to monitoring by the Office of the Paymaster General.
5. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A and B can be found in Chapter 4 paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 3617).
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is less than 1 per cent above the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £0.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 4D of Cm 3617.
7. The net Vote of £603,000 sought for 1997-98 assumes that receipts from fees on PWLB advances, receipts from National Debt Office management charges and fees from OPG customers will cover the majority of costs. The provision of £1,524,000 for running costs reflects an increase in administration costs of 12 per cent compared with 1996-97. The additional gross and running costs provisions have arisen following a machinery of government change in 1996-97 which transferred the functions remaining with the Office of the Paymaster General to NILO.
8. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Table 4E of Cm 3617.
9. No statutory or non-statutory contingent liabilities will be met from this Vote.
10. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

National Investment and Loans Office

Part I

£603,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the National Debt Office, Public Works Loan Board and the Office of the Paymaster General.

The **National Investment and Loans Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 603,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	153,000
Balance to complete	450,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
1,233	557	6	—	—	1,796	1,443	353	341	251	
★B: Office of the Paymaster General										
291	3,179	25	—	—	3,495	3,245	250	259	253	
Total	1,524	3,736	31	—	5,291	4,688	603	600	504	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from fees charged for loans from the PWLB, charges for the investment management and administration of certain public and private funds and the repayment of expenses from government departments in respect of banking and other services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration †	—	120	1,227

Office for National Statistics

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. This vote provides for the running costs and other expenditure of the Office for National Statistics. For further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A and B of this Vote see Chapter 6 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 3617).
3. The department's main responsibilities include the following: Collection, collation and dissemination of statistics relating to the United Kingdom's national accounts, balance of payments, financial transactions and measures of output; co-ordination of statistics relating to regional matters; compilation of social Labour Market statistics; undertaking of various representational roles in an international context; providing central management for the statisticians of the Government Statistical Service; implementing and issuing information from the decennial census of the population; supplying demographic statistics for national, regional and local planning; conducting social surveys; collecting and supplying statistics relating to the medical condition of the population and maintaining the Titchfield centre of the World Health Organisation; the Secretariat to the Boundary Commission for England and Wales; administrating the law on marriage; controlling the local registration of births, deaths and marriage and maintaining the central record of these events from which copies of certificates are supplied; and maintaining the National Health Service Central Register.
4. A separate net control section is provided for customer-funded activities.
5. The provision for 1997–98 is 17 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £113 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 is given in Table 6E of Cm 3617.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office for National Statistics

Part I

£93,804,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office for National Statistics on the provision of economic, social labour market and other statistics and on departmental administration.

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

	£
Net total	93,804,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	47,268,000
Balance to complete	46,536,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration (gross control)										
101,735	1,000	4,880	—	—	107,615	13,506	94,109	111,776	101,350	
*B: Customer funded (net control)										
15,790	—	654	—	—	16,444	16,749	-305	1,255	16	
Total										
117,525	1,000	5,534	—	—	124,059	30,255†	93,804	113,031	101,366	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from sales of statistical information publication and other services to other departments, the European Union and the public.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Government Actuary's Department

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the running costs of the Department of the Government Actuary. The Department provides a consultancy service to government and to certain public sector bodies. It advises in the main on social security and pension schemes, population and other statistical studies and supervision of insurance and friendly societies.
3. Since 1989-90 the Department has operated a system of full repayment for all advice given, and the greater part of its running costs is now met by receipts. From 1995-96 the Department has operated under net running cost control, to allow it the flexibility to respond to fluctuating demands on its services. A small section of work, which is of interest to a wide spectrum of users, will remain centrally funded.
4. Expenditure contained in Section A is explained in Chapter 7 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller departments (Cm 3617). Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in paragraph 6.1 of Cm 3617.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 47 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £0.410 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 7C of Cm 3617.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Government Actuary's Department

Part I

£604,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of the Government Actuary on administrative costs.

The **Government Actuary** will account for this Vote.

	£
Net total	604,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	458,000
Balance to complete	146,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: Administration										
6,616	—	220	—	—	6,836	6,232†	604	410	636	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from receipts for repayments for actuarial services.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Administration †	—	—	137

Crown Estate Office

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. Up to the reign of King George III the reigning Sovereign received the rents and profits of the Crown Estate. Since 1760 the surplus rents and profits (after deducting management expenses) have at the beginning of each reign been surrendered by the Sovereign to Parliament as part of the arrangements for the provision of a Civil List. The Estate itself remains part of the hereditary possessions of the Sovereign in right of the Crown. It is not government property, but neither is it part of the private estate of the reigning monarch.
3. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 1.6 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £1.7 million.
4. The Estate is managed by a Board of Commissioners under the powers vested in them by the Crown Estate Act 1961, which provided for their salaries and the expenses of the office to be paid out of moneys voted by Parliament. By agreement with the Treasury the maximum number of posts so provided for is 41.
5. The other administrative costs of managing the Estate are paid out of estate revenues as part of the management expenses. The surplus revenues are paid to the Consolidated Fund at the end of each year and scored as a miscellaneous receipt. In 1995–96 £94.6 million was paid to the Consolidated Fund.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Crown Estate Office

Part I

£1,714,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for the salaries of the Crown Estate Commissioners and the expense of their Office.

The **Crown Estate Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,714,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	759,000
Balance to complete	955,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★A: Administration ●										
—	—	—	1,714	—	1,714	—	1,714	1,687	1,569	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Sale, or sales, of residual government shareholdings and government holdings of privatised companies' debt

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. It covers costs arising from the sale or sales of residual Government shareholdings and debt as referred to in paragraph 1.2.36 of the 1997 departmental report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's smaller Departments (Cm 3617):
 - residual expenditure arising from the Treasury's 1991 sale of shares in British Telecommunications plc (BT2);
 - residual expenditure arising from the Treasury's 1993 sale of shares in British Telecommunications plc (BT3);
 - residual expenditure arising from the Treasury's 1995 sale of shares in PowerGen plc and National Power plc;
 - provision for expenses in connection with any sale or sales of remaining residual shareholdings in 1997–98;
 - provision for expenses in connection with any sale or sales of remaining debt in privatised companies in 1997–98.
3. All expenses are planned to be met from receipts from the sale, or sales, appropriated in aid of the Vote. After deducting appropriations in aid, the balance of the receipts will be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
4. Associated administrative costs are borne on Class XVI, Vote 1.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Sale, or sales, of residual government shareholdings and government holdings of privatised companies' debt

Part I

£1,000

Token amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by Her Majesty's Treasury in connection with the sales of residual Government shareholdings and holdings of privatised companies' debt.

HM Treasury will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	—
Balance to complete	1,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★A: Privatisation programme: sale of shares ●										
—	1,209	—	—	—	1,209	1,209†	1	1	—	—

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the sale of shares and debt.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Privatisation programme: sale of shares and debt ●	—	—	2,295,371

Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for the running costs and other expenditure of the Office of Public Service (OPS). It includes contributions towards the cost of common services for the whole of the Cabinet Office which are met from Class XVIII, Vote 1, and grants in aid to a number of civil service welfare organisations.
3. Details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to H of this Vote can be found in Chapter 3, paragraphs 3.8 to 3.10 of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3620).
4. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 3a of Cm 3620.
5. The OPS is responsible for improving efficiency and effectiveness in the public services generally and the civil service through the Citizen's Charter, and the Next Steps programme; and management programmes for the home civil service—these last responsibilities include recruitment, training and development, senior staff management and interchange and improving British representation in the European Union; contributing to the development of a competitive economy and minimising unnecessary regulation; and the management of copyright, control of the public library subsidy and the supply of official publications to UK Members of the European Parliament.
6. The Civil Service College, the Security Facilities Executive Agency, Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, Property Advisers to the Civil Estate and The Buying Agency are executive agencies within the OPS. The first three operate on a full repayment basis. The Buying Agency is a Trading Fund.
7. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 23 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £184.0 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 by individual function is given in Table 3a of Cm 3620.
8. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service

Part I

£140,987,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of the Minister for Public Service on the central management of the Civil Service; expenditure resulting from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's chairmanship of the BSE Implementation Committee; price concessions to public libraries; to meet the cost of government and other publications supplied to UK members of the European Parliament; and certain other services.

The **Cabinet Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£140,987,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	78,288,000
Balance to complete	62,699,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: OPS Central services										
7,158	—	20	—	—	7,178	—	7,178	7,925	13,385	
★B: Citizen's Charter, competitiveness, deregulation and Civil Service Management										
49,366	—	4,896	2,564	—	56,826	16,997	39,829	34,539	29,709	
★C: Her Majesty's Stationery Office										
908	290	10	2,077	—	3,285	1,152	2,133	2,613	2,195	
★D: CCTA Government Centre for Information Systems										
10,344	9,847	893	—	—	21,084	21,143	-59	6,000	11,433	
★E: Property Advisers to the Civil Estate										
13,110	100,613	6,150	—	—	119,873	26,569	93,304	130,022	8,104	
★F: Civil Service College										
20,200	—	—	—	—	20,200	20,199	1	875	668	
★G: Security Facilities Executive Agency										
29,450	—	11,600	—	—	41,050	42,450	-1,400	680	532	
<i>Loans to the Buying Agency</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
<i>Recruitment and Assessment Services</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,329	-973	
<i>Occupational Health and Safety Agency</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	595	
<i>Chessington Computer Centre</i>										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	-590	

Part II Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
★H: <i>Privatisation of the Custody Guards Agency</i> ●										
—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
<i>Privatisation of Chessington Computer Centre</i> ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	430	—
<i>Privatisation of Recruitment and Assessment Services</i> ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	112	—
<i>Privatisation of Occupational Health and Safety Agency</i> ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	25	—
<i>Privatisation of Her Majesty's Stationery Office</i> ●										
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—
Total	130,836	110,751	23,569	4,641	—	269,497	128,510†	140,987	184,037	65,631

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from Citizen's Charter, Competitiveness Deregulation and Civil Service Management for sales of publications and services to other departments and the general public, for receipts in respect of central management costs of the PCSPS, Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contributions Scheme (CSAVC) and civil servants pensionable under the Federation System for Universities

(FSSU), from the administration of Crown copyright, from participants in the Top management Programmes, and repayment of loans to the Civil Service Sport and Leisure and London Hostels Associations; CCTA for receipts for the costs of computer and telecommunications procurement services and other support services; Civil Service College for fees for training courses and consultancy and for

miscellaneous hirings and lettings; Property Advisers to the Civil Estate for receipts from temporary hirings of vacant property, disposals of freehold and leasehold interests, and from charges levied on users of the Whitehall District Heating System and the Whitehall Standby Distribution Systems; and from the trading activities of the Security Facilities Executive Agency.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
1. Property Advisers to the Civil Estate ☐	349,221	381,859	245,373
2. Central management of the Civil Service ●	20	43	1,123
<i>Chessington Computer Centre</i> ●	—	159	219
<i>The Buying Agency</i> ☐	—	36	60
Total	349,241	382,097	246,775

Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service: civil superannuation

Introduction

1. This Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for the payment of pension and lump sum benefit, including injury benefit, to persons covered by the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS) and other schemes for civil servants and certain other persons made under the Superannuation Act 1972.
3. Provision is also made for the payment of annual compensation payments arising from early retirement that are funded by lump sum payments made by departments, agencies and other bodies covered by the PCSPS, in previous years and received as extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund (see Part III). The scheme for the central funding of early departures ceases on 31 March 1997 as announced in the White Paper: The Civil Service: Continuity and Change (Cm 2627). Provision for central funding is now limited to the on-going costs of annual compensation payments of those who retired early under the scheme.
4. The Vote covers residual expenditure on the pensions and compensation allowances payable to ex-members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and their dependants. It includes the increases payable in accordance with the Annual Review Orders made under Section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975. It also includes increases on certain pensions provided by statute from the Consolidated Fund.
5. Departments, agencies and other bodies covered by the PCSPS meet the cost of pension cover provided for the staff they employ by payment of charges calculated on an accruing basis. The charges, along with the contributions paid by scheme members and certain other receipts, are appropriated in aid of the Vote. A detailed analysis of the appropriations in aid on this Vote can be found in Table 5B of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3620).
6. The net provision sought for 1997-98 is 14.3 per cent lower than the final net provision for 1996-97 of £1,705.9 million and 13.3 per cent lower than forecast outturn for that year of £1,685.4 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97, along with further information about the Vote, can be found in Chapter 5 of Cm 3620.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service: civil superannuation

Part I

£1,461,600,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service on the superannuation of civil servants, pensions, etc, in respect of former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and other pensions and non-recurrent payments; and for certain other services.

Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,461,600,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	767,655,000
Balance to complete	693,945,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers					Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total					
Central government's own expenditure										
A: <i>Central funding of early departures</i>										
—	134,000	—	—	—	134,000	—	134,000	400,000	327,826	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
B: <i>Civil superannuation</i> ●										
—	—	—	2,625,000	—	2,625,000	1,297,400	1,327,600	1,305,900	1,150,859	
Total	134,000	—	2,625,000	—	2,759,000	1,297,400†	1,461,600	1,705,900	1,478,685	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from charges received from departments and others

on account of the cost of the pension cover provided for their staffs; periodical contributions for widows', widowers', and dependants'

benefits; other superannuation contributions and transfer values received and bulk transfer value receipts.

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
<i>Civil superannuation</i> ●	—	89,537	71,926

Central Office of Information

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers publicity services provided on an allied service basis for the Royal Household and the Central Advisory Service for publicity advice provided centrally. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A can be found in Chapter 9 of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3620).
3. Since 1988-89 COI's income has been treated as appropriations in aid, but from 1 April 1991 COI's repayment services were transferred to a trading fund.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 18.5 per cent of the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £6.38 million. This is because the previous year's figures include an exceptional amount of £5.2 million relating to restructuring costs. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 is given in Cm 3620.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Central Office of Information

Part I

£1,182,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Central Office of Information on allied service work.

The **Central Office of Information** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 1,182,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	532,000
Balance to complete	650,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure									
★A: <i>Publicity and advisory services</i>									
—	1,182	—	—	—	1,182	—	1,182	1,182	1,100
<i>Subsidy to COI Trading Fund</i>									
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,200	—
Total	—	1,182	—	—	—	—	1,182	6,382	1,100

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

Cabinet Office: other services

Introduction

1. This Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for the running costs and other expenditure of the Cabinet Office, excluding the Office of Public Service which is provided for under Class XVII, Vote 1. It also covers expenditure on the Offices of the Prime Minister, the Parliamentary Counsel and the Government Chief Whip; payments to the Chequers Trust and the British National Committee for the History of the Second World War; and certain other services.
3. The Vote also provides for common services for the whole of the Cabinet Office, part of the cost of which is recovered from the Office of Public Service (Class XVII, Vote 1).
4. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A can be found in Chapter 2 and Chapter 7 of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3620). A detailed analysis of appropriations in aid can be found in Table 2A of Cm 3620.
5. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 12.5 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £41.4 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996-97 by individual function is given in Table 2A of Cm 3620.
6. Objects of value loaned to and on display in the Prime Minister's Office had an indemnity value at 1 January 1997 of £6 million. Further details of these loans can be found in Chapter 2 of Cm 3620.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Cabinet Office: other services

Part I

£36,220,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Cabinet Office on administrative costs; the Offices of the Prime Minister, the Parliamentary Counsel and the Government Chief Whip; payments to the Chequers Trust and the British National Committee for the History of the Second World War; and certain other services.

The **Cabinet Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£36,220,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	16,957,000
Balance to complete	19,263,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Cabinet Office										
42,870	—	908	—	—	43,778	7,558†	36,220	41,399	39,232	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from the Office of Public Service (Class XVII, Vote 1) of assessed contributions

toward common service staff and jointly administered common services; receipts from services provided to other departments and the public generally; refunds from the

European Union for travel expenses incurred by Cabinet Office staff; and recovery of costs of staff on loan.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Receipts of other classes other than appropriations in aid †	—	—	29

Cabinet Office: security and intelligence services

Introduction

1. The Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote provides for all the running costs and other expenditure of GCHQ, the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) and the Security Service, together with related expenditure, mainly on research and development work, on behalf of SIS and the Security Service.
3. Provision for accruing superannuation liability charges (ASLCs) for personnel who are members of the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS) will be paid to the Civil Superannuation Vote (Class XVII, Vote 2) from running costs in the Vote. ASLCs for other staff will be netted off subhead B4 of this Vote from where relevant pensions in payment are met. Expenditure on subhead B4 is no longer included in the control total, in line with the treatment applied to other public sector superannuation schemes, but it is included within the cash limit for the Vote.
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 5 per cent lower than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £755 million.
5. The aggregate staff numbers of the security and intelligence services can be found in Table 7H of the Cabinet Office Departmental Report 1997 (Cm 3620).
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Cabinet Office: security and intelligence services

Part I

£713,532,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by Her Majesty's security and intelligence services on administration and operational costs; works and equipment; pensions; and other payments.

The Cabinet Office will account for this Vote.

Net total	£713,532,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	337,976,000
Balance to complete	375,556,000

Part II Subhead detail

								£'000		
Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers					Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital	Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid				
Central government's own expenditure										
*A: Administration and operations										
362,082	209,427	133,233	—	—	704,742	3,644	701,098	744,201	782,135	
Other expenditure not included in the control total										
*B: Superannuation payments (net) ●										
—	—	—	12,434	—	12,434	—	12,434	10,607	8,829	
Total	362,082	209,427	133,233	12,434	—	717,176	3,644†	713,532	754,808	790,964

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from services provided.

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
Receipts of other classes other than appropriations in aid ●	—	—	15,615

Privy Council Office

Introduction

1. The Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the running costs of the Privy Council Office which is mainly responsible for Royal Charters and Orders in Council; and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the highest court for appeals from Commonwealth countries other than the United Kingdom. The Vote also pays for the running of the private offices and salaries of the Lord President of the Council and the Lord Privy Seal, respectively, Leaders of the House of Commons and House of Lords. Additionally it covers the cost of the Central Drugs Co-ordination Unit (CDCU).
3. Expenditure contained in Sections A and B and a detailed analysis of appropriations in aid is explained in the 1997 Departmental Report by the Privy Council Office (Cm 3620).
4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 3 per cent lower than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £2.6 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn by function for 1996-97 is given in Cm 3620.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Privy Council Office

Part I

£2,505,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Department of Her Majesty's Privy Council on administration costs and for the financing of a Central Drugs Co-ordination Unit.

The **Privy Council Office** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 2,505,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	1,027,000
Balance to complete	1,478,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1. Running costs	2. Other current	3. Capital	4. Current	5. Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
★A: <i>Privy Council Office administration</i>										
2,219	—	—	—	—	2,219	26	2,193	2,171	2,355	
★B: <i>Central Drugs Co-ordination Unit</i>										
312	—	—	—	—	312	—	312	408	397	
Total	2,531	—	—	—	2,531	26†	2,505	2,579	2,752	

†Amount that may be applied as appropriation in aid in addition to the net total arising from fees levied in respect of appeals and other proceedings before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Surplus appropriations in aid and other miscellaneous receipts ●	—	—	5

Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners

Introduction

1. The Vote is treated as a cash limit.
2. The Vote covers the costs of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioners and is excluded from running costs control.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote can be found in paragraphs 9 to 12 of the 1997 Departmental Report of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners (Cm 3620).
4. The Parliamentary Commissioner investigates complaints, referred to him by Members of the House of Commons, from members of the public who claim to have sustained injustice in consequence of maladministration in connection with administrative action taken by or on behalf of government departments or a number of non-departmental public bodies as well as complaints that they have unreasonably refused access to information in contravention of the Code of Practice on Access to Official Information.
5. The three Health Service Commissioners, for England, Scotland, and Wales, are responsible for investigating complaints direct from members of the public who claim to have suffered injustice or hardship in consequence of failure in provision of a service which health authorities, including NHS trusts, are required to provide; or in execution of a service provided by National Health Service authorities; or maladministration by or on behalf of these authorities; or failure to provide information in contravention of the NHS Code of Practice on Openness; or complaints against family service practitioners and their staff, and all clinical complaints against NHS staff.
6. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 9.7 per cent higher than the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £13.7 million.
7. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners

Part I

£15,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales on administrative costs.

The **Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 15,000,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	7,278,000
Balance to complete	7,722,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure									
★A: Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners									
	14,936	64	—	—	15,000	—	15,000	13,673	9,650

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98

House of Lords: Peers' expenses, administration, etc

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the reimbursement of Peers' expenses incurred by them for the purpose of their parliamentary duty, the administrative costs of the House of Lords' Offices and its Refreshment Department, including stationery and printing, the provision of superannuation benefits to staff, a share of the security costs at the Palace of Westminster, and financial assistance to Opposition parties. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of the Vote can be found in the House of Lords' 1997 Report (Cm 3620).
3. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 2.2 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £28.1 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 is given in Cm 3620.
4. Control of the Vote is vested in the House of Lords' Offices Committee appointed each session.
5. The costs of House of Lords' works services are borne on Class XVIII, Vote 6.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

House of Lords: Peers' expenses, administration, etc

Part I

£28,716,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for expenditure by the House of Lords on Peers' expenses and administrative costs, including staff pensions, security, stationery, printing, and financial assistance to Opposition parties.

The **House of Lords' Offices** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 28,716,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	12,642,000
Balance to complete	16,074,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
A: House of Lords: Peers' expenses and administration										
—	28,716	—	—	—	28,716	—	28,716	28,094	25,026	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

£'000

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

	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
House of Lords: Peers' expenses and administration ●	—	—	20

House of Lords: works services

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. This Vote covers the costs of works services for the House of Lords and a share of the costs of the Parliamentary Works Directorate which administers the works programme for both Houses of Parliament. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of the Vote, including a detailed analysis of appropriations in aid, can be found in the House of Lords' 1997 Report (Cm 3620).
3. The provision sought for 1997–98 is 0.4 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996–97 of £13.9 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1996–97 is given in Cm 3620.
4. Control of the Vote is vested in the House of Lords' Offices Committee appointed each session.
5. The costs of Peers' expenses and the administration of the House of Lords' Offices are borne on Class XVIII, Vote 5.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

House of Lords: works services

Part I

£13,999,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for the expenditure by the House of Lords on works services: including a payment to the House of Commons in respect of administration.

The **House of Lords' Offices** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 13,999,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	6,058,000
Balance to complete	7,941,000

Part II Subhead detail

Direct expenditure		Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital					
Central government's own expenditure									
A: House of Lords: works services and administration									
—	4,937	9,712	—	—	14,649	650†	13,999	13,947	14,820

†Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from VAT refunds on consultants fees and certain other expenditure, receipts from rents, reproduction of work of art and other works services contributions.

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
<i>House of Lords: works services and administration</i> ●	—	—	16

House of Commons: Members' salaries, etc

Introduction

1. Expenditure borne on this Vote is not subject to a cash limit.
2. It covers expenditure by the House of Commons on salaries of Members of Parliament; the reimbursement to Members of expenses incurred by them in the course of their parliamentary duties; pension premium payments in respect of Members' secretaries and research assistants; Exchequer contributions to the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund and to the Members' Fund; and financial assistance to Opposition parties.
3. Further details of the expenditure contained in Section A of this Vote are as follows:

	Total Estimate 1997-98	Total net provision 1996-97	£ million Net outturn 1995-96
Members' salaries	31,990	28,938	23,035
Travelling expenses in the UK and to European Community institutions	8,177	9,658	8,823
Office costs allowance	31,750	30,517	27,674
Additional costs allowance	7,719	7,486	6,852
Pension provision for Members' staff	1,902	1,907	1,636
Secretarial redundancy payments	40	40	22
Miscellaneous	179	179	109
Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund			
Contributions to the basic and supplementary schemes	4,805	2,843	1,860
Financial assistance to Opposition parties	2,058	2,002	1,902
Members' Fund	215	215	215
Total	88,835	83,785	72,128

4. The provision sought for 1997-98 is 6 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1996-97 of £84 million.
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

House of Commons: Members' salaries, etc

Part I

£88,835,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 1998 for the expenditure of the House of Commons on Members' salaries, allowances, pensions, etc, financial assistance to Opposition parties and an Exchequer contribution to the Members' Fund.

The **House of Commons' Offices** will account for this Vote.

Net total	£ 88,835,000
Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 19)	44,412,000
Balance to complete	44,423,000

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

Direct Expenditure			Grants and transfers			Gross total	Z: Appropriations in aid	Net total	Total net provision 1996-97	Net outturn 1995-96
1: Running costs	2: Other current	3: Capital	4: Current	5: Capital						
Central government's own expenditure										
<i>A: House of Commons</i>										
—	86,562	—	2,273	—	88,835	—	88,835	83,785	72,128	

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1995-96. None are expected in 1996-97 or in 1997-98.

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