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REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER
AND AUDITOR GENERAL

GENERAL

Outturn of the Votes in all Classes

1. It will be seen from the summary on pages 2 and 3 that the outturn of the Votes in all Classes was as follows:

	£'000	£'000
Gross Expenditure:		
Estimated:		
Original Estimates (as revised)	41,723,485	
Supplementary Estimates	3,579,865	
	<hr/>	45,303,350
Actual		43,850,094
Saving		<hr/> 1,453,256
Appropriations in Aid:		
Authorised:		
Original Estimates (as revised)	3,786,646	
Supplementary Estimates	177,915	
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Applied	3,964,561	
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Deficiency		124,198
		<hr/> 1,329,058
Amount for which Parliamentary authority is required in order to make good excesses on certain Votes		29,516
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Amount to be surrendered, being 3.29 per cent of supply grants		1,358,574
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2. The exact amount to be surrendered is £1,358,573,708.18, of which £10,955.27 is available towards meeting excess expenditure.

Extra Receipts

3. Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund recorded in the Appropriation Accounts of all Classes amount to £1,835,582,939.89. I certify that of this sum £1,835,582,461.17 has been paid into the Consolidated Fund. The balance of £478.72 will, subject to the approval of Parliament, be applied towards meeting the excess expenditure on Class III, Vote 2 (see paragraphs 105 and 106 of my Report in Volume 1).

Adjustment of balances on 1976-77 Votes

4. The balance to be surrendered for 1976-77 amounted to £752,959,829·16. I certify that this balance has been duly surrendered to the Consolidated Fund. The excesses which occurred on 8 Votes in 1976-77 have been made good by Vote of Parliament.

Revenue accounts

5. Accounts of the receipt of revenue by the Customs and Excise Department and the Inland Revenue Department, and of certain receipts by other departments, are rendered to and examined by me under section 2 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. These accounts are not published and I am not statutorily required to certify them as correct, but I am required to carry out such examination as I think fit in regard to the correctness of the sums brought to account and to report to the House of Commons on the results of my examination, together with my report on the departments' appropriation accounts.

6. Under these provisions I have carried out, with generally satisfactory results, test examinations of the revenue accounts of the Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue Departments, and of the accounts relating to betterment levy rendered to me by the Department of the Environment and the Scottish Development Department; national insurance surcharge rendered by the Department of Health and Social Security and the Department of Health and Social Services (Northern Ireland); motor vehicle duties, etc., rendered by the Department of Transport; and broadcast receiving licence revenue collected mainly by the Post Office as agent of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

7. Where I have considered it desirable to make further comments on matters affecting the content of these revenue accounts, my observations are made under the relevant Vote of the department concerned. In particular, in my comments on the revenue accounts of the Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue Departments, I have as usual given information on the amounts of revenue which have been remitted or written off as irrecoverable, on arrears in collection of taxes and on the progress of Inland Revenue's investigations into attempted evasion.

CLASS X, VOTE 1. EDUCATION (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE)**Expenditure on the Open University***(i) General*

8. The Open University is financed mainly by grants in aid of recurrent expenditure (£24·14 million in 1977-78) and grants for capital expenditure from the Department of Education and Science (DES). It is not at present included in the grant list of the

CLASS X, VOTE 1 *contd.*

University Grants Committee (UGC) and assessment of its financial needs and oversight of its expenditure and activities is therefore undertaken directly by DES. Grant in aid of recurrent expenditure has been based on a triennial assessment of grant needs related to the University's academic year ending on 31 December; until the end of the 1974-76 triennium the amount of grant was determined in advance for each of the three years, subject only to any necessary supplementation for increases in pay and prices. Although the 1977-79 triennium was examined as a whole, the grants in aid have in practice been determined year by year. Because of difficulties arising mainly from the change-over to cash limits, it was not possible finally to notify the amount of grant for 1976, 1977 and 1978 until well into those years. The University has said that this has had adverse consequences for its financial planning and led to delays in the commitment of recurrent expenditure, including the appointment of staff.

(ii) Control of advances of grant in aid

9. In paragraphs 48 to 51 of their Eighth Report of Session 1972-73 the Committee of Public Accounts examined the control of issues of grant in aid to the Open University and noted that in 1971 and 1972 grant had sometimes been issued when the University already held substantial credit balances. DES then agreed in principle with the University on revised arrangements designed to ensure that future grant issues would not lead to significant over-funding for any substantial period.

10. DES agreed in 1974 that the University could reasonably hold a working cash balance of £400,000. This was raised to £500,000 in 1975. It was also agreed that cash reserves accumulated by the University from its grant in aid to meet longer term requirements and temporarily invested should be disclosed in its monthly returns of cash balances and taken into account in the assessment of further advances. DES suggested, however, that such cash reserves might alternatively be transferred to a holding account with the Paymaster General on which the University could draw at need. The University did not take up this suggestion.

11. In August 1975 DES reviewed the 1974-75 grant payments and expressed concern over the University's poor forecasting of its expected cash balances. DES continued to monitor the arrangements and later observed that some of the monthly balances had substantially exceeded the £500,000 authorised, reaching a peak of £1,683,000 in August 1976. They reduced the next advance accordingly and met further requests in the expectation that monthly balances would not exceed the authorised figure. The University subsequently discovered that its requests for advances had understated its true cash balances at the end of January, February and March 1977 by £619,000, £439,000 and £223,000 respectively. A special inquiry by the University's auditors into the cash balances for the period from 1974 to 1977 disclosed unexplained understatements of the balances reported to DES throughout that period.

12. DES were also concerned about the amount of the University's investment income from excessive grant in aid advances. The grant in aid determined for the 1974-76 triennium allowed for £96,000 from investment income; but the University's accounts showed the actual income as £164,000 in 1974, £189,000 in 1975 and £303,000

CLASS X, VOTE 1 *contd.*

in 1976 – a total of £656,000 for the triennium. DES had allowed for £92,000 in the assessment of the 1977 grant in aid, but the University later reported that the actual earnings as disclosed in the accounts for 1977 were £262,000.

13. Early in 1977, before DES became aware of the full extent of the interest received during the 1974-76 triennium, they discussed with the University the arrangements for grant payments, cash flow management and the level of interest earnings. This led to the monthly advances being paid closer to the monthly peak of the University's cash needs. The authorised working cash balance remained at £500,000; but the monitoring of cash balances was tightened and the University required to explain automatically whenever the actual cash balance exceeded £650,000. When DES later learned of the actual interest earnings in 1976 and 1977 they told the University that they would seek a compensating adjustment in the grant in aid approved for 1978 and have since recovered the whole of the excess interest earned in these two years. They are also considering arrangements to provide for automatic adjustment of the grant in aid for any difference between assumed and actual interest earnings.

14. In view of the difficulties which had arisen over the University's investment of surplus funds, I asked DES why the proposals to hold such funds in an account with the Paymaster General had not been adopted. DES told me that the University did not take up this proposal in 1974 but it did then confirm that it had no cash reserves other than those included in the monthly returns; the University gave a further assurance in February 1977 that there were no additional reserves. However, in the light of the difficulties the University had had in phasing its expenditure between years, it had now agreed in principle to the use of such a holding account with the Paymaster General.

15. A recent inspection by my staff of the University's books and records suggested that, in addition to the weaknesses in control which the new funding arrangements were intended to remedy, there were other factors which had affected the University's drawings of grant instalments. First, the University's accounts for 1976 and 1977 included substantial payments made in advance, which were, according to the University, either contractual or for commercial advantage. For example, the 1976 accounts included a payment of £500,000 for data processing equipment, made before the contract had been signed, and a further £477,000 was paid in a lump sum although the contract provided for payment in twelve monthly instalments. In both cases the University secured financial advantage from the early payment. The 1977 accounts included five quarterly payments under a continuing contract, the fifth payment being of £1,392,000; but the University explained that five payments had been made in 1977 because the first had been delayed from 1976 by agreement between the contracting parties.

16. Secondly, substantial sums had been diverted from the grants in aid of recurrent expenditure to meet capital expenditure on building works. While replacements of furniture and equipment, maintenance work and minor adaptations may be paid for out of the recurrent grant, all other works services are required to be financed from non-recurrent grants approved separately by DES. Both major works, currently those

CLASS X, VOTE 1 *contd.*

in excess of £50,000, and minor works, have required individual DES authorisation. In practice the University has regularly diverted sums from its grant in aid to supplement the non-recurrent grants approved by DES. The amounts involved were initially relatively small: £132,000 in 1974, £352,000 in 1975 and £402,000 in 1976. But in 1977 they totalled £1,450,000, of which £1,087,000 related to projects described as minor works, but which included three projects each of which had cost substantially more than £50,000.

17. In the first of these three cases, although DES approval was not sought, £141,000 was spent in 1977, partly offset by a rent remission of £23,000. For the second project DES had approved a non-recurrent grant of £35,000, but the University spent a further £418,000 in 1977 from the recurrent grant in aid and the total expenditure was £567,000, offset by £156,000 contributed by another university and by £226,000 remission of rent spread over six years. For the third project DES had also approved a non-recurrent grant of £35,000, but the University spent a further £125,000 in 1977 from recurrent grant in aid and the total expenditure was £253,000. The University has since accepted that in the two latter cases its applications for non-recurrent grants had not disclosed the full estimated gross costs.

18. DES assured me that the prescribed control procedures for major building works were adequate, provided they were properly observed. They were concerned that the procedures had not been followed in these cases and were awaiting the University's explanation. DES stated that the University's diversion of recurrent grant to finance minor works would have become apparent when the University's 1977 accounts were published in October 1978. They considered that the arrangements for dealing with minor works could be improved and were reviewing these with the University. The University had itself identified weaknesses in the financial supervision of certain minor works projects in March 1978 and had immediately instituted an investigation, the results of which would be reported as soon as possible to DES and to my staff.

19. The University's ability to make temporary investments, substantial payments in advance and contributions towards the costs of building projects from its recurrent grant suggested to me that its needs might have been too generously assessed. I therefore asked DES whether they were satisfied that they yet had adequate means of ensuring that the grants in aid of recurrent expenditure were no higher than was necessary to meet the University's needs and that payments were not being made in advance of need. DES told me that the University's holding of surplus funds was not of itself evidence of an inflated assessment of recurrent grant: a surplus could arise from unforeseen factors such as delays in appointing academic staff compared with the numbers envisaged in the triennial settlement. They explained that the financial arrangements for the University were laid down in a Memorandum agreed in 1971 and supplemented by later correspondence. Grant in aid was assessed on the basis of developments proposed by the University and agreed by DES; and the grant could be adjusted if development was slower than envisaged in the grant assessment. DES believed that the established machinery should have provided an effective framework for ensuring a realistic assessment of grant, the determination of the

CLASS X, VOTE 1 *contd.*

monthly requirements, and the correction of any over-provision, but that the arrangements had not proved fully effective. The University considered that this was due to shortcomings in the application of its accountancy procedures and financial controls. In May 1976 the University had commissioned its auditors to review its financial planning systems and control procedures; and its internal audit team, which had been set up in 1975, had been strengthened in 1978. DES were making arrangements for their own internal auditors to examine the University's system of accountancy procedures and financial controls and were reviewing the Memorandum of financial arrangements to see what changes were required.

20. I asked DES whether they had reached any decision on the possible inclusion of the University in the UGC's grant list. They told me that the UGC were agreeable to this if it were the wish of the University, but the University had not yet reached a decision. DES would likewise be agreeable once they were satisfied with the University's financial arrangements.

(iii) Marketing activities

21. Since its inception in 1971 the University has endeavoured, with encouragement from DES, to secure whatever income it could from the publication and sale of the course material produced by the University for its own students studying at home. Until the end of 1976 such commercial activities were undertaken by the University's Marketing Division, which made a net cumulative profit of £8,500 over the six-year period. In September 1975 the Council of the University informed DES that it had decided in principle to undertake all its marketing and commercial activities through a wholly-owned company whose directors would be appointed by the University and which would be able to operate commercially with appropriate resources. In January 1976 DES reiterated the doubts they had been expressing since September 1975 about the merits of the scheme and particularly about the public accountability aspects. After further consideration they were still not convinced that the establishment of a separate company would lead to a marked improvement in profitability or that the University's aims could not be achieved in some other way. However, since the marketing activities were already being financed from grant in aid funds, DES left the decision to the considered judgement of the Council of the University, subject to the provision of adequate financial safeguards and access to the company's books by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

22. A company known as Open University Educational Enterprises Ltd. (OUEE Ltd.) was accordingly set up with a share capital of £10,000 provided by the University. The University transferred to the company the net assets of its Marketing Division, valued at some £450,000. The £440,000 excess over the provided share capital was treated partly as a credit and partly as a loan. The company commenced trading on 1 January 1977.

23. One of the financial safeguards agreed between the University and DES was that all the profits of the company as assessed for tax purposes should revert to the University by Deed of Covenant. Such profits would then be credited to the University's General Revenue Account and taken into account by DES in assessing future grant

CLASS X, VOTE 1 *contd.*

needs. DES told me that OUEE Ltd.'s trading outturn for 1977 showed a profit of £79,339 after charging all expenses including interest at 10 per cent on the University's loan. This represented a return on capital employed of 21 per cent, compared with the target set for the company of 15 per cent. However, a wholly-owned American subsidiary, Open University Educational Media Inc., which had been set up to market the University's products in America, had incurred a loss of £68,167 during the year, thus leaving a net consolidated profit of £11,172. As the American subsidiary was being wound up, OUEE Ltd. had provided £50,000 in 1977 for its subsidiary's terminal losses in 1978, thereby converting the consolidated profit into a net loss of £38,828.

24. DES told me that nothing was credited to the University's General Revenue Account from OUEE Ltd. for profits in 1977. But I note that the University's published accounts showed that OUEE Ltd. paid the University £65,458 under the Deed of Covenant in respect of the profit as assessed for tax purposes. This increased the loss for the year to £104,286. I further note that in the University's accounts a sum equivalent to the loan interest paid by OUEE Ltd. and the payment under the Deed of Covenant was set aside as a provision. The University stated that this was in accordance with Standard Accounting Practice relating to subsidiary companies. It reflected the value of the University's investment in OUEE Ltd. at 31 December 1977 and was based on professional advice taken by the University as to the accounting practice to be adopted.

CLASS X, VOTE 7. RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT****CLASS X, VOTE 8. RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL****MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (GRANTS IN AID) ACCOUNT****Commissioned research****(i) *General***

25. Paragraphs 119 to 126 of my report on Volume I of the Appropriation Accounts and paragraphs 44 to 49 below describe the arrangements for commissioned research made by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) with the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) and by the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) and the Scottish Home and Health Department (SHHD) with the Medical Research Council (MRC). The following paragraphs deal with the arrangements within the ARC and MRC.

CLASS X, VOTES 7 & 8 *contd.**(ii) Agricultural Research Council*

26. Under the Government's general arrangements for financing the Research Councils, in 1977-78 the ARC received £20.9 million from the science budget of DES and £24.7 million from MAFF as payment for commissioned research.

27. Under the particular arrangements agreed between MAFF and the ARC, the programme of commissioned research work was divided into separate commissions and sub-commissions. Each of these was to be subject to a formal review on a four-year cycle, conducted by the Chief Scientist of MAFF in consultation with the ARC. Pending these reviews, the first of which was undertaken in 1976, the commissions were based on the ARC's annual estimates of expenditure in the fields concerned and the ARC's existing programmes of work continued virtually unchanged. But even the reviews which have been completed appeared to me to have resulted in little change in the content or objectives of the commissions concerned. I therefore asked the ARC whether they considered that the arrangements for the selection and control of the work to be dealt with as commissioned research complied with the requirements of the customer/contractor principle as laid down in the 1972 White Paper. The ARC told me that they considered that their arrangements with MAFF fully met those requirements. They explained that final responsibility for the selection of commissioned work, defined in terms of objectives and topics, rested with MAFF, subject to the ARC's right to refuse work on good grounds. They understood that the selection had been made on a basis determined by the Chief Scientist of MAFF with the advice of the Requirements Board of MAFF. They already had well-established arrangements for the systematic surveillance and review of research and these had been supplemented by the formal reviews of commissions. In the course of such reviews MAFF took account of the recorded cost of the commission and submitted a current assessment of their requirements; and the ARC and MAFF discussed any changes in the level of funding or the content of the work. The ARC also told me that they were always willing to consider any proposals for improvements in procedure which MAFF might wish to put forward.

Project-costing system

28. From 1 April 1974 the ARC introduced a comprehensive project-costing system to provide more reliable information on project costs. Since then the charges for commissioned research have been based on the recorded costs of the work included within the commissions, although as an interim measure overhead costs were apportioned on a broad basis which resulted in the charges currently falling short of the full economic cost of the commissioned work by about £2 million a year. Discussions between the ARC and MAFF on the introduction of full economic charging are continuing with the assistance of DES.

29. The costing system analyses the expenditure under a number of main categories and in 1977-78 the analysis of expenditure by categories was:

CLASS X, VOTES 7 & 8 *contd.*

<i>Nature of research</i>	<i>Commissioned</i>	<i>Non- commissioned</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£m.	£m.	£m.
Development and Applied	7.9	2.4	10.3
To provide understanding of a current applied project (Strategic A)	7.9	3.5	11.4
To understand particular aspects of agriculture for generating applied projects (Strategic B)	5.7	5.7	11.4
Open-ended: to further scientific understanding (Strategic C)	2.6	5.0	7.6
Fundamental	0.2	2.7	2.9
	<hr/> £24.3m. <hr/>	<hr/> £19.3m. <hr/>	<hr/> £43.6m. <hr/>

30. It seemed to me that this showed that there was little correlation between the nature of the work and its selection for commissioning by MAFF. Thus the ARC spent £21.7 million on work in the first two areas shown above which had potential practical applications, but only £15.8 million of this had been commissioned; and the remaining £5.9 million was financed from the science budget of DES. On the other hand, in the remaining three categories for which no practical applications had been identified, MAFF spent £8.5 million on commissioned research. The Ministry have however told me that they selected work in the last three categories for commissioning because it related to the generation of applied projects and to the objectives of the commissions.

31. I asked the ARC about the use they made of the project-costing system. They told me that the system was an essential mechanism for determining the payments due from customers for commissioned research, but they also regarded it as a valuable aid to the monitoring and control of the allocation of resources to individual projects. Responsibility for this was delegated to the Directors of individual Institutes within the ARC and they were provided with quarterly statements of the costs incurred on the projects for which they were responsible. The Director of each Institute used this costing information to supplement his knowledge of the scientific progress of the work derived from personal contacts with projects and to apply his scientific judgement to determining whether the allocation of resources to individual projects was according to plan and, if not, whether remedial action was needed.

32. The ARC also told me that the comparison of costs with scientific progress so as to judge whether the objectives remained attainable within reasonable cost was difficult. They did not consider it worthwhile to attempt to measure scientific progress within narrow time scales because costs and progress could be drastically modified by such factors as the weather, the variable nature of the plant and animal material used and its susceptibility to pests and diseases. This made prediction of the course of experimental work in agriculture more difficult than in some other sciences or technologies. Most scientific research, even of an applied character, represented an

CLASS X, VOTES 7 & 8 *contd.*

exploration of the unknown and it would not improve control of the scientific programme to attempt to forecast the time and cost necessary to achieve specified objectives, although they recognised that research should not be allowed to continue until objectives were reached regardless of cost.

(iii) Medical Research Council

33. Under the Government's arrangements for financing the Research Councils, in 1977-78 the MRC received £41.5 million from the science budget of DES and £10.5 million from customer departments as payments for commissioned research, including £10.1 million from the Health Departments. During the year the MRC undertook 46 specific commissions for research designed to meet those comparatively few objectives in the health field which could be defined in detail and where an answer could be obtained within a specified time; 31 of these were for the Health and Safety Executive and cost £708,000; 13 for the Department of Employment cost £190,000; and 2 for the Health Departments cost £110,000.

34. For most of the bio-medical research of interest to the Health Departments it is considered impracticable to define the objectives closely enough for the placing of specific commissions. The MRC explained to me that before the 1972 White Paper was issued they had advised the Government that only when the objective, method, time-scale and cost could be clearly defined in advance could the customer/contractor principle be usefully applied to bio-medical projects; and the value of the projects satisfying these conditions was likely to be relatively small. The MRC took the view that, by transferring to the Health Departments responsibility for expenditure of a much larger sum than could be used on such projects, the Government intended the customer/contractor principle to be more broadly interpreted.

35. The Health Departments and the MRC therefore agreed that the bio-medical research work of interest to the Health Departments would be carried out under broad commissions covering programmes of research in particular fields to meet broadly-defined objectives. Paragraphs 45 to 47 below describe the working arrangements which the Departments and the MRC have agreed in the light of the practical difficulties of implementing the customer/contractor principle in the bio-medical research field.

36. Since the Health Departments felt obliged to commission work on all the major health problems, the commissioned research was spread across most of the MRC's work but covered only a small part of their total activity in most fields. Thus in 1977-78 the MRC were undertaking 105 broad commissions in which the Health Departments had an interest with a total annual cost of £16.7 million, towards which the Departments contributed £10 million, out of the MRC's total expenditure of £53.1 million.

37. Since the arrangements for the placing, review and costing of broad commissions appeared to leave control over the content of the commissioned work more in the hands of the MRC as contractors than of the Health Departments as customers,

CLASS X, VOTES 7 & 8 *contd.*

I asked the MRC whether they considered that those arrangements complied with the customer/contractor principle as laid down in the 1972 White Paper. The MRC told me that, while the customer/contractor principle enabled the customer to use his funds to induce the contractor to carry out the research required by the customer, the White Paper had also recognised that in practice many of the ideas for research and development to meet the customer's needs came from the scientific staff in the contractor's organisation. The MRC therefore considered that the agreed arrangements did comply with the customer/contractor principle. They also pointed out that the administrative changes operative from April 1978 and described in paragraph 47 below were designed not only to simplify the procedures but also to increase the effectiveness of the Health Departments in securing the research work they required.

Project-costing system

38. During the three years from 1973-74 to 1975-76 the charges made by the MRC for commissioned research were based largely on ad hoc estimates. In April 1976 they introduced a costing system to provide more reliable information on costs of projects in Council establishments. This system evaluated at average salary rates the estimated time spent on individual projects by scientific and technical staff, to which broad percentages were added for overheads and other costs. The time estimates were made by the Directors of the various research units by allocating a proportion of the time spent by complete research teams of scientists, technicians and other grades on each of the team's projects. The allocation of other costs was not based on records of usage of services but Directors were required to indicate any projects with service demands significantly different from the average. The resultant project cost figures for broad commissions therefore gave only broad approximations to actual costs; and, as stated in paragraph 45 below, the actual charges to Health Departments were normally based on annual estimates. The charges for specific commissions were however based on the actual salary and other costs.

39. Following the revised administrative procedures for commissioned research, operative from April 1978, staff-time estimates were assessed centrally by the MRC's Research Programme Divisions on the basis of periodic visits to research units and consultation with their Directors. This change did not materially alter the basis of the project-costing system but reduced its administrative costs.

40. Since little use appeared to be made of the project-costing system for assessing charges for commissioned research, I asked the MRC what use was made of it to monitor and control the allocation of resources to individual projects and to compare costs with scientific progress so as to judge whether the objectives remained attainable within reasonable cost. The MRC told me that the costing system was not used for any of these purposes. They explained that most of the research included in the broad commissions was not organised and managed on the basis of projects related to final long-term objectives; the immediate scientific objectives of members of a research team were usually quite clear within the team management but were generated, defined and modified as necessary within the team. The team's budget, which was

CLASS X, VOTES 7 & 8 *contd.*

precisely costed, was based upon a scientific appreciation of the opportunities for progress in the area concerned and the resources needed to achieve that progress. Because the work of a team member could contribute to a number of project themes, his contribution to one particular project theme could be assessed only in retrospect and subjectively. At the project level the activity to be costed was thus often poorly defined and did not justify the expense of a precise system of accounting. The MRC had therefore adopted a system of project-costing in which the degree of accuracy was commensurate with the accuracy of the concept of the project.

41. The MRC also told me that costing on an annual basis was inappropriate in most cases and did not provide a suitable framework for the measurement of progress. Whether objectives remained attainable within reasonable cost had to be judged in the context of the whole programme of the research team – not of individual projects. In the light of progress achieved, future plans and their estimated cost, the continuation of work was best judged at the triennial reviews; and although the project-costings were made available for reference at such reviews, they played little part in the process.

(iv) Department of Education and Science

42. In view of the general responsibilities of DES in relation to the Research Councils, I asked them whether they considered that the arrangements made by the ARC and MRC and their customer departments for dealing with commissioned research complied with the customer/contractor principle as laid down in the 1972 White Paper. They told me that they did consider the arrangements to be in accordance not only with that principle, but also with the paragraph in the White Paper which recognised the essential requirement for continuing discussion and partnership between customers and contractors and with other sections of the community, and also in accordance with the paragraph which accepted that in practice many of the ideas for research and development to meet the customer's needs would come from the scientific staff in the contractor's organisation.

43. I also asked DES whether any general review was contemplated of the practical working of the customer/contractor principle in relation to the work of the Research Councils, including its possible extension to any of the work of the Science Research Council and the Social Science Research Council which might have practical applications. DES told me in November 1978 that an inter-departmental review was already being made of the arrangements introduced by the 1972 White Paper and that this would cover the position of all the Research Councils and the practical working of the customer/contractor relationship. I understand that the Government will publish the results of this review in a further White Paper.

CLASS XI, VOTE 1. HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, ENGLAND**CLASS XI, VOTE 2. HEALTH, &C., SCOTLAND****Control of medical research commissioned from the Medical Research Council**

44. The 1972 White Paper "Framework for Government Research and Development" (Cmnd. 5046) announced the Government's conclusions on the detailed application of the customer/contractor principle to applied research and development (R & D) following the examination carried out by Lord Rothschild. It stated that Ministers must ensure that departmental objectives were properly backed by applied R & D programmes directly related to the objectives and that those responsible for departmental objectives should also be responsible for defining their requirements in the clearest possible terms and commissioning the R & D work needed to achieve them. Departments, as customers, would define their requirements; contractors would advise on the feasibility of meeting them and undertake the work; and the arrangements between them must be such as to ensure that the objectives remained attainable within reasonable cost. The White Paper also stated that in future part of the government funds provided for three of the Research Councils – one of which was the Medical Research Council – would become the responsibility of customer departments to help meet their needs for commissioned applied research. Final responsibility for defining the objectives would rest with the departments concerned. It would be for the relevant Council to decide on the detailed management of the work, but departments would need to be satisfied before committing funds that projects had been effectively planned and that arrangements existed for systematic surveillance and review.

45. From 1974, when the Treasury approved the arrangements, until 1978 DHSS and SHHD placed two types of commission with the MRC. Firstly, they placed "specific commissions" for individual research projects with detailed customer specification fully costed by the MRC. Because of the administrative burdens and the factors described in paragraph 47 below, these accounted for only a small proportion of the total work commissioned. Secondly, they placed "broad commissions" for programmes of research to meet broadly-defined health department objectives. The MRC put together sets of individual projects to meet health departments' objectives, but they did not necessarily estimate the duration and total cost of each project. The health departments contributed either the whole or an agreed part of the cost of each set of projects for a fixed term of not more than five years, payments being based on annual estimates of the cost of each broad commission prepared by MRC and agreed by the departments. Under these arrangements DHSS and SHHD contributed £10 million in 1977-78 to the individually estimated costs of 105 broad commissions undertaken by the MRC at rates varying between 10 and 100 per cent. The MRC is responsible for management of the research work and formal review of its progress; and access of health departments' staff to the Council's research and other staff is controlled but MRC makes reports available to health departments.

46. In accordance with government policy that departments with a substantial interest in the work of a Research Council should provide full members, as distinct from assessors, of that Council, the health departments appointed three members, including the Chief Scientist of DHSS, to the Council of the MRC. The health depart-

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ments also nominated members to serve on the MRC Boards and Committees which initiate policy, deploy the resources made available by the Council, adjudicate on programmes and review progress in their respective fields. In addition, nominated members of the MRC sat as full members of the DHSS Chief Scientist's Committees.

47. In April 1977 DHSS concluded that these arrangements had enabled the departments to exert a rather greater influence over MRC bio-medical research but at a considerable cost in administration for both the departments and the MRC. From April 1978 and with Treasury agreement these arrangements have been simplified. The departments now provide MRC with an annual statement of health problems and priorities, including an analysis of the burden of disease, to which the Council respond with relevant bio-medical research proposals. Following agreement between the health departments and the MRC on these proposals, the departments approve the previously estimated level of financial support to be given to the MRC. Departmental representation on the MRC and its subordinate bodies continues and health departments continue to participate in the MRC's reviews. For 1978-79 the MRC provided estimates of the expenditure to be charged to the departments under 27 broad headings of disease classification and at the end of the year will provide a breakdown, again under 27 headings, of their total actual expenditure showing the departments' contribution under each heading. Under the new arrangements it is no longer possible for the health departments to attach a detailed monetary estimate to each project. Departments continue to be able to place specific commissions with the MRC. The departments and the MRC propose to review the new arrangements towards the end of 1979.

48. I asked the health departments how they would ensure under the new arrangements that their payments to the MRC were strictly confined to the work commissioned to meet their research objectives. They told me that to avoid duplication in both accounting and scientific fields, MRC have retained responsibility for managerial and detailed financial control of the work they undertook for the health departments. The MRC monitoring arrangements include informal HQ staff visits to research teams, formal reviews at intervals of 3 years by the MRC Boards or Committees and annual reviews of financing when budgets are fixed. Senior members of the health departments continue to serve on the Council and their nominees serve on various boards while the Chief Scientists attend boards as assessors; and members of the departments have been involved in reviewing research including, under the old arrangements, annual reviews of one-fifth of the broad commissions. The departments considered that, through their participation in the work of the MRC and its boards, they had ample opportunity to observe and monitor the extent of achievement of their research objectives.

49. I also enquired how the departments satisfied themselves, at appropriate intervals, that the progress with each research project was commensurate with the costs incurred and that each research objective continued to be realisable within the planned cost and time scale. They informed me that an important aspect of bio-medical research was that, although primary objectives are relatively easy to define, it was rarely possible to define in advance the course of a research programme in the complex biological processes. Consequently it was frequently difficult to make

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precise forecasts of costs. Because ignorance of the physiology and pathology of human systems was still profound in many parts of the field, it was impossible to forecast when "bright ideas" and practical results would emerge from a piece of work and when a line of enquiries had been exhausted. These factors suggested that the only way to make progress in tackling many important practical problems of health and disease was to support broadly-based research which in the light of the best available advice might be expected to lead to improved understanding of the human system and those problems. The departments believed that the arrangements outlined in paragraph 47 above would provide them with information on the progress in reaching stated bio-medical research objectives in relation to their cost and would enable them to ensure that funds for commissioned bio-medical research were used effectively.

CLASS XI, VOTE 1. HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, ENGLAND**CLASS XI, VOTE 2. HEALTH, &C., SCOTLAND****CLASS XI, VOTE 4. HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, WALES****Use of computers for financial, administrative and statistical work in the National Health Service**

50. Computing services in the National Health Service are provided in three main ways. Regional Health Authorities in England, the Welsh Health Technical Services Organisation and Health Boards in Scotland operate computer systems on a bureaux basis largely for processing the payroll, financial and administrative work of the health authorities within their areas. There are hospital-based computers mainly concerned with patient, scientific and clinical services. And some local authorities continue to provide computer facilities for the services transferred from local health authorities when the NHS was reorganised in 1974. The following paragraphs describe progress with the arrangements for standardising equipment and systems for the regional bureaux installations.

England and Wales

51. In August 1971, when the 14 Regional Hospital Boards (RHBs) in England either operated or had access to computer facilities, the Secretary of State decided that RHB bureaux equipment and systems should be standardised. The aims were to achieve economy in the development and operation of computer installations and to improve facilities for the transfer of NHS management information. As, in accordance with the Government's computer procurement policy, most bureaux were then using systems based on ICL 1900 series equipment and many were planning major replacements between 1973 and 1978, the Secretary of State decided that RHBs should standardise on this series of machines.

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52. DHSS and the Welsh Office, who had adopted the standardisation policy, formed a Computing Standardisation Steering Committee in 1972 composed of departmental and NHS representatives. The Committee defined a basic hardware configuration which would be sufficient for each installation to operate standard systems though they expected that in practice authorities' operational requirements would need more than the minimum equipment. The Committee also defined standards covering documentation, transfers, maintenance and operating systems. They completed a survey in 1972-73 which identified 59 applications in use on the regional bureaux computers. Most of these were small or infrequently used but some were major systems taking up over half the computing capacity of the installations. They initially considered that eleven might be suitable for standardisation and by 1975 seven regional bureaux in England and the Welsh Health Technical Services Organisation in Wales had been appointed to design standard systems for the eleven applications. These centres were to produce the programs and all the documentation the other regional computing bureaux would need to operate the standard systems on their installations and were to be responsible for the continued maintenance and amendment of the systems. By May 1978 development of the systems for seven of the applications, including three of the four major applications, was complete, in two cases on an interim basis, and they had been released for adoption by health authorities. Two of the remaining four applications had been dropped and the rest, together with two further applications, were still being developed.

53. By 1977 13 of the 14 English regions and the Welsh Health Technical Services Organisation were operating installations based on ICL 1900 series computers but their use of the standard systems varied. It ranged from two systems - child health (immunisation) and equipment scheduling - used by eleven health authorities in addition to the centre responsible for development, to a recently released system which had been taken up by only one other authority, although others were expressing interest in using it.

54. The Departments informed me that considering the magnitude of the task they were satisfied with progress in developing standard systems. Most health authorities already had computers when the standardisation programme was announced and the Departments had not intended them to change to the standard configuration until their existing equipment needed replacement, a process not expected to be completed until the late 1970s. The Departments had expected the timing of the introduction of the individual standard systems to vary between authorities: the computing centres could not use the standard systems until they had the necessary equipment and many of them continued to use their own previously developed programs. When they needed to reprogram these applications they were likely to adopt the standard programs and the Departments had no evidence of authorities either putting any major effort into developing their own programs when standard ones were available or failing to adopt the standard systems when the circumstances were right. The Departments did not think that economic justification for the development of standard systems rested on universal adoption. In all these circumstances they had not considered it necessary to obtain a formal prior commitment by the authorities to adopt standard systems.

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55. A departmental study group set up in 1975 noted that computing was a rapidly advancing field needing central participation to co-ordinate policies and programmes and to tackle problems common to many NHS authorities. They observed that most of the regional computers would reach the end of their economic working lives and need to be replaced in the 1980s at a cost of at least £14 million. They recommended that the computer centres should purchase a second round of machines of standard configuration and that they should continue development of standard software. The regional centres are therefore planning to replace their ICL 1900 machines with ICL 2900 equipment, and will expect, at some stage, to incur software transition costs. DHSS informed me that they are working with the NHS authorities to minimise transition costs and that a major benefit of the standard programs is that the systems for each application will have to be converted only once and not separately by each region.

Scotland

56. In 1972 an advisory committee set up by the Scottish Home and Health Department noted that most RHBs either owned or had access to computers for administrative and accounting purposes and recommended that some rationalisation and standardisation was necessary to effect economies in hardware and software developments. SHHD therefore asked health authorities to advise them of any proposals to acquire or use computers so that the committee's advice could be obtained where necessary. The Department suggested in November 1973 that groups of the new health boards should set up consortia to provide their computer services and reminded boards of the need for prior consultation about computer requirements. In 1975 they informed health boards of a proposal for five consortia to provide computer services for the whole of Scotland, each serving a population of about one million and based on ICL 1903 T computers, which were already used by three of the proposed consortia, those centred at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee. The Department approved the purchase of an additional ICL 1903T for the consortium centred at Paisley.

57. The proposed Northern consortium, based on the computer at Dundee, was intended to serve the Tayside, Grampian, Highland, and Orkney and Shetland Boards. However, in July 1975 the Grampian Health Board decided to purchase a smaller ICL 2903 and the Highland Health Board acquired a similar model in March 1976 to provide their own computer facilities for their populations of 454,000 and 186,000 respectively. In the latter part of 1977 both Boards persisted in enlarging their installations despite representations by SHHD that this constituted a move away from the consortium concept and would lead to under-utilisation of Scottish computer resources. SHHD informed me that although they had proposed that the computing needs of the Highland and Grampian Boards should be met by the consortium computer at Dundee, the Secretary of State had delegated the administration of health services, including computing, to health boards as his agents under the NHS (Scotland) Acts and the Department did not regard it as compatible with this general delegation of administration to prescribe rigid standards. In their relationship with the health boards the Department normally proceeded by discussion, drawing attention to recommendations approved by the Secretary of State which they hoped the boards would be persuaded to accept.

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58. I asked the Department about the arrangements for developing standard systems for the Scottish computer installations and whether systems developed in England and Wales had been considered for adoption in Scotland in preference to undertaking separate development. They informed me that the initiative for setting up centres of responsibility for the development of standard systems had been assigned to the Information Services Division of the Common Services Agency; they had the DHSS list agreed by the English Standardisation Committee and would use it when they are considering the next most suitable developments in Scotland. There was no list of financial, statistical and administrative applications selected for development as standard systems although a number of applications had emerged in various ways and had eventually been accepted as standard systems. To avoid misuse of resources through duplication of effort on systems developments, SHHD had approved the designation of certain units as centres of responsibility for developing and maintaining computer applications which could be adopted generally, but the Boards had given no undertakings to adopt any particular standard system when it was developed. SHHD informed me that a policy review committee was considering the arrangements for transfer from the ICL 1900 series computers to new type computers in the 1980s and might recommend that as many standard systems as possible should be developed in order to simplify the transfer arrangements to the new computers. The Central Computer Agency supported this policy. The present arrangements did not envisage prescription by SHHD, but rather proceeding by consultation and co-operation, with financial inducements for development work.

Procurement and storage of supplies in the NHS

59. In 1977-78 health authorities spent £1,022 million on supplies other than medicines, etc., prescribed under the Family Practitioner Services (England, £836 million; Scotland, £135 million; Wales, £51 million) and the relevant cost of administration in England was estimated at £20 million excluding the cost of storage and stores staff. At 31 March 1978 the authorities held stocks valued at £125 million (England, £103 million; Scotland, £15 million; Wales, £7 million).

60. DHSS and the Welsh Office have ultimate responsibility for NHS supplies functions, including storage and distribution policy, formulating advice on appropriate levels and methods of purchasing certain stores, evaluation of and national specifications for supplies and equipment, and negotiating central contracts. In planning the NHS reorganisation in 1974 they suggested that supplies organisations should serve not less than 5,000 hospital beds and that adjacent small health authorities should combine to achieve this. They advised authorities to establish central stores covering as large an area as possible so as to facilitate the development of economical and efficient purchasing and distribution systems. In Scotland, where there is a different organisational structure, SHHD give general guidance to health

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boards on procurement but retain authority for expenditure on equipment for new capital projects. Boards procure many of their requirements through a Common Services Agency but remain free to purchase directly from suppliers.

61. In May 1978 the report of a working group set up by the Secretary of State to examine English health authority arrangements for procuring NHS supplies noted that five committees reporting between 1954 and 1976 had already examined the arrangements. Each one had emphasised the need for increased co-ordination in all NHS supplies activities – usually with little practical result. Nevertheless progress had been made in co-ordinating purchases; during 1975-76 almost 60 per cent of the £593 million spent on supplies and equipment by English NHS authorities resulted from central or co-ordinated purchasing arrangements which probably saved about £23 million. Potentially, however, a further £150 million of purchases might have been made under such co-ordinated arrangements.

62. The working group identified a number of shortcomings of the supplies arrangements. Because the supplies organisation was unnecessarily fragmented, it suffered from poor co-ordination, lack of information, bad communications and inadequate staffing and did not obtain the best value for money. Little progress had been made towards centralising stores and the facilities were inadequate in both capacity and quality. Management at all levels lacked the purchasing and stock control information necessary to develop effective supplies policies; and there was no comprehensive system for helping users to choose equipment or for seeking their help in evaluation studies. The arrangements for determining the best operating level at which to place contracts for supplies were inadequate. Finally, some authorities failed to obtain the best terms because suppliers could seldom be offered firm commitments when authorities lacked adequate and reliable information on their requirements; because authorities exercised their freedom to ignore arrangements negotiated at higher levels; because they lacked centralised stores to facilitate the use of bulk deliveries; and because they hindered co-ordinated purchasing by employing widely varying specifications for essentially similar articles.

63. The working group recommended detailed changes in the NHS supplies organisation, the information systems and purchasing arrangements which they considered would give both better value for money and direct savings on supplies totalling many £ millions. The changes would not however be fully effective unless they were implemented throughout the country: they would have to be adopted by a service which is operated by independent statutory authorities to whom the Secretary of State had delegated supplies functions and which is not subject to a central control. The working group believed it would be unrealistic to expect all the constituent authorities of the NHS to make the necessary changes, which depended on concerted action for their success, unless they were required to do so. They did not consider that persuasion by advice and exhortation worked satisfactorily and were convinced that the Secretary of State's authority must be exercised. The Board therefore proposed that a Supply Council, constituted as a Special Health Authority, should be established to determine and review supplies policies. Regulations would require health authorities, when exercising their functions, to comply with decisions issued by the Council and approved by the Secretary of State.

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64. The Secretary of State commended the Report as a valuable contribution to the improvement of NHS procurement and accepted the general principles underlying the detailed recommendations about organisation, information and purchasing. He also agreed with the group's conclusion that special measures would be necessary to ensure that the changes eventually decided upon were actually implemented by all authorities.

65. DHSS told me in November 1978 that there had been broad support from health authorities for the group's principal recommendation – the establishment of the Supply Council – and that these authorities had made many suggestions about its membership and operation. Recommendations about the supply organisation at NHS district level were supported by RHAs but opinion at AHA level was divided. Other recommendations were generally accepted. The Secretary of State would meet RHA Chairmen and representative NHS officers in January 1979 to discuss measures to implement the recommendations. Meanwhile the Department would require authorities to make changes in their district supplies organisations.

66. SHHD informed me in November 1978 that they had asked health boards to comment on the Report. The Department would consider whether to undertake a review of the Scottish supplies organisation or of any specific aspects of it in the light of those comments, particularly on recommendations such as those relating to central storage, optimum supply levels and supplies information. Procurement arrangements in Wales are similar to those in England. The Welsh Office told me that the findings of the working group were therefore relevant to Wales and that they did not propose to undertake a parallel review, but had invited their authorities to comment on the Report.

Standardisation of the design of hospitals, operational procedures and components*(i) General*

67. During 1977-78 health authorities, who undertake NHS building and engineering work as agents for the health departments, spent £374 million on capital works (£316 million in England; £38 million in Scotland; and £20 million in Wales) as part of programmes approved by the departments and expected to cost £1,250 million. The departments require health authorities undertaking building projects to observe cost limits, to adhere to prescribed pre- and post-contract building control procedures and, in the case of major projects, to obtain the departments' approval to proceed at specified points during the project. Health authorities are free within these constraints to devise their own design, contract and management arrangements, drawing upon the departments' published guidance as they consider appropriate to local circumstances.

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68. The Government's Hospital Plans of 1962 (Cmnd. 1604 and 1602) envisaged a vast increase in new hospital construction. The departments foresaw that the multiplicity of planners, designers and architects could lead to overlapping of work carried out to varying and potentially costly standards. They therefore sought to develop economical and acceptable design standards, linked to cost limits, and to establish criteria for judging other hospital building projects. Despite variations in the size and layout of hospitals, DHSS considered that there was scope for a substantial degree of standardisation of the many repetitive features both of construction work and of arrangements for project design, cost planning and other control systems. In construction work the possibilities ranged from whole-hospital standardisation, through standard clinical departments, down to the use of standardised individual building components. The departments expected that the use of standard designs incorporating standard building components would produce substantial savings in design costs whether the work was done by NHS staff or by private consultants, and would facilitate speedier construction and reduce the incidence of post-contract claims. It would also lessen the involvement of doctors, nurses and administrators in the planning of every project. In England and Wales this development work is now under the control of a Research and Development Committee with members from DHSS, the Welsh Office, and the NHS. The total estimated development costs, from inception of the various programmes to 30 September 1978, are £9.73 million for the standardisation of whole-hospitals and clinical departments, £3.49 million for standard procedural systems, and £2.57 million for systems of building component standardisation.

(ii) Standardisation of whole-hospitals and clinical departments

69. In 1966 DHSS decided to build two broadly similar "Best-buy" hospitals to show how economies of design could be achieved without sacrificing accepted standards. They now consider that the two prototypes – at Frimley and Bury St. Edmunds – are good examples of modest, efficient and well designed hospitals. Two further "Best-buy" hospitals are under construction – at Kings Lynn and Great Yarmouth – and one other is proposed at Huntingdon.

70. In the late 1960s DHSS began work on standard satellite maternity and psychiatric departments, intended mainly for additions to existing hospitals. They aimed to provide packages of fully standardised design and production material including bills of quantities. In January 1975 they discontinued further work and froze the designs partly because they expected a reduced take-up following a cut in the hospital building programme and partly because they had decided to make all standard designs subject to normal cost allowances. The satellite departments could be built within the allowances only if savings in fees and construction costs, which the cost allowance system excluded, could be taken into account. The Department have subsequently considered that, with changes in the policy on the provision of maternity care, the design had become, by current standards, extravagant in space and therefore too costly; and, whilst the design of the psychiatric units was fundamentally sound, the current cost was unacceptably high. Four standard maternity units were built and a fifth, based on the frozen design, is in progress. Eight psychiatric departments based on the standard designs have been or are to be built.

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71. In 1970 DHSS agreed to collaborate with regional hospital boards to produce a range of standard designs for hospital departments and to develop techniques of assembling them to form district general hospitals varying in shape and size to meet particular needs and sites (the "Harness" system). DHSS expected the design to cost 7 per cent more than the normal cost allowances but that this would be counter-balanced by savings on fees and construction costs. However, by 1974, when planning and design work was complete, the estimated excess was 11 per cent. The decision to apply normal cost allowances to all standard designs meant that the new RHAs would have had to reduce costs by further design work for which they had insufficient experienced works staff. This and the cut in the hospital building programme led DHSS to stop further development work on the system which had by then cost nearly £6 million. "Harness" designs were then being used for two hospitals and for single departments at two other hospitals and they are still under consideration for two further hospitals.

72. In September 1975 DHSS informed health authorities that the radical review of the hospital capital building programmes had led them to use the experience gained on the "Best-buy" and "Harness" work to develop a replacement small-hospital design, to be called "Nucleus". This would constitute the 300-bed first phase of a hospital which could later be expanded, and would cost less than £6 million at 1975 prices. The utmost economy in capital and running costs would be sought, consistent with maintaining acceptable medical and nursing standards. The design package for the first "Nucleus" hospital - at Newham - became available between December 1976 and April 1978 and building is expected to start in 1979. Other RHAs have adopted the "Nucleus" data for 10 hospitals, and its use or part-use is contemplated for a further 23 projects in England and 4 in Wales expected to start by 1985. DHSS expect reductions in planning, design and construction time to result in overall savings of up to 2 per cent of works cost. They estimate development costs at £3.3 million by 1981-82 compared with potential savings of about £3.7 million if all 38 schemes eventually employ the "Nucleus" system, but there would be additional unquantifiable benefits.

(iii) *Standardisation of systems of procedure and building components*

73. For a number of years DHSS have been developing standardised systems to help health authorities to improve performance of building operations. Work has concentrated generally on identifying manual or computer aids for the early stages of design and cost planning, together with the provision of data bases of information structured to facilitate its recording, retention and use when appropriate. One data base system ("Activity Data Base"), after trials in eleven regions, has been completed and released for general use; and development of other systems is continuing. As stated above, the total development cost to 30 September 1978 was £3.49 million.

74. DHSS have given health authorities guidance on standardised building components and fittings since 1965. By 1967 standard components were available for some 80 per cent of total requirements, representing 35-40 per cent of basic works costs. The guidance was reconstituted in 1970 as the "Manufacturers' Data Base" (MDB), which provided performance specifications, drawings, prices and the details of suppliers. The principal standardised components and fittings are windows,

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partitions, floors, doors, ceilings, and storage and sanitary units. An engineering model component catalogue is in course of preparation. The Public Accounts Committee of Session 1972-73 noted that the potential annual ordering level of these components in 1971-72 was £35 million but that their use was not mandatory and orders in that year totalled £7 million only. They also noted that use of MDB components in existing schemes was not always possible and that the success of the arrangements needed to be judged as part of DHSS's "total systems" approach to hospital building. The Committee emphasised the importance of developing standardisation and bulk purchase in order to secure economies of scale. The Department stated at that time that the design of "Harness" hospitals embodied substantial use of MDB components and the programme could well involve MDB orders to a value of £100 million. They informed the Committee of Session 1974 that the National Building Agency were examining the reasons why MDB components were not used more extensively and would consult manufacturers, building contractors and other departments where standard components were used.

75. The National Building Agency issued a preliminary report in 1974 and reported finally in June 1975. After allowing for DHSS's decision to exclude certain structural components which were difficult to adapt to particular projects, the Agency found that the potential use of MDB components was about 16 per cent of contract value compared with an actual take-up of about 9 per cent. Because of the independence of the RHAs the Agency did not consider in detail whether the use of MDB should be mandatory but they thought that if systems of standard components were sufficiently attractive, they would be employed on their own merits. They were generally satisfied with the performance and cost-effectiveness of MDB components and endorsed the Department's view that MDB offered a major contribution to the general rationalisation of NHS building operations with a potential saving of design resources. They recommended that a revised version of the whole scheme should comprise a design and specification service embodying design guidance, cost planning advice and procurement procedures but leaving users to negotiate their own contract terms. Data for this version (now called "Component Data Base") are being issued to users.

(iv) Cost-effectiveness of standards and promotion of use

76. DHSS told me that they had never envisaged a 100 per cent take-up of standard building designs, procedural systems and components. While a full cost/benefit analysis would not be justified, they had examined the cost-effectiveness of some 70 per cent of the development expenditure, concentrating on the major elements, notably the "Harness" design, the building systems work and the Component Data Base, mainly to assess the level of use which would have to be achieved for the direct economic return to cover the investment and the chances of achieving it. For the rest of the programme they had made professional judgements whether the work was justified. In January 1977 a DHSS building working party had expressed unease about the uptake of MDB components but the cost/benefit analysis for building components showed that the work would have been economic provided the level of use exceeded about 4½ per cent of the forecast value of capital works up to the year 2000. Two separate assessments have been made of the use of standard or modified

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components. DHSS have undertaken a special review of 34 major projects between 1971 and 1978 which indicated that standard building components accounted for 9.1 per cent of total contract value: about twice the estimated break-even point. At about the same time my staff examined the incomplete returns of the use of MDB components in 1976-77. Although these returns are still incomplete, at present they suggest that in that year the use of standard or modified MDB components accounted for 5.1 per cent of total contract values of the schemes included in the returns – compared with the National Building Agency's assessment of a normal potential take-up of 16 per cent – mainly because architects had preferred to specify non-standard components.

77. The departments also informed me that it would be inconsistent with the Government's policy of delegating responsibility to NHS authorities to make the use of standard designs and systems mandatory. DHSS and the Welsh Office actively promoted the development and use of standards, including the "Nucleus" design, wherever practicable. For "Nucleus" they had a team of officers to assist the authorities and they proposed to establish an information unit to circulate information on the results of authorities' experiences where they might have a wider application. The departments intended to continue and intensify these educational and promotional activities.

78. SHHD told me that procedures in Scotland were somewhat different from those in England and Wales. They relied substantially on DHSS advice but drew their health authorities' attention to any aspects of DHSS guidance inconsistent with Scottish practice which required special consideration. They had seen considerable problems over adapting "Best-buy", "Harness" and "Nucleus" types of hospital buildings to meet Scottish functional requirements and building standards; but they were following the progress of "Nucleus" to consider possible use of the system in Scotland when the current plans had been translated into building terms and could be evaluated. SHHD and the health boards had been involved in the development of Manufacturers' Data Base standard components but their use was not extensive in Scotland and was confined to the larger hospital contracts. In general the Department felt that standardisation in major health building projects was difficult to apply because of the disparate nature of schemes coupled often with site constraints. The introduction of mandatory measures to secure the adoption of standards would be contrary to the current philosophy of their relationship with the health boards in Scotland.

CLASS XIII, VOTE 6. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Outturn of revenue and cost of collection

79. The net revenue collected by the Department during the year, including duties payable to the Isle of Man, amounted to £12,299 million, compared with £10,894 million in the previous year, an increase of £1,405 million (13 per cent). The Depart-

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ment estimate that the total cost of collection for the year was £201 million, equivalent to 1.63 per cent of the net revenue, compared with £191 million or 1.76 per cent for the previous year.

80. In 1978 the Accounting Officer informed the Committee of Public Accounts that the cost of collection expressed as a percentage of the net revenue was an imperfect measure of efficiency and the Department were therefore looking for alternative indicators. They had brought into operation on 1 January 1978 a new management information system which would enable performance to be monitored by analysing the resources used for particular functions. In the meantime they would continue to undertake a broad analysis of the costs of collection of the separate duties and taxes, which they hoped could be progressively refined. They have accordingly, on the basis of a census of staff allocations, apportioned the total cost of collection for 1977-78 between the separate taxes and duties, including an appropriate share of the cost of domestic administration but excluding the costs of activities not producing revenue and of general preventive and fraud investigation work.

81. The net receipts from the principal duties and taxes and the estimated percentage costs of collection were as follows:

	<i>Net receipts</i> £m.	<i>Cost of collection as a percentage of net revenue</i> %
Value added tax	4,235	2.02
Hydrocarbon oil	2,460	0.20
Beer, wines, spirits and cider	2,063	0.78
Tobacco	2,058	0.15
Betting and gaming duties	320	1.10
Car tax	286	0.22
Protective duties (mainly under the Import Duties Act)*	682	4.64
Agricultural levies*	178	1.51

* Under Regulations of the European Communities these duties and levies are designated as the Communities' own resources and so form part of the United Kingdom's contribution to the Communities' budget.

Value added tax: arrears due for collection

82. Since the introduction of VAT on 1 April 1973 the Department have maintained detailed computerised records of the tax liabilities disclosed by traders' returns, or assessed in the absence of returns, and of the amounts received or written off. Since 1976-77 they have prepared from these records overall control accounts which enable the flow of VAT receipts to be closely monitored and provide other information to improve the effectiveness of their management of the tax.

83. At 30 September 1978 £92.3 million of the tax then recorded as due for periods up to 31 March 1978 was still outstanding; this was equivalent to 1.3 per cent of the

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total tax payable during 1977-78, including arrears brought forward in respect of earlier years. The corresponding amount at 30 September 1977 was £124.5 million, equivalent to 1.9 per cent of the tax payable during 1976-77.

84. The following table shows the age of the arrears and the distribution between amounts due from missing or insolvent persons and amounts due from others. It includes only the liabilities disclosed by returns received or assessments made up to 30 September 1978 and may therefore be subject to adjustment when later returns are received.

Outstanding for	Amounts due up to 31 March 1978 and still outstanding at 30 September 1978			Total amounts outstanding at 30 September 1977
	Due from missing or insolvent persons	Due from other persons	Total	
	£m	£m	£m	£m
2½ years or more	15.9	11.5	27.4	29.9
1½-2½ years	9.9	13.0	22.9	38.1
Less than 1½ years	9.3	32.7	42.0	56.5
Total	35.1	57.2	92.3	124.5

£29.1 million of the arrears outstanding at 30 September 1977 were subsequently written off as irrecoverable.

Remissions of revenue and amounts irrecoverable

85. Schedules of extra-statutory remissions of duty in favour of individuals and of amounts written off as irrecoverable are furnished to me annually by the Department. The schedules for 1977-78 show that 30,951 items amounting to £27,429,489 were remitted or written off, compared with 16,001 items amounting to £8,395,031 in 1976-77, made up as follows:

	1976-77	1977-78
	£	£
Value added tax	4,162,640	26,977,584
Purchase tax	3,624,356	4,385
Betting and gaming duties	422,650	247,492
Other duties (mainly import duties)	147,662	134,847
Car tax	2,430	1,099
Penalties and law costs	35,293	64,082
	<u>£8,395,031</u>	<u>£27,429,489</u>

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86. The substantial increase in the amount of value added tax remitted or written off in 1977-78 was due mainly to a continuing increase since the introduction of VAT in cases of outstanding duty reaching the stage at which write-off was eventually approved because of the taxpayer's insolvency or for other reasons; this build up is expected to continue in 1978-79 but to fall off thereafter to a somewhat lower annual rate.

87. The distribution according to ground of remission or write-off was:

	1976-77	1977-78
	£	£
Remissions:		
On grounds of equity	236,124	2,317,953
On grounds of compassion	3,469	11,569
On other grounds	1,745	2,589
Amounts irrecoverable:		
Insolvency	5,285,972	19,405,523
Taxpayer gone abroad or untraceable	938,561	3,854,563
Other causes: amounts recoverable not sufficient to justify cost of pursuit, etc.	1,929,160	1,837,292
	£8,395,031	£27,429,489

88. I have made a test examination of the remissions and irrecoverable items mentioned in the previous paragraphs. The reasons given for remission and abandonment appear to be satisfactory.

CLASS XIII, VOTE 7. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: INLAND REVENUE

Outturn of revenue

89. The revenue collected by the Department during the year, net of repayments, amounted to £21,914 million, compared with £20,711 million in the previous year, an increase of £1,203 million (5·8 per cent). The net receipts from the principal taxes were as follows:

	£m.
Income tax	17,420
Surtax	30
Corporation tax	3,343
Estate duty and capital transfer tax	398
Capital gains tax	340
Stamp duties	376

90. The Department estimate that the total cost of collection for the year was £425 million, equivalent to 1·94 per cent of the net revenue, compared with £402 million, also equivalent to 1·94 per cent of the net revenue, for the previous year. In 1977 the Accounting Officer explained to the Committee of Public Accounts that

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he had come to the view that the cost of collection expressed as a percentage of the net revenue was an uncertain and to some extent misleading indicator of the efficiency of the Department's performance and they were examining ways in which a more accurate indicator of efficiency might be given. In further evidence in 1978 he told the Committee that the Department's study of the problem had confirmed the difficulty of eliminating the effects of legislative, economic and demographic changes, which were generally outside the Department's control, to produce an adjusted cost/yield ratio which would give a more accurate measure of their efficiency.

91. The Department have examined two other possible indicators of efficiency – the ratio between the number of Inland Revenue staff and the number of taxpayers; and the ratio between the Department's costs and total income subject to tax – but both were found to suffer from drawbacks comparable to those implicit in the cost/yield ratio. The Department have therefore concluded that they should continue to publish the cost/yield ratio, despite its weaknesses, but that they should further develop the practice of supplementing it with other data and explanatory material relating to the Department's output, which would have regard to the quality as well as the quantity of the work.

Balance of tax in assessment and arrears due for collection*(i) Assessed tax*

92. For the principal taxes assessed by officers of the Inland Revenue Department, the Department maintain Balance Accounts for each accounting period comparing amounts assessed with amounts collected, discharged or remitted. At the end of the 1977 accounting period, October 1977, these Accounts for the four main assessed taxes showed outstanding balances totalling £1,917 million. However, these balances included estimated assessments and amounts under appeal, part of which will eventually be discharged. The Department estimate that about £855 million of the total will ultimately be recovered, although this estimate is necessarily conjectural and may be subject to an appreciable margin of error.

93. The figures in the following table show the amounts and the age of the outstanding balances for each of these taxes:

Assessments outstanding for	1977 Account					1976 Account totals
	Income tax excluding PAYE and company payments (unassessed)	Corporation tax	Capital gains tax	Surtax	Totals	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
2 years or more	148	96	45	78	367	312
1-2 years	166	92	38	4	300	333
Less than 1 year	586	558	85	21	1,250	1,063
Total	900	746	168	103	1,917	1,708
Estimated total ultimately recoverable	400	320	85	50	855	838

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94. Of the total amount of £1,917 million outstanding at October 1977 some £1,223 million was stood over pending the settlement of appeals, etc., leaving a balance of £694 million which was then collectible. This represented 9.7 per cent of the total amount assessed and payable in the 1977 accounting period, including arrears brought forward from October 1976. The following table shows the amounts assessed and payable and the collectible arrears for the last six years:

Account	Net amounts assessed and payable			Collectible at balancing dates			
	Arrears brought forward	Current year charge	Total	Relating to earlier years	Relating to current year	Total	Percentage of net amount assessed
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%
1972	374	3,388	3,762	90	185	275	7.3
1973	432	3,660	4,092	105	227	332	8.1
1974	546	4,205	4,751	123	356	479	10.1
1975	704	4,507	5,211	177	344	521	10.0
1976	755	5,123	5,878	240	348	588	10.0
1977	739	6,433	7,172	300	394	694	9.7

(ii) *Tax collected without assessment*

95. The Department also maintain accounts for tax collected without assessment, viz. the tax deducted by employers from employees' pay under PAYE, the tax deducted by contractors in the construction industry from payments to sub-contractors and the tax deducted by companies from payments of annual interest, etc., or payable by them as advance corporation tax in respect of dividend distributions, etc. The accounts for each tax year are charged with the tax reported as due from employers, contractors or companies and are credited with the tax paid to Inland Revenue up to the time the accounts are closed in the following October. The amounts charged, and therefore the balances outstanding, do not reflect the whole of the sums properly due because some reports of tax due are received or cleared too late for inclusion in the accounts for the year to which they relate and are charged in subsequent accounts.

96. The following tables show for each of the last six accounting periods the total amounts charged in the account, including arrears, the balances outstanding at the close of the account and the additional charges reported in the following account:

(a) PAYE and tax deducted from payments to sub-contractors:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Total charge including arrears</i>	<i>Balance outstanding at close</i>	<i>Additional charge in following account</i>
	£m	£m	£m
1971-72. . .	4,839	26	35
1972-73. . .	4,861	24	43
1973-74. . .	6,165	30	59
1974-75. . .	9,214	44	81
1975-76. . .	12,666	71	110
1976-77. . .	14,792	100	Not yet known

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(b) Tax deducted from payments by companies and advance corporation tax:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Total charge including arrears £m</i>	<i>Balance outstanding at close £m</i>	<i>Additional charge in following account £m</i>
1971-72.	968	1	14
1972-73.	1,108	1	16
1973-74.	574	—	11
1974-75.	1,104	2	15
1975-76.	1,182	—	18
1976-77.	1,415	—	Not yet known

Remissions of revenue and amounts irrecoverable

97. Schedules of duties and related interest charges remitted or written off as irrecoverable are furnished to me annually by the Department. The schedules for the 1977 accounting periods show that 188,561 items amounting to £38,800,161 were remitted or written off, compared with 177,616 items amounting to £28,197,633 in the 1976 accounting periods, made up as follows:

	1976 £	1977 £
Income tax	21,944,486	28,646,012
Corporation tax	4,284,874	7,697,616
Surtax	579,459	943,804
Estate duty and capital transfer tax	516,361	266,226
Capital gains tax	821,703	1,214,100
Other duties	50,750	32,403
	<u>£28,197,633</u>	<u>£38,800,161</u>

98. The distribution according to grounds of remission or write-off was:

	1976 £	1977 £
Remissions:		
On grounds of hardship	539,362	680,657
On grounds of equity	1,039,180	1,257,237
Miscellaneous: amounts recoverable not sufficient to justify cost of proceedings, etc.	3,812,465	5,522,898
Amounts irrecoverable:		
Insolvency	10,214,359	16,613,828
Composition settlements	78,136	9,017
Taxpayer gone abroad or untraceable, etc.	12,514,131	14,716,524
	<u>£28,197,633</u>	<u>£38,800,161</u>

In addition, remissions of law costs amounted to £331,365.

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99. The amount of £680,657 remitted in 1977 on grounds of hardship includes £454,005 (3,887 cases) where arrears arising through departmental error have been remitted in part or in whole on grounds of comparative hardship having regard to the level of the taxpayer's income. In addition, tax estimated at £1,103,924 in 4,974 similar cases was forgone without assessment.

100. I have made a test examination of the remissions, irrecoverable items and waivers of assessments mentioned in the previous paragraphs. The reasons given for remission and abandonment appear to be satisfactory.

Investigation work

101. As in previous years, the Department have furnished statistics on the outcome of investigations into under-assessments resulting from the fraud, wilful default or negligence of taxpayers. However, because of a change in the Department's accounting arrangements, these statistics now relate to the Balance Account year ending in October instead of the financial year. The results of investigations completed in the year to 31 October 1977 compare with those of the previous year and the earlier financial years as follows:

<i>Year ended 31 October</i>	<i>Number of charges raised</i>	<i>Total charges raised £</i>	<i>Penalties and interest included £</i>
1977 .	15,626	37,296,677	13,462,197
1976 .	13,561	22,823,071	7,280,891
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<i>Year ended 31 March</i>			
1976 .	12,702	23,225,589	8,227,949
1975 .	11,707	17,290,775	5,906,301
1974 .	11,787	16,111,074	5,451,625
1973 .	11,792	15,430,548	5,297,890

102. The above figures do not include minor settlements relating mainly to untaxed interest, or settlements with employers in respect of income tax under-deducted (mainly from employees). In the year to 31 October 1977 the former amounted to £5,496,165 (88,892 cases) and the latter to £8,597,347 (5,459 cases).

103. On 1 January 1977 the Department introduced a revised system of examination of taxpayers' accounts, under which all accounts were screened initially for general acceptability but only a relatively small number were selected for a full critical examination. Some of the remainder were reviewed to identify and deal with major points having a bearing on the tax liability and the rest were accepted without further examination beyond the initial screening, although they might be subject to technical adjustments. The Department are maintaining central records of the additional tax recovered where the full critical examination had disclosed under-statements of

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profits. These full examinations carried out between 1 January and 31 October 1977 resulted in the recovery of additional tax amounting to £4,732,703 (13,800 cases). No central record is maintained of the additional tax recovered as a result of the review of accounts not subjected to a full examination.

104. The Department have also furnished statistics on 124 criminal prosecutions relating to taxation in 1977-78. 118 persons were convicted and 6 were acquitted. 87 of the convictions were for frauds in connection with sub-contractor exemption certificates, 25 were for offences related to false accounts or false returns, and 5 for false claims to personal allowances, deductions for expenses or repayments.

Taxation of earnings from off-shore employment

105. Under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 all emoluments derived from employment in the United Kingdom are chargeable to income tax under Schedule E and are normally subject to deduction of tax under the PAYE system, although certain reliefs and exemptions may be allowable to employees who are not domiciled in the UK. The Finance Act 1973 provided that with effect from 1973-74 all emoluments from employment in designated areas of the continental shelf in connection with exploration and exploitation activities should be treated as emoluments from employment in the UK. The Inland Revenue Department then took the view that as a result of this provision all employers were obliged to operate PAYE in respect of their employees working in the designated areas of the North Sea, but this view has recently been contested and is currently the subject of appeal proceedings. The general provisions for the taxation of earnings from off-shore employment have now been modified by the Finance Act 1978, which provides that persons employed as divers or diving supervisors in the designated areas shall from 1978-79 cease to be assessable to tax under Schedule E and shall be assessed instead under Schedule D. But for all other North Sea employees liability to tax remains under Schedule E.

106. The Department estimate the total off-shore labour force employed in UK waters at between 14,000 and 18,000, of whom about two thirds are thought to be UK residents. Only about 10 per cent of the total are divers or diving supervisors. Since 1973 the Department have made special efforts to ensure that all companies or other persons employing workers in the UK sector of the North Sea oilfields operated appropriate PAYE schemes. Where the employer was a UK company, or a foreign company with a substantial presence in the UK, the Department have been largely successful in ensuring that PAYE would be properly applied to current earnings and in many cases they have also negotiated bulk settlements with the employers to clear any unpaid tax liabilities of their employees for previous years.

107. Where, as was often the case, the employer was a foreign company with no permanent presence in the UK, or the workers were recruited by and paid through foreign-based agencies, the Department were much less successful. Many of the foreign companies refused to comply with the PAYE Regulations, or even to supply

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the names and addresses of their employees and details of their remuneration. In some cases the companies contended that UK legislation did not apply to foreign employers or agents operating payrolls outside the UK; in other cases they acknowledged that the UK legislation did apply but expressed their intention to continue to ignore it because there were no effective sanctions available to the Department to enforce compliance.

108. The Department recently estimated that satisfactory PAYE schemes had still not been brought into operation for between 3,000 and 5,000 employees resident in the UK and between 2,000 and 3,000 foreign residents. They could make only broad estimates of the tax lost, but they put the current cumulative loss at about £40 million and the continuing annual loss at between £10 million and £20 million.

109. Under the PAYE Regulations the Department are empowered to recover directly from the employer, or from the agent paying the emoluments, any uncollected tax determined by the Inspector of Taxes to be due; but such action is virtually impossible to enforce against a foreign company with no assets in the UK. The Regulations also provide that, where a person other than the immediate employer exercises general control and management of the employees, that other person shall be deemed to be the employer and held responsible for collecting the PAYE deductions; but this provision is difficult to apply in practice where the immediate employer is a foreign company unwilling to provide the necessary information about his employees and their remuneration. The Finance Act 1973 empowers the Department to call upon a licence holder in the North Sea to provide information about the emoluments paid for work done in the area covered by the licence and about the employees receiving them; it also requires the licence holder to take reasonable steps to acquire this information; but this imposes no absolute obligation on the licence holder to obtain and supply the information required. Where an employee resident in the UK has received emoluments without PAYE deductions, the Department are empowered to make a direct assessment on him for the tax due; but it is difficult for them to do so in practice if the employer fails to disclose his employment and remuneration.

110. I asked the Department whether they considered that their existing powers of enforcement were sufficient to ensure the effective and economical collection of the tax properly due on earnings from off-shore employment. They told me that, even with an outcome favourable to Inland Revenue of the current appeal proceedings on the application of the PAYE regulations to foreign companies, they could not regard their existing powers as sufficient in view of the continuing tax losses. If the outcome was unfavourable, they might have to consider advising Ministers to introduce legislation to ensure that the PAYE regulations did clearly apply to all employers with employees working in the UK or within the UK-designated areas of the continental shelf, whether or not the employer maintained a presence in the UK. But the practical problems of enforcement would still remain where a foreign employer had no presence or assets in the UK. The double taxation treaty between the UK and Norway had recently been amended to provide special rules for employees who are residents of one country and work off-shore in the other in connection with oil and gas exploration and exploitation activities; to enable these rules to operate, procedures have been agreed for the exchange of relevant information under the treaty.

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The Department thought that this would help to reduce the tax loss. Discussions were also proceeding with other countries. The Department would also consider, if necessary, the possibility of strengthening the powers in the Finance Act 1973 to obtain information from licence holders. They had not so far considered the possibility of making compliance with UK tax law by licensees, their contractors and sub-contractors a condition of future licences for exploration for or exploitation of off-shore oil and gas. Their preliminary reaction was that a scheme of this sort might involve substantial difficulties and they doubted whether it would be practicable.

Taxation of woodlands managed on a commercial basis

111. Under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, which repeated earlier legislation dating back to 1915, the income from any woodlands occupied in the UK and managed on a commercial basis with a view to the realisation of profits is chargeable to tax under Schedule B. The basis of assessment under Schedule B is one-third of the annual rental value of the woodlands in their natural and unimproved state; it is unrelated to the profits or losses actually incurred in their management. The Act also provides that the occupier may elect to be assessed under Schedule D, with the profits or gains arising from the occupation deemed to be profits or gains of a trade, instead of under Schedule B. Such an election continues to have effect for so long as the woodlands remain in the occupation of the person who made it. On a change of occupier, but not necessarily of ownership, the income from the woodlands automatically reverts to assessment under Schedule B.

112. The Act allows any person who sustains a loss in the occupation of woodlands in respect of which he has elected to be charged to tax under Schedule D to set that loss against his income from other sources for tax purposes; and the Capital Allowances Act 1968 permits capital allowances in respect of expenditure in connection with the management of woodlands, spread over ten years, to be set against other income in the same way. The Finance Act 1965 provides that profits from the sale of trees – whether standing or felled – in commercial woodlands charged to tax under Schedule B shall be exempt from capital gains tax, any chargeable gain or allowable loss on the disposal of the woodlands being restricted to the value of the land on which the woods stand; and such profits are not otherwise chargeable to tax.

113. The combined effect of these provisions is to make it advantageous for an owner of commercial woodlands with a high personal rate of tax to elect for assessment under Schedule D during the early years of a new plantation. The heavy cost of planting and maintenance will then give rise to losses which can be set against his other income for tax purposes. On the eventual sale of timber he can avoid any charge to tax on the profits under Schedule D by selling his interest in the woodlands to a new occupier. The standing trees will then be treated as part of the land, and not as stock in trade; and their value will not attract any charge to capital gains tax, which is restricted to the value of the land only. Under the new occupancy the woodlands automatically revert to assessment under Schedule B while the profits from the sale of the mature timber are being realised. A fresh election for assessment under Schedule D can be made before the land is subsequently replanted.

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114. Examination by my officers suggested that advantage is taken of these provisions mainly by syndicates composed of high rate taxpayers. All the cases examined where tax was assessed under Schedule D showed continuous losses which were set against the other income of the syndicate members at high rates of tax. In the 50 syndicates managed by one agent alone the losses available for set-off in 1976-77 amounted to more than £700,000. Not one example was found of mature woodlands being cropped while still assessed under Schedule D.

115. In response to my enquiries the Inland Revenue Department told me that no estimate of the annual yield from Schedule B tax had been made in recent years, but it was unlikely substantially to exceed £100,000, the yield in the early 1960's when collection of statistics was discontinued. Nor was precise information available about the yield under Schedule D from commercial woodlands which constituted part of a wider "forestry" classification from which less than £400,000 was derived in Account year 1977. They had no central statistics showing the extent to which syndicates made use of the tax provisions and no information on whether mature woodlands were ever cropped while assessed under Schedule D; nor do they record centrally the figures for losses which are set against other income and it was therefore not possible to estimate the consequential loss of tax.

116. The special provisions for the taxation of income from commercial woodlands were originally intended to encourage the production of home-grown timber and the Department informed me that they were intended to provide a genuine alternative basis of taxation. The requirement that an occupier's election once made must be adhered to throughout the period of occupation had been an effective safeguard against switching from one schedule to another until about 25 years ago. The introduction of syndicates into this area was a relatively recent development, dating possibly from the early 1960s. In view of the low yield of Schedule B tax and the opportunity which the existing legislation gave for manipulation, the Department had considered a change in the basis of taxation on a number of occasions since the war. However, apart from questions of fiscal and forestry policy, which would be for Ministers to decide, any legislative change would require the formulation of an equitable and practicable fiscal regime for an activity which in many cases gave rise to net expenditure over a long period of years – possibly spanning more than one generation – and to net profits over a short period of years.

**CLASS XIII, VOTE 8. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENSING**

Motor Tax Account

117. The total net proceeds of motor vehicle duties, etc., (including amounts collected by the Post Office) brought to account in 1977-78 amounted to £1,083,001,686 compared with £847,047,277 in the previous year, an increase of £235,954,409. Vehicle excise duties yielded about £231 million extra revenue. Most of this increase

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was attributable to the higher rates of duty introduced by the Finance Act 1977 for licences taken out after 29 March 1977, but the number of vehicles licensed also increased during the year. Driving licence fees brought in about £5 million extra revenue, mainly because the provisional licence fee was raised from £1 to £2.

118. My test examination of the Motor Tax Account included a scrutiny of the certificates and reports of the transactions of local authorities so far received from the auditors (in England and Wales, the District Auditors of the Department of the Environment; in Scotland, officials of the Scottish Office). During the year all remaining local authority motor tax offices were closed and their work was transferred to the centralised system based on the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre, Swansea.

119. On 21 November 1978 the Secretary of State announced that the Government proposed to abolish vehicle excise duty on petrol driven vehicles and replace the revenue by increased petrol taxation. The change would be phased but the Government would aim to complete it no later than 1983.

CLASS XIV, VOTE 1. OFFICE AND GENERAL ACCOMMODATION SERVICES**Under-recovery by the Property Services Agency of charges for services provided on repayment**

120. In order to reduce unprofitable accounting work, government departments are not in general required to charge for services which they provide to each other; the costs are recorded in the Estimates as "allied services". They are, however, required to recover the full cost, including overheads, of goods and services which they supply to non-Exchequer organisations. The Property Services Agency (PSA) accordingly provide many of their services on repayment terms, notably to the Post Office.

Estate surveying services

121. A PSA management information system records the allocation of their estate surveyors' time and the relevant costs between clients, but not generally between individual tasks. PSA issued instructions in December 1973 on the recovery of estates services costs from repayment clients. These provided for the Post Office to be invoiced centrally and in bulk on the basis of cost returns from the management information system. For other repayment clients, the instructions required PSA directorates and regions to notify the Accounts Division separately of the cost of the services provided under each task, but they did not specify the arrangements to be adopted for recording and notifying the information.

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122. An investigation completed by PSA in February 1977 disclosed that, with minor exceptions, directorates and regions had failed to inform Accounts Division of estates services costs recoverable from clients other than the Post Office, and that about £1 million had been under-recovered since April 1973. PSA collected payments on account of £554,000 from three large clients in March 1977 but, because of the difficulty of gathering the necessary supporting detail, final claims for costs incurred up to 31 March 1977, and still unrecovered at that date, were not prepared until June 1978. These claims, from 60 clients, amounted to about £900,000, of which nearly £800,000 had been recovered by November 1978.

123. In March 1977 PSA reminded their directorates and regions of the requirements of the 1973 instructions but few repayment claims had been notified to headquarters by October 1977. Despite a further reminder, recoveries of estate services costs incurred in 1977-78 were again delayed. The management information returns for that year showed that costs of some £1 million had been incurred for repayment clients other than the Post Office, but recoveries during the year amounted to only £296,000. Two regions reporting a total cost of £213,000 failed to notify any claims during the year.

124. In reply to my enquiries PSA stated that when the 1973 instructions were issued most estates work on repayment was for the Post Office. The remainder consisted of relatively small or occasional services to other bodies for which they had made no specific arrangements to monitor recovery of the costs concerned. In the two years after 1973, however, they had acquired several additional substantial repayment customers including new bodies, such as the Manpower Services Commission and its Agencies, and existing bodies with changed status, such as the Ordnance Survey. The under-recovery of costs for the non-Post Office services seemed to have arisen from the failure to spell out who should take the relevant action within directorates and regions; the costs had been recorded within the costing system but no one had seemed to see it as his responsibility to ensure that the necessary claims were prepared and put forward. The fact that the main recovery from the Post Office was being made centrally might have added to uncertainty about responsibilities and procedures.

125. As to the under-recovery of costs in 1977-78, PSA told me that, following their discovery in February 1977 of widespread undercharging on non-Post Office work, the assessment of the backlog of charges since 1973 had involved substantial staff effort because the record of costs incurred had to be supplemented by details of the work done in order to produce acceptable claims. PSA had also been unable to give guidance on a number of uncertainties affecting the amounts to be claimed until they had decided on the recovery system to be used in future and had held necessary discussions with the major clients. In addition PSA staff had been heavily engaged during this period in switching properties from a non-repayment to a repayment basis and in acquiring premises for the Employment Services Agency. These factors had led to extensive delays in the notification of claims for 1977-78. After correction of classification errors in the £1 million originally recorded in the staff costing system during 1977-78, about £725,000 had been shown to be recoverable.

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By November 1978 details for £675,000 of this had been notified to Accounts Division and £309,000 had been recovered. PSA told me that for the future they were arranging to produce, for monitoring purposes, a quarterly central statement of costs incurred on estates surveying services and amounts notified for recovery. They were also issuing instructions detailing revised recovery procedures to be followed within directorates and regions and giving guidance on points of doubt.

Post Office rents and service charges

126. The Post Office have been treated as a repayment customer by PSA and their predecessors, the Ministry of Public Building and Works (MPBW), since April 1961, when Post Office finances were separated from the Exchequer. Under an agreement reached in 1962 between MPBW, the Post Office and the Treasury, the rents for government property occupied by the Post Office and the much smaller amount of Post Office property occupied by government departments were to be based on current market values. This basis was to apply immediately to occupations which began on or after 1 April 1961. For occupations of freehold property which began earlier, rents were to be changed to current market values over a period of 21 years by the reassessment of some rents each year according to an agreed programme. Pending such reassessment the rents were to be based on the 1961-62 "allied service rentals" (the average rents per square foot then paid by MPBW for the various categories of accommodation they leased). For pre-April 1961 occupations of property leased by the government or the Post Office the rent charged to the other party was to be reassessed to current market level when the main lease was renewed. Meanwhile it was to continue as an apportionment of the rent actually paid under the main lease.

127. The Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1969-70, in paragraphs 164-173 of their Third Report, criticised deficiencies in MPBW's administration of the 1962 agreement, including delay and widespread errors and omissions in the reassessment of rents to current market levels and failure to follow normal commercial practice in settling the terms of occupancies. The Committee welcomed MPBW's intention to treat the newly-independent Post Office Corporation, set up on 1 October 1969, on a fully commercial basis, and recommended that the Ministry should keep its procedures under review.

128. In July 1970 MPBW issued consolidating instructions on the operation of the 1962 Agreement. These called for annual reports to the Ministry's headquarters on the progress of the market-rent review programme and on leased property for which the Post Office still paid pre-April 1961 rents. Significant delays were to be reported to Finance Division, and Internal Audit were to make random checks that the instructions were being observed. Early in 1972 MPBW reached a compromise with the Post Office to vary the 1962 Agreement in view of the new status of the Post Office from 1 October 1969. This provided for rents of occupancies not due for review until after 1 October 1969 to be adjusted to an interim level from that date until the programmed review date. The interim level was to be mid-way between the existing rent and the market rent at 1 October 1969. PSA issued instructions for implementing this compromise in June 1973.

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129. During 1976 PSA's Finance Division conducted a special exercise in connection with the compensation for price restraint paid to the Post Office for the five years to 1974-75 and discovered that there had again been substantial delays in the revision of rents to current market levels under the 1962 Agreement. Arrears were later assessed at over £700,000. Submission of progress returns to headquarters called for in 1970 had ceased in 1974 and PSA told me that headquarters monitoring of the returns had been overlooked since then following a departmental reorganisation. PSA had re-defined responsibilities in 1977 and had issued revised instructions requiring the resumption of reports by regions and strict monitoring by headquarters. The latest reports had disclosed only a few delayed settlements.

130. In July 1978 a test examination by my staff of the rents payable by the Post Office revealed several further departures from the instructions for revising rents and some uncertainties as to their intended interpretation. PSA accepted that some cases had slipped through the net despite their new instructions. Their preliminary examination suggested, however, that only a few cases had been missed but they were looking more thoroughly for others and were taking action to rectify the errors found.

131. As regards service charges, PSA had agreed with the Post Office in 1973 that these should be reassessed annually instead of every three years from 1973-74 onwards. However detailed procedures were not agreed within PSA and with the Post Office until October 1976. The agreed procedures provided for arrears of charges up to 31 March 1976 to be settled by a net bulk payment and PSA recovered some £181,000 from the Post Office under this settlement in May 1977. I questioned whether this sum had been calculated on a basis which fully reflected increases in costs and PSA told me that they could not have calculated the actual under-recovery up to 31 March 1976 without very considerable staff effort. In the event they agreed a general settlement though there were specific recoveries in a number of cases.

General

132. I asked PSA whether they were satisfied that their instructions on repayment procedures had been issued as promptly as possible and were clear in intent; that headquarters responsibilities were well-defined and comprehensive; and that there was effective direction and monitoring by management. PSA accepted that there had been delays in issuing instructions on recovery of service charges from the Post Office and of costs on estate surveying services for repayment bodies other than the Post Office. In the latter case there had been also a lack of definition of procedures, responsibilities and monitoring arrangements, but they had been rectifying this and were continuing to do so. Otherwise they believed their arrangements for repayment services to be generally adequate. They had however already decided to try to develop a system to permit an annual central comparison between the costs incurred and the sums recovered. They also intended, as soon as possible, to examine the possibility of simplifying existing procedures to reduce the work involved in operating them. The number of repayment clients had grown in recent years and had imposed a considerable additional burden on PSA at a time when there had been pressure to reduce staff numbers and costs as well as difficulty in recruiting and retaining estate surveyors.

CLASS XIV, VOTE 3. COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**The role of the Central Computer Agency and of user departments in the design and development of computer projects for administration***(i) General*

133. The Central Computer Agency (CCA) was set up in 1972 as an integral part of the Civil Service Department (CSD) to bring together central functions concerning computer policy, planning, operational and technical support and procurement. Operational support included specific responsibility for evaluating projects, providing guidance to departments and monitoring implementation; and the Government hoped that unification would enable policy and planning to be more closely associated with execution and would simplify lines of communication with computer-using departments. The CCA purchases computers required by departments for administrative purposes and the charges are borne on the Computers and Telecommunications Vote but the expenses of systems design and implementation are borne by user departments who are responsible for their own computing activity. CSD, through the CCA, aim to secure the most efficient utilisation of investment in computer hardware, software and specialist manpower and to develop and guide departments in implementing training and career development policies.

134. The Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1974-75 examined the implementation of three large computer projects. They found shortcomings in system specification, implementation time-tables, project planning, monitoring and control and that parts of projects had been abandoned because plans were too ambitious and because the complexity of the tasks had been under-estimated. The Committee recommended that computer projects should be carefully planned, evaluated and controlled and that the adequacy of a department's specialised resources should be assessed before it embarked upon a project. They stressed that when a department was considering the installation of a computer, the CCA should provide it with information about other departments' experiences.

135. Serious difficulties continued to be experienced by departments in the implementation of certain large computer projects; details of two such projects are given below (paragraphs 136 to 145). Aspects of general problems arising from shortages of skilled staff and from the absence of standardised software are described in paragraphs 146 to 157.

(ii) The Inland Revenue Accounts Office Project

136. The Inland Revenue Department have long planned to make more extensive use of computers for dealing with the collection and associated accounting work for all taxes. They concluded in 1966 that it would be both feasible and profitable to apply computerised processes to this work and also to routine processes in assessing corporation tax and Schedule D and other directly assessed taxes as they then stood.

137. Planning proceeded on the assumption that these tasks would be carried out using computers at the nine regional Centres which were to be set up to process the PAYE work of tax districts. After the Government's decision in 1971 to suspend work on the PAYE Centre project, in April 1972 the CCA approved in principle a

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project limited to tax collection work and to Schedule D and corporation tax assessment, based on three Accounts Offices which were expected to commence live running in April 1976, April 1978 and April 1979. The choice of hardware was initially left open and the CCA drew the attention of Inland Revenue to the potential problems if, as seemed likely, the existing ICL 1900 range of computers was replaced by a new range which could not utilise the programs written in the language then being used on the project. The Revenue decided to change to a language for the development of Schedule D systems which would make it easier to convert them to run on the new range of machines. This decision meant a complete redesign of the system and rewriting all the programs. They continued to use the original language for development of the PAYE collection system because this was required urgently to run on 1900 series computers at other Revenue installations. In the event, doubts about the availability of machines from the 1900 range over the full time-scale of the project led to a decision in April 1974 to use new range machines at all the Accounts Offices. Consequently before the PAYE collection programs could be used in the Accounts Offices they had to be re-written in a form suitable for the new range, ICL 2900, machines. The change to 2900 machines also resulted in a later decision to use discs rather than tapes to provide operational benefits, with consequential changes in system design and programs, but this did not retard the timetable.

138. Computer programs for Schedule D assessing and collection and for PAYE collection were expected to be completed in a format suitable for the ICL 1900 range of machines by July 1975 and converted to a format suitable for the ICL 2900 machines by mid-1977. However, the Government's moratorium on capital expenditure in 1973 and unexpected contractual problems both caused building delays. This led to the postponement by two years of the start of operations for the first Accounts Office at Cumbernauld – until April 1978 – and the fully operational project until April 1981.

139. In 1976 in the light of restrictions on public spending the CCA made a special review of this and other projects. The resulting report was critical of many aspects of the project's control and technical content. The report was unable to establish with confidence that the project could meet its required timetable with an acceptable level of performance and consultants were commissioned to undertake a detailed study of the whole project. They reported in March 1977 that there was an urgent need to strengthen the project organisation, planning and control; that staff resources were inadequate; and that serious risks were inherent in the implementation plans. They considered it impossible for the Schedule D assessing and collection work to achieve live running by the planned date of April 1978, and doubtful by April 1979, even with the maximum feasible increase in resources. They suggested, however, that with additional resources and good project management, PAYE collection could go live in 1978. The Inland Revenue accepted the need to reinforce the existing project control and testing arrangements and agreed to delay for one year, until April 1979, the implementation of Schedule D assessing and collection while a fundamental review of this element of the project was undertaken.

140. During the period 1971 to 1975 there were substantial changes in the Inland Revenue's requirements from the Schedule D system as a result of new legislation such as the introduction of Class IV National Insurance Contributions, the unification

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of income tax and surtax and changes in the interest provisions. The resulting increase in complexity contributed to the Department's decision in August 1977 to drop Schedule D assessing from the project. While computer system difficulties could eventually have been resolved, to go ahead with the proposed system without simplification of the underlying tax, which would have required legislation, risked unacceptably high levels of error because the proposed new clerical procedures would have been too complicated. The CSD then agreed to Inland Revenue proceeding with a smaller project based on two Accounts Offices and covering the collection work for all taxes but assessing for corporation tax only. The Inland Revenue kept open the possibility of an April 1979 start for Schedule D collection work but both they and the CCA considered April 1980 to be more realistic. A costing exercise, which allowed for both start dates, envisaged that the full staff savings worth about £9 million a year would be achieved in the mid-1980s when the centres were fully established.

141. PAYE collection work went live at Cumbernauld in April 1978 as planned but the first stage of live running of the Schedule D component of the project has been deferred until August 1981 and consequently about 1,000 of the planned 2,000 staff savings will be postponed for twelve months. The CSD informed me that they had not yet had the opportunity to study costings revised as a result of this change. They also informed me that although they considered the planning and resources currently devoted to Schedule D collection adequate to ensure completion in accordance with the revised time-table, some uncertainties remained, including the timely availability of trained programming staff. The CCA considered that the planning and resources devoted to the corporation tax component of the project were adequate but recognised the need for close monitoring in view of the lack of a contingency allowance for possible slippage.

142. The systems, programming and related management staff costs for the original planning period were estimated in April 1972 at about £1 million. Excluding £0.3 million abortive costs, the estimate increased to £1.8 million in January 1975 and to £6.3 million in October 1978, equivalent to £4.1 million at 1975 staff costs. Of the £2.3 million increase in real terms since 1975 £0.6 million resulted from an under-estimate of planning team staff requirements up to March 1978 and the remaining £1.7 million resulted from the extension of the planning period. The Inland Revenue accepted that there had been some shortcomings in the control of the project during the design and development period. Difficulties of co-ordination between the assessing and collection components of the project reflected the fact that until the end of 1975 these functions had been the responsibilities of different branches of the Department. Furthermore, there were areas, particularly those concerned with the technical aspects of the project, where additional resources would have been beneficial. However, the Department considered that many of the problems which affected the project, particularly the delays to the building programme and the difficulties over the 2900 hardware and manufacturer's software, were outside the control of the project team and that even if their own shortcomings had been identified and remedied earlier much of the delay would still have been unavoidable. As regards the Schedule D assessing component of the project, Inland Revenue recognised that there had been shortcomings in planning. In particular, they had identified the need for closer co-operation than was achieved between the prospective user of the system within the

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Department and those responsible for planning it. They also accepted that evidence leading to the decision to abandon Schedule D assessing might have been assembled earlier. Certain problems were identified in 1975 but it was then judged that they could be overcome. Subsequently management effort and attention was diverted to other more immediate problems and a fundamental review of requirements was not begun until June 1977. The decision to drop the component was taken one month later.

143. In view of the difficulties experienced on this project I asked the CCA why they had not been identified by their normal monitoring procedures before the special review in 1976. The Agency told me that during 1973 they had expressed concern about the management and control of the project, particularly the absence of a project leader with overall responsibility for the project. The project had not been brought under unified management until November 1975 following the implementation of the Department's Management Review proposals with which the CCA were closely involved. The responsibility of the CCA was to satisfy themselves that a department's project management and control was adequate to enable the department to carry out a project efficiently. The CCA did not try to duplicate departments' responsibility for project management and could not therefore themselves ensure that problems were quickly identified since this was a function of departmental project management. They could not exercise detailed supervision of the activities of a project team but they kept in touch with the progress of projects through membership of departmental project committees and ADP steering committees and through the day-to-day activities of their liaison officers. For this particular project, CCA representatives had attended formal project review meetings but these had been dominated by discussions of the accommodation and computer hardware and software requirements. These preoccupations had masked the problems with the systems development that had subsequently emerged. The operation of CCA's monitoring arrangements was reviewed from time to time in the light of the progress of particular projects and the resources available. The recent "Longer Term Review of Administrative Computing in Central Government" had emphasised the need for the CCA to be less involved in minor projects and to concentrate more on large and difficult ones. The Government had accepted the Review's proposals and work had begun on the task of implementing them.

(iii) Computerisation of PAYE records

144. The Inland Revenue are now investigating the possibility of introducing a computer system under which PAYE computer records would be maintained regionally but could be consulted directly by local tax offices. Inland Revenue think that this would require one of the largest on-line computer systems in the world. A pilot scheme has been started and a full study is being undertaken which should be completed by December 1979. Both Inland Revenue and the CSD assured me that the arrangements for the planning, management and control of this large project, including the establishment of a senior level Steering Committee and a strong, independent management and control group, should prove satisfactory. The agreed planning and control principles would also be followed in any new computerisation projects in the Inland Revenue.

CLASS XIV, VOTE 3 *contd.**(iv) Ministry of Defence's Comprehensive RNSTS Inventory System Project (CRISP)*

145. Paragraphs 9 to 20 of my report on Volume 1 of the 1977-78 Appropriation Accounts refer to the design and development of CRISP. On this project, the CCA's monitoring procedures enabled the Agency to express early doubts about the soundness of the scheme, the availability of skilled manpower to develop it and the ability to develop the system based on a single machine. The CCA maintained these doubts even after the full study had been completed in 1976, and their representatives on the MOD/CCA CRISP Steering Committee continued to draw attention to the risks inherent in the plans. They felt unable to give financial approval at that stage but agreed that development work on the project should continue along the lines set out in the full study report. Following further studies by consultants and by the MOD themselves, a modified version of the centralised scheme was proposed, but all the authorities concerned commented on the inherent risks that remained. With these opinions before them, the Steering Committee decided to set up a CRISP alternatives study team. In April 1978 the Steering Committee accepted the team's recommendation to abandon the concept of a single centre project, thereby reducing risks. Following the Defence Management Review of 1976-77 the procedures within MOD for planning, evaluating and controlling administrative computer projects have been improved and are now more effective. More searching central scrutiny than hitherto will be given to proposals for large computer projects.

(v) Staff for computer systems analysis and programming.

146. The work of designing and writing computer software, ie programs and associated procedures, demands specially trained staff and skilled management. A major system may require several hundred man-years of such effort. Changes in procedure brought about by legislative and organisational actions are common and the work of amending software occupies a substantial proportion of computer staff time: at a mature site it may be less than 20 per cent but during the early operational life of a new application it may be as much as 80 per cent. The program testing associated with the production and maintenance of software occupies a significant part of the time for which computers are in use.

147. A high proportion of the computers used in administration are International Computers Limited (ICL) machines from the 1900 and System-4 series. Most of these will reach the end of their economic lives over the next 5-7 years and, subject to the continuation of a Government procurement policy of preference for ICL equipment and the terms of that policy, these machines will be progressively replaced by the recently developed and fundamentally different ICL 2900 series. New software would be needed to realise the full potential of the advanced technologies, although it may be more cost-effective to use the hardware below its full potential and save on software writing effort. In any event staff shortages may force departments to restrict their work to the minimum required to enable existing software to be used on the new computers.

148. As stated in paragraph 133 the expenses of systems design and implementation are borne by user departments and there are now about 4,300 staff engaged in systems analysis and programming work for administrative computing. These

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staff are part of a functional specialism within the Civil Service's Administration Group and equivalent departmental grades and are managed by their employing departments. The specialism was developed in the early 1970s to improve the staffing of computer projects and was intended to enable suitable staff to spend a large part of their careers in computing and to permit proper use to be made of their training, experience and potential. Recruitment to the specialism is restricted almost entirely to the Executive Officer (EO) grade, who make up some 60 per cent of the staff.

149. The CCA informed the Committee of Public Accounts in 1975 that the programme of staff training for computer projects in the Civil Service was being linked with a system of career development; that it was hoped that trainee staff would remain in this specialist field for a number of years; and that within about five years there should be no shortage of suitably trained computer staff within the Civil Service. However, the trend in the loss rate of systems and programming staff has since worsened, despite increased cash allowances to EO analysts and programmers, effective from 1978. In 1977 resignation of EOs engaged in computer work rose to about 13 per cent, double that of the previous year and nearly four times the rate for the Civil Service as a whole. At one installation, 38 per cent of those EOs resigned; at two others, over 25 per cent. CSD have estimated that the cost of recruiting and training staff to replace those lost during 1977-78 was:

- (i) £2 million for those known to have taken up other computer employment;
- (ii) £1.25 million for those who resigned for other reasons;
- (iii) £1.25 million for those transferred to other Civil Service work.

150. In 1976-77 an enquiry was carried out for CSD into departmental use of computer specialists and in April 1978 the Department received the report of the Longer Term Review of Administrative Computing in Central Government. Both reports criticised the specialism for having incompatible objectives but both recommended its retention; the first because the alternative of an occupational group would be likely to provide poorer career prospects and thus be less attractive to staff, and the second because the functional specialism provided flexible deployment and ensured that computer staff had adequate knowledge and experience of the work served by their computers. The former report stated that the restriction of recruitment to the lowest grade had precluded departments from acquiring badly needed experience from outside the Service and from providing sufficient supervision of inexperienced staff; and that the tendency for staff to remain in one department meant that those in small departments were unable to develop advanced skills. The Longer Term Review found that ineffective management of the specialist functions by departments had resulted in a lack of long-term career planning, insufficient training and a failure to identify and develop those staff capable of highly technical work and the management of major projects. There was evidence that shortages of experienced programmers and poor morale had led to serious defects in computer work at a number of installations.

151. CSD informed me in October 1978 that action was being taken to follow up the recommendations in the report of the Longer Term Review relating to the staffing of computer projects. A unit had been set up within the CCA to co-ordinate the

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management, career development and training of highly qualified specialists, to take action aimed at increasing their numbers, and to assist in their better deployment across the Service as a whole. This unit would support an inter-departmental committee which was expected to hold its first meeting in November 1978. I was also told that departments had started to follow up the wider recommendations of the report for improving the management of the specialist functions as a whole and that CCA would keep progress under review.

(vi) Standardisation of computer software

152. The Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1974-75 enquired into the role of the CCA in co-ordinating the use of computers in the Civil Service. In their Fourth Report they noted that outside consultants had suggested that savings of about £3.7 million over a ten year period could be achieved from greater standardisation of payroll systems when the current range of equipment was replaced. They trusted that CSD would use their best endeavours to eliminate all wasteful duplication of computer programming and effort where there were common pay scales throughout the Civil Service. Following inter-departmental discussions and a technical evaluation by the CCA of possible options, the CCA told the Committee of Session 1975-76 that it appeared to be possible to evolve a standard payroll system from existing systems at a much lower cost than by adopting the consultants' recommendation of a completely new system.

153. In November 1976 CSD recommended that the Chessington Computer Centre should be selected as sponsor of a standard payroll system for use on ICL 2900 computers. But MOD were strongly opposed to such a course and claimed clear advantages for their own payroll system. The CCA therefore examined with the Chessington Centre whether an MOD-based standard payroll system might be implemented to meet the Centre's needs. Particular emphasis was placed on the availability of a new payroll system, tested and ready for use by autumn 1980, to meet the Centre's timetable for dispersal to Norwich, which required the transfer of pay accounts to Norwich to be completed by 1982.

154. In February 1977 CSD proposed to MOD that on conversion of MOD's ICL 1900 system to the ICL 2900 series system it should form the basis of the standard Civil Service system for all departments. This would include those departments not already covered by the existing CSD system and take place within a timescale dictated primarily by the Chessington Centre's dispersal to Norwich in 1980, and also embrace the hardware replacement requirements of other departments during the period 1980-82. Firm assurances were sought from MOD on the timetable, important system changes and maintenance. However, MOD did not consider the timetable achievable, nor could they be committed to a fixed date so long as the specification of the system remained open to a substantial degree; and although the dispersal to Norwich was subsequently deferred by a year, further discussion between the CSD and MOD failed to resolve the fundamental difficulty.

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155. In these circumstances CSD decided that the Chessington Centre should be authorised to produce a new version of their payroll system for use on ICL 2900 equipment. CSD hoped that this would be regarded as the general standard but departments would be free to adopt the MOD system if that proved more suitable to their needs. Accordingly, in August 1977, CSD asked the six departments operating payrolls on ICL computers to compare the cost-effectiveness of developing their own replacement systems against that of using another computer installation for processing, or of adopting either the CSD or MOD standard system. Two departments have agreed to adopt the new Chessington Centre system while the others either have studies in progress or will start them when appropriate. DHSS, who have a study in progress, are doing work to convert their existing system from ICL System-4 to ICL 2900, but CSD informed me that pending the outcome of discussions with them and with the other three undecided departments, it was premature to say whether any of these departments were intending to develop payroll systems to replace those currently in use.

156. Estimates prepared in 1976 disclosed that the cost discounted over 10 years for development, implementation and maintenance of a standard system based on the MOD system would be £2.2 million and for a standard system based on the CSD system would be £2.3 million. The cost of a standard system based on the CSD system, with MOD retaining a separate system, was estimated at £3.4 million while the cost of departments retaining independent systems was estimated at £5.2 million.

157. In addition to payrolling there are a number of computerised functions, such as bill paying, stores accounting and control, and financial and Vote accounting, for which many different departments have differing and separately developed computer systems to perform apparently similar tasks. I therefore asked CSD why it was not mandatory on departments to make use of software already designed and developed elsewhere in government departments. CSD told me that such apparently similar tasks often differed significantly in many ways. Each computer system was designed to meet the individual operational and wider administrative requirements of a department as determined by them. As these differed, so did the supporting software. Because of these differences, CSD considered it impracticable to develop common applications programs for these various tasks and, for the same reason, the use of common software was not mandatory. However, since 1976 CSD had operated a Common Software Scheme through which wherever elements of systems and applications software could be identified as likely to have a use in more than one project, they were developed in such a way as to satisfy these similar needs. CSD advised me that all of the Government's ICL 2900 projects were using some if not all of the products so far developed. The question of making the scheme mandatory did not therefore arise. They estimated that this scheme had so far saved £600,000. They also stated that a CSD Management Accounting and Information System (MAISY) had been designed by them in the knowledge that it might have been suitable or adaptable to the needs of other departments having a similar organisational structure to their own. The System had not been actively promoted although some publicity had been given to it which had resulted in enquiries from three departments. In the event none had found a use for it.

**CLASS XV, VOTE 1. AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD
(NORTHERN IRELAND)**

Farm and Horticulture Development Scheme: income eligibility test

158. See paragraphs 94 to 104 of my Report in Volume 1 of the 1977-78 Appropriation Accounts.

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30 January 1979

CLASSES I-IV, VI-XV

SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appro- priations in Aid	Supply Grant
	£	£	£
Classes I-III	9,669,286,980	982,967,980	8,686,319,000
Classes IV and VI to IX	9,266,312,695	604,356,695	8,661,956,000
Classes X-XV and XVII	26,367,751,155	2,377,326,155	23,990,515,000
GRAND TOTAL	£ 45,303,350,830	3,964,560,830	41,338,790,000

ESTIMATES			
Original (as revised) (H.C. 174, 231 and 441 of 1976-77)	41,723,484,852	3,786,645,852	38,136,839,000
Supplementary (July 1977) (H.C. 442 of 1976-77)	648,247,960	31,592,960	616,655,000
Supplementary (December 1977) (H.C. 32 of 1977-78)	473,786,000	46,322,000	427,464,000
Supplementary (December 1977) (H.C. 33 of 1977-78)	1,652,413,925	81,576,925	1,570,837,000
Supplementary (February 1978) (H.C. 183 of 1977-78)	97,789,000	(12,144,000)	109,933,000
Supplementary (February 1978) (H.C. 184 of 1977-78)	700,176,093	25,853,093	674,323,000
Supplementary (March 1978) (H.C. 241 of 1977-78)	7,453,000	4,714,000	2,739,000
GRAND TOTAL	£ 45,303,350,830	3,964,560,830	41,338,790,000

AND XVII: SUMMARY

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving or (Excess)	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
9,412,399,662	910,043,382	8,502,356,280	268,314,892 (11,427,574)	72,924,598	210,100,729	116,651,924·36
8,397,247,754	591,294,822	7,805,952,932	869,104,284 (39,343)	13,061,873	859,380,640	1,375,039,082·21
26,040,446,969	2,339,024,308	23,701,422,661	327,304,186	38,211,847	289,092,339	343,891,933·32
43,850,094,385	3,840,362,512	40,009,731,873	1,464,723,362 (11,466,917)	124,198,318		1,835,582,939·89
Total amount to be surrendered				£	1,358,573,708	
Actual total amount to be surrendered					£1,358,573,708·18	

RECONCILIATION of the Amount to be Surrendered

Supply Grant	£	41,338,790,000
Less: Net Expenditure		40,009,731,873
		<u>1,329,058,127</u>
Amount for which Parliamentary authority is required:		
* Classes I-III	£	26,138,009
* Classes IV and VI-IX		<u>3,377,572</u>
		29,515,581
Amount to be surrendered		<u>£1,358,573,708</u>
* See Summaries		

CLASSES X-XV

Page	Class	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
7	X	Education and Libraries, Science and Arts	1,662,085,300	2,668,300	1,659,417,000
101	XI	Health and Personal Social Services	6,797,171,350	720,569,350	6,076,602,000
139	XII	Social Security	5,852,771,000	542,082,000	5,310,689,000
161	XIII	Other Public Services	1,172,696,765	123,676,765	1,049,020,000
247	XIV	Common Services	1,364,540,020	310,933,020	1,053,607,000
283	XV	Northern Ireland	956,047,720	21,464,720	934,583,000
309	XVII	Rate Support Grant, Financial Transactions, &c.	8,562,439,000	655,842,000	7,906,597,000
		Total	£ 26,367,751,155	2,377,236,155	23,990,515,000

AND XVII: SUMMARY

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Class
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1,640,237,216	2,402,664	1,637,834,552	21,848,084	265,636	21,582,448	9,271,492·89	X
6,728,331,044	720,444,853	6,007,886,191	68,840,306	124,497	68,715,809	5,349,555·20	XI
5,769,086,411	541,126,693	5,227,959,718	83,684,589	955,307	82,729,282	2,312,285·17	XII
1,155,414,078	121,626,157	1,033,787,921	17,282,687	2,050,608	15,232,079	14,266,780·19	XIII
1,314,108,948	294,215,175	1,019,893,773	50,431,072	16,717,845	33,713,227	56,199,097·87	XIV
902,954,573	18,072,766	884,881,807	53,093,147	3,391,954	49,701,193	1,396,978·44	XV
8,530,314,699	641,136,000	7,889,178,699	32,124,301	14,706,000	17,418,301	255,095,743·56	XVII
26,040,446,969	2,339,024,308	23,701,422,661	327,304,186	38,211,847		343,891,933·32	
Total amount to be surrendered					£	289,092,339	
Actual total amount to be surrendered						£289,092,336·64	

CLASS X

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES,
SCIENCE AND ARTS**

CLASS X: EDUCATION AND

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
10	1	Education (Department of Education and Science)	1,161,972,000	1,239,000	1,160,733,000
19	2	Education and Libraries (Scottish Education Department)	113,193,000	—	113,193,000
26	3	Libraries, England	23,680,000	—	23,680,000
31	4	Libraries: National Library of Scotland	1,093,300	40,300	1,053,000
34	5	Libraries and Museums, Wales	3,883,000	—	3,883,000
37	6	Central and Miscellaneous Services (Department of Education and Science)	32,223,000	1,389,000	30,834,000
41	7	Research Councils, &c.: Agricultural Research Council	20,882,000	—	20,882,000
46	8	Research Councils, &c.: Medical Research Council	42,337,000	—	42,337,000
52	9	Research Councils, &c.: Natural Environment Research Council	27,889,000	—	27,889,000
58	10	Research Councils, &c.: Science Research Council	138,322,000	—	138,322,000
63	11	Research Councils, &c.: Social Science Research Council	14,570,000	—	14,570,000
66	12	Research Councils, &c.: British Museum (Natural History)	4,212,000	—	4,212,000
68	13	Research Councils, &c.: Other Science	2,172,000	—	2,172,000
69	14	British Museum	5,842,000	—	5,842,000
71	15	Science Museum	3,316,000	—	3,316,000
74	16	Victoria and Albert Museum	4,527,000	—	4,527,000
77	17	Imperial War Museum	1,783,000	—	1,783,000
79	18	National Gallery	2,410,000	—	2,410,000
81	19	National Maritime Museum	1,939,000	—	1,939,000
83	20	National Portrait Gallery	780,000	—	780,000
85	21	Tate Gallery	2,269,000	—	2,269,000
87	22	Wallace Collection	355,000	—	355,000
88	23	National Galleries of Scotland	870,000	—	870,000
90	24	National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland	330,000	—	330,000
92	25	Arts (Scottish Education Department)	1,575,000	—	1,575,000
95	26	Arts: Arts Council and Other Grants	49,661,000	—	49,661,000
		Total	£ 1,662,085,300	2,668,300	1,659,417,000

LIBRARIES, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1,149,817,349	1,107,627	1,148,709,722	12,154,651	131,373	12,023,278	6,998,783·26	1
112,321,092	—	112,321,092	871,908	—	871,908	123,617·77	2
23,677,000	—	23,677,000	3,000	—	3,000	619,068·66	3
1,027,409	24,871	1,002,538	65,891	15,429	50,462	—	4
3,802,808	—	3,802,808	80,192	—	80,192	—	5
29,183,711	1,270,166	27,913,545	3,039,289	118,834	2,920,455	32,371·79	6
20,882,000	—	20,882,000	—	—	—	1,468,523·95	7
41,348,784	—	41,348,784	988,216	—	988,216	24,928·65	8
27,889,000	—	27,889,000	—	—	—	—	9
136,790,000	—	136,790,000	1,532,000	—	1,532,000	—	10
13,620,000	—	13,620,000	950,000	—	950,000	—	11
4,151,468	—	4,151,468	60,532	—	60,532	—	12
2,169,920	—	2,169,920	2,080	—	2,080	—	13
5,305,225	—	5,305,225	536,775	—	536,775	—	14
3,183,239	—	3,183,239	132,761	—	132,761	59·61	15
4,298,937	—	4,298,937	228,063	—	228,063	—	16
1,673,032	—	1,673,032	109,968	—	109,968	—	17
2,329,685	—	2,329,685	80,315	—	80,315	—	18
1,817,107	—	1,817,107	121,893	—	121,893	—	19
735,417	—	735,417	44,583	—	44,583	—	20
2,153,592	—	2,153,592	115,408	—	115,408	—	21
310,503	—	310,503	44,497	—	44,497	75·00	22
844,675	—	844,675	25,325	—	25,325	—	23
322,133	—	322,133	7,867	—	7,867	—	24
1,567,084	—	1,567,084	7,916	—	7,916	2,464·20	25
49,016,046	—	49,016,046	644,954	—	644,954	1,600·00	26
1,640,237,216	2,402,664	1,637,834,552	21,848,084	265,636		9,271,492·89	
Total amount to be surrendered					£	21,582,448	
Actual total amount to be surrendered						£21,582,449·44	

EDUCATION (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE)

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Education and Science on schools, the University Grants Committee, universities and certain other institutions, further education, teacher training and student awards, including grants in aid and a subscription to an international organisation.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.1						
SCHOOLS						
A	50,694,000	200,000	50,494,000	49,382,300	210,599	49,171,701
PROGRAMME 10.2						
HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION						
B	612,727,451	—	612,727,451	606,591,120	—	606,591,120
C	54,362,549	648,000	53,714,549	50,811,209	648,000	50,163,209
D	8,774,000	6,000	8,768,000	8,249,693	7,118	8,242,575
E	44,211,000	380,000	43,831,000	43,898,013	236,834	43,661,179
F	391,203,000	5,000	391,198,000	390,885,014	5,076	390,879,938
	<u>1,111,278,000</u>	<u>1,039,000</u>	<u>1,110,239,000</u>	<u>1,100,435,049</u>	<u>897,028</u>	<u>1,099,538,021</u>
Total	<u>£1,161,972,000</u>	<u>1,239,000</u>	<u>1,160,733,000</u>	<u>1,149,817,349</u>	<u>1,107,627</u>	<u>1,148,709,722</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.1				
SECTION A				
SCHOOLS				
DIRECT GRANT AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
A1 Grants to Direct Grant and Special Schools				
<i>Original</i>	15,149,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	582,000			
	<u>15,731,000</u>	14,443,690	1,287,310	—
AIDED AND SPECIAL AGREEMENT SCHOOLS				
A2 Aided and Special Agreement Schools: Compensatory Payments of Tax	7,000	2,018	4,982	—
A3 Aided and Special Agreement Schools: Building Grants				
<i>Original</i>	24,399,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,302,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,887,000			
	<u>32,588,000</u>	32,605,814	—	17,814
A4 Aided and Special Agreement Schools: Loans				
<i>Original</i>	1,700,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	300,000			
	<u>1,400,000</u>	1,366,098	33,902	—
OTHER GRANTS				
A5 The European Schools	390,000	387,114	2,886	—
A6 Interchange of Teachers: Grants				
<i>Original</i>	494,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	67,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	17,000			
	<u>578,000</u>	577,566	434	—
PROGRAMME 10.2				
SECTION B				
UNIVERSITIES, &C.: GRANTS THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE				
CURRENT EXPENDITURE ON UNIVERSITIES, &C.				
B1 Universities, &c., Great Britain (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	518,692,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	20,808,000			
	<u>539,500,000</u>	539,392,912	107,088	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 Fewer claims than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON UNIVERSITIES, &C.				
B2 Universities, &c., Great Britain: Grants				
<i>Original</i>	18,243,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,148,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	609,000			
	24,000,000	19,246,215	4,753,785	—
B3 Medical and Dental Schools, Great Britain: Grants				
<i>Original</i>	16,109,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,327,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	258,000			
	18,694,000	17,422,242	1,271,758	—
B4 Furniture and Equipment (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	27,496,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,256,000			
	29,752,000	29,752,000	—	—
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES				
B5 University Grants Committee	781,451	777,751	3,700	—
SECTION C				
UNIVERSITIES, &C.: OTHER GRANTS				
C1 Computers (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	8,651,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	457,000			
	9,108,000	9,107,103	897	—
C2 Computers: Grants for Capital Expenditure	7,378,000	7,082,757	295,243	—
C3 Royal College of Art (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	1,933,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,000			
	1,935,000	1,935,000	—	—
C4 Royal College of Art: Grant for Capital Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	634,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	354,000			
	280,000	240,434	39,566	—
C5 Cranfield Institute of Technology (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	3,957,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	428,000			
	4,385,000	4,385,000	—	—
C6 Cranfield Institute of Technology: Grant for Capital Expenditure	337,000	350,272	—	13,272

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

B2 Fewer claims than expected.

C4 Preliminary work for redevelopment cancelled.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
C7 British Academy (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	1,478,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	140,000			
	1,618,000	1,438,541	179,459	—
C8 Open University (Grant in Aid)	27,037,000	24,148,019	2,888,981	—
C9 Open University: Grant for Capital Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	1,473,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	203,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	73,000			
	1,749,000	1,591,355	157,645	—
C10 European University Institute				
<i>Original</i>	447,549			
<i>Supplementary</i>	88,000			
	535,549	532,728	2,821	—
SECTION D				
FURTHER EDUCATION				
D1 Grants for Further Education	8,774,000	8,249,693	524,307	—
SECTION E				
TEACHER TRAINING				
E1 Grants for Training of Teachers				
<i>Original</i>	43,003,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	962,000			
	43,965,000	43,711,290	253,710	—
E2 Loans to Colleges of Education				
<i>Original</i>	20,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	14,000			
	6,000	—	6,000	—
E3 Courses for Teachers and Other Persons engaged in the Education Service: Grants				
<i>Original</i>	297,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	57,000			
	240,000	186,723	53,277	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

C7 A slower build-up of small research grants than anticipated.

C8 Due mainly to the incidence of payments in the final quarter.

E2 No loans were required.

E3 Due mainly to fewer courses than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION F				
STUDENT AWARDS				
F1 Mandatory Awards to Students				
Original	349,998,000			
Supplementary	23,556,000			
Supplementary	9,670,000			
	383,224,000	383,223,614	386	—
F2 Other Awards to Students				
Original	7,764,000			
Supplementary	215,000			
	7,979,000	7,661,400	317,600	—
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	1,086,642,000			
Supplementary	60,939,000			
Supplementary	14,391,000			
	£1,161,972,000	1,149,817,349	12,185,737	31,086
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 12,154,651	
Z Deduct Appropriations in Aid				
Original	1,221,000			
Less Supplementary	31,000			
Supplementary	49,000			
	1,239,000	1,107,627		
			Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 131,373	
NET TOTAL				
Original	1,085,421,000			
Supplementary	60,970,000			
Supplementary	14,342,000			
	£1,160,733,000	1,148,709,722		
			Net Surplus 12,023,278	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered £12,023,278·07	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	6,287,000	6,998,783·26

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Repayment of grants overpaid in previous years	£200,000	210,599
Subhead CZ		
Payment by Northern Ireland for services provided by the Open University	£648,000	648,000
Subhead DZ		
Repayment of grants overpaid in previous years	100	—
Reimbursements from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund	5,900	7,118 (a)
	£6,000	7,118
Subhead EZ		
Repayment of grants overpaid in previous years	100	—
Payments by the Government of the Isle of Man and by the Channel Isles for training teachers	379,900	236,834 (b)
	£380,000	236,834
Subhead FZ		
Repayment of grants overpaid in previous years	£5,000	5,076
Total	£1,239,000	1,107,627
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Repayment of loans and interest by aided and special agreement schools, universities, etc.	4,062,000	4,447,382
Rents on properties purchased by universities, etc.	250,000	325,853 (a)
Repayment of interest-free loans to universities, etc., on conversion to grant	105,000	105,136
Sale of land and property	1,259,000	1,311,335
Refund of rates by universities, etc.	560,000	623,494 (a)
Other receipts	51,000	185,583 (a)
Total	£6,287,000	6,998,783

(a) The Estimate was necessarily conjectural.

(b) One payment received after the end of the financial year.

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayment of grants or allowances (24 cases)	£1,891
<i>Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978</i>	<i>£</i>
Loans made under section 105 of the Education Act 1944	29,483,030
Loans to Colleges of Education	142,240
Loans for housing university staff	124,235
Loans (free of interest) for the acquisition of property for the re-housing of tenants displaced by development of university property	407,827
Loans (free of interest) for the acquisition of property for the long-term development of universities	1,111,053
Special interest-bearing loans made to three universities for remedial work on building defects	889,931

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, &c.

	For Recurrent Expenditure (a)	
	General Purposes (b)	Computers Subhead C1
	£	£
Aston University	8,096,445	56,661
Bath University	5,045,407	586,120
Birmingham University	17,338,000	269,181
Bradford University	8,303,332	59,423
Bristol University	13,141,686	28,864
Brunel University	5,270,111	38,691
Cambridge University	17,924,764	442,612
City University	5,962,350	42,228
Durham University	6,316,423	26,632
East Anglia University	5,584,028	80,668
Essex University	4,055,782	15,252
Exeter University	5,880,719	71,604
Hull University	6,554,018	35,640
Keele University	4,248,520	31,596
Kent University	4,521,908	58,600
Lancaster University	5,712,407	36,642
Leeds University	18,382,419	158,328
Leicester University	6,895,701	71,586
Liverpool University	15,984,381	128,890
London University, including its Colleges and Schools	115,161,574	1,852,600
Loughborough University of Technology	6,886,222	43,664
Manchester University	21,609,798	1,232,000
Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology	9,107,530	—
Newcastle-upon-Tyne University	13,242,489	341,630
Nottingham University	11,145,454	346,916
Oxford University	18,273,558	605,343
Reading University	8,718,740	57,888
Salford University	8,215,913	112,183
Sheffield University	13,604,174	151,201
Southampton University	10,384,339	162,644
Surrey University	6,250,286	41,024
Sussex University	6,950,491	36,180
Warwick University	5,728,227	90,711
York University	4,281,673	39,743
University of Wales, including University Colleges and Institute of Science and Technology	31,542,311	308,576
Aberdeen University	11,469,446	223,100
Dundee University	7,458,431	34,560
Edinburgh University	19,656,518	660,496
Glasgow University	18,595,603	293,728
Heriot-Watt University	4,760,778	24,360
St. Andrews University	5,299,423	29,454
Stirling University	4,034,895	15,876
Strathclyde University	10,292,157	149,642
London Business School	718,259 (c)	—
Manchester Business School	561,549 (c)	1,513
Other payments	224,673 (d)	12,853 (e)
	£ 539,392,912	9,107,103

(a) Grants for recurrent expenditure at the Royal College of Art, Cranfield Institute of Technology, the British Academy and the Open University are shown in Subheads C3, C5, C7 and C8 respectively.

(b) The general purposes grants now include provision for rates expenditure, previously met by earmarked grants which were shown separately.

(c) These grants include £129,612 (London) and £61,301 (Manchester) for bursaries.

(d) £197,564 and £1,253 paid direct to the Universities Central Council on Admissions and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals respectively; £20,195 paid in respect of the National Engineering Laboratory, East Kilbride; and £5,661 paid to the British Academy for reimbursement of expenses incurred in administering a grant research fund for universities.

(e) £1,953 paid to the National Computing Centre Ltd. and £10,900 paid to Rutherford Laboratory (SRC).

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, &c. *contd.*

	For Capital Expenditure (a)				
	Capital Payments Subhead B2	Medical Subhead B3	Furniture & Equipment Subhead B4 (b)	Computers Subhead C2	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Aston University	562,749	—	644,468	11,591	1,218,808
Bath University	341,855	—	311,256	297,597	950,708
Birmingham University	64,801	87,642	858,068	—	1,010,511
Bradford University	156,870	—	466,066	34,516	657,452
Bristol University	103,098	307,352	637,918	5,856	1,054,224
Brunel University	284,237	—	275,146	41,783	601,166
Cambridge University	97,848	89,398	934,774	46,141	1,168,161
City University	91,418	—	344,360	1,943	437,721
Durham University	166,316	—	288,892	—	455,208
East Anglia University	399,496	—	343,628	37,264	780,388
Essex University	162,316	—	201,718	1,066	365,100
Exeter University	1,018,616	—	258,740	—	1,277,356
Hull University	61,340	—	245,859	—	307,199
Keele University	491,063	—	135,004	—	626,067
Kent University	43,993	—	234,456	107,316	385,765
Lancaster University	42,872	—	330,524	—	373,396
Leeds University	2,032,670	1,790,644	1,444,182	50,170	5,317,666
Leicester University	258,256	1,561,388	921,542	111,701	2,852,887
Liverpool University	461,478	1,779,801	917,374	136,699	3,295,352
London University, including its Colleges and Schools	4,557,493	5,395,154	5,652,643	636,259 (c)	16,241,549
Loughborough University of Technology	183,602	—	436,992	257,100	877,694
Manchester University	504,743	313,824	929,982	1,302,781 (c)	3,051,330
Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology	76,344	—	594,212	—	670,556
Newcastle-upon-Tyne University	533,736	725,895	834,964	238,907	2,333,502
Nottingham University	348,831	1,557,984	730,618	168,480	2,805,913
Oxford University	345,362	997,919	1,119,528	129,911	2,592,720
Reading University	49,254	—	405,028	10,057	464,339
Salford University	550,685	—	603,740	19,035	1,173,460
Sheffield University	334,934	557,209	914,400	2,950	1,809,493
Southampton University	448,789	737,163	647,676	177,971	2,011,599
Surrey University	129,121	—	405,820	4,563	539,504
Sussex University	21,746	—	367,168	10,107	399,021
Warwick University	598,248	—	312,392	32,400	943,040
York University	67,086	—	246,156	3,726	316,968
University of Wales, including University Colleges and Institute of Science and Technology	901,719	91,518	1,661,618	49,673	2,704,528
Aberdeen University	382,996	69,380	552,360	342,435	1,347,171
Dundee University	196,903	4,990	373,428	7,234	582,555
Edinburgh University	835,512	177,570	798,622	2,460,640 (c)	4,272,344
Glasgow University	407,203	1,177,411	949,652	169,333	2,703,599
Heriot-Watt University	74,324	—	349,214	59,524	483,062
St. Andrews University	288,110	—	274,128	71,500	633,738
Stirling University	26,327	—	141,514	16,796	184,637
Strathclyde University	530,747	—	646,378	4,623	1,181,748
London Business School	10,000	—	6,294	—	16,294
Manchester Business School	1,108	—	3,498	—	4,606
Other Payments	—	—	—	23,109 (d)	23,109
£	19,246,215	17,422,242	29,752,000	7,082,757	73,503,214

(a) Grants for capital expenditure at the Royal College of Art, Cranfield Institute of Technology and the Open University are shown in Subheads C4, C6 and C9 respectively.

(b) The sums provided from Subhead B4, earmarked for individual universities as shown, are transferred to a Deposit Account with the Paymaster General from which issues are made as required towards meeting the cost of furniture and equipment. The balance remaining in the Deposit Account at 31 March 1978, which is not liable to surrender to the Consolidated Fund, was £14,605,454.

(c) Includes grant for Regional Centre Buildings at London (£24,861), Manchester (£31,764) and Edinburgh (£25,312).

(d) Other payments comprise £23,109 fees paid to the Central Computer Agency for negotiating contracts.

J.A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

GRANTS AND LOANS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, SUBHEAD B2
 Summary of Expenditure under the headings shown in Appendix 1 to the Estimate

	Provision				Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Provision	
	Original	Supplementary		Total		Less than Provided	More than Provided
		Decrease	Increase				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Purchase of sites and buildings scheduled for demolition	500,000	—	830,000	1,330,000	1,309,509	20,491	—
Building projects and purchases of existing buildings:							
Capital Works							
(a) in progress or for which a balance of grant remained unclaimed at 31 March 1977	12,188,000	—	2,153,000	14,341,000	12,033,226	2,307,774	—
(b) started on or after 1 April 1977	2,300,000	—	1,739,000	4,039,000	2,387,926	1,651,074	—
Furniture	1,310,000	—	112,000	1,422,000	855,108	566,892	—
Professional Fees	1,845,000	—	823,000	2,668,000	2,476,162	191,838	—
Loans	100,000	—	100,000	200,000	184,284	15,716	—
	£18,243,000	—	5,757,000	24,000,000	19,246,215	4,753,785	—

NOTE. Where a building contract includes built-in furniture it is not always possible in the year of account to describe the contract expenditure accurately between the related building and furniture grants.

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES
(SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT)**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Scottish Education Department on schools, including certain grants to local authorities, higher and further education, libraries, miscellaneous educational services, including compensation payments for redundant staff at colleges of education, research and administration, sport, and certain grants in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated Expenditure £	Actual Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.1 SCHOOLS		
A	4,601,500	4,244,771
PROGRAMME 10.2 HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION		
B	20,440,000	20,196,866
C	16,601,000	16,648,270
D	67,304,000	67,154,165
	<u>104,345,000</u>	<u>103,999,301</u>
PROGRAMME 10.3 LIBRARIES		
E	51,000	51,000
PROGRAMME 10.4 MISCELLANEOUS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATION		
F	1,000,000	893,918
G	15,020	9,117
H	1,199,990	1,155,969
I	80,490	67,016
	<u>2,295,500</u>	<u>2,126,020</u>
PROGRAMME 8.6 CENTRAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
J	1,900,000	1,900,000
Total	<u>£113,193,000</u>	<u>£112,321,092</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.1				
SECTION A				
SCHOOLS				
A1 Grants to Secondary Schools	1,679,000	1,653,995	25,005	—
A2 Grants to Special Schools	2,044,000	1,889,310	154,690	—
A3 Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board	18,500	19,058	—	558
A4 Assistance to Teachers on Interchange	50,000	53,264	—	3,264
A5 Grants to Local Authorities for certain Teachers in Urban Areas of Deprivation <i>Supplementary</i>	810,000	629,144	180,856	—
PROGRAMME 10.2				
SECTION B				
FURTHER EDUCATION				
B1 Grants to Further Education <i>Original</i> 21,767,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 1,127,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 200,000	20,440,000	20,196,866	243,134	—
SECTION C				
TEACHER TRAINING				
C1 Training of Teachers <i>Original</i> 16,220,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 581,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 200,000	16,601,000	16,648,270	—	47,270
SECTION D				
STUDENT AWARDS				
D1 Student Awards <i>Original</i> 60,671,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 4,633,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 2,000,000	67,304,000	67,154,165	149,835	—

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A5 Fewer teachers appointed than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.3				
SECTION E				
LIBRARIES, &c.				
E1 Royal Scottish Geographical Society (Grant in Aid)	1,000	1,000	—	—
E2 Royal Society of Edinburgh (Grant in Aid)	50,000	50,000	—	—
PROGRAMME 10.4				
SECTION F				
YOUTH SERVICE, &c.				
F1 Grants for Social and Recreational Education	1,000,000	893,918	106,082	—
SECTION G				
MISCELLANEOUS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES				
G1 Gaelic Books Grant (Grant in Aid)	15,000	9,117	5,883	—
G2 Grants to Local Authorities for War Works Removal	10	—	10	—
G3 Compensation payments to redundant College of Education Staff <i>Supplementary</i>	10	—	10	—
SECTION H				
EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH				
H1 Grants for Educational Research, &c. <i>Original</i> 1,105,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 94,990	1,199,990	1,155,969	44,021	—
SECTION I				
ADMINISTRATION				
I1 Administration	80,490	67,016	13,474	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

F1 There were fewer applications for grant accepted than expected.

G1 Expenditure re-phased over the triennium.

I1 Reduced committee activity.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 8.6				
SECTION J				
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
J1 Scottish Sports Council (Grant in Aid) (<i>see Appendix</i>)	1,900,000	1,900,000	—	—
TOTAL				
Original	106,601,000			
Supplementary	4,992,000			
Supplementary	1,600,000			
	<u>£ 113,193,000</u>	<u>112,321,093</u>	923,000	51,092
	Surplus		<u>871,908</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£871,908.40</u>	

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Miscellaneous receipts	—	<u>123,617.77</u>

Losses Statement

Summary	£
Cash losses due to overpayment of awards to students and dependants (118 cases)	9,217
Cash loss due to other cause	26,334
Total Cash Losses	<u>£35,551</u>

Details

Cash loss due to other cause	
Overpayment of capital grant to a Central Institution. The institution's claim against a contractor was abandoned on legal advice.	£26,334

Note

Ex gratia Payment

One extra-statutory payment in respect of petitioner's costs in an abortive Inquiry £324

J. A. M. Mitchell
Accounting Officer

13 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

APPENDIX

THE SCOTTISH SPORTS COUNCIL
GRANT IN AID ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
Balance, 1 April 1977		A Current Expenditure (Estimate		
Grant in Aid (Subhead J1		£1,109,000)		
Estimate £1,900,000)	1,900,000	1. General development of know-		
		ledge and practice of sport:		
		a. National governing bodies		
		of sport for administration,		
		coaching and international		
		sport (Estimate £300,000)	380,121	
		b. National sports training		
		centres (Estimate £308,000)	288,763	
		c. Professional and advisory		
		services (Estimate £105,000)	97,051	
		d. General administration		
		(Estimate £239,000)	256,964	
		2. Provision of facilities for sport:		
		Professional and advisory ser-		
		vices (Estimate £102,000)	101,394	
		3. Research (Estimate £55,000)	25,394	
				1,149,687
		B Capital Expenditure (Estimate		
		£756,000)		
		1. General development of know-		
		ledge and practice of sport:		
		General administration		
		(Estimate £6,000)	7,522	
		2. Provision of facilities for sport:		
		a. Local voluntary bodies		
		(Estimate £317,000)	317,772	
		b. Local authorities (Estimate		
		£216,000)	104,360	
		c. National sports training		
		centres (Estimate £217,000)	288,234	
				717,908
		C Loans (Estimate £35,000 In-		
		cludes interest free loans		32,385
		Balance, 31 March 1978		27
	<u>£1,900,007</u>			<u>£1,900,007</u>

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Estimate and Actual

A1/a Increased demands and new developments necessitated expenditure considerably in excess of original estimates.

A2 Part of the Research Programme had to be deferred to accommodate expenditure on other activities.

B1 Excess expenditure was attributable to re-phasing of the equipment purchasing programme.

B2/b Re-scheduling of a number of projects resulted in the Council receiving fewer claims than expected.

B2/c Construction and furnishing programmes proceeded faster than originally planned.

Notes

<i>Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978</i>	£
Loans to local voluntary organisations	105,275
Advances to technical staff towards purchase of cars	744

J. K. Hutchinson
Accounting Officer

30 June 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

LIBRARIES, ENGLAND

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for grants in aid to the British Library and certain other institutions.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated Expenditure £	Actual Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.3 LIBRARIES		
A	23,503,000	23,500,000
B	177,000	177,000
Total	£23,680,000	£23,677,000

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.3				
SECTION A				
THE BRITISH LIBRARY				
A1 The British Library	23,503,000	23,500,000	3,000	—
SECTION B				
OTHER GRANTS IN AID				
B1 British Institute of Recorded Sound				
Original	150,000			
Supplementary	5,000			
	155,000	155,000	—	—
B2 Royal Geographical Society	22,000	22,000	—	—
TOTAL				
Original	23,675,000			
Supplementary	5,000			
	£ 23,680,000	23,677,000	3,000	—
		Surplus to be surrendered	£3,000	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
Refund of 1976-77 British Library Grant in Aid resulting from an adjustment of service charges by the Department of the Environment	—	423,469·00
Superannuation transfer values received by British Library	—	195,599·66
Total		<u>£619,068·66</u>

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**THE BRITISH LIBRARY (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**
(British Library Act 1972, c.54)

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	840,376	General Expenses (net)	22,880,009	
		Transfer to Reserve Fund (Estimate £23,503,000)	300,000	23,180,009
		Refund to Department of Education and Science		423,469 (a)
Grant in Aid (Estimate £123,503,000)	23,500,000	Balance, 31 March 1978		736,898
	£24,340,376			£24,340,376

(a) The refund of £423,469 was in respect of overpayments made to the Department of the Environment in previous years, identified recently.

Estimated	DETAILS	Actual
£	GENERAL EXPENSES	£
	A Board of Management and Central Administration:	
1,008,000	Salaries, etc.	1,294,559
36,990	General administrative expenses	80,096
386,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	385,325
433,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	341,190
1,863,990		2,101,170
	B Reference Service:	
5,095,000	Salaries, etc.	5,622,081
128,000	General administrative expenses	145,337
1,727,000	Purchase of books, periodicals and manuscripts, agents' fees and commissions	2,184,106
2,642,000	Bookbinding and printing	1,960,914
937,000	Other equipment, supplies, etc.	683,686
1,578,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	1,352,832
12,107,000		11,948,956
	C Bibliographical Processing Service:	
783,000	Salaries, etc.	760,990
146,000	General administrative expenses	153,119
276,000	Printing	120,136
970,000	Other equipment, supplies, etc.	1,919,224
267,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	368,185
2,442,000		3,321,654
	D Lending Services:	
2,103,000	Salaries, etc.	2,213,542
963,000	General administrative expenses	649,199
2,040,000	Purchase of books, periodicals and manuscripts, agents' fees and commissions	1,846,312
155,000	Bookbinding and printing	153,206
1,248,000	Other equipment, supplies, etc.	1,204,269
551,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	473,012
7,060,000		6,540,040
1,390,000	E Grants for External Research	1,368,051

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Estimate and Actual

- A** Nationally agreed salary awards and an unexpected increase in superannuation payments.
G The Library's computerised services developed more quickly than expected.

Estimated		DETAILS <i>contd.</i>	Actual	
£			£	£
150,000	F	Grants to Library and Information Services		103,292
461,000	G	Minor Capital Works		266,480
1,088,000	H	Patent Office Publications		1,088,235
300,000	I	Reserve Fund		300,000
10	J	Indemnity for objects loaned to the British Library for exhibitions to the value of £1,500,000		—
<u>£26,862,000</u>		GROSS TOTAL		<u>£27,037,878</u>
		<i>Deduct</i>		
	Y	Receipts:		
10,000		Central Administration	125,363	
400,000		Reference Service	501,795	
785,000		Bibliographical Processing Service	894,100	
2,164,000		Lending Service	2,336,611	
<u>3,359,000</u>				<u>3,857,869</u>
<u>£23,503,000</u>		NET TOTAL		<u>£23,180,009</u>

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Estimate and Actual *contd.*

- F The number of suitable grant applications was less than expected.
 G The planned programme of work could not be completed before the end of the year.
 Y More income earned than estimated.

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances (74 cases— 68 of these cases involving £5,741 occurred in previous years but have only recently been quantified)	£6,038
Cash loss due to suspected fraudulent claiming of overtime (1 case)—amount as yet unquantified (prosecution not yet considered)	—
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson and sabotage—	
(i) thefts by persons unknown (5 cases) (prosecution not practicable)	£1,306
(ii) thefts by staff—under investigation—amount not yet quantified (prosecution not yet considered)	—

Notes*Fruitless Payment*

An investigation into cleaning contracts has revealed the possibility of a loss which has not as yet been quantified.

Other Note

The Library is not charged for accommodation at the British Museum occupied by the Reference Division.

**RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**

	RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance 1 April 1977		244,000		
Transferred from Grant in Aid Account		300,000	Balance 31 March 1978	544,000
		£544,000		£544,000

H. T. Hookway
Accounting Officer

22 November 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct. I have no observations to make upon them.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

Exchequer and Audit Department
17 January 1979

LIBRARIES: NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the National Library of Scotland, including a purchase grant in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.3 LIBRARIES						
A	<u>1,093,300</u>	<u>40,300</u>	<u>1,053,000</u>	<u>1,027,409</u>	<u>24,871</u>	<u>1,002,538</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.3				
A1 National Library of Scotland				
<i>Original</i>	836,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>34,000</u>			
	870,000	807,102	62,898	—
A2 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	167,000	167,000	—	—
A3 Copyright Agency	15,000	15,203	—	203
A4 Scottish Libraries Co-operative Automation Project	41,290	38,104	3,186	—
A5 Indemnities	10	—	10	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,059,300			
<i>Supplementary</i>	34,000			
	<u>£ 1,093,300</u>	1,027,409	66,094	203
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 65,891	
<i>Deduct</i>			Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 15,429	
AZ Appropriations in Aid	40,300	24,871		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,019,000		Net Surplus 50,462	
<i>Supplementary</i>	34,000			
	<u>£ 1,053,000</u>	1,002,538	<u>£50,462.33</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered			

Receipts

Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Income from Library Endowment Fund	5,000	3,986
Other Receipts	35,300	20,885 (a)
	<u>£40,300</u>	<u>24,871</u>

(a) Receipts due received after 31 March 1978.

**PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	7,175	Purchases and subscriptions	152,913
Grant in Aid transferred from Vote for National Library of Scotland (Subhead A2)	167,000		
Donations	30	Balance, 31 March 1978	21,292
	<u>£174,205</u>		<u>£174,205</u>

E. F. D. Roberts
Accounting Officer

27 October 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS, WALES

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for grants in aid of the National Library of Wales and the National Museum of Wales, and a grant to the Council of Museums in Wales, and other Museum Services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated Expenditure £	Actual Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.3		
LIBRARIES		
A	1,093,000	1,104,480
PROGRAMME 10.6		
ARTS		
B	2,750,000	2,749,078
C	40,000	39,250
Total	<u>£3,883,000</u>	<u>3,802,808</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.3				
SECTION A				
LIBRARIES				
A1 National Library of Wales (Grant in Aid) (<i>see appended Account</i>)				
<i>Original</i>	1,018,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	75,000			
	<u>1,093,000</u>	1,014,480	78,520	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
SECTION B				
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES				
B1 National Museum of Wales (Grant in Aid) (<i>see appended Account</i>)				
<i>Original</i>	2,562,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	188,000			
	2,750,000	2,749,078	922	—
SECTION C				
OTHER ARTS				
C1 Council of Museums in Wales	40,000	39,250	750	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	3,620,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	263,000			
	£ 3,883,000	3,802,808	80,192	—
	Surplus		80,192	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£80,192·17	

Losses Statement	£
Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson * (2 cases)	115
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (2 cases)	1,916
Total Cash Losses	<u>£2,031</u>
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage * (2 cases)	£175
* Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.	

Hywel Evans
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 1978**

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	2,822	A Salaries, etc. (Estimate £750,000)	738,162
Grant in Aid (Estimate £988,000)	961,500 (a)	B General administration (Estimate £161,990)	149,540
Y Receipts (Estimate £16,500)	17,120	C Purchases (Estimate £92,500)	92,500
		D Claims against indemnities (Estimate £10)	—
		Balance, 31 March 1978	1,240
	<u>£981,442</u>		<u>£981,442</u>

(a) A further grant of £52,980 (Estimate £105,000) has been received towards capital expenditure.

David Jenkins
Accounting Officer

18 September 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 1978**

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	58,714	A Salaries, etc. (Estimate (£1,725,000))	1,699,127
Grant in Aid (Estimate £2,392,000)	2,387,000 (a)	B General administration (Estimate £553,990)	578,430
Y Receipts (Estimate £132,000)	108,303	C Purchases (Estimate £245,000)	291,452
		D Claims against indemnities (Estimate £10)	—
		Balance, 31 March 1978	(14,992)
	<u>£2,554,017</u>		<u>£2,554,017</u>

(a) A further grant of £362,077 (Estimate £358,000) has been received towards capital expenditure.

EXPLANATIONS of the Cause of Variation between Estimate and Actual

Y Contributions from Local Authorities were less than expected.

D. A. Bassett
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**CENTRAL AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE)**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Education and Science on miscellaneous educational services, research and administration, including grants in aid and international subscriptions and compensation payments for redundant staff at Colleges of Education.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.4						
MISCELLANEOUS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATION						
A	4,860,000	—	4,860,000	4,000,279	—	4,000,279
B	2,428,000	—	2,428,000	1,686,490	—	1,686,490
C	6,655,000	41,000	6,614,000	5,476,221	39,430	5,436,791
D	18,280,000	1,348,000	16,932,000	18,020,721	1,230,736	16,789,985
Total	<u>£32,223,000</u>	<u>1,389,000</u>	<u>30,834,000</u>	<u>29,183,711</u>	<u>1,270,166</u>	<u>27,913,545</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.4				
SECTION A				
YOUTH SERVICE, &c.				
A1 Current Expenditure: Grants	1,260,000	1,181,555	78,445	—
A2 Capital Expenditure: Grants	3,600,000	2,818,724	781,276	—
SECTION B				
MISCELLANEOUS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES				
B1 Interchange of Teachers and Students: Grants	684,240	765,018	—	80,778
B2 Joint United States—United Kingdom Educational Commission (Grant in Aid)	117,760	117,757	3	—
B3 Miscellaneous Services	246,000	123,669	122,331	—
B4 Compensation payments to redundant College of Education Staff	1,380,000	680,046	699,954	—
SECTION C				
EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, &c.				
C1 Educational Services and Research	5,312,090	4,234,100	1,077,990	—
C2 Schools Council (Grant in Aid)	1,258,000	1,172,000	86,000	—
C3 Subscriptions to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	84,910	70,121	14,789	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A2 Fewer claims received than anticipated.
- B1 Overspend was necessary to meet increase in administration costs of the Bureau.
- B3 Mainly due to fewer claims being received than anticipated for the removal of former defence works.
- B4 Fewer claims for compensation payments were received than expected.
- C1 Due partly to the failure to establish some projects and partly to the delays and slippage on others.
- C3 Due to a rate of growth which proved slower than estimated and to an improvement in the £ Sterling exchange rate.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
SECTION D				
ADMINISTRATION				
DI Department of Education and Science: Administration	18,280,000	18,020,721	259,279	—
GROSS TOTAL	£ 32,223,000	29,183,711	3,120,067	80,778
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 3,039,289	
<i>Deduct</i> Z Appropriations in Aid	1,389,000	1,270,166	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 118,834	
NET TOTAL	£ 30,834,000	27,913,545	Net Surplus 2,920,455	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	£2,920,454·62	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	24,000	32,371·79

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead CZ		
Payment from Department of Health and Social Security (Class XII, Vote 5) for joint research project (C1)	25,000	24,090
Payment from Scottish Education Department towards DES sponsored research projects	16,000	15,340
	£41,000	39,430
Subhead DZ		
Salaries, &c., of loaned staff	1,284,400	1,180,970
Miscellaneous receipts	63,600	49,766 (a)
	£1,348,000	1,230,736
Total	£1,389,000	1,270,166

(a) Mainly due to the delay in receiving payments for services.

Details of Receipts *contd.*

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Repayment of loans, etc.	24,000	20,282 (b)
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Contributions to research projects, grant refunds and royalties from research, etc.	—	12,090
	<u>£24,000</u>	<u>32,372</u>

(b) Due to late receipt of loan repayments.

Losses Statement

Summary

Fruitless payments (7 cases) £577

Details

Fruitless payments

 Legal costs incurred at a Public Inquiry by a land owner in opposing a compulsory purchase order to procure his land for the enlargement of school grounds. The order was subsequently quashed in the High Court £513

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loans to Educational Foundation for Visual Aids £143,081
Loans to staff luncheon club 648
Loans to staff luncheon club totalling £9,165 were remitted.

J. A. Hamilton

Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for a grant in aid of the Agricultural Research Council.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5				
RESEARCH COUNCILS &c.				
A1 Agricultural Research Council (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	20,422,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	460,000			
	<u>£ 20,882,000</u>	20,882,000	—	—

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Surrender value of matured superannuation policies	—	<u>1,468,523·95</u>

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**
(Science and Technology Act 1965, c.4)

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	136,022	Current expenditure (including certain capital grants) (net) (Estimate £15,897,000)	15,620,496
Grant in Aid (Estimate £20,882,000)	20,882,000	Capital expenditure (net) (Estimate £4,985,000)	5,249,850
		Balance, 31 March 1978	147,676
	<u>£21,018,022</u>		<u>£21,018,022</u>

Estimated £	DETAILS		Actual	
	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS)		£	£
2,130,000	A Administration and Central Expenses:			
92,000	Salaries, etc.	2,037,905		
35,000	Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	95,503		
575,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	25,407		
	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	545,114		
<u>2,832,000</u>				2,703,929
9,298,000	B Research Establishments of the Council:			
290,000	Salaries, etc.	9,003,307		
2,193,000	Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	293,523		
1,578,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	2,500,762		
	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	1,764,203		
<u>13,359,000</u>				13,561,795
24,795,000	C Grants for Current Expenditure to Research Institutes (England and Wales) and Other Bodies			24,694,621
	D Grants for Research in Universities and Other Bodies:			
1,540,000	Universities:			
90,000	Recurrent	1,575,462		
	Capital	111,957		
55,000	Other Bodies:			
5,000	Recurrent	62,731		
	Capital	879		
<u>1,690,000</u>				1,751,029
30,000	E Special Equipment Grants to University Departments			22,283
247,000	F Postgraduate Training Awards			206,440
<u>£42,953,000</u>	GROSS TOTAL			<u>£42,940,097</u>
	<i>Deduct</i>			
24,665,000	Y Receipts:			
	Receipts from government departments in respect of commissioned research	24,713,300		
	By Establishments of the Council:			
735,000	Sale of produce, etc.	1,001,023		
75,000	Rents and hostel receipts	82,347		
220,000	Recoveries from outside bodies	284,042		
	Contributions from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Overseas Development Administration)	28,299		
25,000	Recoveries in respect of research work for government departments, etc.	75,717		
45,000	Contributions to meat research from Meat and Livestock Commission and from Northern Ireland	290,000		
294,000	Fees and charges paid by EEC	3,281		
	By other Research Institutes:			
80,000	Contributions towards certain research	72,000		
5,000	Rent on land and buildings leased to institutes, less outgoings	5,102		

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Estimate and Actual

- E Delivery of some items of equipment was delayed.
 F Fewer awards made and University fees less than expected.

DETAILS *contd.*

Estimated	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS) <i>contd.</i>	Actual
£	Other receipts:	£ £
887,000	Employees' superannuation contributions and other superannuation receipts	747,114
25,000	Miscellaneous	17,376
<u>27,056,000</u>		<u>27,319,601</u>
<u>£15,897,000</u>	NET TOTAL	<u>£15,620,496</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
A Capital Expenditure: Research Institutes and Units of the Council:		
1,132,000	Land and buildings	1,062,885
240,000	Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:	
451,000	Items costing £10,000 or more	314,433
	Items costing less than £10,000	361,827
<u>1,823,000</u>		<u>1,739,145</u>
B Capital Expenditure: Other Research Institutes:		
2,319,000	Land and buildings	1,979,536
331,000	Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:	
790,000	Items costing £10,000 or more	667,343
	Items costing less than £10,000	881,179
<u>3,440,000</u>		<u>3,528,058</u>
<u>£5,263,000</u>	GROSS TOTAL	<u>£5,267,203</u>
<i>Deduct</i>		
Y Receipts:		
	By Establishments of the Council:	
16,000	Sale of land	1,037
	By other Research Institutes:	
262,000	Sale of land	16,316
<u>278,000</u>		<u>17,353</u>
<u>£4,985,000</u>	NET TOTAL	<u>£5,249,850</u>

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Estimate and Actual *contd.*

Y Mainly due to the major part of a receipt for the sale of a property being delayed.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (23 cases)	£5,182
Claims abandoned (13 cases)	<u>£527</u>

Losses Statement contd.

Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. (4 cases) £838
Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances
Overpayment of wages to a part-time Laboratory Attendant as a result of misinterpretation of regulations £572

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

19 compensation payments £1,615

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978 £

Advances to employees of deferred contributions in respect of membership of the former Industrial Superannuation Scheme:

(a) employees of the Council 102

(b) employees of grant-aided institutes 197

Loans to Institute Sports and Social Clubs (7 Institutes) 5,378

Hostels

Hostel accommodation was provided at 4 of the Council's research stations during the year. Payments and receipts and the loss made were as follows:

	£
Payments	24,455
Receipts	<u>19,375</u>
Loss (Estimate £4,000)	<u>£5,080</u>

Other Notes

Under an arrangement of some years' standing, facilities for research staff supported from the Sugar Beet Research and Education Fund are provided by certain institutes free or at a nominal charge in return for the contribution made by these staff to the institutes' research effort. The value of the facilities provided in 1977-78 is estimated at £87,000.

During the year ended 31 March 1978 grants and grants in aid to a total of £10,023,365 (including £1,260,060 capital) were made from the Vote of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland to grant-aided agricultural research institutes in Scotland.

W. M. Henderson
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

For Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General see page xi.

STATEMENT A
RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE COUNCIL

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Receipts	Net Total
(a) Research Institutes:	£	£	£	£
Institute for Research on Animal Diseases	2,459,509	345,952	441,828	2,363,633
Animal Breeding Research Organisation	1,665,994	348,833	382,128	1,632,699
Institute of Animal Physiology	2,673,084	125,740	330,552	2,468,272
Poultry Research Centre	1,236,233	274,195	50,959	1,459,469
Meat Research Institute	1,342,203	203,815	370,719	1,175,299
Food Research Institute	1,037,668	130,692	7,975	1,160,385
Letcombe Laboratory	652,824	61,597	46,414	668,007
Weed Research Organisation	878,338	170,212	118,472	930,078
(b) Research Units:				
Unit of Animal Genetics	182,495	3,629	—	186,124
Systemic Fungicides Unit	151,776	—	—	151,776
Unit of Statistics	186,636	—	7,599	179,037
Unit of Nitrogen Fixation	377,811	22,957	—	400,768
Unit of Soil Physics	20,051	—	100	19,951
Unit of Muscle Mechanism and Insect Physiology	111,992	9,407	—	121,399
Unit of Invertebrate Chemistry and Physiology	373,354	31,670	—	405,024
Unit of Developmental Botany	82,149	—	—	82,149
(c) External Scientific Staff	129,678	10,446	9,000	131,124
TOTAL	£ 13,561,795	1,739,145	1,765,746	13,535,194

STATEMENT B
GRANTS TO OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Total
	£	£	£
Animal Virus Research Institute	1,530,014	78,760	1,608,774
Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux	64,320	—	64,320
East Malling Research Station	1,293,052	292,774	2,215,826
Edinburgh Regional Computing Centre	136,454	—	136,454
Glasshouse Crops Research Institute	1,476,508	248,744	1,725,252
Grassland Research Institute	1,708,558	133,096	1,841,654
Houghton Poultry Research Station	1,302,255	145,914	1,448,169
John Innes Institute	983,235	110,579	1,093,814
Long Ashton Research Station	1,564,089	211,685	1,775,774
National Institute of Agricultural Engineering	2,096,237	187,486	2,283,723
National Institute for Research in Dairying	2,788,537	322,108	3,110,645
National Vegetable Research Station	1,225,837	246,937	1,472,774
Plant Breeding Institute	1,532,557	208,289	1,740,846
Rothamsted Experimental Station	4,720,238	1,022,071	5,742,309
Welsh Plant Breeding Station	1,513,320	299,717	1,813,037
Wye College (University of London)	129,410	19,898	149,308
TOTAL	£ 24,694,621*	3,528,058†	28,222,679

* Of this sum £72,000 was recovered from the Trade in respect of work on hop diseases at Wye College, and £5,102 from research institutes in respect of rents of land leased from the Council (see Subhead Y on page 42).

† £16,316 received in respect of sale of property is included in subhead Y (on page 43).

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for grants in aid of the Medical Research Council, including subscriptions to certain international organisations.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5				
RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.				
A1 Medical Research Council (Grant in Aid)	40,818,000	40,018,000	800,000	—
A2 Subscription to the International Agency for Research on Cancer	306,000	263,721	42,279	—
A3 Subscriptions to the European Molecular Biology Conference and Laboratory	1,213,000	1,067,063	145,937	—
TOTAL	£ 42,337,000	41,348,784	988,216	—
	Surplus		988,216	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£988,216·24	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 and A3 Due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates and the amounts of contributions required having been less than expected.

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Sale of certain assets of the Medical Research Council's Unit for physical aids for the disabled	—	19,450·00
Final revision of the amount due under a building contract	—	5,478·65
Total		£24,928·65

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (GRANTS IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**
(Science and Technology Act 1965, c.4)

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	309,241	Current expenditure (including certain capital grants) (net) (Estimate £38,018,000)	36,288,869
Grants in Aid:		Capital expenditure (net) (Estimate £2,800,000)	3,882,580
A1 Medical Research Council (Estimate £40,818,000)	40,018,000	Subscription to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (Estimate £306,000)	263,720
A2 Subscription to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (Estimate £306,000)	263,720	Subscriptions to the European Molecular Biology Conference and Laboratory (Estimate £1,213,000)	1,067,063
A3 Subscriptions to the European Molecular Biology Conference and Laboratory (Estimate £1,213,000)	1,067,063	Balance, 31 March 1978	155,792
	<u>£41,658,024</u>		<u>£41,658,024</u>

Estimated		DETAILS	Actual	
£		CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS)	£	£
	A	Administration and Central Expenses:		
2,344,000		Salaries, etc.	2,282,731	
224,000		Travel subsistence and Post Office services	228,128	
212,000		Equipment, supplies, etc.	251,095	
215,000		Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	191,039	
2,995,000				2,952,993
	B	National Institute for Medical Research:		
2,977,000		Salaries, etc.	2,986,912	
11,000		Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	87,816	
864,000		Equipment, supplies, etc.	880,406	
200,000		Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	167,201	
4,151,000				4,122,335
	C	Clinical Research Centre:		
2,870,000		Salaries, etc.	3,080,202	
110,000		Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	112,115	
1,567,000		Equipment, supplies, etc.	1,214,641	
300,000		Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	228,486	
4,847,000				4,635,444
	D	Research Units and External Scientific Staff:		
13,509,000		Salaries, etc.	13,402,417	
700,000		Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	581,589	
3,502,000		Equipment, supplies, etc.	4,030,080	
700,000		Rent, rates maintenance, repairs, etc.	622,208	
18,411,000				18,636,294
	E	Grants for Research in Universities and Other Bodies:		
		Universities:		
9,754,000		Recurrent	9,583,889	
1,516,000		Capital	993,385	
		Other bodies:		
960,000		Recurrent	687,686	
160,000		Capital	100,862	
12,390,000				11,365,822

		<i>DETAILS contd.</i>	
Estimated		Actual	
£	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS) <i>contd.</i>	£	£
	F Special Grants to Institutions:		
1,500,000	Institute of Cancer Research, London	1,105,701	
250,000	Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester	379,533	
610,000	National Radiological Protection Board	601,000	
450,000	Others	605,761	
<u>2,810,000</u>			<u>2,691,995</u>
	G Postgraduate Training Awards and Fellowships, etc:		
2,755,000	Postgraduate and intercalated studentships	2,487,035	
636,000	Research fellowships	692,694	
248,000	Research training support grants	231,788	
<u>3,639,000</u>			<u>3,411,517</u>
	H Other Expenditure on Research:		
150,000	Research and development contracts	244,986	
1,250,000	Special project grants	1,128,265	
<u>1,400,000</u>			<u>1,373,251</u>
<u>£50,643,000</u>	GROSS TOTAL		<u>£49,189,651</u>
	<i>Deduct</i>		
	Y Receipts:		
	National Institute for Medical Research:		
233,000	Government departments	201,097	
8,000	World Health Organisation	105,717	
5,000	Other bodies	2,907	
	Clinical Research Centre:		
1,500,000	Government departments	1,562,960	
3,000	World Health Organisation	4,656	
42,000	Other bodies	24,969	
	Research units and external scientific staff:		
6,075,000	Government departments	5,273,827	
31,000	World Health Organisation	36,286	
314,000	Other bodies	381,274	
1,000	Private funds	4,686	
	Other receipts:		
3,932,000	Government departments	4,648,823	
48,000	Other bodies	58,806	
21,000	Private funds	24,844	
304,000	Miscellaneous	500,720	
108,000	Fees and charges paid by EEC	69,210	
<u>12,625,000</u>			<u>12,900,782</u>
<u>£38,018,000</u>	NET TOTAL		<u>£36,288,869</u>

Estimated		DETAILS <i>contd.</i>	Actual	
£		CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	£	£
—	A	Capital Expenditure: Headquarters:		
		Land and buildings	—	
		Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:		
		Items costing £10,000 or more	13,121	
20,000		Items costing less than £10,000	23,728	
<u>20,000</u>				36,849
	B	Capital Expenditure: Research Establishments of the Council:		
1,300,000		Land and buildings	1,364,686	
		Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:		
500,000		Items costing £10,000 or more	1,050,081	
980,000		Items costing less than £10,000	1,448,709	
<u>2,780,000</u>				3,863,476
<u>£2,800,000</u>		GROSS TOTAL		<u>£3,900,325</u>
		<i>Deduct</i>		
	Y	Receipts:		
		Research Establishments of the Council:		
		Government departments	9,869	
		Other bodies and miscellaneous	7,876	
				17,745
<u>£2,800,000</u>		NET TOTAL		<u>£3,882,580</u>

EXPLANATION OF the Causes of Variation between Estimate and Actual

A and B Provision for permanent equipment was increased to meet requirements which had been restricted in the original estimate.

Y Excess receipts due to reimbursement of equipment expenditure under an ODM scheme and a contribution in respect of a building contract, for which provision was made in a previous financial year.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (2 cases)	£78
Claim abandoned	<u>£370</u>
	£
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. (15 cases) Prosecution was not practicable.	3,194
Stores losses due to other causes (20 cases)	7,519
Total Stores Losses	<u>£10,710</u>

Details

Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.	
Loss of stores at an overseas station	£2,017
Stores losses due to other causes	
Losses revealed by an inventory check prior to transfer of equipment to the National Biological Standards Board	£7,320

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

3 compensation payments £15,225

Gifts Made

A gift of two huts valued at £6,762 was made to the Kenya Ministry of Health.
Stores and equipment valued on the date of transfer (1.10.77) at £21,550 were transferred to DHSS ownership without charge.

Equipment valued at £186,942 was transferred to the National Biological Standards Board.

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

	£
Loans for the purchase of cars to 9 staff of the Council working overseas	9,518
Miscellaneous loans made to staff of the Council working in The Gambia	24,694
Loans to 13 staff on transfer of Unit or place of work to assist them in house purchase	22,787
Loans to the Sports and Social Clubs of the National Institute for Medical Research, the Clinical Research Centre and in respect of the Medical Research Council Laboratories, Hammersmith (2 Units)	6,600

J. L. Gowans

Accounting Officer

7 October 1978

I have examined the above Account, I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

For Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General see page xi.

**STATEMENT
RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE COUNCIL**

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Receipts	Net Total
	£	£	£	£
National Institute for Medical Research	4,122,335	742,118	309,721	4,554,732
Clinical Research Centre	4,635,444	386,951	1,592,585	3,429,810
Applied Psychology Unit, Cambridge	429,068	52,345	98,771	382,642
Biochemical Parasitology Unit, Cambridge	104,797	930	—	105,727
Blood Pressure Unit, Glasgow	238,420	18,669	236,838	20,251
Brain Metabolism Unit, Edinburgh	267,704	34,584	117,235	185,053
Cell Biophysics Unit, London	445,794	2,891	—	448,685
Cell Mutation Unit, Brighton	109,965	12,374	29,520	92,819
Clinical & Population Cytogenetics Unit, Edinburgh	848,644	148,433	405,298	591,779
Clinical Genetics Unit, London	113,591	1,391	83,000	31,982
Clinical Oncology Unit, Cambridge	151,341	254,152	60,000	345,493
Clinical Pharmacology Unit, Oxford	143,089	7,421	68,000	82,510
Clinical Psychiatry Unit, Chichester	153,460	—	118,980	34,480
Demyelinating Diseases Unit, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	181,206	17,066	156,000	42,272
Dental Unit, Bristol	117,698	—	31,000	86,698
Unit on Development and Integration of Behaviour, Cambridge	93,013	5,240	—	98,253
Development Neurobiology Unit, London	149,101	81,883	595	230,389
Dunn Nutrition Unit, Cambridge	658,000	241,198	229,629	669,569

STATEMENT contd.

RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE COUNCIL contd.

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Receipts	Net Total
	£	£	£	£
Environmental Factors in Mental and Physical Illness Unit, London	163,283	7,881	120,172	50,992
Environmental Physiology Unit, London	262,477	7,707	52,483	217,701
Epidemiology Unit (South Wales)	162,830	964	132,976	30,818
Epidemiology & Medical Care, London	205,667	17,174	151,904	70,937
Epidemiological Studies in Psychiatry, Edinburgh	106,515	—	55,000	51,515
Experimental Pathology of the Skin Unit, Birmingham	137,675	6,311	82,000	61,986
Human Biochemical Genetics Unit, London	191,525	—	29,000	162,525
Immunochemistry Unit, Oxford	101,585	75,764	22,000	155,349
Industrial Injuries and Burns Unit, Birmingham	225,828	1,242	214,768	12,302
Institute of Hearing, Nottingham	112,540	140,546	—	253,086
Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge	1,918,334	245,104	8,273	2,155,165
Laboratory Studies of Tuberculosis, London	136,608	5,769	44,296	98,081
Mammalian Genome Unit, Edinburgh	119,696	31,488	11,000	140,184
Medical Research Council Laboratories, Carshalton (2 Units)	1,636,015	277,591	304,108	1,609,498
Medical Research Council Laboratories, Gambia	487,919	53,098	144,711	396,306
Medical Research Council Laboratories, Hammersmith (2 Units)	1,367,519	224,213	267,486	1,324,246
Medical Research Council Laboratories, Jamaica	110,539	15,823	51,605	74,757
Medical Sociology Unit, Aberdeen	192,596	—	83,000	109,596
Metabolic Studies in Psychiatry Unit, Sheffield	146,529	13,989	76,000	84,518
Mineral Metabolism Unit, Leeds	258,413	37,074	196,000	99,487
Neural Mechanisms of Behaviour Unit, London	111,802	8,944	31,000	89,746
Neurochemical Pharmacology Unit, Cambridge	207,954	44,513	65,000	187,467
Neuropharmacology Unit, Birmingham	107,786	4,743	49,000	63,529
Pneumoconiosis Unit, Cardiff	602,623	55,465	254,544	403,544
Radiobiology Unit, Harwell	883,960	90,166	232,614	741,512
Reproduction and Growth Unit, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	161,196	6,795	21,000	146,991
Reproductive Biology Unit, Edinburgh	381,519	205,959	148,275	439,203
Social and Applied Psychology Unit, Sheffield	191,825	14,802	105,821	100,806
Social Psychiatry Unit, London	128,011	—	72,280	55,731
Statistical Research and Services Unit, London	105,867	—	581	105,286
Trauma Unit, Manchester	131,211	57,173	—	188,384
Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases Unit, London	242,728	23,426	66,490	199,664
Virology Unit, Glasgow	371,140	54,340	16,000	409,480
Other Research Units (15 in number)	1,081,528	88,203	512,013	657,718
External Staff (81 in number)	1,620,457	39,563	284,938	1,375,082
Unallocated	57,703	—	112,614	114,911
TOTAL	£ 27,394,073	3,863,476	7,616,124	23,641,425

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.:
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for a grant in aid of the Natural Environment Research Council.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5				
RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.				
A1 Natural Environment Research Council (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	27,197,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	692,000			
	£ 27,889,000	27,889,000	—	—

J. A. Hamilton
 Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I certify that this Account has been examined under my directions and is correct.

D. O. Henley
 Comptroller and Auditor General

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL
(GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978
(Science and Technology Act 1965, c.4)

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Grant in Aid (Estimate £27,889,000)	27,889,000	Current expenditure (including certain capital grants) (net) (Estimate £22,259,000)	22,502,251
Balance, 1 April 1977	348,373	Capital expenditure (net) (Estimate £5,630,000)	5,362,753
		Balance, 31 March 1978	372,369
	<u>£28,237,373</u>		<u>£28,237,373</u>

DETAILS		Actual	
Estimated	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS)	£	£
£			
	A Administration and Central Expenses:		
1,841,000	Salaries, etc.	1,770,806	
183,000	Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	153,398	
318,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	338,368	
265,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	259,384	
272,000	Dispersal costs	179,148	
<u>2,879,000</u>			<u>2,701,104</u>
	B Research Establishments of the Council:		
14,181,000	Salaries, etc.	14,086,599	
1,840,000	Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	1,900,230	
6,175,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	6,811,322	
4,376,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	5,028,812	
4,500,000	Expenses of outside research	4,021,742	
<u>31,072,000</u>			<u>31,848,705</u>
2,649,000	C Grants for Current Expenditure to Biological Associations, Stations and Units		2,502,470
	D Grants for Research in Universities and Other Bodies:		
	Environmental Sciences:		
215,000	Capital expenditure	258,478	
2,240,000	Recurrent expenditure	2,049,080	
<u>2,455,000</u>			<u>2,307,558</u>
	E Postgraduate Training Awards and Fellowships, etc.:		
2,408,000	Studentships	2,448,541	
85,000	Research fellowships	106,740	
233,000	Research training support grants	229,220	
<u>2,726,000</u>			<u>2,784,501</u>
	F Other Expenditure on Research:		
380,000	International Programme of Ocean Drilling	354,096	
514,000	Other services and facilities	465,228	
<u>894,000</u>			<u>819,324</u>
<u>£42,675,000</u>	GROSS TOTAL		<u>£42,963,662</u>

DETAILS *contd.*

Estimated £	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS) <i>contd.</i>	Actual £	£
	<i>Deduct</i>		
	Y Receipts:		
	By Establishments:		
	Fees and charges paid by UK government departments	18,137,251	
18,550,000	Contributions from private funds	2,000	
2,000	Fees and charges paid by outside bodies	806,107	
500,000	Hostel receipts, rents, etc., from properties	6,001	
6,000	Miscellaneous	527,186	
427,000	Fees and charges paid by EEC	43,249	
103,000			
	Other receipts:		
	Superannuation contributions	848,267	
744,000	Fees and charges	6,434	
9,000	Miscellaneous	84,916	
75,000			
<u>20,416,000</u>		<u>20,461,411</u>	
<u>£22,259,000</u>	NET TOTAL	<u>£22,502,251</u>	
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		
	A Capital Expenditure: Headquarters:		
900,000	Land and buildings—dispersal	707,195	
	B Capital Expenditure: Research Establishments of the Council:		
1,473,000	Land, buildings and research vessels	854,958	
	Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:		
1,642,000	Items costing £10,000 or more	2,045,445	
1,192,000	Items costing less than £10,000	1,302,377	
<u>4,307,000</u>		<u>4,202,780</u>	
	C Capital Expenditure: Other Research Establishments:		
90,000	Land, buildings and research vessels	66,383	
	Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:		
365,000	Items costing less than £10,000	418,095	
<u>455,000</u>		<u>484,478</u>	
<u>£5,662,000</u>	GROSS TOTAL	<u>£5,394,453</u>	
	<i>Deduct</i>		
<u>32,000</u>	Y Receipts	31,700	
<u>£5,630,000</u>	NET TOTAL	<u>£5,362,753</u>	

EXPLANATION of the the Cause of Variation between Estimate and Actual

- A Work on the new Headquarters office at Swindon did not proceed as rapidly as expected and there was delay in the submission of claims for payment of fees.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (13 cases)	£ 4,703
Cash losses due to other causes (3 cases)	2,556
Total Cash Losses	<u>£7,259</u>

Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.* (5 cases)	£ 624
Stores losses due to other causes (42 cases)	35,157
Total Stores Losses	<u>£35,781</u>

*Prosecution not practicable.

Details

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. 21 overpayments of long hours gratuity	£ 3,752
Cash losses due to other causes	
Charge to vote to clear inexplicable debit balance	816
Charge to vote to clear inexplicable debit balances	1,502
Stores losses due to causes other than theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. (All lost at sea)	£
Fifteen recording current meters	23,615
Two sub-surface buoys	1,393
One STD underwater unit	1,700
One vertical reference gyroscope	2,500
One No. 10 camera and flash	661
One toroidal buoy with flashing light	1,050

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

7 compensation payments	£2,177
3 other <i>ex gratia</i> payments	£3,370

Gifts made

Gifts of 443 items of a total value	£17,724
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Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loan to a staff restaurant committee	£500
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Hostels

Hostel accommodation was provided at three of the Council's establishments during the year. Payments and receipts and the loss made were as follows:

Payments	£
	6,462
Receipts	3,755
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Loss (Estimate £2,500)	£2,707

The estimate of £2,500 is based on two hostels. A third hostel was opened in November 1977.

R. J. H. Beverton
Accounting Officer

20 October 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct. I have no observations to make upon it.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

Exchequer and Audit Department

4 January 1979

STATEMENT A
RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE COUNCIL

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Receipts	Net Total
	£	£	£	£
British Antarctic Survey	3,731,695	751,575	307,275	4,175,995
Experimental Cartography Unit	233,397	90,376	4,218	319,555
Institute of Geological Sciences	15,287,199	1,286,622	409,217	16,164,604
Institute of Hydrology	1,110,042	330,379	170,357	1,270,064
Institute of Marine Biochemistry	292,593	59,668	—	352,261
Institute for Marine Environmental Research	869,939	156,748	129	1,026,558
Institute of Oceanographic Sciences	4,102,471	597,586	195,265	4,504,792
Institute of Terrestrial Ecology	2,710,752	193,623	124,966	2,779,409
Marine Scientific Equipment Service	596,812	482,595	12,750	1,066,657
Research Vessel Base	2,517,239	6,745	16,875	2,507,109
See Mammal Research Unit*	132,398	7,046	2,000	137,444
Unit of Invertebrate Virology	264,168	239,817	11,276	492,709
TOTAL	£ 31,848,705	4,202,780	1,254,328	34,797,157

*This new Unit comprises the Seals Unit formerly with the Institute for Marine Environmental Research and the Whales Unit formerly with the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences.

STATEMENT B
GRANTS TO OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Total
	£	£	£
Freshwater Biological Association	862,033	145,764	1,007,797
Marine Biological Association	820,318	116,123	936,441
Scottish Marine Biological Association	683,787	86,532	770,319
Unit of Marine Invertebrate Biology	136,332	136,059	272,391
TOTAL	£ 2,502,470	484,478	2,986,948

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for grants in aid of the Science Research Council, including subscriptions to certain international organisations.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5				
RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.				
A1 Science Research Council (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	104,660,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	787,000			
	105,447,000	103,668,499	1,778,501	—
A2 Subscription to the European Organisation for Nuclear Research				
<i>Original</i>	24,140,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	604,000			
	23,536,000	23,782,501	—	246,501
A3 Subscription to the European Space Agency				
<i>Original</i>	8,258,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	92,000			
	8,350,000	8,350,000	—	—
A4 Contributions to NATO Scientific Schemes	989,000	989,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	138,047,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	275,000			
	£138,322,000	136,790,000	1,778,501	246,501
	Surplus		1,532,000	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£1,531,999.74	

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL (GRANTS IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**
(Science and Technology Act 1965, c.4)

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	202,775	Current expenditure (including certain capital grants) (net) (Estimate £94,055,000)	91,832,749
Grants in Aid:		Capital expenditure (net) (Estimate £11,392,000)	11,810,491
A1 Science Research Council (Estimate £105,447,000)	103,668,499	Subscription to the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Estimate £23,536,000)	23,782,501
A2 Subscription to the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Estimate £23,536,000)	23,782,501	Subscription to the European Space Agency (Estimate £8,350,000)	8,350,000
A3 Subscription to the European Space Agency (Estimate £8,350,000)	8,350,000	Contributions to NATO Scientific Schemes (Estimate £989,000)	989,000
A4 Contributions to NATO Scientific Schemes (Estimate £989,000)	989,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	228,034
	<u>£136,992,775</u>		<u>£136,992,775</u>

DETAILS

Estimated	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS)	Actual
£		£
	A Administration and Central Expenses:	
3,151,000	Salaries, etc.	3,037,491
396,000	Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	374,725
422,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	438,075
626,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	511,759
350,000	Dispersal to Swindon	278,490
4,945,000		4,640,540
	B Science Research Council Establishments, Units, etc.:	
13,909,000	Salaries, etc.	13,968,821
1,672,000	Travel, subsistence and Post Office services	1,595,787
14,523,000	Equipment, supplies, etc.	14,339,307
829,000	Rent, rates, maintenance, repairs, etc.	869,533
1,518,000	Extramural research and experimental agreements	1,463,427
32,451,000		32,236,875
	C Grants, etc., for Research in Universities and Other Bodies:	
	Science (other than Engineering, Astronomy and Nuclear Physics):	
3,110,000	Capital expenditure	2,176,241
7,059,000	Recurrent expenditure	6,492,172
	Engineering:	
3,525,000	Capital expenditure	2,249,269
7,107,000	Recurrent expenditure	8,376,624
	Astronomy, Space and Radio:	
2,009,000	Capital expenditure	1,881,187
2,091,000	Recurrent expenditure	2,294,543
	Nuclear Physics:	
496,000	Capital expenditure	651,623
2,446,000	Recurrent expenditure	2,344,027
27,843,000		26,465,686

DETAILS *contd.*

Estimated	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS) <i>contd.</i>	Actual
£		£ £
	D Postgraduate Training Awards and Fellowships, etc.:	
17,271,000	Studentships	16,919,258
841,000	Research fellowships	794,589
1,788,000	Research training support grants	1,776,545
19,900,000		19,490,392
	E Payments for Outside Research:	
1,760,000	Payments to Procurement Executive, Ministry of Defence	1,695,926
	F Other Expenditure on Research:	
6,000,000	ILL Grenoble	5,829,453
1,086,000	Rent of Neutron Beam facilities	1,045,280
232,000	Physico-Chemical Measurements Unit	229,847
583,000	Anglo-Australian Telescope	575,534
219,000	South African Astronomical Observatory	218,750
84,000	Astronomy and Space Central facilities	77,874
1,618,000	EISCAT	2,105,171
313,000	Schemes costing under £100,000 in year 1977-78	194,095
10,135,000		10,276,004
£97,034,000	GROSS TOTAL	94,805,423
	<i>Deduct</i>	
	Y Receipts:	
	By Establishments:	
409,000	Fees and charges paid by UK government departments	293,642
508,000	Fees and charges paid by outside bodies	561,972
281,000	Canteen hostel, and housing receipts	316,324
520,000	Miscellaneous receipts	542,862
	Other receipts:	
2,000	Repayment of NIRNS housing loans	1,617
370,000	Contribution from NATO for post-graduate awards	369,892
553,000	Miscellaneous receipts	664,132
336,000	Fees and charges paid by UK government departments	222,233
2,979,000		2,972,674
£94,055,000	NET TOTAL	£91,832,749

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

	A Capital Expenditure: Headquarters:	
1,704,000	Land and buildings	1,434,269
	Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:	
—	Items costing £10,000 or more	—
—	Items costing less than £10,000	—
1,704,000		1,434,269

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Estimate and Actual

- A Capital Expenditure: Headquarters: Land and buildings.
Work on the new Headquarters Office at Swindon did not proceed as rapidly as expected and there was delay in submission of claims for payment of fees.

DETAILS *contd.*

Estimated		Actual
£	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE <i>contd.</i>	£ £
	B Capital Expenditure: Research Establishments and Units of the Council:	
1,785,000	Land and buildings	1,840,097
6,762,000	Plant, machinery and permanent equipment:	
1,217,000	Items costing £10,000 or more	6,797,446
	Items costing less than £10,000	1,817,487
<u>9,764,000</u>		<u>10,455,030</u>
<u>£11,468,000</u>	GROSS TOTAL	<u>£11,889,299</u>
	<i>Deduct</i>	
76,000	Y Receipts by Establishments	78,808
<u>£11,392,000</u>	NET TOTAL	<u>£11,810,491</u>

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (20 cases)	£ 1,319
Cash losses due to other causes (2 cases)	236
Total Cash Losses	<u>£1,555</u>
Claims abandoned (57 cases)	<u>£321</u>
	£
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson, or sabotage, etc.* (9 cases)	194
Stores losses due to other causes (184 cases)	1,751
Total Stores Losses	<u>£1,945</u>

*Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Details

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances	
Overpayments to and on behalf of six non-industrial cleaners because of incorrect implementation of a CSD Industrial Memorandum	£757

Notes*Gifts Made*

A gift to Newcastle University of a NMR Spectrometer valued at £3,000.

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loans to 7 staff of the former NIRNS laboratories to assist them in house purchase	£1,745
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Hostels

Hostel accommodation was provided at two of the Council's research establishments during the year.

Payments and receipts and the loss made were as follows:

	£
Payments	100,627
Receipts	83,680
Loss (Estimate Nil)	<u>£16,947</u>

G. Allen

Accounting Officer

18 September 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct. I have no observations to make upon it.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

Exchequer and Audit Department
4 January 1979

STATEMENT

RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS, UNITS, ETC., OF THE COUNCIL

Establishment	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Receipts	Net Total
	£	£	£	£
Rutherford Laboratory	17,060,709	4,376,746	901,437	20,536,018
Daresbury Laboratory	5,264,399	3,844,973	164,194	8,945,178
Polymer Engineering Directorate	84,384	—	19,848	64,536
Appleton Laboratory	6,769,330	734,939	381,256	7,123,013
Royal Greenwich Observatory	1,681,208	493,508	179,785	1,994,931
Royal Observatory, Edinburgh	1,283,160	1,004,864	49,904	2,238,120
Teaching Company Directorate	34,810	—	74,934	40,124
Marine Technology Directorate	58,875	—	22,250	36,625
TOTAL	£ 32,236,875	10,455,030	1,793,608	40,898,297

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for a grant in aid of the Social Science Research Council.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5 RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.				
A1 Social Science Research Council (Grant in Aid)	14,570,000	13,620,000	950,000	—
		Surplus to be surrendered	<u>£950,000</u>	

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I certify that this Account has been examined under my directions and is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978
(Science and Technology Act 1965, c.4)

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	58,373	Current expenditure (including certain capital grants) (net) (Estimate £14,570,000)	13,667,447
Grant in Aid (Estimate £14,570,000)	13,620,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	10,926
	£13,678,373		£13,678,373

DETAILS

Estimated	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS)	Actual	
£		£	£
	A Administration and Central Expenses:		
814,000	Salaries, etc.	784,216	
129,000	Travel, subsistence, Post Office services	127,561	
162,000	Equipment and supplies, etc.	172,410	
421,000	Rent, rates, maintenance and repairs, etc.	326,372	
1,526,000			1,410,559
	B Research Units:		
449,000	Salaries, etc.	410,368	
67,000	Travel, subsistence, Post Office services	53,608	
46,000	Equipment and supplies, etc.	91,840	
39,000	Rent, rates, maintenance and repairs, etc.	39,473	
601,000			595,289
	C Grants for Research in Universities and Other Bodies:		
87,000	Capital expenditure	46,038	
4,034,000	Recurrent expenditure	3,274,686	
11,000	Payments to government departments	29,394	
4,132,000			3,350,118
	D Research Contracts placed with Universities and Other Bodies		
835,000			482,248
	E Postgraduate Training Awards and Fellowships, etc.:		
6,542,000	Studentships	7,051,177	
227,000	Research fellowships	182,450	
53,000	Research training support grants	46,122	
903,000	Bursaries	794,153	
7,725,000			8,073,902
£14,819,000	GROSS TOTAL		£13,912,116

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Estimates and Actual

- C The level of demand for research grants was less than expected and grant-holders were able to absorb a higher proportion of inflationary costs.
- D The estimate of time taken to initiate new contract research and to incur expenditure proved to be too optimistic.

DETAILS *contd.*

Estimated £	CURRENT EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING CERTAIN CAPITAL GRANTS) <i>contd.</i>	£	Actual £
	<i>Deduct:</i>		
	Y Receipts:		
	By Units:		
30,500	Contributions from private funds	31,049	
	Fees and charges	1,142	
500	Miscellaneous	2,666	
	Other receipts:		
157,000	Payments by government departments	100,246	
	Contributions from private funds	1,452	
10,000	Sales and royalties from publications	8,000	
51,000	Miscellaneous	100,114	
<u>249,000</u>			<u>244,669</u>
<u>£14,570,000</u>	NET TOTAL		<u>£13,667,447</u>

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayment of awards to students (3 cases) £165

C. S. Smith
Accounting Officer

27 September 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct. I have no observations to make upon it.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

Exchequer and Audit Department
4 January 1979

STATEMENT

RESEARCH UNITS OF THE COUNCIL

Unit	Current Expenditure	Receipts	Net Total
	£	£	£
Industrial Relations Research Unit	203,136	31,049	172,087
Research Unit on Ethnic Relations	153,165	669	152,496
Centre for Socio-Legal Studies	168,005	1,958	166,047
Cambridge Group	70,983	1,181	69,802
TOTAL	£ 595,289	34,857	560,432

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY)

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the British Museum (Natural History), including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5				
RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.				
A1 British Museum (Natural History) (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	4,121,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	44,000			
	4,165,000	4,104,468	60,532	—
A2 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	47,000	47,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	4,168,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	44,000			
	£ 4,212,000	4,151,468	60,532	—
	Surplus		60,532	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£60,532.79	

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (3 cases)	£1,177
<i>Details</i>	£
Overpayment due to incorrect calculation of basic wages for a part-time employee	575
Overpayment due to incorrect sickness record on computer at Chessington Computer Centre	575

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

4 compensation payments	£100
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Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	3,708,000	3,676,111
General expenses	903,000	904,642
<i>Less:</i>	4,611,000	4,580,753
Miscellaneous receipts	446,000	476,285
Net Total	£4,165,000	4,104,468

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	47,744	Expenditure, 1977-78	38,023
Grant in Aid, 1977-78 (Subhead A2)	47,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	56,721
	<u>£94,744</u>		<u>£94,744</u>

R. H. Hedley
Accounting Officer

9 November 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.: OTHER SCIENCE

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for a grant in aid of the Royal Society.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.5				
RESEARCH COUNCILS, &c.				
The Royal Society (Grant in Aid)	2,172,000	2,169,920	2,080	—
	Surplus to be surrendered		<u>£2,080</u>	

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

BRITISH MUSEUM

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the British Museum including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 British Museum (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	5,116,990			
<i>Supplementary</i>	200,000			
	<u>5,316,990</u>	4,780,225	536,765	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	355,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	170,000	525,000	—	—
	<u>525,000</u>			
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	5,472,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	370,000			
	<u>£ 5,842,000</u>	<u>5,305,225</u>	<u>536,775</u>	<u>—</u>
	Surplus		<u>536,775</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£536,775.26</u>	

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (8 cases)	£1,162
Losses of stores and exhibits due to theft (6 cases)	<u>£1,627</u>
<i>Details</i>	
Loss of exhibit due to theft—cast bronze armlet (estimated value)	£1,000

Notes*Details of Subhead A1*

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
General expenses including salaries	5,932,990	5,574,541
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	616,000	794,316 (a)
Net Total	<u>£5,316,990</u>	<u>4,780,225</u>

(a) Mainly because the amount of rents received, including arrears, was higher than expected.

Other Note

Free office accommodation is provided for the British Museum Society.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	24,280	Purchases	500,485
Grant in Aid, 1977-78 (Subhead A3)	525,000		
Donations	10,553	Balance, 31 March 1978	59,348
	<u>£559,833</u>		<u>£559,833</u>

D. M. Wilson
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

SCIENCE MUSEUM

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Science Museum including purchase grants in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 Science Museum (Net)	3,138,990	3,006,239	132,751	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	50,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	64,000			
	114,000	114,000	—	—
A4 Purchases by Local Museums (Grant in Aid)	63,000	63,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	3,252,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	64,000			
	£ 3,316,000	3,183,239	132,761	—
	Surplus		£132,761	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£132,761·42	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	£	£
Vending machine profits and sale of scrap	—	59·61

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (5 cases)	£245
Stores loss due to theft—Zeiss microscope (prosecution was not practicable)	£1,000

Notes

<i>Gifts Received</i>	Valued at £
Printing gallery	80,000
Koenig and Bauer printing press	28,000
Flywheel lathe	10,000
Locomotive 'Western Fusilier'	10,000
Harris editor	5,000
Linotype machine compositor	5,000
Locomotive number 76020	5,000
Locomotive number 71001	5,000
Dynamometer car	5,000
Non-corridor car	4,000
Griddle car	3,000
Mobaltron cobalt unit	2,500
Page view terminal	2,000
Minabanda binding machine	2,000
Thompson automatic plater printing press	2,000
Taylor-Hobson 'Talysurf'	2,000
Linear accelerator	1,500
Demonstration multiple drilling head	1,500
Travelling post office	1,500
Monotype compositor	1,000

Equipment to a total value of £176; from the Home Office (£136) and the Ministry of Defence (£40).

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	2,250,723	2,224,332
General expenses	944,267	881,971
	<u>3,194,990</u>	<u>3,106,303</u>
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	56,000	100,064 (a)
Net Total	<u>£3,138,990</u>	<u>3,006,239</u>

(a) More sales at the shop of the National Railway Museum, York, than expected.

Other Note

£246 received in respect of damage to a Museum exhibition was credited to Subhead A1.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	14,177	Purchases	36,966
Grant in Aid transferred from Vote for Science Museum (Sub- head A3)	114,000		
Donations	437	Balance, 31 March 1978	91,648
	<u>£128,614</u>		<u>£128,614</u>

**PURCHASES BY LOCAL MUSEUMS (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	127,349	Grant towards purchases	86,982
Grant in Aid transferred from Vote for Science Museum (Subhead A4)	63,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	103,367
	<u>£190,349</u>		<u>£190,349</u>

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Victoria and Albert Museum including purchase grants in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 Victoria and Albert Museum (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	3,656,990			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	45,859			
	3,611,131	3,382,679	228,452	—
A2 Indemnities	10	399	—	389
A3 Purchases (Grants in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	327,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	20,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	29,559			
	376,559	376,559	—	—
A4 Purchases by Local Museums (Grants in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	450,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	72,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	17,300			
	539,300	539,300	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	4,434,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	92,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	£ 4,527,000	4,298,937	228,452	389
	Surplus		228,063	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£228,062·91	

Losses Statement*Summary*

Claim abandoned	£455
	<u>£</u>
Stores losses due to theft* (39 cases)	3,960
Stores losses discovered on stocktaking (102 cases)	3,964
(Items previously written off and now found amount to £767)	
Stores loss due to other causes	157
Total Stores Losses	<u>£8,081</u>

* Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Details

Stores losses due to theft	£
2 bronze birds from incense burner	1,000
Lithograph by James Rosenquist	500

Notes*Gifts Received*

	Valued at £
Collection of Chinese porcelain	55,200
Collection of stage designs	34,350
Collection of Islamic pottery	30,000
Lacquer screen	20,000
Eger cabinet on stand	12,000
Walnut gate-leg bureau	8,000
Toy Dutch kitchen	5,000
Collection of theatre design and models	4,536
Reece Pemberton theatre designs	4,500
Mahogany sideboard	4,000
Collection of lithographs	3,800
2 Meissen groups	3,000
Gold and enamel skeleton	3,000
Walnut cabinet	3,000
Collection of watercolours and prints	2,500
Lynton Lamb archives	2,500
Gold chain set with wood	2,000
Collection of theatre pictures, books and objects	2,000
Collection of photographs	1,600
Meissen figure	1,500
Derby mug	1,200
Collection of medals	1,000
2 portrait miniatures	1,000
Collection of pencil sketches	1,000
Collection of drawings and prints	1,000
Stage designs, sketches and portraits	1,000

The Victoria and Albert Museum received from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in accordance with a Treasury direction, a 12th century English ivory liturgical comb. This has been accepted in lieu of capital transfer tax under the provisions of section 34 of the Finance Act 1956 at a cost to the National Land Fund of £95,680.

Notes contd.

<i>Details of Subhead A1</i>	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	3,132,167	3,013,610
General expenses	567,834	546,075
	<u>3,700,001</u>	<u>3,559,685</u>
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	88,870	177,006 (a)
Net Total	<u>£3,611,131</u>	<u>3,382,679</u>

(a) Due mainly to an extension of the successful Fabergé Exhibition.

Other Notes

£155 recovered in respect of loss or depreciation of Museum objects was credited to the Victoria and Albert Museum Purchases (Grants in Aid) Account.

PURCHASES (GRANTS IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	100,108	Purchases	468,897
Grants in Aid transferred from Vote for Victoria and Albert Museum (Subhead A3)	376,559		
Donations	23,441		
Compensation	155	Balance, 31 March 1978	31,366
	<u>£500,263</u>		<u>£500,263</u>

PURCHASES BY LOCAL MUSEUMS (GRANTS IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	23,138	Grants to local museums and art galleries	533,402
Grants in Aid transferred from Vote for Victoria and Albert Museum (Subhead A4)	539,300		
	<u>£562,438</u>	Balance, 31 March 1978	29,036
			<u>£562,438</u>

J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Imperial War Museum including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 Imperial War Museum (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	1,657,990			
<i>Supplementary</i>	61,000			
	<u>1,718,990</u>	1,609,032	109,958	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	23,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	41,000			
	<u>64,000</u>	64,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,681,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	102,000			
	<u>£ 1,783,000</u>	<u>1,763,032</u>	109,968	—
	Surplus		109,968	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£109,968·10</u>	

Losses Statement

Discrepancy between stocks of publications held for sale in the Museum's bookshops and the cash received from sales: due to pilferage. Prosecution was not practicable.

£666

Claims abandoned (82 cases)

£1,754

Notes*Gifts Received*

Items valued at £700 transferred from the Ministry of Defence.
Model of HMS Exmouth valued at £3,000.

Gifts Made

10 pistols valued at £255.

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
General expenses including salaries	1,795,990	1,835,728
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	77,000	226,696 (a)
Net Total	<u>£1,718,990</u>	<u>1,609,032</u>

(a) Receipts from royalties, reproduction fees and sales of publications were greater than expected.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	5,763	Purchases	67,558
Grant in Aid 1977-78 (Subhead A3)	64,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	2,426
Refunds (Subhead A1)	221		
	<u>£69,984</u>		<u>£69,984</u>

Noble Frankland
Accounting Officer

26 October 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL GALLERY

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the National Gallery, including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 National Gallery (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	1,353,990			
<i>Supplementary</i>	66,000			
	<u>1,419,990</u>	1,339,685	80,305	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	990,000	990,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	2,344,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	66,000			
	<u>£ 2,410,000</u>	<u>2,329,685</u>	80,315	—
	Surplus		80,315	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£80,314·85</u>	

Losses Statement

Cash loss due to overpayment of wages £382

Note*Details of Subhead A1*

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	£	£
General expenses including salaries	1,436,990	1,365,359
<i>Less:</i>		
Miscellaneous receipts	17,000	25,674 (a)
Net Total	<u>£1,419,990</u>	<u>1,339,685</u>

(a) Receipts from the German Exhibition were greater than expected.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Balance, 1 April 1977	368,759	Purchase of pictures	1,339,215
Grant in Aid 1977-78 (Subhead A3)	990,000		
Donations	32,055	Balance, 31 March 1978	51,599
	<u>£1,390,814</u>		<u>£1,390,814</u>

Michael Levey
Accounting Officer

30 September 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the National Maritime Museum, including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 National Maritime Museum (Net)	1,882,990	1,761,107	121,883	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	56,000	56,000	—	—
TOTAL	£ 1,939,000	1,817,107	121,893	—
	Surplus		121,893	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£121,892.96	

Losses Statement

Discrepancy between stocks of publications held for sale in the Museum's bookshops and the cash received from sales: due to pilferage. Prosecution was not practicable. £643

Note*Details of Subhead A1*

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
General expenses including salaries	1,925,990	1,832,108
Less:		
Receipts	43,107	71,001 (a)
Net Total	<u>£1,882,990</u>	<u>1,761,107</u>

(a) Sales of publications and photographs were higher than expected.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	9,435	Purchases	49,588
Grant in Aid, 1977-78 (Subhead A3)	56,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	17,154
Donations, etc.	1,307		
	<u>£66,742</u>		<u>£66,742</u>

Basil Greenhill
Accounting Officer

6 October 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the National Portrait Gallery, including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 National Portrait Gallery (Net)	689,990	645,417	44,573	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	90,000	90,000	—	—
TOTAL	£ 780,000	735,417	44,583	—
	Surplus		44,583	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£44,583.14</u>	

Note*Details of Subhead A1*

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
General expenses including salaries	784,990	877,636 (a)
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	95,000	232,219 (b)
Net Total	<u>£689,990</u>	<u>645,417</u>

(a) Expenditure on publications, transport and salaries was greater than expected.

(b) There were increased receipts from the sale of publications, and exhibition admissions.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	49,968	Purchase of portraits	88,062
Grant in Aid, 1977-78 (Subhead A3)	90,000		
Donations	6,260	Balance, 31 March 1978	58,166
	<u>£146,228</u>		<u>£146,228</u>

J. T. Hayes
Accounting Officer

10 August 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

TATE GALLERY

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Tate Gallery, including purchase grants in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 Tate Gallery (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	1,677,990			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	<u>214,000</u>			
	1,463,990	1,348,956	115,034	—
A2 Indemnities				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,000</u>			
	1,010	636	374	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	570,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>44,000</u>			
	614,000	614,000	—	—
A4 Special Grant				
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>190,000</u>	190,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	2,248,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>21,000</u>			
	£ 2,269,000	2,153,592	115,408	—
	Surplus		115,408	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£115,407.95</u>	

Notes

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
General expenses including salaries	1,466,490	1,354,208
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,252 (a)</u>
Net Total	<u>£1,463,990</u>	<u>1,348,956</u>

(a) Due to unforeseen catalogue sales receipts and larger than expected VAT refunds.

Other Note

Rent-free office and waiting room accommodation is provided for the Friends of the Tate Gallery and rent-free office and storage accommodation for the Contemporary Art Society.

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	188,219	Purchases	1,203,228
Grant in Aid, 1977-78 (Subhead A3)	614,000		
Special Grant (Subhead A4)	190,000		
Donations	263,833	Balance, 31 March 1978	52,824
	<u>£1,256,052</u>		<u>£1,256,052</u>

Norman Reid
Accounting Officer

25 September 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

WALLACE COLLECTION

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Wallace Collection.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 Wallace Collection (Net)	355,000	310,503	44,497	—
		Surplus	44,497	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£44,496·91</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
Donation	—	75

Note

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	310,000	303,374
General expenses	58,350	41,774 (a)
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	368,350	355,148
	13,350	34,645 (b)
Net Total	<u>£355,000</u>	<u>310,503</u>

(a) Closure of some of the galleries for building work led to the postponement of certain Conservation of Works of Art, Publicity, and projects.

(b) Increase in the volume of services rendered, postponement of the closure of some of the galleries for building work and increased sales following repeat of TV programme in August 1977.

T. W. I. Hodgkinson

Accounting Officer

19 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the National Gallery of Scotland, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, including purchase grants in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 National Galleries of Scotland (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	546,740			
<i>Supplementary</i>	25,000			
	571,740	546,425	25,315	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art: Purchases (Grant in Aid)	177,000	177,000	—	—
A4 National Gallery of Scotland: Purchases (Grant in Aid)	96,250	96,250	—	—
A5 Scottish National Portrait Gallery: Purchases (Grant in Aid)	25,000	25,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	845,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	25,000			
	£ 870,000	844,675	25,325	—
	Surplus		25,325	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£25,324.66	

Note

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	505,000	495,315
General expenses	83,750	68,582
	588,750	563,897
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	17,010	17,472
Net Total	£571,740	546,425

**GRANT IN AID ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 1978**

	Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art: Purchases (Grant in Aid) Subhead A3	National Gallery of Scotland: Purchases (Grant in Aid) Subhead A4	Scottish National Portrait Gallery: Purchases (Grant in Aid) Subhead A5
Balances, 1 April 1977	£ 22,834	£ 78,076	£ 15,742
Grants in Aid 1977-1978	177,000	96,250	25,000
Totals	£ 199,834	174,326	40,742
<i>Deduct</i> Purchases	95,465	35,802	29,295
Balances, 31 March 1978	£ 104,369	138,524	11,447

Colin Thompson
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES OF SCOTLAND

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, including a purchase grant in aid.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
ARTS				
A1 National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland (Net)	279,990	272,133	7,857	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	50,000	50,000	—	—
TOTAL	£ 330,000	322,133	7,867	—
Surplus			7,867	
Actual surplus to be surrendered			<u>£7,866·91</u>	

Losses Statement

Cash loss by theft (1 case)—prosecution was not practicable. £287

Notes*Gifts Received*

Part of Seafield Collection of arms and armour accepted by Treasury in lieu of Estate Duty at a cost to the National Land Fund of £170,000.

Royal Scottish Museum—Kilt, jacket and pocket-book (£500); sporran (£100).

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	237,000	228,535
General expenses	44,000	45,574
	<u>281,000</u>	<u>274,109</u>
<i>Less:</i>		
Receipts	1,010	1,976 (a)
Net Total	<u>£279,990</u>	<u>272,133</u>

(a) Receipts from sales of publications were underestimated.

**PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978**

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	43,923	Purchases	79,800
Grant in Aid transferred from Vote for National Museum of Antiqui- ties of Scotland (Subhead A3)	50,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	15,823
Donations	1,700		
	<u>£95,623</u>		<u>£95,623</u>

Alexander Fenton
Accounting Officer

2 November 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

ARTS (SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT)

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Scottish Education Department on the Royal Scottish Museum and certain grants for the arts including purchase grants in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated Expenditure £	Actual Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.6		
ARTS		
A	1,085,000	1,077,084
B	490,000	490,000
Total	<u>£1,575,000</u>	<u>£1,567,084</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
SECTION A				
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES				
A1 Royal Scottish Museum (Net)				
<i>Original</i>	920,980			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>19,000</u>			
	939,980	932,084	7,896	—
A2 Indemnities	10	—	10	—
A3 Purchases (Grant in Aid)	100,000	100,000	—	—
A4 Purchases by Local Museums (Grant in Aid)	40,000	40,000	—	—
A5 Scientific, &c., Purchases by Local Museums (Grant in Aid)	5,000	5,000	—	—
A6 Burrell Collection	10	—	10	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION B				
OTHER ARTS				
B1 Scottish Council for Museums and Galleries	100,000	100,000	—	—
B2 Scottish Opera <i>Supplementary</i>	390,000	390,000	—	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,166,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	409,000			
	<u>£ 1,575,000</u>	<u>1,567,084</u>	7,916	—
	Surplus		7,916	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£7,916·29</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	—
Proceeds from sale of exhibition set and defunct freeze dryer	—	2,464·20

Losses Statement

	£
Stores loss due to theft—Frame of 8 medals stolen from the Scottish United Services Museum; Police enquiry continuing (Items written off in 1976-77 and now found amount to £360)	516

Notes*Gifts Made*

A gift to the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland of kilt, jacket and pocket book valued at £500 and a sporran valued at £100.

Gifts Received

Part of Seafield Collection of arms and armour accepted by Treasury in lieu of Estate Duty at a cost to the National Land Fund of £42,515.

Mr. Charles W. Stewart—Collection of Period Costume (£50,000).

Ministry of Defence—Blue Steel “Stand-off” Bomb (£650).

Details of Subhead A1

	Estimated	Actual
	£	£
Salaries, etc.	769,000	762,974
General expenses	171,730	169,924
	<u>940,730</u>	<u>932,898</u>
<i>Less:</i>		
Miscellaneous receipts	750	814
Net Total	<u>£939,980</u>	<u>932,084</u>

PURCHASES (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	7,434	Purchases and subscriptions	49,770 (a)
Grant in Aid transferred from Vote for Arts (Scottish Education Department) (Subhead A3)	100,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	57,664
	<u>£107,434</u>		<u>£107,434</u>

(a) Additional expenditure amounting to £4,301 for binding books was borne on the Vote for Stationery and Printing (Class XIV, Vote 2).

PURCHASES BY LOCAL MUSEUMS (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	5,751	Grants	41,700
Grants in Aid transferred from Vote for Arts (Scottish Education Department) (Subhead A4)	40,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	4,051
	<u>£45,751</u>		<u>£45,751</u>

SCIENTIFIC, &c., PURCHASES BY LOCAL MUSEUMS (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	13,205	Grants	8,298
Grant in Aid transferred from Vote for Arts (Scottish Education Department) (Subhead A5)	5,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	9,907
	<u>£18,205</u>		<u>£18,205</u>

RESTORATION WORK BY LOCAL MUSEUMS (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	1,595	Balance, 31 March 1978	1,595
	<u>£1,595</u>		<u>£1,595</u>

J. A. M. Mitchell
Accounting Officer

13 October 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

ARTS: ARTS COUNCIL AND OTHER GRANTS

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for grants in aid to the Arts Council and certain other institutions and for other grants for the Arts.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated Expenditure £	Actual Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 10.6		
ARTS		
A	48,701,000	48,103,502
B	960,000	912,544
Total	<u>£49,661,000</u>	<u>49,106,046</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 10.6				
SECTION A				
OTHER ARTS				
A1 Arts Council of Great Britain (Grant in Aid) (<i>see Appendix</i>)				
Original	41,700,000			
Supplementary	25,000			
Supplementary	6,421			
	<u>41,731,421</u>	41,731,421	—	—
A2 South Bank Theatre Board (Grant in Aid)	1,250,010	701,000	549,010	—
A3 British Film Institute (Grant in Aid)	3,480,000	3,480,000	—	—
A4 National Film School: Grant	500,000	500,000	—	—
A5 Assistance for Local Museums:				
Grant				
Original	900,000			
Supplementary	6,500			
	<u>906,500</u>	906,174	326	—
A6 Bodies associated with Crafts: Grants	770,000	768,580	1,420	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 Due to delays in the completion of stage equipment and the non-arrival of some large bills expected before the end of the financial year.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A7 Research Projects and Surveys in Museums and Galleries, including Local Museums, and the Arts				
<i>Original</i>	50,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	11,931			
	38,069	9,700	28,369	—
A8 Public Lending Right				
<i>Original</i>	50,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	25,000			
	25,000	6,627	18,373	—
SECTION B				
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES				
B1 Sir John Soane's Museum (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	78,460			
<i>Supplementary</i>	8,224			
	86,684	68,976	17,708	—
B2 Museum of London: Grant				
<i>Original</i>	880,530			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	7,224			
	873,306	843,568	29,738	—
B3 Indemnities				
<i>Supplementary</i>	10	—	10	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	49,659,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	£ 49,661,000	49,016,046	644,954	—
	Surplus		644,954	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£644,953·72	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

A7 Fewer projects than expected materialised.

A8 Due to a reduction in the size of the programme of studies.

B1 Due mainly to provision having been made for the introduction of a staff superannuation scheme which was not implemented.

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Royal Albert Hall: part repayment of loan	1,600	1,600·00

Note*Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978*

Royal Albert Hall	£5,600
45 loans to artist/craftsmen	£47,385

J. A. Hamilton

Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

APPENDIX
ARTS COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance, 1 April 1977	65,471	England	32,566,498
Grant in Aid	41,731,421	Scotland	4,970,723
		Wales	3,133,255
		Housing the Arts	584,018
		Balance, 31 March 1978	542,398
	£41,796,892		£41,796,892

DETAILS OF PAYMENTS (NET)

ENGLAND		£	£
General expenditure on the Arts:			
Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited, English National Opera, National Theatre Board and Royal Shakespeare Theatre		11,448,319	
Music, opera and dance		5,685,959	
Drama		6,437,324	
Art		1,824,089	
Literature		482,014	
Festivals		98,800	
Arts Associations and Arts Centres		4,535,728	
Education in the Arts		249,869	
		30,762,102	
Administration and operational expenditure			1,804,396
			£32,566,498
SCOTLAND			
General expenditure on the Arts:			
Music, opera and dance		2,539,015	
Drama		1,004,359	
Art		456,710	
Literature		173,899	
Festivals		251,080	
Arts Centres and Arts Clubs		225,586	
		4,650,649	
Administration and operational expenditure			320,074
			£4,970,723
WALES			
General expenditure on the Arts:			
Music, opera and dance		1,025,396	
Drama		962,408	
Art		216,979	
Literature		258,741	
Festivals		60,505	
Arts Associations and Arts Centres		220,650	
		2,744,679	
Administration and operational expenditure			388,576
			£3,133,255

Notes

1. The above figures which are on a cash ("receipts and payments") basis are not comparable with those given in the Appendix to the 1977-78 Estimates for Class X, Vote 26 (H.C. 231 of 1976-77) because the latter figures were compiled by the Arts Council on a "commitments" basis.
2. The statements of details of payments include capital expenditure: building improvements £32,691; works of art, £108,582; equipment, £32,987; and vehicles, £23,917.
3. Indemnity payments made by the Arts Council amounted to £6,623.

Losses Statement

Cash loss due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc.	£1,135
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Notes*Gifts Received*

Donations of £12,908 were received.

Loans outstanding and Investments held at 31 March 1978

	£
Loan to an orchestra	140,000
Loan to a drama company	15,000
Loan to an art organisation	53,000
Loan to an art studio	1,625
Loans to individuals	16,317
Loans to theatre companies	214,000
Loan to an opera company	400,000
£2,869 4¼% British Electricity guaranteed stock 1974-79 (Market value £2,788)	2,419
£743 5% Treasury Stock 1986-89 (Market value £507)	647
5,870 units Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Market value £8,239)	3,082

Roy Shaw

Accounting Officer

7 December 1978

I have examined the above Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

CLASS XI

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL
SOCIAL SERVICES**

CLASS XI: HEALTH AND

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
104	1	Health and Personal Social Services, England	5,667,185,010	626,115,010	5,041,070,000
119	2	Health &c., Scotland	771,071,040	62,076,040	708,995,000
127	3	Social Work, Scotland	6,004,000	9,000	5,995,000
130	4	Health and Personal Social Services, Wales	352,911,300	32,369,300	320,542,000
		Total	£ 6,797,171,350	720,569,350	6,076,602,000

PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
5,618,659,225	626,115,010	4,992,544,215	48,525,785	—	48,525,785	4,305,891·35	1
755,548,403	62,076,040	693,472,363	15,522,637	—	15,522,637	923,453·85	2
5,367,247	8,806	5,358,441	636,753	194	636,559	326·22	3
348,756,169	32,244,997	316,511,172	4,155,131	124,303	4,030,828	119,883·78	4
6,728,331,044	720,444,853	6,007,886,191	68,840,306	124,497		5,349,555·20	
Total amount to be surrendered					£ 68,715,809		
Actual total amount to be surrendered						£68,715,808·98	

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, ENGLAND

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on the provision of services under the National Health Service in England, on other health and personal social services including certain services in relation to the United Kingdom, and on research, services for the disabled, welfare food and certain other services; including grants in aid, international subscriptions and grants under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 11.1 HEALTH						
A	4,291,300,000	35,004,000	4,256,296,000	4,274,270,755	37,188,455	4,237,082,300
B	1,152,000,000	5,323,000	1,146,677,000	1,132,823,987	5,488,376	1,127,335,611
C	14,303,000	560,000	13,743,000	14,124,456	615,440	13,509,016
D	31,810,000	60,000	31,750,000	30,059,294	44,300	30,014,994
E	17,740,000	3,542,000	14,198,000	16,844,238	3,505,456	13,338,782
F	17,436,000	316,000	17,120,000	17,153,264	313,955	16,839,309
G	33,866,000	10,986,000	22,880,000	31,705,382	10,459,570	21,245,812
H	—	569,124,000	(569,124,000)	—	569,861,332	(569,861,332)
	5,558,455,000	624,915,000	4,933,540,000	5,516,981,376	627,476,884	4,889,504,492
PROGRAMME 11.2 PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES						
I	7,985,000	204,000	7,781,000	6,620,887	184,675	6,436,212
PROGRAMME 11.3 CENTRAL AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES						
J	23,610,000	305,000	23,305,000	22,918,983	362,874	22,556,109
K	47,507,000	530,000	46,977,000	45,415,547	646,512	44,769,035
L	19,864,990	160,000	19,704,990	18,729,785	176,613	18,553,172
M	8,632,020	10	8,632,010	6,875,358	—	6,875,358
	99,614,010	995,010	98,619,000	93,939,673	1,185,999	92,753,674
PROGRAMME 9.4 CIVIL DEFENCE						
N	861,000	1,000	860,000	847,289	2,907	844,382
PROGRAMME 4.3 GENERAL SUPPORT TO INDUSTRY						
O	270,000	—	270,000	270,000	—	270,000
Total	£5,667,185,010	626,115,010	5,041,070,000	5,618,659,225	628,850,465	*4,989,808,760

*This figure is £2,735,455 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£628,850,465) and those authorised to be applied (£626,115,010).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 11.1				
SECTION A				
HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES*				
A1 Current Advances to Health Authorities				
<i>Original</i>	3,678,300,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	200,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	98,000,000			
	3,976,300,000	3,954,648,199	21,651,801	—
A2 Capital Advances to Health Authorities				
<i>Original</i>	294,390,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	20,289,000			
	314,679,000	319,166,471	—	4,487,471
A3 Production Costs for Standard Departments				
<i>Original</i>	9,990			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	8,990			
	1,000	992	8	—
A4 Payments to Local Authorities				
<i>Original</i>	10,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	10,000			
	20,000	14,467	5,533	—
A5 Bank Charges				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	199,990			
	200,000	199,374	626	—
A6 Urban Programme: Contribution towards health projects in inner cities areas				
<i>Supplementary</i>	100,000	241,252	—	141,252
SECTION B				
FAMILY PRACTITIONERS*				
B1 General Medical Services				
<i>Original</i>	329,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	6,000,000			
	335,000,000	332,880,648	2,119,352	—
B2 Pharmaceutical Services				
<i>Original</i>	498,200,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	60,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	26,300,000			
	584,500,000	577,376,459	7,123,541	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A4 The estimate is necessarily conjectural.

A6 Work proceeded more quickly than expected.

*See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
B3 General Dental Services				
<i>Original</i>	169,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	14,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,000,000			
	<u>186,500,000</u>	178,670,552	7,829,448	—
B4 General Ophthalmic Services				
<i>Original</i>	43,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	500,000			
	<u>46,000,000</u>	43,896,328	2,103,672	—
SECTION C				
DEPARTMENTAL HOSPITALS				
C1 Special Hospitals				
<i>Original</i>	14,020,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	104,000			
	<u>13,916,000</u>	13,770,797	145,203	—
C2 War Pensioner Hospital				
<i>Original</i>	361,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	26,000			
	<u>387,000</u>	353,659	33,341	—
SECTION D				
TRAINING				
D1 Training and Refresher Courses for General Medical Practitioners, Dentists, Pharmacists, Opticians and Ancillary Workers				
	1,055,000	934,021	120,979	—
D2 NHS Staff Training Services				
<i>Original</i>	3,770,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	826,000			
	<u>2,944,000</u>	2,307,659	636,341	—
D3 Professions Supplementary to Medicine, Support of occupational therapy students				
<i>Original</i>	395,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	208,000			
	<u>603,000</u>	606,112	—	3,112
D4 Miscellaneous training grants	138,000	122,368	15,632	—
D5 General Nursing Council	444,000	454,881	—	10,881
D6 General Nursing Council: Advances				
<i>Original</i>	24,590,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,718,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	795,000			
	<u>25,513,000</u>	24,581,341	931,659	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

D1 Fewer courses and travelling expenses than expected.

D2 Deferment of some training projects.

D4 Fewer bursaries granted than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
D7 Joint Board of Clinical Nursing Studies				
<i>Original</i>	275,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	11,000			
	286,000	281,070	4,930	—
D8 Committee of Management of the School for Dental Auxiliaries Limited				
<i>Original</i>	349,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	24,000			
	373,000	349,326	23,674	—
D9 Midwife Teachers Training College (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	16,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,000			
	19,000	16,000	3,000	—
D10 Council for Education and Training of Health Visitors: Expenses *				
<i>Original</i>	309,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	24,000			
	285,000	266,621	18,379	—
D11 Council for Postgraduate Medical Education and Training				
<i>Original</i>	131,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	19,000			
	150,000	139,895	10,105	—
SECTION E				
LABORATORY, VACCINE AND MEDICINES ACTS SERVICES				
E1 Public Health Laboratory Service Board *				
<i>Original</i>	10,430,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	706,000			
	11,136,000	11,059,609	76,391	—
E2 Blood Group Reference Laboratory and Blood Products Laboratories				
<i>Original</i>	1,276,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	232,000			
	1,508,000	1,459,385	48,615	—
E3 Malaria Reference Laboratory: Advances	9,000	8,158	842	—
E4 National Radiological Protection Board: Advances *				
<i>Original</i>	985,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	97,000			
	1,082,000	948,000	134,000	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

D9 Full take-up of grant not required.

E4 There was an increase in charges for services rendered and a delay in some construction work.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
E5 National Biological Standards Board: Advances *				
Original	1,420,000			
Supplementary	179,000			
	1,599,000	1,530,738	68,262	—
E6 National Biological Standards Board *				
Original	525,000			
Less Supplementary	475,000			
	50,000	19,388	30,612	—
E7 Vaccines, Drugs, &c.				
Original	797,000			
Supplementary	614,000			
	1,411,000	934,424	476,576	—
E8 Expenditure under the Medicines Acts				
Original	528,000			
Less Supplementary	118,000			
	410,000	377,678	32,322	—
E9 Department of Health and Social Security Toxicology Laboratory	56,000	58,956	—	2,956
E10 Laboratory of the Government Chemist				
Original	230,000			
Less Supplementary	14,000			
	216,000	207,953	8,047	—
E11 National Organ Matching and Distribution Service and National Tissue Typing Laboratory				
Supplementary	100,000			
Supplementary	163,000			
	263,000	239,949	23,051	—
SECTION F				
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMON SERVICES				
F1 Prescription Pricing Authority *				
Original	5,767,000			
Supplementary	392,000			
	6,159,000	6,006,315	152,685	—
F2 Dental Estimates Board *				
Original	5,759,000			
Supplementary	133,000			
	5,892,000	5,808,163	83,837	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

E6 Slippage in Clare Hall building programme.

E7 Production delays and failure of overseas supplies to meet specification.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
F3 Health Education Council: Advances <i>Original</i> 2,524,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 343,000	2,867,000	2,917,577	—	50,577
F4 Central Register <i>Original</i> 1,839,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 102,000	1,941,000	1,886,781	54,219	—
F5 Inquiries, Tribunals, Committees, &c. <i>Original</i> 289,010 <i>Supplementary</i> 89,990	379,000	365,542	13,458	—
F6 Health Services Board (Grant in Aid)* <i>Original</i> 154,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 11,000	165,000	135,886	29,114	—
F7 Association of Community Health Councils: Advances <i>Supplementary</i>	33,000	33,000	—	—
SECTION G				
OTHER HEALTH SERVICES				
G1 Subscriptions, &c., to International Organisations <i>Original</i> 4,757,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 15,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 45,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 224,113	4,592,887	4,595,198	—	2,311
G2 Centrally Purchased Supplies and Equipment <i>Original</i> 2,999,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 276,990	2,722,010	1,783,129	938,881	—
G3 Purchases on Repayment for Other Government Departments, Local Authorities, &c. <i>Original</i> 9,604,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 535,000	10,139,000	9,853,872	285,128	—
G4 Compensation <i>Original</i> 852,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 261,000	1,113,000	1,209,468	—	96,468

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

F6 Cancellation of move to new premises.

G2 Lower level of stocks and reduced demand for supplies requiring inspection services.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
G5 Transferred Liabilities				
<i>Original</i>	11,982,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	1,380,000			
	10,602,000	9,983,991	618,009	—
G6 Port Health, Health Control and Medical Examination of Entrants				
<i>Original</i>	417,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	42,000			
	459,000	463,497	—	4,497
G7 Advances in respect of reimbursement of medical costs of treatment under European Economic Community Social Security Regulations				
<i>Original</i>	4,287,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	853,000			
	3,434,000	3,138,018	295,982	—
G8 Attachment Scheme for overseas doctors				
<i>Original</i>	184,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	23,000			
	161,000	100,285	60,715	—
G9 Experimental Centres for Addictions				
<i>Original</i>	300,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	155,000			
	145,000	127,185	17,815	—
G10 Other payments and expenses				
<i>Original</i>	490,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	25,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	33,103			
	498,103	450,739	47,364	—
PROGRAMME 11.2				
SECTION I				
PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES				
I1 Child Care Services				
<i>Original</i>	4,102,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	548,000			
	3,554,000	2,524,376	1,029,624	—
I2 Personal Social Services Council:				
Advances				
<i>Original</i>	86,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	15,000			
	101,000	73,380	27,620	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

G8 Fewer attachments than expected.

G9 Delay in commencement of a new centre.

I1 Fewer grants in respect of Assisted Community Homes and Registered Voluntary Homes, less payments to local authorities for secure accommodation than expected and one month's delay in opening a new Youth Treatment Centre.

I2 Lower administrative costs than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
I3 Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work: Expenses *				
Original				
1,285,000				
Less Supplementary				
26,000				
	1,259,000	1,147,804	111,196	—
I4 Grants for Training in Social Work				
Original				
2,812,000				
Supplementary				
259,000				
	3,071,000	2,875,327	195,673	—
PROGRAMME 11.3				
SECTION J				
RESEARCH				
J1 Assessment and Development of Supplies and Equipment				
Original				
2,092,000				
Less Supplementary				
86,000				
	2,006,000	1,460,876	545,124	—
J2 Biomechanical Research and Development Unit	237,000	223,995	13,005	—
J3 Hospital clinical research				
Original				
1,975,000				
Supplementary				
128,000				
	2,103,000	2,009,138	93,862	—
J4 Medical, social science and operational research and development for health and personal social services (including child care)				
Original				
6,821,000				
Supplementary				
279,000				
	7,100,000	7,457,292	—	357,292
J5 Research and Development on the use of Computers				
Original				
3,828,000				
Less Supplementary				
1,534,000				
	2,294,000	1,933,507	360,493	—
J6 Architectural and engineering research and development				
Original				
1,027,000				
Less Supplementary				
77,000				
	950,000	911,403	38,597	—
J7 Commissioned Research: Medical Research Council	8,920,000	8,922,772	—	2,772

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

J1 Slippage on some research projects.

J5 The anticipated level of development was not reached.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION K				
SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED				
K1 Artificial Limb and Appliance Centres				
<i>Original</i>	5,267,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	26,000			
	5,293,000	5,241,834	51,166	—
K2 Supply, Repair, &c., of Artificial Limbs and Appliances, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	21,118,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	254,000			
	21,372,000	20,149,681	1,222,319	—
K3 Supply, Repair, Maintenance, &c., of Invalid Vehicles, Cars, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	14,899,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,837,000			
	18,736,000	18,026,996	709,004	—
K4 Assistance to Disabled Persons				
<i>Original</i>	2,002,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,000			
	2,007,000	1,945,596	61,404	—
K5 Assessment of Aids for the Disabled	99,000	51,440	47,560	—
SECTION L				
WELFARE FOOD				
L1 National Milk Scheme				
<i>Original</i>	17,459,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,068,990			
	18,527,990	17,460,441	1,067,549	—
L2 Dried Milk				
<i>Original</i>	400,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	468,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	237,000			
	1,105,000	1,040,371	64,629	—
L3 Other Welfare Food				
<i>Original</i>	199,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	33,000			
	232,000	228,973	3,027	—
SECTION M				
OTHER SERVICES				
M1 Information Services				
<i>Original</i>	1,262,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	80,000			
	1,342,000	1,109,938	232,062	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

K5 The programme for evaluating new aids progressed more slowly than expected.

M1 Postponement of an advertising campaign and reduction in the level of recruitment publicity.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
M2 Grants to Voluntary Organisations	5,140,000	3,671,839	1,468,161	—
M3 Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust— Very Severely Congenitally Handi- capped Children (Grant in Aid)	2,000,000	2,000,000	—	—
M4 Central Funding of Nursing and Hospi- tal Careers Information Centre	64,000	59,412	4,588	—
M5 Capital Expenditure on Accom- modation for Deaf/Blind Young People <i>Original</i> 85,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 39,000	46,000	5,000	41,000	—
M6 Miscellaneous payments and expenses <i>Original</i> 15,010 <i>Supplementary</i> 4,000	19,010	14,500	4,510	—
M7 Contribution to low back pain clinic projects <i>Supplementary</i> 31,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 10,000	21,000	14,669	6,331	—
M8 Indemnity to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority <i>Supplementary</i>	10	—	10	—
PROGRAMME 9.4				
SECTION N				
CIVIL DEFENCE				
N1 Storage of Materials for Reserve <i>Original</i> 853,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 7,000	860,000	846,013	13,987	—
N2 Miscellaneous expenditure <i>Original</i> 1,010 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 10	1,000	1,276	—	276

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

M2 Spending delays due to slippage and some expected grants not taken up.

M5 Underspending due to slippage.

M6 The estimate is necessarily conjectural.

M7 Delayed start at a centre.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 4.3				
SECTION O				
SELECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES, FIRMS AND UNDERTAKINGS: SECTION 8 OF THE INDUSTRY ACT 1972				
O1 Grants to Industrial Undertakings	270,000	270,000	—	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	5,231,541,030			
<i>Supplementary</i>	200,146,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	85,341,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	150,156,980			
	£ 5,667,185,010	5,618,659,225	53,685,650	5,159,865
Z				
<i>Deduct Appropriations in Aid</i>		<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>	
<i>Original</i>	606,303,030			
<i>Supplementary</i>	7,162,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,649,980			
		626,115,010	626,115,010	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	4,625,238,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	200,146,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	78,179,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	137,507,000			
	£ 5,041,070,000	4,992,544,215	Surplus 48,525,785	
Actual surplus to be surrendered			£48,525,784·50	

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	626,115,010	628,850,465·47
(ii) Receipts of other classes	698,000	1,570,435·88
Total	£626,813,010	630,420,901·35
Appropriated in aid		626,115,010·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		£4,305,891·35

Details of Receipts

	Estimated £	Realised £
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Recoveries in respect of pay and amenity beds and other services	31,000,000	32,640,971
Receipts from the sale of land and buildings, materials, etc.	4,000,000	4,543,217 (a)
Miscellaneous receipts	4,000	4,267
	£35,004,000	37,188,455
Subhead BZ		
Treatment of service personnel: Contributions from Ministry of Defence	58,000	61,900
Prescription charges surrendered by dispensing medical practitioners, etc.	950,000	986,718
Receipts from the sale of pre-payment certificates	750,000	755,555
Receipts from drug manufacturers	3,520,000	3,638,632
Patients' charges for dental services at health centres	45,000	45,571
	£5,323,000	5,488,376
Subhead CZ		
Receipts for staff quarters, meals, etc.	£560,000	615,440
Subhead DZ		
Miscellaneous receipts	£60,000	44,300 (b)
Subhead EZ		
Contribution towards the cost of the National Radiological Protection Board by Scottish Home and Health Department	302,000	218,000 (c)
Fees for licences (Medicines Acts) etc.	1,950,000	2,034,763
Receipts from Public Health Laboratories	954,000	985,349
Receipts from Blood Group Reference Laboratory	5,000	2,178 (d)
Contribution towards the costs of the National Biological Standards Board by Scottish Home and Health Department, Welsh Office and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland	280,000	206,854 (e)
Other receipts	25,000	34,317 (f)
Contribution towards the cost of the National Organ Matching and Distribution Service and National Tissue Typing Laboratory by Scottish Home and Health Department	26,000	23,995
	£3,542,000	3,505,456
Subhead FZ		
Contribution from Welsh Office towards the cost of the Dental Estimates Board	264,000	261,367
Health Services Board:		
(a) Fees for authorisations	500	500
(b) Contributions from Welsh Office and Scottish Home and Health Department	21,500	18,586 (g)
Prescription Pricing for Isle of Man and Jersey	30,000	33,502 (h)
	£316,000	313,955

(a) More land sales than expected.

(b) Lower general expenses than expected and settlement with Northern Ireland not completed.

(c) Smaller contribution from SHHD because of slippage of capital scheme and lower funding requirements.

(d) An expected grant from WHO was not received.

(e) Some receipts due in the year did not arrive until 1978-79.

(f) Higher sales abroad of drug samples.

(g) Contributions reduced as a result of lower expenditure by the Board.

(h) More prescriptions priced than expected.

Details of Receipts *contd.*

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Subhead GZ		
Recoveries from other government departments, local authorities, etc., for purchases on repayment	10,139,000	9,866,773
Repayment of Group Practice Loans	127,000	138,981
Reports by general practitioners	75,000	75,454
Recoveries in respect of redundancy payments	65,000	46,305 (i)
Receipts in respect of reimbursement of medical costs of treatment under European Economic Community Social Security Regulations	122,000	8,425 (j)
National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973, section 16, receipts	300,000	170,991 (k)
Other receipts	158,000	152,641
	<u>£10,986,000</u>	<u>10,459,570</u>
Subhead HZ		
Contributions towards the cost of the National Health Service	£569,124,000	569,861,332
Subhead IZ		
Receipts for accommodation, etc., at Youth Treatment Centres	201,000	183,259
Training grants, etc., recoveries in respect of courses prematurely terminated	3,000	1,416 (l)
	<u>£204,000</u>	<u>184,675</u>
Subhead JZ		
Income from royalties, etc.	302,000	358,415 (m)
Miscellaneous receipts	3,000	4,459 (n)
	<u>£305,000</u>	<u>362,874</u>
Subhead KZ		
Miscellaneous receipts	£530,000	646,512 (o)
Subhead LZ		
Recoveries in respect of Welfare Food Service	£160,000	176,613 (p)
Subhead MZ		
Miscellaneous receipts	£10	—
Subhead NZ		
Proceeds from sale of Civil Defence stockpile items	£1,000	2,907 (q)
Total	<u>£626,115,010</u>	<u>628,850,465</u>

- (i) Redundancy payments less than expected.
(j) Settlements with other EEC countries not completed.
(k) Fewer car loan repayments received from ex-local authority staff than expected.
(l) Fewer students ended their training prematurely.
(m) Increase in sale of equipment attracting royalties.
(n) More sales to overseas governments than expected.
(o) More receipts from sales of old motor cars than expected.
(p) Receipts from sale of vitamins were greater than expected.
(q) Proceeds from stockpile sales more than expected.

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Details of receipts contd.		
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Repayment of outstanding capital grants from local authorities and assisted community homes following the transfer of voluntary approved schools to the community homes system under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 and the recovery of overpayments of specific grants to approved schools and remand homes in earlier years	12,000	306,538 (r)
Receipts of interest in respect of car loans	627,000	715,105 (s)
Miscellaneous receipts	4,000	494,057 (t)
Receipts from the sale of surplus National Dried Milk	55,000	54,736
Total	£698,000	1,570,436

(r) Unexpected repayment of grant late in the year.

(s) Amount of car loans higher than expected.

(t) Mainly the transfer value in respect of certain staff of the National Biological Standards Board.

Losses Statement

Summary

	£
Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson* (4 cases)	33
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (30 cases)	4,261
Cash losses due to other causes (12 cases)	1,063
Total Cash Losses	£5,357
Fruitless payments (8 cases)	£2,202
Claims abandoned (176 cases)	£129,189
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. *(86 cases)	3,686
Stores losses due to other causes (446 cases)	13,890
Total Stores Losses	£17,576

Losses incurred on Welfare Food Service:

Losses of welfare food tokens misused by beneficiaries, retailers and third parties (2,267 tokens) £1,571

Potential losses during the year resulting from possible misuse of welfare milk tokens by unauthorised persons are estimated to be £5,307.

* Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Details

	£
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc.	
Apportioned share of erroneous refunds of Social Security contributions	2,726
Cash losses due to other causes	
Apportioned share of the face value of insurance stamps (relating to contributions towards the cost of the National Health Service) recorded as lost or stolen whilst held at post offices	557
Fruitless payments	
Cancellation charge for administrators development course place not taken up	824
Net charge incurred when unsuitable toxicology laboratory equipment was replaced	1,067
Claims abandoned	
Department car damaged beyond repair by unauthorised driver whose whereabouts are unknown	778
Apportioned share of waivers and remissions of Social Security contributions	123,587
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.	
Theft of various items of equipment from a school of nursing	500
Theft of film projector from a school of nursing	500
Stores losses due to other causes	
Damage to bedding and clothing due to a fire at a Special Hospital	3,973
Damage to Civil Defence stockpile due to a fire at a hospital	1,279

Notes

	£
<i>Ex gratia Payments</i>	
87 compensation payments (of an <i>ex gratia</i> nature)	1,668
13 other <i>ex gratia</i> payments (includes the sum of £187,534 which is considered to be the <i>ex gratia</i> portion of £340,000 paid to a company in compensation for the cancellation of a contract for hearing aids)	225,357

Extra-statutory Payments

Subhead C1 includes extra-statutory payments totalling £6,337 for repatriating 2 patients from Broadmoor Hospital and 3 patients from Rampton Hospital.
 Subhead E8 includes 3 extra-statutory payments totalling £145 to manufacturers as refundment of fees already paid on withdrawal of applications under the Medicines Act 1968.
 Subhead G4 includes 124 extra-statutory payments totalling £231,278 in respect of redundancy and retirements in the interests of efficiency.
 Subhead L1 includes 37,926 extra-statutory payments totalling £330,389 to beneficiaries under the Welfare Food Service through alleged or admitted official error or from the incorrect use of tokens by distributors, etc.

Gifts Made

Blankets from Civil Defence stock to Ministry of Defence; the value of this gift was estimated at £39,688.
 Land was leased at a nominal rent to the Institute of Cancer Research; the value of this gift was estimated at £50,000.

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loans to voluntary approved schools under section 104 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933

£7,919

Other Notes

Sections A and B, and Subheads D10, E1, E4, E5, E6, F1, F2, F6 and I3. The Accounts of the following are published separately as White Papers: the Hospital, Community Health and Family Practitioner Services together with the Prescription Pricing Authority and the Dental Estimates Board; the Council for Education and Training of Health Visitors and the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work; the Public Health Laboratory Service Board; the National Radiological Protection Board; the National Biological Standards Board; and the Health Services Board. Losses, etc., relating to these Accounts are detailed in the White Papers.

The gross amount charged to Subhead A1 consists of (1) cash advances by the Secretary of State and (2) superannuation contributions and certain other receipts retained by Health Authorities in lieu of advances. Payments made by the Authorities include certain agency payments made on behalf of the Secretary of State. The amounts shown in the Account are net after agency payments have been transferred to their proper subheads. The receipts under (2) above are accounted for under Subhead Z as Appropriations in Aid or as receipts of other classes under this Vote or under Class XVII, Vote 6. The figures of receipts and agency payments used in this Account are based on accounts of Health Authorities before audit was completed. Audit reservations received after the Appropriation Accounts for 1976-77 (Class XI, Vote 1, Class XII, Vote 5 and Class XVII, Vote 5) were signed disclosed a net overcharge to Class XI, Vote 1 of £23,075, an overcharge of £7,359 to Class XII, Vote 5 and an undercharge of £12,185 to Class XVII, Vote 5. A net overcredit of receipts in Class XI, Vote 1 of £33,155 and a net undercredit of receipts in Class XVII, Vote 5 of £964 were also revealed.

The expenditure for Pharmaceutical Services (Subhead B2) includes £5,018,250.13 (gross £5,183,096.46 less associated patients' charges of £164,846.33) in respect of the net cost of prescriptions written by hospital doctors for certain out-patients and dispensed by chemists.

Patrick Nairne
Accounting Officer

27 November 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

HEALTH, &c., SCOTLAND

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Scottish Home and Health Department on the provision of services under the National Health Service in Scotland, on other health services and on research, services for the disabled, welfare food and certain other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 11.1						
HEALTH						
A	541,633,000	2,030,000	539,603,000	533,546,446	1,778,334	531,768,112
B	46,994,000	200,000	46,794,000	43,000,820	542,016	42,458,804
C	136,225,000	164,000	136,061,000	135,059,498	629,932	134,429,566
D	25,398,010	10	25,398,000	24,463,384	14,342	24,449,042
E	2,469,000	6,000	2,463,000	2,442,278	1,420	2,440,858
F	6,034,010	10	6,034,000	5,470,539	—	5,470,539
G	2,941,000	185,000	2,756,000	2,658,845	181,140	2,477,705
H	—	59,373,000	(59,373,000)	—	59,472,668	(59,472,668)
	<u>761,694,020</u>	<u>61,958,020</u>	<u>699,736,000</u>	<u>746,641,810</u>	<u>62,619,852</u>	<u>684,021,958</u>
PROGRAMME 11.3						
CENTRAL AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES						
I	2,864,000	—	2,864,000	2,684,543	—	2,684,543
J	4,048,000	75,000	3,973,000	3,778,543	71,260	3,707,283
K	2,465,000	43,000	2,422,000	2,443,507	43,343	2,400,164
	<u>9,377,000</u>	<u>118,000</u>	<u>9,259,000</u>	<u>8,906,593</u>	<u>114,603</u>	<u>8,791,990</u>
PROGRAMME 9.4						
CIVIL DEFENCE						
L	20	20	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>£771,071,040</u>	<u>62,076,040</u>	<u>708,995,000</u>	<u>755,548,403</u>	<u>62,734,455</u>	<u>*692,813,948</u>

* This figure is £658,415 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£62,734,455) and those authorised to be applied (£62,076,040).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 11.1				
SECTION A				
HOSPITALS*				
A1 Hospitals: Current Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	468,365,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	24,862,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,799,000			
	506,026,000	499,577,270	6,448,730	—
A2 Hospitals: Capital Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	35,407,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,000,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	1,800,000			
	35,607,000	33,969,176	1,637,824	—
SECTION B				
COMMUNITY SERVICES *				
B1 Community Services: Current Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	40,143,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,553,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	190,000			
	42,886,000	39,212,783	3,673,217	—
B2 Community Services: Capital Expenditure	4,108,000	3,788,037	319,963	—
SECTION C				
FAMILY PRACTITIONERS *				
C1 General Medical Services				
<i>Original</i>	37,669,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,684,000			
	41,353,000	42,093,495	—	740,495
C2 Pharmaceutical Services				
<i>Original</i>	68,084,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,646,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	193,000			
	71,923,000	70,465,140	1,457,860	—
C3 General Dental Services				
<i>Original</i>	17,048,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,590,000			
	18,638,000	17,948,087	689,913	—
C4 General Ophthalmic Services				
<i>Original</i>	3,737,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	574,000			
	4,311,000	4,552,776	—	241,776

* See Other Notes

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION D				
CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICES				
D1 Planning Council				
<i>Original</i>	58,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,000			
	63,000	71,668	—	8,668
D2 Common Services Agency *				
<i>Original</i>	22,691,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,352,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,015,000			
	25,058,000	24,120,638	937,362	—
D3 Other Services				
<i>Original</i>	238,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	23,010			
	261,010	258,054	2,956	—
D4 Health Services Board*				
<i>Supplementary</i>	13,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,000			
	16,000	13,024	2,976	—
SECTION E				
STATE HOSPITAL				
E1 State Hospital				
<i>Original</i>	2,226,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	243,000			
	2,469,000	2,442,278	26,722	—
SECTION F				
TRAINING				
F1 Scottish Council for Post Graduate Medical Education and Training				
<i>Original</i>	531,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,000			
	533,000	419,597	113,403	—
F2 Payments under the Nurses (Scotland) Act 1951				
<i>Original</i>	4,317,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	248,000			
	4,565,000	4,254,162	310,838	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

D1 Additional meetings and carry forward of payment from 1976-77.

D4 Level of activity less than expected.

F1 Mainly due to fewer trainees than expected, and lower level of activity by Regional Committees.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
F3 Committee of Management of the School for Dental Auxiliaries Limited <i>Original</i> 34,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 3,000	31,000	28,713	2,287	—
F4 Health Visitors Training, &c.* <i>Original</i> 213,010 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 65,000	148,010	123,087	24,923	—
F5 Other Training and Refresher Courses <i>Original</i> 756,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 1,000	757,000	644,980	112,020	—
SECTION G				
MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH SERVICES				
G1 National Radiological Protection Board * <i>Original</i> 256,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 51,000	307,000	218,000	89,000	—
G2 Transferred Liabilities	831,000	826,224	4,776	—
G3 Medical and Dental Referee Services	149,000	135,204	13,796	—
G4 Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland <i>Original</i> 30,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 3,000	33,000	31,736	1,264	—
G5 Compensation <i>Original</i> 109,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 10,000	119,000	132,447	—	13,447
G6 Local Health Councils <i>Original</i> 360,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 10 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 32,010	328,000	299,850	28,150	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

F4 Due mainly to a reduction in the number of candidates for training.

F5 Mainly due to fewer courses being held than expected and delay in staff recruitment.

G1 Slippage in the building programme.

G5 The incidence of claims cannot be accurately estimated.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
G7 National Biological Standards Board: Advances *				
<i>Original</i>	195,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	11,000			
	184,000	100,860	83,140	—
G8 Miscellaneous Grants and Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	841,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	140,000			
	981,000	911,880	69,120	—
G9 Laboratory of the Government Chemist				
<i>Supplementary</i>	9,990			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	990			
	9,000	2,644	6,356	—
SECTION H				
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS				
	—	—	—	—
PROGRAMME 11.3				
SECTION I				
RESEARCH				
II Research				
<i>Original</i>	3,102,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	238,000			
	2,864,000	2,684,543	179,457	—
SECTION J				
SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED				
J1 Supply and Repair, &c. of Artificial Limbs and Appliances				
<i>Original</i>	3,508,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	418,000			
	3,926,000	3,655,994	270,006	—
J2 Private Car Allowances				
<i>Original</i>	110,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,000			
	122,000	122,549	—	549
SECTION K				
WELFARE FOOD				
K1 Welfare Food				
<i>Original</i>	2,272,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	193,000			
	2,465,000	2,443,507	21,493	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

G7 Late receipt of final claim and slippage in the capital building programme.

G9 Reimbursement to DHSS not made in 1977-78 as anticipated and level of services lower than expected.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 9.4				
SECTION L				
CIVIL DEFENCE				
L1 Civil Defence: Current Expenditure	10	—	10	—
L2 Storage of Materials for Reserve	10	—	10	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	717,388,030			
<i>Supplementary</i>	38,120,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	15,563,010			
	<u>£771,071,040</u>	755,548,403	16,527,572	1,004,935
		Estimated	Applied	
Z <i>Deduct</i>		—	—	
Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	60,807,030			
<i>Supplementary</i>	692,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	577,010			
	<u>62,076,040</u>	62,076,040		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	656,581,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	37,428,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	14,986,000			
	<u>£708,995,000</u>	693,472,363	Surplus 15,522,637	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£15,522,637·18</u>	

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	62,076,040	62,734,454·55
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	265,039·30
Total	<u>£62,076,040</u>	<u>62,999,393·85</u>
Appropriated in aid		<u>62,076,040·00</u>
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£923,453·85</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Recoveries in respect of pay and amenity beds and other services	1,330,000	1,101,485 (a)
Receipts from sale of land and buildings	700,000	676,849
	<u>£2,030,000</u>	<u>1,778,334</u>
Subhead BZ		
Receipts from persons using the service	1,000	11,133 (b)
Other income	199,000	530,883 (c)
	<u>£200,000</u>	<u>542,016</u>
Subhead CZ		
Miscellaneous receipts from patients for pharmaceutical and dental services	90,000	93,991
Receipts from sale of prepayment certificates	58,990	62,910
Receipts from drug manufacturers	10	454,829 (d)
Rents of doctors' houses	15,000	18,202 (e)
	<u>£164,000</u>	<u>629,932</u>
Subhead DZ	£10	14,342 (f)
Subhead EZ	£6,000	1,420 (g)
Subhead FZ	£10	—
Subhead GZ1		
Recoveries from Department of Employment towards redundancy payments	5,000	4,379 (h)
Repayment of group practice loans	14,000	13,642
Miscellaneous receipts	21,000	22,501
	<u>£40,000</u>	<u>40,522</u>
Subhead GZ2		
Medical Referee Service: Repayment from National Insurance and Industrial Injuries Fund	£145,000	140,618
Subhead HZ		
Contributions towards the cost of the National Health Service	£59,373,000	59,472,668
Subhead JZ	£75,000	71,260
Subhead KZ		
Recoveries in respect of welfare food	£43,000	43,343
Subhead LZ	£20	—
Total	<u>£62,076,040</u>	<u>62,734,455</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Sale of NHS Civil Defence Stores	—	4,100
Interest on Car Loans	—	30,215
Interest on price of property transferred to Local Authority	—	104
Recovery of VAT on equipment incorrectly charged in 1973-74 and 1976-77	—	7,770
Receipt from EEC—grant for training in connection with rehabilitation of the disabled	—	222,367
Recovery in respect of goods improperly purchased from a research grant	—	483
Total		<u>£265,039</u>

Details of Receipts *contd.*

- (a) Mainly due to take-up of amenity accommodation and contributions from trading concerns being less than estimated.
- (b) Increased demand.
- (c) Due mainly to income from community health service premises being greater than expected.
- (d) The estimate is necessarily conjectural as receipts are subject to negotiation.
- (e) More rents credited than anticipated.
- (f) Due mainly to a refund of rates.
- (g) Sale of garden produce less than expected, mainly due to inability to use patient labour.
- (h) Due to rounding of estimate.

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (2 cases)	£459
Claims abandoned (10 cases)	£25,889
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. * (3 cases)	£211

Losses incurred on the Welfare Food Service:

Potential losses resulting from possible misuse of welfare milk tokens by unauthorised persons are estimated at £1,264.

* Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Claims abandoned

Scottish share of waivers and remissions of National Health Service contributions	£12,889
Underpayment of rents of staff houses at State Hospital	£11,833

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

7 compensation payments	£238
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Transfer of Land and Buildings

Transfer of land valued at £50,000 to Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland.

Other Notes

Sections A, B and C and Subheads D2, D4, F4, G1 and G7. The Accounts of the following are published separately as White Papers: the Hospital, Community and Family Practitioner Services together with the Common Services Agency; the Health Services Board; the Council for the Education and Training of Health Visitors; the National Radiological Protection Board; and the National Biological Standards Board. Losses, etc., relating to these Accounts are detailed in the White Papers.

The amount charged to Subhead A1 consists of (1) cash advances by the Secretary of State and (2) superannuation contributions and certain other receipts retained by Health Boards in lieu of advances. Payments made by the Boards include certain agency payments made on behalf of the Secretary of State. The amounts shown in this Account are net after these agency payments have been transferred to their proper subheads. The receipts under (2) above are accounted for under Subhead Z as Appropriations in Aid or as receipts of other classes either under this Vote or under Class XVII, Vote 7.

The expenditure for Pharmaceutical Services (Subhead C2) includes £242,797 in respect of the cost of prescriptions written by hospital doctors for certain out-patients and dispensed by chemists.

A. L. Rennie
Accounting Officer

31 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

SOCIAL WORK, SCOTLAND

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Scottish Education Department in connection with Social Work.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 11.2 PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES						
A	<u>6,004,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>5,995,000</u>	<u>5,367,247</u>	<u>8,806</u>	<u>5,358,441</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 11.2				
SECTION A				
SOCIAL WORK				
A1 List D Schools, &c.	4,277,000	4,028,076	248,924	—
A2 Social Work: Grants	943,000	780,935	162,065	—
A3 Training	355,000	327,098	27,902	—
A4 Expenses of Research and Experiments	209,000	87,525	121,475	—
A5 Grants to Local Authorities in respect of the provision of secure accommodation	220,000	143,613	76,387	—
GROSS TOTAL	6,004,000	5,367,247	636,753	—
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 636,753	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	9,000	8,806	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 194	
NET TOTAL	5,995,000	5,358,441	Net Surplus 636,559	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered £636,559·39	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 Projects late in starting or not maturing.

A4 Experimental projects slow to develop.

A5 Shortfall on the uptake of grant by Strathclyde for the provision of secure accommodation at Kerelaw. Progress on construction work not as advanced as anticipated.

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	326·22

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Receipts by way of parental contributions less prescribed deductions for the cost of collection and miscellaneous receipts	9,000	8,806
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Receipts in respect of sales of report by Edinburgh University	—	159
Receipt from Kibble List D School in respect of overpayment of capital grant in 1975-76	—	167
Total		£326

Losses Statement

	£
<i>Summary</i>	
Cash loss due to overpayment of grants (3 cases)	1,273
Cash loss due to other causes (2 cases)	1,790
Total Cash Losses	£3,063

Details

	£
Cash loss due to overpayment of grants	
Overpayments of salaries to certain List D School staff due to misinterpretation of starting pay rules	1,080
Cash loss due to other cause	
Unvouched expenditure incurred prior to 31 March 1976 at St. John Bosco's School	1,779

Note

The number of children under detention in List D schools on 30 September 1977 was 1,411 compared with 1,229 on 30 September 1976.

J. A. M. Mitchell
Accounting Officer

27 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, WALES

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Welsh Office on the provision of services under the National Health Service in Wales, on other health and personal social services, and on research, services for the disabled, welfare food and certain other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 11.1						
HEALTH						
A	264,517,000	967,000	263,550,000	263,569,613	746,585	262,823,028
B	79,145,000	324,000	78,821,000	76,421,710	430,448	75,991,262
C	1,909,000	—	1,909,000	1,757,362	—	1,757,362
D	951,000	29,000	922,000	873,146	28,254	844,892
E	478,000	—	478,000	491,680	—	491,680
F	952,300	29,300	923,000	1,000,617	19,337	981,280
G	—	31,006,000	(31,006,000)	—	30,992,113	(30,992,113)
	<u>347,952,300</u>	<u>32,355,300</u>	<u>315,597,000</u>	<u>344,114,128</u>	<u>32,216,737</u>	<u>311,897,391</u>
PROGRAMME 11.2						
PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES						
H	537,000	—	537,000	536,194	—	536,194
PROGRAMME 11.3						
CENTRAL AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES						
I	217,000	—	217,000	215,023	—	215,023
J	2,786,000	8,000	2,778,000	2,609,039	16,910	2,592,129
K	1,159,000	6,000	1,153,000	1,095,370	11,350	1,084,020
L	260,000	—	260,000	186,415	—	186,415
	<u>4,422,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>4,408,000</u>	<u>4,105,847</u>	<u>28,260</u>	<u>4,077,587</u>
Total	<u>£352,911,300</u>	<u>32,369,300</u>	<u>320,542,000</u>	<u>348,756,169</u>	<u>32,244,997</u>	<u>316,511,172</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 11.1				
SECTION A				
HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES *				
A1 Current Advances to Health Authorities				
<i>Original</i>	224,615,990			
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,428,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,017,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,645,000			
	<u>243,705,990</u>	242,142,399	1,563,591	—
A2 Capital Advances to Health Authorities				
<i>Original</i>	17,099,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	578,000			
	<u>18,677,000</u>	19,470,679	—	793,679
A3 Centrally purchased Supplies and Equipment				
<i>Original</i>	1,696,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	510,000			
	<u>1,186,000</u>	1,234,950	—	48,950
A4 Bank Charges				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	48,000			
	<u>48,010</u>	47,198	812	—
A5 Urban Programme: Contribution towards health projects in inner cities areas				
<i>Supplementary</i>	900,000			
	<u>900,000</u>	674,387	225,613	—
SECTION B				
FAMILY PRACTITIONERS *				
B1 General Medical Services				
<i>Original</i>	19,093,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	884,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	132,000			
	<u>20,109,000</u>	19,922,258	186,742	—
B2 Pharmaceutical Services				
<i>Original</i>	39,259,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,308,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,534,000			
	<u>46,101,000</u>	44,255,548	1,845,452	—
B3 General Dental Services				
<i>Original</i>	8,274,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,746,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	200,000			
	<u>9,820,000</u>	9,383,117	436,883	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant
A5 Mainly due to slippage on some schemes.

* See Other Notes

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
B4 General Ophthalmic Services				
<i>Original</i>	3,057,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	58,000			
	3,115,000	2,860,787	254,213	—
SECTION C				
TRAINING				
C1 Training and Refresher Courses	446,000	323,217	122,783	—
C2 General Nursing Council: Advances				
<i>Original</i>	1,342,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	97,000			
	1,439,000	1,410,700	28,300	—
C3 Committee of Management of the School for Dental Auxiliaries Limited	6,000	7,522	—	1,522
C4 Council for the Education and Training of Health Visitors: Expenses *	18,000	15,923	2,077	—
SECTION D				
LABORATORY VACCINE AND MEDICINES ACTS SERVICES				
D1 Public Health Laboratory Service Board *				
<i>Original</i>	747,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	46,000			
	793,000	746,623	46,377	—
D2 National Biological Standards Board: Advances *	100,000	79,489	20,511	—
D3 Vaccines and drugs, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	28,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	30,000			
	58,000	47,034	10,966	—
SECTION E				
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMON SERVICES				
E1 Dental Estimates Board *	258,000	261,367	—	3,367
E2 Health Education Council: Advances	91,000	100,690	—	9,690
E3 Central Register	108,000	109,812	—	1,812
E4 Tribunals, Committees, &c.	15,990	14,188	1,802	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

C1 Late claims from AHAs on certain schemes and reduced demand.

C3 Costs were more than expected.

C4 Reduction in running costs and inability to recruit professional staff.

D2 Delay on one project.

D3 Less demand for poliomyelitis vaccine than expected.

E2 Costs were more than expected.

E4 Fewer meetings than expected.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
E5 Health Services Board *				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,000			
	5,010	5,623	—	613
SECTION F				
OTHER HEALTH SERVICES				
F1 Transferred Liabilities				
<i>Original</i>	754,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	69,000			
	685,000	726,743	—	41,743
F2 Advances in respect of reimbursement of medical cost of treatment under EEC Social Security Regulations				
<i>Original</i>	214,000			
<i>Les Supplementary</i>	42,000			
	172,000	186,400	—	14,400
F3 Miscellaneous payments and expenses				
<i>Original</i>	88,500			
<i>Supplementary</i>	6,800			
	95,300	87,474	7,826	—
SECTION G				
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS				
PROGRAMME 11.2				
SECTION H				
PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES				
H1 Child Care Services	90,500	75,634	14,866	—
H2 Personal Social Services Council	5,200	5,416	—	216
H3 Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work: Expenses*	76,300	68,549	7,751	—
H4 Training and Refresher Courses				
<i>Original</i>	307,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	58,000			
	365,000	386,595	—	21,595

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

E5 Includes some payments expected to have been made in 1976-77.

H1 Mainly due to the deferment of one project.

H3 Lower expenditure as a result of economies.

* See *Other Notes*

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 11.3				
SECTION I				
RESEARCH				
I1 Centrally arranged Research and Development	217,000	215,023	1,977	—
SECTION J				
SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED				
J1 Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre	207,000	211,656	—	4,656
J2 Supply, Repair, &c., of Artificial Limbs and Appliances, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	2,158,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	192,000			
	2,350,000	2,193,196	156,804	—
J3 Assistance to Disabled Persons	79,000	83,283	—	4,283
J4 Private Car Allowance	150,000	120,904	29,096	—
SECTION K				
WELFARE FOOD				
K1 National Milk Scheme				
<i>Original</i>	901,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	161,000			
	1,062,000	994,921	67,079	—
K2 Dried Milk				
<i>Original</i>	20,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	69,000			
	89,000	92,315	—	3,315
K3 Other Welfare Food	8,000	8,134	—	134
SECTION L				
OTHER SERVICES				
L1 Grants to Voluntary Organisations	228,000	176,632	51,368	—
L2 Information Services				
<i>Original</i>	12,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	8,000			
	20,000	9,783	10,217	—
L3 Intermediate Treatment Trust				
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,000	—	12,000	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

- J4 More people claimed the alternative mobility allowance than was expected.
L1 Mainly due to lower capital expenditure than estimated.
L2 Reduced demand for Health Service publicity.
L3 Delay in commencement of the Fund's operations.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	321,769,500			
Supplementary	12,428,000			
Supplementary	11,955,000			
Supplementary	6,758,800			
	<u>£ 352,911,300</u>	<u>348,756,169</u>	<u>5,105,106</u>	<u>949,975</u>
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure <u>4,155,131</u>	
Z Deduct				
Appropriations in Aid		Estimated		
Original	31,547,500	Realised		
Supplementary	821,800			
	<u>32,369,300</u>	<u>32,244,997</u>		Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised <u>124,303</u>
NET TOTAL				
Original	290,222,000			
Supplementary	12,428,000			
Supplementary	11,955,000			
Supplementary	5,937,000			
	<u>£ 320,542,000</u>	<u>316,511,172</u>		Net Surplus <u>4,030,828</u>
				<u>£4,030,827.91</u>
				Actual surplus to be surrendered

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	38,000	119,883.78

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Recoveries in respect of pay and amenity beds and other services	517,000	453,728 (a)
Receipts from the sale of land and buildings	450,000	292,857 (b)
	<u>967,000</u>	<u>746,585</u>
Subhead BZ		
Prescription charges surrendered by dispensing medical practitioners, &c.	76,000	75,083
Receipts from the sale of pre-payment certificates	60,000	59,726
Refunds from drug manufacturers	188,000	295,639 (c)
	<u>£324,000</u>	<u>430,448</u>
Subhead DZ		
Miscellaneous receipts	£29,000	28,254

Details of Receipts contd.

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Subhead FZ		
Repayment of Group Practice Loans	6,000	6,341
Reports by medical practitioners; recovery from the National Insurance Fund, Industrial Injuries Fund and Department of Employment	5,700	5,692
Recoveries from family practitioners in respect of accommodation provided at health centres	—	—
Recoveries in respect of redundancy payments	500	— (d)
Receipts in respect of reimbursement of medical cost of treatment under European Economic Community Social Security Regulations	6,000	650 (e)
Miscellaneous receipts	11,100	6,654 (f)
	<u>£29,300</u>	<u>19,337</u>
Subhead GZ		
Contribution towards the cost of the National Health Service	£31,006,000	30,992,113
Subhead JZ		
Miscellaneous receipts	£8,000	16,910 (g)
Subhead KZ		
Recoveries in respect of Welfare Food Service	£6,000	11,350 (h)
Total	<u>£32,369,300</u>	<u>32,244,997</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Receipts of interest in respect of car loans	38,000	45,791 (i)
Repayment from the Welsh National School of Medicine	—	55,000
Miscellaneous	—	19,093
Total	<u>£38,000</u>	<u>119,884</u>

- (a) Receipts in respect of accommodation less than expected.
 (b) Certain sales did not proceed as expected.
 (c) Estimate prepared before discussions with Drug Manufacturers were concluded.
 (d) The estimate is necessarily conjectural.
 (e) Expected reimbursements by EEC countries not yet received.
 (f) Staff loans repaid earlier than expected.
 (g) Receipts from the sale of old cars were higher than expected.
 (h) Increase in the sale of vitamin drops.
 (i) Higher interest rates and higher individual loans for cars.

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash loss due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (1 case)	148
Claims abandoned (3 cases)	6,998
Stores losses due to causes other than theft, fraud, etc. (29 cases)	595
Potential losses resulting from possible misuse of welfare milk tokens by unauthorised persons are estimated at £270.	

Details

Claims abandoned	
Apportioned share of the waiver and remissions relating to social security contributions	£6,731

Notes*Extra-statutory Payments*

Subhead K1 includes 2,237 extra-statutory payments totalling £21,614 to beneficiaries under the Welfare Food Service through alleged or admitted official error or from the incorrect use of tokens by distributors, etc.

Other Notes

The amount charged to Subhead A1 consists of (1) cash advances by the Secretary of State and (2) superannuation contributions and certain other receipts retained by Health Authorities in lieu of advances. Payments made by the Authorities include certain agency payments made on behalf of the Secretary of State. The amounts shown in this Account are net after these agency payments have been transferred to their proper subheads. The receipts under (2) above are accounted for under Subhead Z as Appropriations in Aid or as receipts of other classes under this Vote or under Class XVII, Vote 6. The figures of receipts and agency payments used in this Account are based on the accounts of Health Authorities before audit was completed.

The expenditure for Pharmaceutical Services (Subhead B2) includes £85,763 (gross £88,623 less associated patients' charges of £2,860) in respect of the net cost of prescriptions written by hospital doctors for certain out-patients and dispensed by chemists.

Sections A and B and subheads C4, D1, D2, E1, E5 and H3. The accounts of the following are published separately as White Papers: the Hospital, Community Health and Family Practitioner Services together with the Dental Estimates Board; the Council for Education and Training of Health Visitors and the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work; Public Health Laboratory Service Board; National Biological Standards Board and the Health Services Board. Losses, etc., relating to these accounts are detailed in the White Papers.

Hywel Evans

Accounting Officer

17 November 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

CLASS XII

SOCIAL SECURITY

CLASS XII:

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
142	1	National Insurance	1,537,000,000	—	1,537,000,000
143	2	Pension Benefits (Non-Contributory)	599,000,000	107,000	598,893,000
148	3	Supplementary Benefits	2,287,000,000	292,000,000	1,995,000,000
152	4	Family Benefits	911,000,000	154,000	910,846,000
155	5	Administration and Miscellaneous Services (Department of Health and Social Security)	518,771,000	249,821,000	268,950,000
		Total	£ 5,852,771,000	542,082,000	5,310,689,000

SOCIAL SECURITY

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1,537,000,000	—	1,537,000,000	—	—	—	—	1
579,504,233	107,000	579,397,233	19,495,767	—	19,495,767	280,287·64	2
2,239,263,026	292,000,000	1,947,263,026	47,736,974	—	47,736,974	1,883,192·32	3
898,990,531	154,000	898,836,531	12,009,469	—	12,009,469	105,159·83	4
514,328,621	248,865,693	265,462,928	4,442,379	955,307	3,487,072	43,645·38	5
5,769,086,411	541,126,693	5,227,959,718	83,684,589	955,307		2,312,285·17	
Total amount to be surrendered					£	82,729,282	
Actual total amount to be surrendered						£82,729,282·36	

NATIONAL INSURANCE

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for sums payable out of the Consolidated Fund to the National Insurance Fund.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Supplements to the National Insurance Fund*				
<i>Original</i>	1,507,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	16,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	14,000,000			
	£1,537,000,000	1,537,000,000	—	—

Alec Atkinson
Accounting Officer

9 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

* See also the National Insurance Fund Account, published separately as a White Paper.

PENSION BENEFITS (NON-CONTRIBUTORY)

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on pensions, &c., for disablement or death arising out of war or service in the Armed Forces after 2 September 1939 and on certain associated services, on attendance allowances, invalid care allowance, old persons' retirement pensions, non-contributory invalidity pensions and mobility allowance, &c.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 12.2						
PENSION BENEFITS: OTHER						
A	312,000,000	55,000	311,945,000	309,669,090	53,624	309,615,466
B	168,000,000	25,000	167,975,000	169,635,368	52,500	169,582,868
C	37,000,000	1,000	36,999,000	35,910,620	—	35,910,620
D	65,000,000	25,000	64,975,000	44,500,000	8,432	44,491,568
	<u>582,000,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>581,894,000</u>	<u>559,715,078</u>	<u>114,556</u>	<u>559,600,522</u>
PROGRAMME 12.7						
MOBILITY ALLOWANCE						
E	17,000,000	1,000	16,999,000	19,789,155	825	19,788,330
Total	<u>£599,000,000</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>598,893,000</u>	<u>579,504,233</u>	<u>115,381</u>	<u>*579,388,852</u>

* This figure is £8,381 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£115,381) and those authorised to be applied (£107,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 12.2				
SECTION A				
WAR PENSIONS				
A1 Disablement Pensions, Gratuities, Allowances and Grants				
<i>Original</i>	193,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	9,500,000			
	<u>202,500,000</u>	<u>201,411,304</u>	1,088,696	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A2 Pensions, Gratuities and Allowances to Widows and Dependants				
Original	101,000,000			
Supplementary	5,500,000			
	106,500,000	105,686,425	813,575	—
A3 Medical Treatment	3,000,000	2,571,361	428,639	—
SECTION B				
ATTENDANCE AND INVALID CARE ALLOWANCES				
B1 Attendance Allowances				
Original	152,000,000			
Supplementary	12,000,000			
	164,000,000	166,703,809	—	2,703,809
B2 Invalid Care Allowance				
Original	8,000,000			
Less Supplementary	4,000,000			
	4,000,000	2,931,559	1,068,441	—
SECTION C				
OLD PERSONS' RETIREMENT PENSIONS				
C1 Old Persons' Retirement Pensions				
Original	36,000,000			
Supplementary	1,000,000			
	37,000,000	35,910,620	1,089,380	—
SECTION D				
NON-CONTRIBUTORY INVALIDITY PENSIONS				
D1 Non-contributory Invalidity Pensions				
Original	53,000,000			
Supplementary	12,000,000			
	65,000,000	44,500,000	20,500,000	—
PROGRAMME 12.7				
SECTION E				
MOBILITY ALLOWANCE				
E1 Mobility Allowance				
Original	14,000,000			
Supplementary	3,000,000			
	17,000,000	19,789,155	—	2,789,155

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A3 The demand was less than estimated.

B2 and D1 There were fewer claims than expected.

E1 There were more claims than expected.

PENSION BENEFITS (NON-CONTRIBUTORY)

1977-78, Class XII, Vote 2

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	560,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	39,000,000			
	<u>£ 599,000,000</u>	579,504,233	24,988,731	5,492,964
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Applied</i>		
<i>Deduct</i>				
Z Appropriations in Aid	107,000	107,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	559,893,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	39,000,000			
	<u>£ 598,893,000</u>	579,397,233		<u>Surplus</u> 19,495,767
				<u>£19,495,767.25</u>
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	107,000	115,380.62
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	271,907.02
Total	<u>£107,000</u>	<u>387,287.64</u>
Appropriated in aid		107,000.00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£280,287.64</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Refunds of overpayments	50,000	48,746
Miscellaneous	5,000	4,878
	<u>£55,000</u>	<u>53,624</u>
Subhead BZ		
Refunds of overpayments	£25,000	52,500
Subhead CZ		
Refunds of overpayments	£1,000	—
Subhead DZ		
Refunds of overpayments	£25,000	8,432
Subhead EZ		
Refunds of overpayments	£1,000	825
Total	<u>£107,000</u>	<u>115,381</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Late adjustment with National Insurance Fund in respect of erroneous charge to Invalid Care Allowance (Subhead B2) in 1976-77	—	£271,907

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to irrecoverable overpayments of pensions, etc. recorded during the year	
Fraud on the part of the claimant or other person not being a servant of the Department * (263 cases)	£ 13,281
Mistake by the claimant (3,038 cases)	63,467
Other causes (mainly official error) (3,978 cases)	185,803
Total	<u>262,551</u>
Other Cash Losses	
Apportioned share of National Giro's claim for reimbursement not supported by paid cheques	708
Total Cash Losses	<u>£263,259</u>

* Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

21 cases totalling £9,913 of compensation for delay by the Department in awarding benefit.

Extra-statutory and Extra-regulatory Payments, etc.

18 cases totalling £23,061 of temporary allowances for widows of severely disabled civilian, mercantile marine and Polish pensioners, whose deaths have not been accepted as due to qualifying injuries or service.

6 cases at an annual cost of £7,827 of pension for widows of civilian and Polish pensioners whose deaths were not connected with their accepted war disablement but who had been receiving constant attendance allowance at the full, intermediate or exceptional day rate.

3 cases at a cost of £1,405 (2 pensions at an annual cost of £929 and one lump sum of £476) of payments to civilians who were disabled through detention in enemy-occupied territory.

19 cases totalling £5,620 of arrears of attendance allowance to claimants whose applications were delayed through official error.

2 cases totalling £342 of attendance allowance to claimants who had earlier satisfied the 6 months qualifying condition and who suffered a relapse within 2 years of the allowance having ceased because of improvement in their disability.

Notes contd.

Other Notes

It is uneconomic to record payments and other Social Security benefit transactions in sufficient detail for the charges to the National Insurance Fund and the subheads of Class XII, Votes 2, 3 and 4 to be determined solely from accounting records. Accordingly certain charges to all subheads of this Vote except A3 were derived from accounting records by estimates and statistical analysis and reflect apportionments made between the National Insurance Fund and Social Security Votes in accordance with regulations made under section 133(6) of the Social Security Act 1975.

Alec Atkinson
Accounting Officer

9 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on supplementary pensions and allowances and lump sum payments for pensioners, &c., and repayments to local authorities.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 12.3						
SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS						
A	2,287,000,000	292,000,000	1,995,000,000	2,239,263,026	293,883,192	* 1,945,379,834

*This figure is £1,883,192 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£293,883,192) and those authorised to be applied (£292,000,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 12.3				
A1 Supplementary Pensions, &c.				
Original				
Supplementary				
	692,000,000	678,111,165	13,888,835	—
A2 Supplementary Allowances, &c.				
Original				
Supplementary				
Supplementary				
	1,497,999,990	1,463,124,091	34,875,899	—

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

1977-78, Class XII, Vote 3

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A3 Lump sum payments for Pensioners, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	96,999,990			
	97,000,000	98,027,770	—	1,027,770
A4 Repayments to Local Authorities	10	—	10	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	2,065,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	65,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	157,000,000			
	£ 2,287,000,000	2,239,263,026	48,764,744	1,027,770
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	274,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	18,000,000			
	292,000,000	292,000,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,791,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	65,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	139,000,000			
	£ 1,995,000,000	1,947,263,026		
			Surplus	
			47,736,974	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£47,736,973·98</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	292,000,000	293,883,192·32
Appropriated in aid		292,000,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£1,883,192·32</u>

Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Refunds of overpayments	3,000,000	3,423,402
Recoveries from arrears of National Insurance benefits	30,000,000	31,647,250
Payments by liable relatives	30,000,000	28,080,910
Recoveries of rent rebates and allowances from local authorities	228,000,000	229,215,872
Other receipts	1,000,000	1,515,758
Total	£292,000,000	293,883,192

Losses Statement	£
Cash losses due to irrecoverable overpayments of supplementary benefits recorded during the year	
Fraud on the part of the claimant or other person not a servant of the Department* (42,838 cases)	2,802,052
Mistake by claimant (140,963 cases)	3,209,069
Other causes mainly official error (195,410 cases)	3,924,432
Total	£9,935,553
Other cash losses	
Apportioned share of National Giro's claim for reimbursement not supported by paid cheques	42,325
Unvouched payments (8 cases)	121
Claims abandoned (988 cases)	7,603
Other causes (25,355 cases)	590,803
Total Cash Losses	£10,576,405

*Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

In cases where the claimant's good faith was not in doubt and where recovery action was not appropriate, the recorded overpayment has been restricted to the net amount overpaid since the beginning of the financial year preceding that in which the overpayment was discovered.

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

14 *ex gratia* payments totalling £2,796 were made during the year.

Extra-statutory Payments

When DHSS local office services are not available to the public there are arrangements for local authorities to make payments in cases of urgent need on behalf of the Department. It is estimated that such payments made during the year amounted to £2,596.

Securities held at 31 March 1978

£1,000 Birmingham District Council Bond at cost. £1,000

Other Notes

Included in this account are certain girocheque payments made by the Post Office which were not fully reconciled by the Department.

Other Notes contd.

It is uneconomic to record payments and other Social Security benefit transactions in sufficient detail for the charges to the National Insurance Fund and the subheads of Class XII, Votes, 2, 3 and 4 to be determined solely from accounting records. Accordingly certain charges to subheads A1 and A2 of this Vote were derived from accounting records by estimates and statistical analysis and reflect apportionments made between the National Insurance Fund and Social Security Votes in accordance with the regulations made under section 133(6) of the Social Security Act 1975.

Alec Atkinson
Accounting Officer

9 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

FAMILY BENEFITS

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on child benefit, family allowances, child interim benefit and family income supplements.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 12.4						
FAMILY BENEFITS						
A	889,000,000	150,000	888,850,000	873,709,126	255,400	873,453,726
B	22,000,000	4,000	21,996,000	25,281,405	3,760	25,277,645
Total	£911,000,000	154,000	910,846,000	898,990,531	259,160	*898,731,371

* This figure is £105,160 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£259,160) and those authorised to be applied (£154,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 12.4				
SECTION A				
CHILD BENEFIT				
A1 Child Benefit and residual payments of Family Allowances and Child Interim Benefit	889,000,000	873,709,126	15,290,874	—
SECTION B				
FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENTS				
B1 Family Income Supplements	22,000,000	25,281,405	—	3,281,405
GROSS TOTAL	£ 911,000,000	898,990,531	15,290,874	3,281,405
<i>Deduct</i>	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Applied</i>		
Z Appropriations in Aid	154,000	154,000		
NET TOTAL	£ 910,846,000	898,836,531		Surplus 12,009,469
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		£12,009,468·79

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

B1 More claims and higher average payments than expected.

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	154,000	259,159·83
Appropriated in aid		154,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£105,159·83</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Refunds of overpayments	£150,000	255,400 (a)
Subhead BZ		
Refunds of overpayments	£4,000	3,760
Total	£154,000	259,160

(a) Increased receipts from EEC countries.

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to irrecoverable overpayments of family benefits recorded during the year	£
Fraud on the part of the claimant or other person not being a servant of the Department* (779 cases)	36,753
Mistake by the claimant (46,636 cases)	347,303
Other causes, mainly official error (4,774 cases)	62,646
Total	446,702
Other cash losses	
Apportioned share of National Giro's claim for reimbursement not supported by paid cheques	113
Total Cash Losses	£446,815

* Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Notes*Extra-statutory Payments*

Extra-statutory payments totalling £133 were made to 5 claimants who had lost title to benefit because of misdirection or inadequate direction by the Department.

Other Note

It is uneconomic to record payments and other Social Security benefit transactions in sufficient detail for the charges to the National Insurance Fund and the Subheads of Class XII Votes 2, 3 and 4 to be determined solely from accounting records. Accordingly certain charges to the Subheads of this Vote were derived from accounting records by estimates and statistical analysis and reflect apportionments made between the National Insurance Fund and Social Security Votes in accordance with regulations made under section 133(6) of the Social Security Act 1975.

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Accounting Officer

9 October 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY)**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on administration, selective butter subsidy, and certain other services, including an international subscription.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 12.6 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES						
A	517,476,000	249,501,000	267,975,000	513,000,045	248,504,475	264,495,570
B	1,295,000	320,000	975,000	1,328,576	361,218	967,358
Total	£518,771,000	249,821,000	268,950,000	514,328,621	248,865,693	265,462,928

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 12.6				
SECTION A				
ADMINISTRATION				
A1 Salaries, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	336,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	15,100,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,350,000			
	<u>352,450,000</u>	350,392,552	2,057,448	—

ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY)

1977-78, Class XII, Vote 5

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A2 General Administrative Expenses	40,750,000	39,582,622	1,167,378	—
A3 Telecommunications Services				
<i>Original</i>	9,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	200,000			
	9,700,000	9,215,235	484,765	—
A4 Agency Charges				
<i>Original</i>	104,400,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,870,000			
	106,270,000	106,066,425	203,575	—
A5 Commissioner, Referees, Tribunals, Medical Boards, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	6,570,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,370,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	290,000			
	8,230,000	7,676,863	553,137	—
A6 Advisory Committees and Councils				
<i>Original</i>	12,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	4,000			
	16,000	16,639	—	639
A7 Occupational Pensions Board	20,000	14,775	5,225	—
A8 International Subscription	40,000	34,934	5,066	—
SECTION B				
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
B1 Polish Hostel				
<i>Original</i>	225,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	20,000			
	245,000	246,430	—	1,430
B2 Reception Centres, Re-establishment Centres, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	909,990			
<i>Supplementary</i>	140,000			
	1,049,990	1,081,952	—	31,962
B3 Selective Butter Subsidy-Reimburse- ment of Retailers	10	194	—	184

ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY)

1977-78, Class XII, Vote 5

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	498,427,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	18,340,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,004,000			
	<u>£ 518,771,000</u>	514,328,621	4,476,594	34,215
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure	
			<u>4,442,379</u>	
<i>Deduct</i>		Estimated		
Z Appropriations in Aid		Realised		
<i>Original</i>	242,372,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,995,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,454,000			
	<u>249,821,000</u>	248,865,693	955,307	
			Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised	
			<u>955,307</u>	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	256,055,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,345,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	550,000			
	<u>£ 268,950,000</u>	265,462,928		
			Net Surplus	
			<u>3,487,072</u>	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered	
			<u>£3,487,072·34</u>	
			Estimated	Realised
			£	£
Receipts				
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund			14,000	43,645·38

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Recovery from the National Insurance Fund of the estimated cost of administration borne on this Vote	237,974,000	236,874,000
Amount set aside for the cost of collection of the sum allocated to the National Health Service	3,043,000	3,043,000
Amount retained for the cost of collection of the sum allocated to the Redundancy Fund and Maternity Pay Fund	762,000	762,000
Amount retained for the cost of collection of the sum allocated for the surcharge on secondary Class I contributions	5,568,000	5,568,000
Departmental expenses recovered in respect of agency services	1,730,000	1,793,846
Miscellaneous	424,000	463,629
	<u>£249,501,000</u>	<u>248,504,475</u>
Subhead BZ		
Payments by residents and other receipts in respect of Polish Hostel	95,000	108,264 (a)
Payments by residents and other receipts in respect of Reception and Re-establishment Centres	224,990	252,760 (a)
Receipts from Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce in respect of selective butter subsidy	10	194
	<u>£320,000</u>	<u>361,218</u>
Total	<u>£249,821,000</u>	<u>248,865,693</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Miscellaneous	<u>£14,000</u>	<u>43,645</u>

(a) Higher receipts than expected.

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson, of which £18,894 has been borne on the Vote for Supplementary Benefits* (72 cases)	36,714
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (423 cases)	42,803
Cash losses—unvouched expenditure including apportioned share of National Giro's claim for reimbursement not supported by paid cheques	1,295
Cash losses due to other causes (70 cases)	483
Total Cash Losses	<u>£81,295</u>
Fruitless payments (67 cases)	<u>£482</u>
Claims abandoned (2,715 cases)	<u>£48,221</u>

* Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Losses Statement contd.

Details

Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson	£
Losses resulting from the encashment of forged benefit order books and girocheques	11,833
Losses resulting from the fraudulent encashment of benefit order books and girocheques stolen from local offices of the Department	11,660
Payments of Social Security benefit obtained by the fraudulent manipulation of official documents by an officer of the Department. It is impracticable to determine the full amount of the loss but it has been assessed at £9,766	9,766
Payments of Social Security benefit obtained by the fraudulent manipulation of official documents by an officer of the Department. Sums amounting to £167 were withheld from pay, etc.	1,074
Loss resulting from misappropriation of cash by an officer of the Department. Sums amounting to £262 were withheld from pay, etc.	768
Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc.	
Overpayment of salaries arising out of the regrading of local office posts (52 cases)	9,799
Wages, overtime and allowances paid at incorrect rates due to misinterpretation of instructions (173 cases)	7,758
Incorrect incremental dates applied following promotion (7 cases)	2,475
Excess rent allowance payments continued in error following an officer's marriage (of this £330 was borne on Class XIII, Vote 25 in earlier years)	666
Payment of wages at full-time rates to officers employed part-time (2 cases)	517
Claims abandoned	
Prosecution costs awarded proved to be irrecoverable (2,608 cases)	47,578
Charges not collected for persons accommodated in re-establishment and reception centres (107 cases)	643

Notes

<i>Ex gratia Payments</i>	£
524 compensation payments (of an <i>ex gratia</i> nature)	21,683
60 other <i>ex gratia</i> payments	6,022
<i>Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978</i>	
Loans to staff restaurants (£24,383 remitted during year)	£14,021

Patrick Nairne

Accounting Officer

5 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

CLASS XIII

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES

CLASS XIII:

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
166	1	Parliament and Privy Council: House of Lords	2,535,000	31,000	2,504,000
168	2	Parliament and Privy Council: House of Commons	16,113,000	65,000	16,048,000
171	3	Parliament and Privy Council: Privy Council Office	288,000	3,000	285,000
173	4	Economic and Financial Administration: Treasury	43,890,000	1,406,000	42,484,000
178	5	Economic and Financial Administration: Exchequer and Audit Department	4,310,000	790,000	3,520,000
180	6	Economic and Financial Administration: Customs and Excise	159,898,000	10,153,000	149,745,000
185	7	Economic and Financial Administration: Inland Revenue	362,321,000	17,436,000	344,885,000
189	8	Economic and Financial Administration: Driver and Vehicle Licensing	50,844,000	1,833,000	49,011,000
193	9	Economic and Financial Administration: National Debt Office	303,000	302,000	1,000
195	10	Economic and Financial Administration: Public Works Loan Commission	196,000	195,000	1,000
197	11	Economic and Financial Administration: Department for National Savings	82,507,000	43,803,000	38,704,000
200	12	Central Management of the Civil Service, &c.	22,626,000	837,000	21,789,000
209	13	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Public Record Office	1,978,000	312,000	1,666,000
211	14	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Scottish Record Office	588,465	132,465	456,000
213	15	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys	12,702,000	3,217,000	9,485,000
216	16	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Registrar General's Office, Scotland	1,658,000	357,000	1,301,000
219	17	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Land Registry	25,692,000	25,689,000	3,000
222	18	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Department of the Registers of Scotland	1,777,000	1,775,000	2,000
224	19	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Charity Commission	1,637,200	200	1,637,000
226	20	Records, Registrations and Surveys: Ordnance Survey	22,189,000	10,394,000	11,795,000
229	21	Other Services: Cabinet Office	4,441,100	4,100	4,437,000
231	22	Other Services: Scottish Office	40,245,000	936,000	39,309,000
234	23	Other Services: Welsh Office	9,460,000	565,000	8,895,000
237	24	Other Services: Home Broadcasting and Wireless Telegraphy	300,783,000	1,491,000	299,292,000
241	25	Other Services: Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners	657,000	—	657,000

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
2,274,537	31,000	2,243,537	260,463	—	260,463	3,833·52	1
15,466,030	63,498	15,402,532	646,970	1,502	645,468	3,225·21	2
284,751	3,000	281,751	3,249	—	3,249	1,465·19	3
43,232,824	1,406,000	41,826,824	657,176	—	657,176	195,637·78	4
4,172,583	790,000	3,382,583	137,417	—	137,417	217,669·68	5
158,399,567	10,153,000	148,246,567	1,498,433	—	1,498,433	756,849·44	6
358,223,564	17,436,000	340,787,564	4,097,436	—	4,097,436	1,616,140·31	7
48,718,992	1,833,000	46,885,992	2,125,008	—	2,125,008	1,786,598·41	8
252,713	252,713	—	50,287	49,287	1,000	139,487·30	9
181,692	181,692	—	14,308	13,308	1,000	166,530·93	10
80,384,935	42,521,535	37,863,400	2,122,065	1,281,465	840,600	2,257·83	11
21,022,869	837,000	20,185,869	1,603,131	—	1,603,131	315,652·70	12
1,860,538	258,069	1,602,469	117,462	53,931	63,531	—	13
586,122	132,465	453,657	2,343	—	2,343	11,557·67	14
12,080,966	3,217,000	8,863,966	621,034	—	621,034	265,337·32	15
1,578,534	357,000	1,221,534	79,466	—	79,466	48,107·12	16
25,073,922	25,073,922	—	618,078	615,078	3,000	6,630,642·69	17
1,774,648	1,774,648	—	2,352	352	2,000	867,113·56	18
1,629,656	200	1,629,456	7,544	—	7,544	258·89	19
21,429,568	10,394,000	11,035,568	759,432	—	759,432	174,005·84	20
4,416,754	3,685	4,413,069	24,346	415	23,931	273·31	21
39,147,178	936,000	38,211,178	1,097,822	—	1,097,822	9,956·87	22
9,126,739	565,000	8,561,739	333,261	—	333,261	52,847·43	23
300,548,517	1,491,000	299,057,517	234,483	—	234,483	215,945·63	24
618,300	—	618,300	38,700	—	38,700	—	25

CLASS XIII:

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appro- priations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
242	26	Other Services: Public Trustee	1,952,000	1,950,000	2,000
244	27	Other Services: Irish Land Purchases	295,000	—	295,000
245	28	Other Services: Charities (Transitional Relief)	300,000	—	300,000
246	29	Other Services: Repayments to the Contingencies Fund	511,000	—	511,000
		Total	£ 1,172,696,765	123,676,765	1,049,020,000

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES contd.

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1,914,730	1,914,730	—	37,270	35,270	2,000	784,609·37	26
289,387	—	289,387	5,613	—	5,613	—	27
212,597	—	212,597	87,403	—	87,403	206·99	28
510,865	—	510,865	135	—	135	569·20	29
1,155,414,078	121,626,157	1,033,787,921	17,282,687	2,050,608		14,266,780·19	
Total amount to be surrendered					£	15,232,079	
Actual total amount to be surrendered						<u>£15,232,076·56</u>	

PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL: HOUSE OF LORDS

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the House of Lords.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.1						
PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL						
A	2,535,000	31,000	2,504,000	2,274,537	33,254	*2,241,283

* This figure is £2,254 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£33,254) and those authorised to be applied (£31,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.1				
A1 Expenses of Peers				
<i>Original</i>	737,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	18,000			
	755,000	620,254	134,746	—
A2 House of Lords Offices				
<i>Original</i>	1,078,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	46,000			
	1,124,000	1,088,150	35,850	—
A3 Retired Allowances, &c.	190,000	173,911	16,089	—
A4 Police				
<i>Original</i>	96,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	370,000			
	466,000	392,222	73,778	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A1 There were fewer sittings than anticipated.

A4 The cost of the restructured security force was less than anticipated.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	2,101,000			
Supplementary	434,000			
	£ 2,535,000	2,274,537	260,463	—
	Estimated	Applied		
Deduct				
AZ Appropriations in Aid	31,000	31,000		
NET TOTAL				
Original	2,070,000			
Supplementary	434,000			
	£ 2,504,000	2,243,537		Surplus 260,463
				<u>£260,462.54</u>

Actual surplus to be surrendered

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	31,000	33,254.01
(ii) Receipts of other classes	1,580	1,579.51
Total	<u>£32,580</u>	<u>34,833.52</u>
Appropriated in aid		31,000.00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£3,833.52</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Judicial Proceedings, Private Bills, Taxation of Costs, fees, etc.	15,000	16,451
Contributions in respect of widows', etc., pensions	16,000	16,803
Total	<u>£31,000</u>	<u>33,254</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Transfer values	£1,580	1,580

Peter Henderson

Clerk of the Parliaments
Accounting Officer

28 July 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL: HOUSE OF COMMONS

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.1 PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL						
A	16,113,000	65,000	16,048,000	15,466,030	63,498	15,402,532

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.1				
A1 House of Commons				
<i>Original</i>	10,068,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	528,000			
	10,596,000	10,165,251	430,749	—
A2 Department of the Clerk of the House				
<i>Original</i>	1,091,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	128,000			
	1,219,000	1,123,128	95,872	—
A3 Department of the Speaker				
<i>Original</i>	752,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	44,000			
	708,000	659,977	48,023	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A4 Department of the Serjeant at Arms <i>Original</i> 736,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 68,000	804,000	779,975	24,025	—
A5 Department of the Library <i>Original</i> 476,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 39,000	515,000	504,724	10,276	—
A6 Administration Department <i>Original</i> 1,127,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 14,000	1,113,000	1,048,235	64,765	—
A7 Refreshment Department <i>Original</i> 170,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 83,000	253,000	248,481	4,519	—
A8 Members' Fund (Grant in Aid)	15,000	15,000	—	—
A9 Retired Allowances, &c. <i>Original</i> 310,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 66,000	376,000	430,134	—	54,134
A10 Police <i>Original</i> 288,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 226,000	514,000	491,125	22,875	—
GROSS TOTAL <i>Original</i> 15,033,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 1,080,000	£ 16,113,000	15,466,030	701,104	54,134
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Realised</u>	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 646,970	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid <i>Original</i> 68,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 3,000	65,000	63,498	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 1,502	
NET TOTAL <i>Original</i> 14,965,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 1,083,000	£ 16,048,000	15,402,532	Net Surplus 645,468	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£645,468·39	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A9 Due mainly to the payment of transfer values to the European Parliament.

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	1,488	3,225·21
Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Fees on Private and Provisional Order Bills, Taxation of Costs, etc.	4,000	2,085 (a)
Contributions in respect of widows', etc., pensions	47,000	46,408
Contributions from Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, etc., towards staff costs	13,500	14,270
Miscellaneous	500	735
Total	£65,000	63,498
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Interest on loan to Refreshment Department	1,488	1,487
Contribution by Refreshment Department being 50 per cent of profits earned during 1977-78	—	— (b)
Transfer values	—	1,738
Total	£1,488	3,225

(a) Amount of fees depends on the number of Bills, etc., deposited which cannot be closely anticipated.

(b) No profits were made by the Refreshment Department in the year.

Notes

Gifts Made

4 gifts were made with a total value of £222.

Loan outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loan to Refreshment Department	£23,333
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George Thomas
Speaker

R. D. Barlas
Accounting Officer

4 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL: PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.1 PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL						
A	288,000	3,000	285,000	284,751	4,465	*280,286

* This figure is £1,465 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£4,465) and those authorised to be applied (£3,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.1				
A1 Privy Council Office	288,000	284,751	3,249	—
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>		
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	3,000	3,000		
NET TOTAL	£ 285,000	281,751	Surplus 3,249	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£3,248·50	

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised as Appropriations in Aid (Judicial Fees)	3,000	4,465·19 (a)
Appropriated in aid		3,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£1,465·19</u>

(a) The amount of Judicial Fees depends on the number of Appeals, which cannot be exactly estimated.

N. E. Leigh
Accounting Officer

26 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: TREASURY

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Treasury on the management of the economy, the Paymaster General's Office and certain other services including grants in aid to certain Parliamentary bodies and others.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.1 PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL						
A	1,233,900	—	1,233,900	1,227,400	—	1,227,400
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
B	36,833,000	111,000	36,722,000	36,285,637	124,245	36,161,392
PROGRAMME 13.6 OTHER SERVICES						
C	1,421,100	863,000	558,100	1,404,612	909,693	494,919
PROGRAMME 14.7 OTHER COMMON SERVICES						
D	4,402,000	432,000	3,970,000	4,315,175	432,903	3,882,272
Total	<u>£43,890,000</u>	<u>1,406,000</u>	<u>42,484,000</u>	<u>43,232,824</u>	<u>1,466,841</u>	<u>*41,765,983</u>

* This figure is £60,841 less than the net total expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£1,466,841) and those authorised to be applied (£1,406,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.1				
SECTION A				
GRANTS IN AID TO THE CIVIL LIST AND TO PARLIAMENTARY BODIES				
A1 Grant to the Royal Trustees *	800,000	800,000	—	—
A2 Grants to Parliamentary Bodies				
<i>Original</i>	422,900			
<i>Supplementary</i>	11,000			
	433,900	427,400	6,500	—
PROGRAMME 13.2				
SECTION B				
MANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY				
B1 Treasury Administration	6,910,000	6,671,052	238,948	—
B2 National Economic Development Council				
<i>Original</i>	2,110,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	160,000			
	1,950,000	1,853,249	96,751	—
B3 Exchange Control				
<i>Original</i>	13,497,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	251,000			
	13,246,000	13,245,307	693	—
B4 UK Coinage †				
<i>Original</i>	13,518,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	915,000			
	14,433,000	14,218,334	214,666	—
B5 United Kingdom Treasury and Supply Delegation in the USA	294,000	297,695	—	3,695
PROGRAMME 13.6				
SECTION C				
OTHER SERVICES				
C1 Services provided on behalf of several Departments				
<i>Original</i>	782,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	33,000			
	749,000	742,683	6,317	—
C2 Exchequer Office, Scotland	242,000	234,761	7,239	—

* See also appended statement.

† See also Royal Mint Trading Fund Accounts, published separately as a White Paper.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
C3 Honours and Dignities				
<i>Original</i>	318,680			
<i>Supplementary</i>	260			
	318,940	319,056	—	116
C4 Chequers Trust (Grant in Aid)				
<i>Original</i>	65,420			
<i>Supplementary</i>	5,740			
	71,160	71,160	—	—
C5 Study of Staff Remuneration for the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	40,000	36,952	3,048	—
PROGRAMME 14.7				
SECTION D				
PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE				
D1 Paymaster General's Office				
<i>Original</i>	4,579,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	177,000			
	4,402,000	4,315,175	86,825	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	43,539,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	351,000			
	£ 43,890,000	43,232,824	660,987	3,811
	Estimated	Applied		
Z Deduct Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	1,298,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	108,000			
	1,406,000	1,406,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	42,241,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	243,000			
	£ 42,484,000	41,826,824	Surplus	
			657,176	
			£657,175·98	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered	

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated £	Realised £
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	1,406,000	1,466,841·06
(ii) Receipts of Other Classes	—	134,796·72
Total	£1,406,000	1,601,637·78
Appropriated in aid		1,406,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		£195,637·78

Details of Receipts

	Estimated £	Realised £
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead BZ		
Miscellaneous receipts	111,000	124,245 (a)
Subhead CZ		
Doorkeeping expenses (Subhead C1)	179,500	180,058
Exchequer Office, Scotland; fees for registration of companies and business names (Subhead C2)	630,500	677,446
Other receipts	53,000	52,189
	£863,000	909,693
Subhead DZ		
Repayment of expenses under the National Insurance Act 1946 and Redundancy Payments Act 1965	384,000	384,152
Other receipts	48,000	48,751
	£432,000	432,903
Total	£1,406,000	1,466,841
(ii) Receipts of other classes		£
Value of metal recovered by Royal Mint from coins withdrawn	—	128,515
1% of face value of UK proof coins sold during 1976-77	—	2,032
Fine for Exchange Control Offence—Exchange Control Act 1947	—	4,250
Total		£134,797
(a) Due to unexpected miscellaneous receipts		

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (6 cases)	£275
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Notes

Ex gratia Payments

One <i>ex gratia</i> payment	£1,000
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Gifts made

2 gifts of a presentational nature to a total value of £84.

Notes *contd.*

Shares held at 31 March 1978

25 Capital Shares in Suez Finance Company, estimated market value at 31 March 1978 £1,125

Statement showing the amount of stamp duty remitted by direction of the Treasury in the year ended 31 March 1978 £

On deeds and other instruments on which the stamp duty would be payable by a Commonwealth or foreign government, or a representative of such government in the United Kingdom 84,030

On deeds and other instruments for public departments 201,903

The stamp duties were paid from the Contingencies Fund and included in the amount voted in 1978-79 for Repayments to the Contingencies Fund.

Douglas Wass

Accounting Officer

22 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

SUBHEAD A1 GRANT TO THE ROYAL TRUSTEES

The grant of £800,000 for supplementing payment from the Consolidated Fund for the Civil List, annuities and other payments to members of the Royal Family and Civil List pensions under the provisions of the Civil List Act 1975 was disbursed by the Royal Trustees as follows:

	<i>To supplement expenditure in</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	
	£	£	£	£
The Queen's Civil List	34,375	335,576	255,799	625,750
HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother		48,750	15,000	63,750
HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh		15,000	5,000	20,000
HRH The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Philips		12,500	3,750	16,250
HRH The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon		16,250	5,000	21,250
HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester		3,750	1,250	5,000
Other Members of the Royal Family: (a)				
HRH The Duke of Gloucester		7,750	2,750	10,500
HRH The Duke of Kent		10,500	3,250	13,750
HRH Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy		17,000	5,000	22,500
HRH Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone		1,000	250	1,250
Total	£34,375	468,576	297,049	800,000

(a) A sum of £130,000 has been received from HM The Queen and paid into the Consolidated Fund in reimbursement of the payments made to other members of the Royal Family in 1977. This receipt covered the supplements of £36,750 shown here, £8,250 paid in financial year 1976-77, and the sum of £85,000 issued from the Consolidated Fund under Section 3 of the Civil List Act 1972.

Douglas Wass

Auditor of the Civil List

Treasury

22 September 1978

**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT DEPARTMENT**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	4,310,000	790,000	3,520,000	4,172,583	1,007,670	*3,164,913

* This figure is £217,670 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£1,007,670) and those authorised to be applied (£790,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 Exchequer and Audit Department	4,310,000	4,172,583	137,417	—
	Estimated	Applied		
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	790,000	790,000		
NET TOTAL	£ 3,520,000	3,382,583		Surplus 137,417
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£137,417.32</u>

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid (Audit fees and sundry receipts)	790,000	1,007,669·68 (a)
Appropriated in aid		790,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£217,669·68</u>

(a) Mainly due to advance payment of certain fees.

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries (3 cases) £712

D. O. Henley
Accounting Officer and
Comptroller and Auditor General

20 September 1978

I have examined this Account and find it to be correct.

Douglas Wass
Auditor of the Civil List

Treasury
23 November 1978

**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE**

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Customs and Excise Department, including the expenses of Value Added Tax Tribunals and an international subscription.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	159,898,000	10,153,000	149,745,000	158,399,567	10,905,313	*147,494,254

* This figure is £752,313 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£10,905,313) and those authorised to be applied (£10,153,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 Customs and Excise Staff				
<i>Original</i>	133,250,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,100,000			
	135,350,000	134,601,053	748,947	—
A2 General Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	15,051,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,210,349			
	17,261,349	16,715,248	546,101	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A3 Telecommunications Services				
<i>Original</i>	4,165,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	113,000			
	4,052,000	3,889,256	162,744	—
A4 Legal Expenses, Investigations, Rewards, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	1,160,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	345,000			
	1,505,000	1,436,499	68,501	—
A5 Value Added Tax Tribunals	245,000	252,649	—	7,649
A6 London Airport Cargo Electronic Data Processing Scheme	1,350,000	1,370,211	—	20,211
A7 Subscription to the Customs Co-operation Council				
<i>Original</i>	145,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	10,349			
	134,651	134,651	—	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	155,366,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	4,532,000			
	159,898,000	158,399,567	1,526,293	27,860
		<i>Estimated</i>		
		<i>Applied</i>		
Deduct				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	5,670,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	4,483,000			
	10,153,000	10,153,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	149,696,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	49,000			
	149,745,000	148,246,567		
			Surplus	
			1,498,433	
			<u>£1,498,432.64</u>	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	10,153,000	10,905,313·85
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	4,535·59
Total	£10,153,000	10,909,849·44
Appropriated in aid		<u>10,153,000·00</u>
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£756,849·44</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Repayments for services to statutory bodies, etc. (Subhead A1)	190,000	189,781
Fees for registration of ships (Subhead A1)	165,000	168,270
Moneys received from merchants, etc. for special attendance of officers, etc. (Subhead A1)	4,040,000	4,083,981
Recovery of the cost of staff on loan to outside bodies (Subhead A1)	150,000	147,903
Proceeds, less duty, of sale of seized goods, stores, etc., and seized currency receipts (Subhead A4)	1,716,000	1,851,998
Law costs and investigation expenses recovered (Subhead A4)	315,000	335,541
Fines and penalties (Subhead A4)	3,000,000	3,583,529 (a)
London Airport Cargo Electronic Data Processing Scheme recoverable costs (Subhead A1)	50,000	50,521
Miscellaneous	527,000	493,789
Total	£10,153,000	10,905,313
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Interest under section 24(1) of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947	—	3,644
Staff restaurants: repayment of loans	—	892
		<u>£4,536</u>

(a) Due to unforeseen receipt of some large penalties in the latter part of the year.

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash losses due to theft, fraud, or arson* (10 cases)	356
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (54 cases)	13,382
Cash losses due to other causes (126 cases)	109,776
Total Cash Losses	£123,514
Claims abandoned (5 cases)	£251
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.* (13 cases)	5,860
Stores losses due to other causes (39 cases)	3,376
Total Stores Losses	£9,236

* Prosecution was not practicable.

Losses Statement contd.

<i>Details</i>	£
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc.	
Overpayment of overtime to 20 officers on shift duties due to misinterpretation of rules	7,710
An officer who resigned and was subsequently declared bankrupt failed to repay an authorised advance	689
Overpayment of salary increase to an officer on promotion	607
Cash losses due to other causes	
Loss of revenue due to official error:	
Wrong liability rulings in four separate VAT cases (£61,221, £2,911, £2,735 and £1,475)	68,342
Repayment of duty incorrectly allowed on spoilt beer	8,493
Payment of duty on the foreign content of re-imported goods was not enforced because inadequate official advice had been given to the trader	6,536
Incorrect deduction of VAT input tax	5,391
Errors in connection with registration for VAT (five cases – £1,930, £901, £752, £621 and £543)	4,747
Imported goods incorrectly allowed to enter free of duty (three cases – £2,358, £530 and £507)	3,395
Incorrect guidance to a trader using a VAT retail scheme	2,408
Errors in connection with the repayment of VAT (three cases – £782, £703 and £572)	2,057
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.	
Seized goods held in a temporary place overnight were stolen	4,600
Stores losses due to other causes	
Two official vehicles were damaged beyond economical repair (£1,114 and £650)	1,764
Detained goods were sold in error	966
 Notes	
£	
<i>Ex gratia Payments</i>	
34 compensation payments	69,455
10 other <i>ex gratia</i> payments	545
<i>Extra-statutory payments</i>	
2 extra statutory payments totalling £168 being the application of proceeds of sale of unentered goods to meet outstanding dock and warehouse charges.	
<i>Gifts Made</i>	
Gifts of tobacco and cigarettes seized under section 44 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952 were made to 4 organisations (Services Comforts Committees and 2 hospitals): estimated duty-exclusive value £18,950.	
1 other gift of a presentational nature: £8.	
<i>Loans outstanding at 31 March, 1978</i>	
Staff restaurants	£36,525
Loans to 2 staff restaurants totalling £6,433 were remitted during the year.	

Notes contd.

Other Notes

Expenditure included £144,559 in respect of rewards, of which sum £136,527 was paid to officers of this Department, £621 to police or officers of other departments and £7,411 to other persons. Where payee's receipts have not been furnished, the sums expended are supported by certificates from the responsible paying officers.

Expenditure of £284,258 was attributable to the cost of revenue collection, etc., for the Isle of Man, and was recovered by deduction from the Isle of Man share of Equal Duties.

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. The system provided for in regulations involves the aggregation of the costs of collection of all UK taxes (i.e. all taxes collected by Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue plus vehicle excise duties collected by the Department of Transport) and the attribution to Northern Ireland of a proportion of those costs equalling the proportion they receive of the total taxes.

D. A. Lovelock
Accounting Officer

26 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
INLAND REVENUE**

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Inland Revenue Department.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	362,321,000	17,436,000	344,885,000	358,223,564	19,003,699	*339,219,865

*This figure is £1,567,699 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£19,003,699) and those authorised to be applied (£17,436,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 Salaries, &c. <i>Original</i>	306,233,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	14,735,000			
	320,968,000	322,328,031	—	1,360,031
A2 General Administrative Expenses	27,200,000	23,135,997	4,064,003	—
A3 Collection of Tax: Miscellaneous Expenses	359,000	373,942	—	14,942
A4 Clerks to General Commissioners: Remuneration and Expenses	1,184,000	1,166,833	17,167	—
A5 Legal Expenses, &c.	3,007,000	2,872,920	134,080	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant.

A2 Mainly due to a refund for official paid stationery and overprovision for travelling and removal expenses.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A6 Capital Expenditure	597,000	245,893	351,107	—
A7 Current Expenditure	9,005,000	8,099,948	905,052	—
A8 War Damage Payments	1,000	—	1,000	—
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	347,586,000			
Supplementary	14,735,000			
	<u>£ 362,321,000</u>	358,223,564	5,472,409	1,374,973
<i>Deduct</i>		<i>Estimated</i>		
AZ Appropriations in Aid		17,436,000		
		<i>Applied</i>		
		17,436,000		
NET TOTAL				
Original	330,150,000			
Supplementary	14,735,000			
	<u>£ 344,885,000</u>	340,787,564		Surplus 4,097,436
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£4,097,435·94</u>

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

A6 Installation of equipment deferred due to building delays.

A7 Overprovision partly due to economies and the cancellation and deferment of installations.

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	17,436,000	19,003,698·52
(ii) Receipts of other classes	50,000	48,441·79
Total	<u>17,486,000</u>	<u>19,052,140·31</u>
Appropriated in aid		17,436,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£1,616,140·31</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Recovery of cost of administration from the Redemption Annuities Account under Tithe Act 1936*	220,000	239,378
Recovery of salaries of staff on loan to other Departments or Governments	160,000	213,662 (a)
Receipts for certain valuation services	560,000	415,385 (b)
Legal costs recovered	1,740,000	1,946,576 (c)
Miscellaneous receipts	168,000	325,698 (d)
Recovery of cost of collection of the Surcharge on National Insurance Contributions under the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976	1,814,000	1,961,000
Recovery of cost of administration from the National Insurance Funds, the National Health Services and the Redundancy Funds under the Social Security Act 1975	12,774,000	13,902,000
Total	17,436,000	19,003,699
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Interest under section 24(1) of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947	50,000	45,509
Other receipts	—	2,933
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>48,442</u>

(a) Higher salary costs and additional staff on loan.

(b) Mainly due to overestimation of recoverable charges previously provided as a supporting service.

(c) Mainly due to increased recoveries from distraint proceedings.

(d) General increase in various types of recoveries.

*See also Redemption Annuities Account published separately as a White Paper.

Losses Statement

Summary

	£
Cash Losses due to theft, fraud or arson*	
(i) Irregular encashment of payable orders (817 cases)	35,837
(ii) Miscellaneous (13 cases)	403
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances (230 cases)	12,222
Cash losses due to other causes	
(i) Over-repayments of tax and overpayments of tax credits and post-war credits where the circumstances precluded recovery (74 cases)	18,040
(ii) Miscellaneous (345 cases)	19,961
Total Cash Losses	£86,463
Stores losses due to other causes (89 cases)	<u>£400</u>

*Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Details

	£
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances	
Overpayment of salary to 2 officers due to erroneous application of London Weighting	1,411
Cash losses due to other causes	
Losses incurred by 4 staff restaurants, 3 of which have since closed (£8,594, £2,200, £1,705 and £1,137)	13,636
Short payment on a recording press in a Stamp Office due to apparent loss of a credit document	3,833

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

	£
444 compensation payments (of an <i>ex gratia</i> nature)	5,297
1 other <i>ex gratia</i> payment	7,036

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Staff restuarants	28,436
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Other Notes

In 14 cases in which estate duty/capital transfer tax was found to have been under-assessed owing to Departmental error, the liability to duty/tax was not pursued. The amount of duty/tax involved is estimated at £17,861; this is not included in the Losses Statement.

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. The system provided for in regulations involves the aggregation of the costs of collection of all UK taxes (ie all taxes collected by Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue plus vehicle excise duties collected by the Department of the Environment) and the attribution to Northern Ireland of a proportion of those costs equalling the proportion they receive of the total taxes.

At 31 October 1977 the Department held securities totalling £2,964 (nominal), accepted in satisfaction of tax liability.

William Pile

Accounting Officer

10 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENSING

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Transport in connection with driver and motor vehicle registration and licensing, and the collection of revenue and certain *ex gratia* payments.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	50,844,000	1,833,000	49,011,000	48,718,992	2,144,999	*46,573,993

*This figure is £311,999 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£2,144,999) and those authorised to be applied (£1,833,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 Salaries and General Administrative Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	28,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,118,000			
	29,118,000	28,356,844	761,156	—
A2 Agency Services				
<i>Original</i>	20,870,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	722,000			
	21,592,000	20,200,296	1,391,704	—
A3 Medical and Legal Services				
<i>Original</i>	121,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	12,000			
	133,000	161,822	—	28,822

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A3 The number of medical examinations was greater than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A4 <i>Ex gratia</i> payments in respect of Vehicle Excise Duty Refunds <i>Supplementary</i>	1,000	30	970	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	48,991,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,852,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 50,844,000</u>	<u>48,718,992</u>	<u>2,153,830</u>	<u>28,822</u>
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	2,628,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	<u>795,000</u>			
	1,833,000	1,833,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	46,363,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,647,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 49,011,000</u>	<u>46,885,992</u>		
			<u>Surplus</u>	
			<u>2,125,008</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£2,125,007·98</u>	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

A4 Token provision was taken to cover payments in three cases referred to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	1,833,000	2,144,998·93
(ii) Receipts of other classes	1,426,800	1,474,599·48
Total	<u>£3,259,800</u>	<u>3,619,598·41</u>
Appropriated in aid		<u>1,833,000·00</u>
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£1,786,598·41</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Fees for duplicate vehicle licences, registration books and cherished transfers	1,750,000	2,073,457 (a)
Other receipts	83,000	71,542
Total	£1,833,000	2,144,999
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Mitigated penalties, etc.	1,425,000	1,472,724
Miscellaneous	1,800	1,875
Total	£1,426,800	1,474,599

(a) Demands were greater than expected.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson* (5 cases)	£ 105
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (53 cases)	48,270
Cash losses due to other causes (38 cases)	346
Total Cash Losses	£48,721

Claims abandoned (31 cases)

£895

*Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages, and allowances, etc.	
Overpayment of overtime to 60 security guards	£46,595

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

131 *ex gratia* payments £1,870

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loans to staff restaurants £27,495

Notes contd.

Other Notes

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. The system provided for in regulations involves the aggregation of the costs of collection of all UK taxes (ie all taxes collected by Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue plus vehicle excise duties collected by the Department of Transport) and the attribution to Northern Ireland of a proportion of those costs equalling the proportion they receive of the total taxes.

Peter Baldwin
Accounting Officer

16 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
NATIONAL DEBT OFFICE**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the National Debt Office and Pensions Commutation Board.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	303,000	302,000	1,000	252,713	392,200	*(139,487)

* Due to the token nature of this Vote, estimated Appropriations-in-Aid (AZ) were restricted to £302,000 to produce a net expenditure figure of £1,000: total receipts were estimated at £446,000. In the Appropriation Account net expenditure is shown as nil with Appropriations-in-Aid applied of £252,713. Actual outturn figures above take account of total receipts of £392,200.

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 National Debt Office and Pensions Commutation Board	303,000	252,713	50,287	—
	Estimated	Applied	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 50,287	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	302,000	252,713	Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid £49,287	
NET TOTAL	1,000	—	Net Surplus to be surrendered £1,000	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant.

A1 Expenditure was less than expected due to reduced work levels with consequential staff reductions.

Receipts		
	Estimated	Realised
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
	£	£
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	446,000	392,200·20
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	302,000	252,712·90
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	£144,000	139,487·30

Details of Receipts		
	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Management expenses under certain Acts	320,700	216,410 ^(a)
Repayment from the National Insurance Fund, Redundancy Fund, Maternity Fund	38,500	36,955
Miscellaneous Receipts	86,800	138,835 ^(b)
Total	£446,000	392,200

(a) As a result of a reduction of work under the Trustee Savings Banks Acts the management expenses recoverable were less than expected.

(b) Mainly due to an increase in the rates of fees charged for commutation of Service pensions.

F. D. Ashby
Accounting Officer

25 July 1978.

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSION**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Public Works Loan Commission.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	<u>196,000</u>	<u>195,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>181,692</u>	<u>348,223</u>	<u>*(166,531)</u>

*Due to the token nature of this Vote, estimated Appropriations in Aid (AZ) were restricted to £195,000 to produce a net expenditure figure of £1,000: total receipts were estimated at £375,000. In the Appropriation Account net expenditure is shown as nil with Appropriations in Aid applied of £181,692. Actual outturn figures above take account of total receipts of £348,223.

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 Public Works Loan Commission	196,000	181,692	14,308	—
	Estimated	Applied	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 14,308	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	195,000	181,692	Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 13,308	
NET TOTAL	£ 1,000	—	Net Surplus to be surrendered £1,000	

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid (Fees)	375,000	348,222·51
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	195,000	181,691·58
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	£180,000	166,530·93

P. A. Goodwin
Accounting Officer

27 November 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:
DEPARTMENT FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Department for National Savings.*

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.2 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
A	82,507,000	43,803,000	38,704,000	80,384,935	42,521,535	37,863,400

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.2				
A1 Salaries, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	35,518,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,089,000			
	36,607,000	35,958,623	648,377	—
A2 General Administrative Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	7,661,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	422,000			
	8,083,000	7,420,429	662,571	—
A3 Payments to other Public Bodies				
<i>Original</i>	35,261,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	129,000			
	35,132,000	34,343,661	788,339	—

* See also National Savings Bank Ordinary and Investment Deposits Accounts, published separately as White Papers.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A4 Publicity				
Original	2,609,000			
Less Supplementary	3,000			
	2,606,000	2,585,517	20,483	—
A5 Expenses of Voluntary Organisations				
Original	144,000			
Less Supplementary	65,000			
	79,000	76,705	2,295	—
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	81,193,000			
Supplementary	1,314,000			
	£ 82,507,000	80,384,935	2,122,065	—
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 2,122,065	
Deduct				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
Original	42,667,000			
Supplementary	1,136,000			
	43,803,000	42,521,535	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 1,281,465	
NET TOTAL				
Original	38,526,000			
Supplementary	178,000			
	£ 38,704,000	37,863,400	Net Surplus 840,600	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered £840,599.57	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	2,257.83

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Recovery from the Savings Bank Fund of the estimated cost of administering ordinary savings bank accounts	40,108,000	39,200,000
Recovery from the Investment Account Fund of the estimated cost of administering savings bank investment accounts	3,056,000	2,650,000
Periodic payments fees	32,000	29,447
Miscellaneous	607,000	642,088
Total	£43,803,000	42,521,535

Details of Receipts <i>contd.</i>	Estimated	Realised
(ii) Receipts of other classes	£	£
Refund of overpaid sick pay	—	948
Refund of salaries and wages overpaid in prior year	—	1,008
Receipts for use of accommodation	—	35
Refund of marriage gratuity	—	242
Refund of cost of living allowance	—	25
Total		<u>£2,258</u>

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash losses due to theft and fraud (22 cases)	5,492
Prosecution has been undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.	
Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (40 cases)	836
Cash losses due to other causes (1,579 cases)	13,775
Total Cash Losses	<u>£20,103</u>
Fruitless payment	£18
Stores losses due to theft (2 cases)	<u>£27</u>

<i>Details</i>	£
Cash losses due to theft or fraud	
3 cases of fraudulent encashment of National Savings Certificates by members of the public. Three persons were prosecuted and convicted.	3,622
Fraudulent encashment of Premium Savings Bonds by a member of the public who has since died	700
Cash losses due to other causes	
Closing loan to staff restaurant to meet outstanding liabilities	1,827

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

67 compensation payments totalling £1,321
589 other *ex gratia* payments totalling £2,894.

Extra-regulatory Payments

29 extra-regulatory payments totalling £475 in respect of loss of interest arising from delayed repayments, etc.

J. Littlewood

Accounting Officer

27 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, &c.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure by the Civil Service Department on the central management of the civil service, on Royal Commissions, Committees, special enquiries, the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel, and certain other services, including grants in aid to the Government Hospitality Fund and other bodies.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.3						
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE						
A	9,353,000	121,000	9,232,000	8,826,500	191,343	8,635,157
B	3,782,000	110,000	3,672,000	3,448,218	162,723	3,285,495
C	2,065,000	328,000	1,737,000	2,006,694	444,266	1,562,428
D	3,524,000	269,000	3,255,000	3,281,172	244,430	3,036,742
	<u>£18,724,000</u>	<u>828,000</u>	<u>17,896,000</u>	<u>17,562,584</u>	<u>1,042,762</u>	<u>16,519,822</u>
PROGRAMME 13.6						
OTHER SERVICES						
E	2,738,000	9,000	2,729,000	2,398,096	10,009	2,388,087
F	1,164,000	—	1,164,000	1,062,189	—	1,062,189
	<u>3,902,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>3,893,000</u>	<u>3,460,285</u>	<u>10,009</u>	<u>3,450,276</u>
Total	<u>£22,626,000</u>	<u>837,000</u>	<u>21,789,000</u>	<u>21,022,869</u>	<u>1,052,771</u>	<u>*19,970,098</u>

* This figure is £215,771 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between Appropriations in Aid realised (£1,052,771) and those authorised to be applied (£837,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.3				
SECTION A				
GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE				
A1 Civil Service Department: Ministers and general administration				
<i>Original</i>	7,352,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	94,000			
	7,446,000	7,339,145	106,855	—
A2 General Expenses	1,907,000	1,487,355	419,645	—
SECTION B				
CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICE RECRUITMENT				
B1 Civil Service Commission	3,782,000	3,448,218	333,782	—
SECTION C				
CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING				
C1 Civil Service College				
<i>Original</i>	2,222,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	157,000			
	2,065,000	2,006,694	58,306	—
SECTION D				
OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES FOR CIVIL SERVICE MANAGEMENT				
D1 Medical Advisory Service	351,000	355,682	—	4,682
D2 Chessington Computer Centre	2,338,850	2,087,474	251,376	—
D3 Institute of Manpower Studies (Grant in Aid)	21,000	21,000	—	—
D4 Royal Institute of Public Administration	28,150	28,150	—	—
D5 Civil Service Sports Council (Grant in Aid)	410,000	410,000	—	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A2 Slippage of expenditure on certain items of telecommunications equipment, reduced expenditure on postage and staff removals and economies in staff travel.
- D2 Due mainly to unfilled vacancies and reduced expenditure on postage.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
D6 Civil Service Benevolent Fund (Grant in Aid)	170,000	170,000	—	—
D7 Civil Service Retirement Fellowship (Grant in Aid)	60,000	60,000	—	—
D8 Residential Hostels (Grants) <i>Original</i> 145,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 8,750	136,250	140,116	—	3,866
D9 Residential Hostels (Loans) <i>Supplementary</i>	8,750	8,750	—	—
PROGRAMME 13.6				
SECTION E				
ROYAL COMMISSIONS &c.				
E1 Historical Manuscripts Commission	135,990	118,595	17,395	—
E2 British Records Association (Grant in Aid)	6,500	6,500	—	—
E3 Ancient Monuments (Scotland) Commission	205,160	201,565	3,595	—
E4 Ancient Monuments (Wales) Commission	162,730	166,867	—	4,137
E5 Historical Monuments (England) Commission	623,040	638,158	—	15,118
E6 Royal Fine Art Commission (England)	28,500	31,077	—	2,577
E7 Royal Fine Art Commission (Scotland)	12,260	12,877	—	617
E8 Museums and Galleries Standing Commission	35,420	40,179	—	4,759
E9 Civil Service Pay Research Unit <i>Original</i> 131,350 <i>Supplementary</i> 50,650	182,000	158,378	23,622	—
E10 Review Board for Government Contracts	41,350	39,916	1,434	—
E11 Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution	73,140	60,982	12,158	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

E1 Due to unfilled vacancies and less use of fee paid services.

E8 Additional staff costs.

E9 Build-up of staff on resumption of pay research slower than expected.

E11 Projected overseas visits did not take place.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
E12 Public Sector Pay Review Bodies	4,000	1,905	2,095	—
E13 Royal Commission on Civil Liability	139,930	152,599	—	12,669
E14 Royal Commission on the Press				
<i>Original</i>	24,270			
<i>Supplementary</i>	13,350			
	37,620	41,159	—	3,539
E15 Royal Commission on Gambling	218,290	192,893	25,397	—
E16 Boundary Commission for England and Wales	165,250	63,475	101,775	—
E17 Royal Commission on the National Health Service	180,060	169,726	10,334	—
E18 Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland	9,650	2,303	7,347	—
E19 Royal Commission on Legal Services (England, Wales and N. Ireland)	257,410	203,074	54,336	—
E20 Royal Commission on Legal Services (Scotland)	176,490	84,796	91,694	—
E21 Commissions not specifically provided for	43,210	11,072	32,138	—
SECTION F				
OTHER SERVICES				
F1 Office of the Parliamentary Counsel	431,000	385,338	45,662	—
F2 Government Hospitality Fund	171,000	143,952	27,048	—
F3 Government Hospitality Fund (Grant in Aid) (<i>see appended Account</i>)	550,000	522,000	28,000	—
F4 George Cross Annuities	12,000	10,899	1,101	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

E12 Less travel by members than expected.

E15 Less use of fee-paid services than expected.

E16 and E18 Delays in implementation of the planned programmes.

E19 and E20 Due to unfilled vacancies, less use of fee-paid services, and economies in overseas visits.

F1 Due to unfilled vacancies, and fee-paid services not required.

F2 Less use than expected of casual staff, overtime and fee-paid services.

F4 Due to a reduction in the number of annuitants.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	22,625,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 22,626,000</u>	21,022,869	1,655,095	51,964
<i>Deduct:</i>	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Applied</i>		
Z Appropriations in Aid	837,000	837,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	21,788,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 21,789,000</u>	20,185,869		
				Surplus
				1,603,131
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£1,603,130·72</u>

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	837,000	1,052,771·15
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	99,881·55
Total	<u>£837,000</u>	<u>1,152,652·70</u>
Appropriated in aid		837,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£315,652·70</u>

Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Reimbursement of salaries of loaned officers	54,000	85,993 (a)
Services to non-Exchequer bodies	40,000	81,062 (b)
Miscellaneous	27,000	24,288 (c)
	£121,000	191,343
Subhead BZ		
Services to non-Exchequer bodies	109,000	162,483 (d)
Miscellaneous	1,000	240 (e)
	£110,000	162,723
Subhead CZ		
Fees from non-Exchequer bodies	262,000	372,183 (f)
Miscellaneous	66,000	72,083
	£328,000	444,266
Subhead DZ		
Services to non-Exchequer bodies	240,000	213,545 (g)
Post Office contribution towards assistance to the London Hostels Association	28,000	30,859
Miscellaneous	1,000	26 (h)
	£269,000	244,430
Subhead EZ		
Miscellaneous	9,000	10,009 (i)
Total	£837,000	1,052,771
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Interest on and repayment of loans:		
Civil Service Sports Council	—	68,274
London Hostels Association, for the purchase of properties for use as hostels	—	21,562
Miscellaneous	—	10,046
Total		£99,882

(a) More officers on loan than expected.

(b) and (d) More services provided on repayment.

(c) (e) (h) and (i) The incidence of miscellaneous receipts is difficult to forecast.

(f) More student places occupied by repayment bodies.

(g) Fewer repayment services provided by Medical Advisory Service and Chessington Computer Centre.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (17 cases)	£ 2,098
Cash losses due to other causes (1 case)	115
Total Cash Losses	£2,213
Fruitless payments (6 cases)	£6,273

Losses Statement contd.*Details*

Fruitless payments

Continuing commitments arising from the closure of the Edinburgh Centre of the Civil Service College (2 cases)	£5,483
A further sum will be charged to the Vote in a subsequent year	

Notes

<i>Commissions not specifically provided for: Subhead E21</i>	£
Committee of Enquiry into the Political Activities of Civil Servants	9,330
Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure	1,742
	<u>£11,072</u>

Ex gratia Payments

23 compensation payments totalling £275.

Gifts Made

62 gifts of a presentational nature to a total value of £2,879.

Free copies of the Civil Service Pay and Conditions of Service Code and the Establishment Officers' Guide are provided to the Staff Side of the Civil Service National Whitley Council and to civil service staff associations. The cost of this service in 1977-78 was £48,000.

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

	£
Civil Service Sports Council	700,914
London Hostels Association	1,008,717
Total	<u>£1,709,631</u>

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALITY FUND (GRANT IN AID) ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Balance on 1 April 1977	19,903	Expenditure	556,393
Grant in Aid 1977-78 (Subhead F3)	522,000	Balance, 31 March 1978	19,984
Miscellaneous Receipts	34,474		
	<u>£576,377</u>		<u>£576,377</u>

The following is a statement of the heads under which the net expenditure of £521,919 was incurred in 1977-78:

	£
Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting	250,536
Visit of His Excellency the Vice-Minister of Communications for the People's Republic of China	15,089
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Trade of the People's Republic of China	13,847
Economic Summit Meeting	13,170
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Defence of Kuwait	7,831
Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Diplomatic Banquet	7,683
Visit of His Excellency the Prime Minister of the State of Israel	6,567
Visit of His Royal Highness the Minister of the Interior of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	6,164
Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Member States of The European Community	6,096
Visit of His Royal Highness the Minister of Municipalities and Rural Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	6,068
Visit of the Prime Minister of Australia	5,531
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Defence of Norway	5,367
Visit of the Minister of National Defence of Canada	4,839
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Romania	4,150
Visit of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Costa Rica	3,651
Visit of the Minister of Agriculture of New Zealand	3,259
Visit of His Excellency the Minister for the Chemical Industry of the German Democratic Republic	3,152
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Defence of Denmark	3,086
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil	2,523
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Health of Iraq	2,517
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Tunisia	2,498
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Industry for Thailand	2,380
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Public Health of Kuwait	2,195
Visit of His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations	2,142
Visit of the Governing Mayor of Berlin	1,988
Visit of Member of the Commission of the European Communities	1,903
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Telegraphs, Posts and Telephones for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	1,871
Reception for the Fifth Commonwealth Law Conference	1,731
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of the Interior for Italy	1,708
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Industry and Commerce of Brazil	1,694
Visit of His Excellency the Minister for Energy and Mines of Venezuela	1,674
Visit of His Excellency the Deputy Foreign Minister for the People's Republic of Bulgaria	1,674
Visit of His Excellency the Minister for the Gas Industry of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1,575
Visit of His Excellency the President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	1,541
Reception for an Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation Conference on Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention	1,523
Trooping the Colour	1,482
Reception for the Third World Conference of the World Federation of Ayrshire Breed Societies	1,481
Reception for an International Council for Building Research Congress	1,478
Dinner for a Conference on the International Baccalaureate	1,466
Reception for the Second NATO Symposium on Quality and its Assurance	1,458
Visit of His Excellency the President of the Federal Committee for Science and Culture of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	1,438
Reception for the Sixth Bi-Annual Congress of the European Society of Pathology	1,430
Reception for a Bi-Annual Symposium for European Ministers of Transport	1,425
Visit of the Secretary of the United States Air Force	1,399

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Visit of the President of the European Commission	1,364
Visit of His Excellency the First Deputy Minister of Health of the German Democratic Republic	1,343
Reception for the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone International European Congress	1,329
Visit of the President of the Assembly of Western European Union	1,222
Reception for the Fifteenth International Congress for the History of Science	1,217
Visit of Their Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince and Princess of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	1,196
Reception for a Conference of the Licensing Executives Society	1,193
Reception for the Tenth Regular Session of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation	1,183
Visit of His Excellency the Political and State Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of the Republic of Zaire	1,175
Reception for the Comité Européen des Bureaux d'Ingenierie Conference	1,161
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture of Denmark	1,150
Reception for the Twenty First Congress of the Public Services International	1,139
Visit of His Excellency the Minister for the Civil Service of the Republic of France	1,083
Visit of the Honourable Vice-President of the Republic of Kenya	1,057
Visit of His Excellency the Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Korea	1,009
Other Visits of Commonwealth and Foreign Representatives, Missions etc.	67,331
Incidental Expenses	16,973
Purchases of wines, spirits, minerals, cigars and cigarettes <i>less</i> issues	7,514
Total	<u>£521,919</u>

Ian Bancroft
Accounting Officer

29 August 1978

I have examined the foregoing Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion these Accounts are correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS: PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Public Record Office.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	<u>1,978,000</u>	<u>312,000</u>	<u>1,666,000</u>	<u>1,860,538</u>	<u>258,069</u>	<u>1,602,469</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Public Record Office	1,962,000	1,844,781	117,219	—
A2 Payment to British Film Institute	16,000	15,757	243	—
GROSS TOTAL	£ 1,978,000	1,860,538	117,462	—
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Realised</u>	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure <u>117,462</u>	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	312,000	258,069	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid Realised <u>53,931</u>	
NET TOTAL	£ 1,666,000	1,602,469	Net Surplus <u>63,531</u>	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£63,531.40</u>	

Receipts

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Realised</u>
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Fees for copies of documents	£312,000	£258,069 (a)
(a) Due mainly to transfer of functions to new premises and to delays in commissioning new equipment.		

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash loss due to theft*	590
Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (58 cases)	886
Total Cash Losses	<u>£1,476</u>

*Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Cash loss due to theft from Accounts Division safe of monies received from sale of museum publications	£590
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A. W. Mabbs
Accounting Officer

30 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS:
SCOTTISH RECORD OFFICE**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Scottish Record Office and on certain other services including a grant in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	588,465	132,465	456,000	586,122	144,023	*442,099

* This figure is £11,558 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between Appropriations in Aid realised (£144,023) and those authorised to be applied (£132,465).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Scottish Record Office				
<i>Original</i>	570,040			
<i>Supplementary</i>	15,000			
	585,040	582,697	2,343	—
A2 Business Archives Council of Scotland	2,000	2,000	—	—
A3 Purchase Grant				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,415			
	1,425	1,425	—	—

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	572,050			
<i>Supplementary</i>	16,415			
	<u>£ 588,465</u>	586,122	2,343	—
	Estimated	Applied		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid	124,050			
<i>Original</i>	8,145			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>132,465</u>	132,465		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	448,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	8,000			
	<u>£ 456,000</u>	453,657		
			Surplus	
			2,343	
			<u>£2,343·22</u>	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	132,465	144,022·67
Appropriated in aid		132,465·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£11,557·67</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Fees	100,050	112,637
Contribution from the Vote for the Department of the Registers of Scotland (Class XIII, 18) in respect of bindery services	32,415	30,858
Miscellaneous	—	528
Total	<u>£132,465</u>	<u>144,023</u>

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (1 case)	<u>£25</u>
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John Imrie

Accounting Officer

20 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

**RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS:
OFFICE OF POPULATION CENSUSES AND SURVEYS**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, including a grant in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	12,702,000	3,217,000	9,485,000	12,080,966	3,419,576	*8,661,390

* This figure is £202,576 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£3,419,576) and those authorised to be applied (£3,217,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Office of Population Censuses and Surveys	8,465,000	8,266,506	198,494	—
A2 Payments to Registration Officers	226,000	215,886	10,114	—
A3 National Health Service Central Register	1,771,000	1,831,217	—	60,217
A4 Censuses of Population	280,000	111,753	168,247	—
A5 Social Surveys	1,640,000	1,354,478	285,522	—
A6 International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (Grant in Aid)	3,000	3,000	—	—
A7 European Economic Community Surveys	305,000	288,196	16,804	—
A8 World Health Organisation: London Centre	12,000	9,930	2,070	—
GROSS TOTAL	£ 12,702,000	12,080,966	681,251	60,217
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>		
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	3,217,000	3,217,000		
NET TOTAL	£ 9,485,000	8,863,966	621,034	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£621,034·50</u>	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A4 Delay in supply of Ordnance Survey maps.
A5 Fewer Surveys undertaken due to lack of professional research staff.
A8 Staff saving and a reduction in travel and subsistence expenses.

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	3,217,000	3,419,575·57
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	62,761·75
Total	£3,217,000	3,482,337·32
Appropriated in aid		3,217,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£265,337·32</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Repayment for services in connection with:		
(a) National Health Service		
(i) Central Register	1,947,000	1,996,593
(ii) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry	65,000	57,000 (a)
(b) Ministry of Defence	90,000	95,000
(c) World Health Organisation	8,500	8,096
(d) European Economic Community	172,000	170,620
(e) Manpower Services and Health and Safety Commissions	5,000	5,577 (b)
Payments for census, statistical and survey data	36,000	80,330 (b)
Contribution from the Vote of the Department of Health and Social Security towards the expenses of the Official Committee on Population	7,500	— (c)
Miscellaneous receipts	3,000	3,474 (d)
Repayment for services in connection with National Insurance	253,000	272,212
Cash fees for searches and certified copies	630,000	730,674 (e)
Total	£3,217,000	3,419,576
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Repayment for unexpected additional surveys	—	59,870
Payment from World Health Organisation for printing of training material	—	1,200
Miscellaneous	—	1,692
Total		£62,762
(a) Due to reduction in staff and computer time.		
(b) Demand for data exceeded expectation.		
(c) Contribution was not required.		
(d) Increase in demand for publications.		
(e) Increase in demand for certificates and increased fees from 1 January 1978.		

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (67 cases) £9,237

Details

Cash loss due to incorrect calculation of salary on appointment to Statistician grade in 1971 £ 4,130
 Cash loss due to incorrect calculation of an officer's salary on promotion in 1970 520

A. R. Thatcher
Accounting Officer

25 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS:
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S OFFICE, SCOTLAND**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	<u>1,658,000</u>	<u>357,000</u>	<u>1,301,000</u>	<u>1,578,534</u>	<u>405,107</u>	<u>*1,173,427</u>

* This figure is £48,107 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£405,107) and those authorised to be applied (£357,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Registrar General's Office, Scotland	1,398,000	1,310,162	87,838	—
A2 National Health Service Central Register	211,500	224,274	—	12,774
A3 Payments to Local Registrars	24,000	23,470	530	—
A4 Censuses of Population	4,500	3,548	952	—
A5 European Economic Community: Labour Force Survey	20,000	17,080	2,920	—
GROSS TOTAL	£ 1,658,000	1,578,534	92,240	12,774
	Estimated	Applied		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid	357,000	357,000		
NET TOTAL	£ 1,301,000	1,221,534		
			Surplus	
			79,466	
			£79,465·63	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A4 Expenses payable to field staff were less than expected.
A5 The survey was carried out in a shorter time than had been expected, resulting in a saving in payments to field staff.

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	357,000	405,107·12 (a)
Appropriated in aid		357,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£48,107·12</u>

(a) Increased revenue from fees for searches and extracts and increase in recovery of the cost of administering National Health Service Central Register.

Losses Statement

Claims abandoned (1 case) £1,009

V. C. Stewart
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS: LAND REGISTRY

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Land Registry.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	<u>25,692,000</u>	<u>25,689,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>25,073,922</u>	<u>31,704,564</u>	<u>*(6,630,642)</u>

* Due to the token nature of this Vote, estimated Appropriations in Aid (AZ) were restricted to £25,689,000 to produce a net expenditure figure of £3,000: total receipts were estimated at £30,400,000. In the Appropriation Account, net expenditure is shown as nil with Appropriations in Aid applied of £25,073,922. Actual outturn figures above take account of total receipts of £31,704,564.

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Land Registry				
<i>Original</i>	21,400,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	590,000			
	21,990,000	21,674,903	315,097	—
A2 Capital Expenditure on Land and Buildings				
<i>Original</i>	322,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,500,000			
	2,822,000	2,976,902	—	154,902
A3 Rent, &c.	880,000	422,117	457,883	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	22,602,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	590,000			
	£ 25,692,000	25,073,922	772,980	154,902
		Estimated	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 618,078	
		Applied		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	22,601,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,499,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	589,000			
	25,689,000	25,073,922	Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 615,078	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	£ 3,000	—	Net surplus to be surrendered £3,000	

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A3 Purchase of one property originally intended to be rented and waiver of rent in respect of another property.

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	30,400,000	31,704,564.35
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	25,689,000	25,073,921.66
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	<u>£4,711,000</u>	<u>6,630,642.69</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Land Registry Fees	30,384,000	31,690,492
Miscellaneous	16,000	14,072 (a)
Total	<u>£30,400,000</u>	<u>31,704,564</u>

(a) Reduced receipts from the reimbursement of salaries of fewer staff seconded to outside bodies.

Losses Statement

Claims abandoned (estimated 1,993 cases)	<u>£1,306</u>
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Note

Subhead A1 expenditure included 98 indemnity payments totalling £47,021.

R. B. Roper
Accounting Officer

19 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS:
DEPARTMENT OF THE REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Department of the Registers of Scotland.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	1,777,000	1,775,000	2,000	1,774,648	2,641,324	*(866,676)

* Due to the token nature of this Vote estimated Appropriations in Aid (AZ) were restricted to £1,775,000 to produce a net expenditure figure of £2,000: total receipts were estimated at £2,516,000. In the Appropriation Account net expenditure is shown as nil with Appropriations in Aid applied of £1,774,648. Actual outturn figures above take account of total receipts of £2,641,324.

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Department of the Registers of Scotland				
Original	1,687,000			
Supplementary	90,000			
	1,777,000	1,774,648	2,352	—
	Estimated	Applied	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 2,352	
Deduct			Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 352	
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
Original	1,686,000			
Supplementary	89,000			
	1,775,000	1,774,648		
NET TOTAL			Net Surplus to be surrendered £2,000	
Original	1,000			
Supplementary	1,000			
	2,000	—		

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	2,516,000	2,641,323·92
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	437·33
Total	£2,516,000	2,641,761·25
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	1,775,000	1,774,647·69
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	£741,000	867,113·56

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Fees	2,475,000	2,591,503
Contribution from Vote of Scottish Record Office (Class XIII, Vote 14) in respect of salaries &c. of photoprinting staff.	21,000	21,108
Recovery from Health and Safety Executive	20,000	28,713 (a)
Total	£2,516,000	2,641,324
(ii) Receipts of other classes (Miscellaneous)		£437
(a) Increased receipts from recovery of telephone costs.		

Losses Statement

Court expenses to prove tenor of Will lost by Department	£287
Compensation payment	£71

D. Williamson
Accounting Officer

27 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS: CHARITY COMMISSION

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	<u>1,637,200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1,637,000</u>	<u>1,629,656</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>*1,629,197</u>

* This figure is £259 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£459) and those authorised to be applied (£200).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
A1 Charity Commission	1,637,200	1,629,656	7,544	—
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid	200	200		
NET TOTAL	£ <u>1,637,000</u>	<u>1,629,456</u>		Surplus <u>7,544</u>
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£7,543.52</u>

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid (Sales of copies of documents, etc.)	200	458·89
Appropriated in aid		200·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£258·89</u>

Note

Subhead A1 contains a sum of £7,000 applied towards the reduction of the standing deposit of the Chessington Computer Centre to correct an error in a previous financial year.

T. FitzGerald
Accounting Officer

23 August 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS: ORDNANCE SURVEY

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Ordnance Survey on the survey of Great Britain and other mapping services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.4						
RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS						
A	22,189,000	10,394,000	11,795,000	21,429,568	10,568,006	*10,861,562

* This figure is £174,006 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£10,568,006) and those authorised to be applied (£10,394,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.4				
A1 Administration				
<i>Original</i>	19,734,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	793,000			
		20,527,000	19,984,716	542,284
A2 Stores, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	1,380,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	78,000			
		1,302,000	1,163,307	138,693
A3 Capital Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	259,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	29,000			
		230,000	165,921	64,079
A4 Payments of Value Added Tax to Customs and Excise				
<i>Original</i>	70,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	60,000			
		130,000	115,624	14,376

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A2 Due to reduced purchases of paper and underestimate of the full effect of reduced staffing on the use of office services.
- A3 Due to cancellation and deferment of equipment requirements.
- A4 Due to reduction in output tax resulting from deferred invoicing of copyright licence fees.

RECORDS, REGISTRATIONS AND SURVEYS:
ORDNANCE SURVEY

1977-78, Class XIII, Vote 20

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	21,443,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	746,000			
	<u>£ 22,189,000</u>	21,429,568	759,432	—
		<u>Estimated</u>		
		<u>Applied</u>		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	9,649,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	745,000			
	<u>£ 10,394,000</u>	10,394,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	11,794,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 11,795,000</u>	11,035,568		
			Surplus	
			759,432	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£759,431.50</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	10,394,000	10,568,005.84
Appropriated in aid		10,394,000.00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£174,005.84</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Sale of maps, etc.	3,413,000	3,399,210
Copyright fees	3,851,000	3,837,950
Services for		
Land Registry	1,070,000	1,104,040
Natural Environment Research Council	400,000	391,807
Ministry of Defence	1,150,000	1,276,837 (a)
Others	419,000	445,309
Other receipts	91,000	112,853 (b)
	<u>£10,394,000</u>	<u>10,568,006</u>

The amounts paid over to Government Departments in respect of the sale of maps and publications on their behalf were:

Natural Environment Research Council	£ 43,889
Other Departments	2,032

- (a) Due to increased workload.
(b) Additional receipts from the sale of surplus equipment.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (47 cases)	£981
Fruitless payments (158 cases)	£12,958
Claims abandoned (214 cases)	£3,021
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Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.* (8 cases)	£ 306
Stores losses due to other causes (115 cases)	3,508
Total Stores Losses	£3,814
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* Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Fruitless Payments	£
Cancellation of maps found by accuracy testing to contain unacceptable errors	5,060
Production errors in work for the Civil Aviation Authority (£681) and Institute of Geological Survey (£983 and £1,287)	2,951
Stores losses due to other causes	
Disposal of surplus map packing cartons to facilitate the vacation of out-house storage space	1,953

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

25 compensation payments (of an *ex gratia* nature) £450

Gifts Made

16 gifts, each less than £100 in value £63

W. P. Smith

Accounting Officer

4 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: CABINET OFFICE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Cabinet Office and subscriptions to international organisations.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.6 OTHER SERVICES						
A	4,441,100	4,100	4,437,000	4,416,754	3,685	4,413,069

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.6				
A1 Cabinet Office <i>Original</i> <i>Supplementary</i>	4,374,000 66,000	4,415,654	24,346	—
A2 Subscriptions to International Organisations	1,100	1,100	—	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i> <i>Supplementary</i>	4,375,100 66,000	4,416,754	24,346	—
	£ 4,441,100			
		Estimated		Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 24,346
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	4,100	Realised 3,685		Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 415
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i> <i>Supplementary</i>	4,371,000 66,000	4,413,069		Net Surplus 23,931
	£ 4,437,000			£23,931.30
				Actual surplus to be surrendered

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	<u>273·31</u>

Details of Receipts

(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid (Miscellaneous)	<u>4,100</u>	<u>3,685</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes (Miscellaneous)	—	<u>273</u>

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayment of wages and allowances (4 cases)	<u>£172</u>
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John Hunt

Accounting Officer

27 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: SCOTTISH OFFICE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Scottish Office on central administration and certain other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.6						
OTHER SERVICES						
A	40,245,000	936,000	39,309,000	39,147,178	942,568	38,204,610
B	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>40,245,000</u>	<u>936,000</u>	<u>39,309,000</u>	<u>39,147,178</u>	<u>942,568</u>	<u>*38,204,610</u>

* This figure is £6,568 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£942,568) and those authorised to be applied (£936,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.6				
SECTION A				
SCOTTISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
A1 Salaries *				
<i>Original</i>	34,465,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	<u>32,000</u>			
	34,433,000	33,782,123	650,877	—
A2 General Expenses*				
<i>Original</i>	3,908,990			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>37,010</u>			
	3,946,000	3,717,346	228,654	—
A3 Telecommunication Services				
<i>Original</i>	1,517,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	<u>51,000</u>			
	1,466,000	1,278,700	187,300	—

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A3 Reduced telephone traffic and delay in delivery of equipment.

* See also Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets 1977-78 (H.C. of 77 1978-79), page 2.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A4 Grant to the Commission for Local Authority Accounts*				
Original	20,000			
Supplementary	30,000			
	50,000	50,000	—	—
A5 Scottish Information Service				
Original	294,000			
Supplementary	56,000			
	350,000	319,009	30,991	—
SECTION B				
SCOTTISH ASSEMBLY				
B1 Scottish Assembly				
Original	10			
Less Supplementary	10			
	—	—	—	—
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	40,205,000			
Supplementary	40,000			
	£ 40,245,000	39,147,178	1,097,822	—
		Estimated	Applied	
Deduct				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
Original	897,000			
Supplementary	39,000			
	936,000	936,000		
NET TOTAL				
Original	39,308,000			
Supplementary	1,000			
	£ 39,309,000	38,211,178	Surplus	
			1,097,822	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered	
			£1,097,822.45	

* See also the Account for the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland, published separately as a White Paper.

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	936,000	942,568·12
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	3,388·75
Total	£936,000	945,956·87
Appropriated in aid		<u>936,000·00</u>
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£9,956·87</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Medical Referee Service: Repayment from National Insurance and Industrial Injuries Funds	441,000	441,470
Recoveries in respect of seconded staff and professional services	180,000	185,031
Receipts from European Economic Community	48,000	43,753
Miscellaneous	228,000	233,314
Transfer from Department of Employment (Class IV, Vote 14)	39,000	39,000
	<u>£936,000</u>	<u>942,568</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Miscellaneous	—	<u>£3,389</u>

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances (18 cases)	<u>£1,758</u>
Claims abandoned (13 cases)	<u>£122</u>
Stores losses due to causes other than theft, fraud or sabotage, etc.	
A motor car valued at £600 was written off after an accident, scrap value of £60 was received	<u>£540</u>

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

41 compensation payments £474

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loans to staff restaurants £15,000

W. Kerr Fraser

Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: WELSH OFFICE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure by the Welsh Office on central administration.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.6						
OTHER SERVICES						
A	9,460,000	565,000	8,895,000	9,126,739	616,124	*8,510,615

* This figure is £51,124 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£616,124) and those authorised to be applied (£565,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 13.6				
A1 Salaries				
<i>Original</i>	7,425,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	64,000			
	7,489,000	7,477,589	11,411	—
A2 General Administrative Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	1,207,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	31,000			
	1,238,000	1,054,239	183,761	—
A3 Tribunals, Commissions, Referee Services, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	750,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	17,000			
	733,000	594,911	138,089	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A2 Expenditure on removal expenses, telecommunications and miscellaneous administrative expenses was less than expected.
- A3 Mainly due to slippage in the Local Government Boundary Commission programme.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	9,382,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	78,000			
	<u>£ 9,460,000</u>	9,126,739	333,261	—
		<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>	
Z				
<i>Deduct Appropriations in Aid</i>				
<i>Original</i>	488,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	77,000			
	<u>565,000</u>	565,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	8,894,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 8,895,000</u>	8,561,739		
			Surplus	
			333,261	
			<u>£333,260·55</u>	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	565,000	616,124·08
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	1,723·35
Total	£565,000	617,847·43
Appropriated in aid		565,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£52,847·43</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Medical Referee Service: repayment from the National Insurance Fund and the Employment Services Agency	473,000	513,074
Other receipts	92,000	103,050 (a)
Total	£565,000	616,124
(ii) Receipts of other classes (Miscellaneous)	—	<u>£1,723</u>
(a) Mainly due to film hire receipts being greater than expected.		

Losses Statement

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (31 cases) £2,095

Note

Ex gratia Payments

6 *ex gratia* payments totalling £2,358

Hywel Evans

Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

**OTHER SERVICES:
HOME BROADCASTING AND WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Home Office on grants to the British Broadcasting Corporation for home broadcasting, and civil defence, central administration, wireless telegraphy and sundry other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 9.4 CIVIL DEFENCE						
A	93,000	—	93,000	67,570	—	67,570
PROGRAMME 13.6 OTHER SERVICES						
B	1,758,000	1,000	1,757,000	1,678,789	1,015	1,677,774
C	1,563,000	1,490,000	73,000	1,433,532	1,523,837	(90,305)
	<u>3,414,000</u>	<u>1,491,000</u>	<u>1,923,000</u>	<u>3,179,891</u>	<u>1,524,852</u>	<u>1,655,039</u>
NON-DIRECT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE						
D	297,369,000	—	297,369,000	297,368,626	—	297,368,626
Total	<u>£300,783,000</u>	<u>1,491,000</u>	<u>299,292,000</u>	<u>300,548,517</u>	<u>1,524,852</u>	<u>*299,023,665</u>

* This figure is £33,852 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£1,524,852) and those authorised to be applied (£1,491,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 9.4				
SECTION A				
CIVIL DEFENCE				
A1 Grant for BBC Home Services Civil Defence Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	89,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	4,000			
	<u>93,000</u>	67,570	25,430	—
PROGRAMME 13.6				
SECTION B				
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION				
B1 Administration				
<i>Original</i>	1,735,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	23,000			
	<u>1,758,000</u>	1,678,789	79,211	—
SECTION C				
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY				
C1 Payment to the Post Office, &c., for Non-broadcasting Agency Services				
<i>Original</i>	892,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	84,000			
	<u>976,000</u>	966,444	9,556	—
C2 Purchase and Maintenance of Vehicles and Engineering Equipment				
<i>Original</i>	814,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	227,000			
	<u>587,000</u>	467,088	119,912	—
NON-DIRECT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE				
SECTION D				
BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES				
D1 Grant for BBC Home Services General Purposes Expenditure				
<i>Original</i>	225,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	36,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	10,235,000			
	<u>272,235,000</u>	272,219,000	16,000	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A1 For details of Grant and Expenditure see Other Note.

C2 Due to delays in delivery, to a reduction in purchases for capital schemes and to an underspending at the monitoring station.

OTHER SERVICES:
HOME BROADCASTING AND WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

1977-78, Class XIII, Vote 24

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
D2 Payment to the Post Office, &c., for Broadcasting Agency Services				
Original	24,540,000			
Supplementary	594,000			
	25,134,000	25,149,626	—	15,626
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	253,570,000			
Supplementary	36,500,000			
Supplementary	10,713,000			
	£300,783,000	300,548,517	250,109	15,626
	Estimated	Applied		
Z Deduct Appropriations in Aid				
Original	1,498,000			
Less Supplementary	7,000			
	1,491,000	1,491,000		
NET TOTAL				
Original	252,072,000			
Supplementary	36,500,000			
Supplementary	10,720,000			
	£299,292,000	299,057,517		Surplus 234,483
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		£234,482·58

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	1,491,000	1,524,851·69
(ii) Receipts of other classes	181,000	182,093·94
Total	£1,672,000	1,706,945·63
Appropriated in aid		1,491,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		£215,945·63

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead BZ		
Receipts not attributable to specific programmes	£1,000	1,015
Subhead CZ		
Wireless Telegraphy and programme distribution fees	£1,490,000	1,523,837
Total	£1,491,000	1,524,852
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Interest on loan to the Independent Broadcasting Authority	£181,000	182,094

Notes

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loan to the Independent Broadcasting Authority £1,650,000

Other Note

The expenditure under Subhead A1 is divisible between current and capital as follows:

	Grant	Expenditure
	£	£
A1 Current expenditure	14,000	10,622 (a)
Capital expenditure	79,000	56,948 (b)
	£93,000	67,570

(a) Due to a change in the use of Post Office circuits.

(b) Mainly due to delay in progress of existing projects.

R. T. Armstrong
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**OTHER SERVICES: OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
COMMISSIONER AND HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONERS**

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.6				
OTHER SERVICES				
A1 Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner and Health Service Commissioners	657,000	618,300	38,700	—
			38,700	
		Surplus	38,700	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£38,699-57</u>	

I. V. Pugh
Accounting Officer

11 July 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: PUBLIC TRUSTEE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Office of the Public Trustee.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 13.6 OTHER SERVICES						
A	<u>1,952,000</u>	<u>1,950,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,914,730</u>	<u>2,699,340</u>	<u>*(784,610)</u>

*Due to the token nature of this Vote estimated Appropriations in Aid (AZ) were restricted to £1,950,000 to produce a net expenditure figure of £2,000: total receipts were estimated at £2,600,000. In the Appropriation Account net expenditure is shown as nil with Appropriations in Aid applied of £1,914,730. Actual outturn figures above take account of total receipts of £2,699,340.

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant		
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £	
PROGRAMME 13.6					
A1 Public Trustee <i>Original</i> <i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,863,000</u> 89,000	<u>1,952,000</u>	<u>1,914,730</u>	37,270	—
		Estimated	Applied	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 37,270	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid <i>Original</i> <i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,862,000</u> 88,000	<u>1,950,000</u>	<u>1,914,730</u>	Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 35,270	
NET TOTAL				Net Surplus to be surrendered £2,000	
<i>Original</i> <i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,000</u> 1,000	<u>2,000</u>	—		

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid (Fees, etc.)	2,600,000	2,699,339·92
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	1,950,000	1,914,730·55
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	<u>£650,000</u>	<u>784,609·37</u>

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses on trusts due to causes other than theft, fraud, etc. (10 cases) £1,757

Details

Unnecessary delay in selling investments resulting in loss of capital due to fall in value of the investments. £600

A. A. Creamer
Accounting Officer

26 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: IRISH LAND PURCHASES

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for charges in connection with land purchases in Northern Ireland, and the expenses of management of guaranteed stocks and bonds issued for the purpose of Irish land purchases.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.6				
A1 Land Purchase Annuities	249,000	246,782	2,218	—
A2 Percentage Stock	33,000	32,632	368	—
A3 Management of Guaranteed Stocks and Bonds	13,000	9,973	3,027	—
Total	£ 295,000	289,387	5,613	—
	Surplus		<u>5,613</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£5,613·08</u>	

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A3 Mainly due to the Bank of England charge being less than predicted.

Note

The Account of the Irish Land Purchase Fund is published separately as a White Paper.

F. D. Ashby
Accounting Officer

9 May 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: CHARITIES (TRANSITIONAL RELIEF)

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for transitional payments to certain charities.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.6 OTHER SERVICES				
Transitional Relief for Charities with Income from certain dispositions	300,000	212,597	87,403	—
			87,403	
			£87,402·54	

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant
Mainly due to a reduced number of claims in the second half year.

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Refunds of overpayments made in previous years	—	206·99

William Pile
Accounting Officer

10 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER SERVICES: REPAYMENTS TO THE CONTINGENCIES FUND

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, to repay to the Contingencies Fund certain miscellaneous advances.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 13.6 OTHER SERVICES				
Other Services: Repayments to the Contingencies Fund*	511,000	510,865	135	—
		Surplus		135
		Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£135·14</u>

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund (Interest)	£ —	£ <u>569·20</u>

A. K. Rawlinson
Accounting Officer

2 September 1978

I certify that this Account has been examined under my directions and is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

*The Accounts of the Contingencies Fund are published separately as a White Paper.

CLASS XIV

COMMON SERVICES

CLASS XIV:

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
250	1	Office and General Accommodation Services	458,760,020	81,440,020	377,320,000
257	2	Stationery and Printing	171,267,000	81,065,000	90,202,000
263	3	Computers and Telecommunications	84,525,000	31,625,000	52,900,000
267	4	Home and Overseas Publicity	31,888,000	9,302,000	22,586,000
270	5	Civil Superannuation, &c.	443,205,000	84,224,000	358,981,000
274	6	Rates on Government Property	162,400,000	12,300,000	150,100,000
277	7	Other Common Services: Government Actuary	504,000	230,000	274,000
279	8	Other Common Services: Civil Service Catering Services	11,991,000	10,747,000	1,244,000
Total			£ 1,364,540,020	310,933,020	1,053,607,000

COMMON SERVICES

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
441,291,493	76,805,704	364,485,789	17,468,527	4,634,316	12,834,211	9,977,056·91	1
154,617,362	75,146,497	79,470,865	16,649,638	5,918,503	10,731,135	458,163·69	2
79,518,901	27,493,927	52,024,974	5,006,099	4,131,073	875,026	331,739·00	3
29,342,972	8,188,103	21,154,869	2,545,028	1,113,897	1,431,131	—	4
435,933,035	84,224,000	351,709,035	7,271,965	—	7,271,965	44,374,863·32	5
162,097,109	12,300,000	149,797,109	302,891	—	302,891	1,057,056·81	6
470,595	199,235	271,360	33,405	30,765	2,640	—	7
10,837,481	9,857,709	979,772	1,153,519	889,291	264,228	218·14	8
1,314,108,948	294,215,175	1,019,893,773	50,431,072	16,717,845		56,199,097·87	
				Total amount to be surrendered		£ 33,713,227	
				Actual total amount to be surrendered		£33,713,226·13	

OFFICE AND GENERAL ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Property Services Agency of the Department of the Environment on public building work and accommodation services, &c., for civil purposes in the United Kingdom, transport services and sundry other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.1						
OFFICE AND GENERAL ACCOMMODATION SERVICES						
A	309,000,000	45,130,020	263,869,980	301,374,187	48,487,361	252,886,826
B	10	—	10	70,528	—	70,528
C	101,400,010	35,750,000	65,650,010	99,163,055	37,355,198	61,807,857
	<u>410,400,020</u>	<u>80,880,020</u>	<u>329,520,000</u>	<u>400,607,770</u>	<u>85,842,559</u>	<u>314,765,211</u>
PROGRAMME 14.7						
OTHER COMMON SERVICES						
D	10,000,000	100,000	9,900,000	9,098,677	104,147	8,994,530
OTHER PROGRAMMES						
E	38,360,000	460,000	37,900,000	31,585,046	339,203	31,245,843
Total	<u>£458,760,020</u>	<u>81,440,020</u>	<u>377,320,000</u>	<u>441,291,493</u>	<u>86,285,909</u>	<u>*355,005,584</u>

*This figure is £9,480,205 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£86,285,909) and those authorised to be applied (£76,805,704).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 14.1				
SECTION A				
OFFICE AND GENERAL ACCOMMODATION SERVICES				
A1 Acquisitions and New Works				
<i>Original</i>	63,141,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	6,000,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	2,141,000			
	67,000,000	61,164,020	5,835,980	—
A2 Purchase of Furniture and Equipment				
<i>Original</i>	23,700,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	5,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,800,000			
	21,000,000	19,962,789	1,037,211	—
A3 Rents, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	104,558,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	442,000			
	105,000,000	104,125,084	874,916	—
A4 Maintenance and Running Costs				
<i>Original</i>	102,326,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	11,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,174,000			
	116,000,000	116,122,294	—	122,294
SECTION B				
WORKS AND LANDS REPAYMENT SERVICES				
B1 Repayment Services (Net)	10	70,528	—	70,518

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

B1 The Department provided £71.7m of new works and £33.4m of other services on repayment terms. Of this 61.2 per cent was for the Post Office (£64.3m).

The position on 31 March 1978 was as follows:

	£	£
Excess of expenditure over receipts to 31 March 1977		393,357
Expenditure 1977-78	105,060,907	
Receipts	104,990,379	
Excess of expenditure over receipts 1977-78		70,528 (a)
Excess of expenditure over receipts to 31 March 1978		£463,885

(a) Expenditure arose for which funds were not obtained in advance and payment was not received in 1977-78.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION C				
ADMINISTRATION				
C1 Salaries, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	85,500,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	4,300,000			
	89,800,000	88,214,460	1,585,540	—
C2 General Administrative Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	7,900,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	600,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	10			
	8,500,010	7,734,011	765,999	—
C3 Telecommunications Services	3,100,000	3,214,584	—	114,584
PROGRAMME 14.7				
SECTION D				
TRANSPORT SERVICES				
D1 Transport Services				
<i>Original</i>	8,844,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	600,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	556,000			
	10,000,000	9,098,677	901,323	—
OTHER PROGRAMMES				
SECTION E				
SPECIALISED ACCOMMODATION SERVICES				
E1 Acquisitions and New Works				
<i>Original</i>	33,701,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,400,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	831,000			
	34,270,000	28,073,928	6,196,072	—
E2 Rents, &c.	4,037,000	3,445,887	591,113	—
E3 Purchase of Furniture and Equipment	5,000	24,823	—	19,823
E4 Rents, &c., and Other Costs (Devolution)	48,000	40,408	7,592	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

- E1 Mainly due to slippage on the programme of acquisitions for the Lord Chancellor's Department.
- E2 Over-estimation of rent payments for Lord Chancellor's Department.
- E3 Under-estimation of requirement due to uncertain nature of commitments at start of year.
- E4 Over-estimation of rent payments.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original (revised sum)</i>	436,860,010			
<i>Supplementary</i>	18,900,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,000,010			
	<u>458,760,020</u>	441,291,493	17,795,746	327,219
	Estimated	Applied	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 17,468,527	
Z Deduct				
Appropriations in Aid			Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid	
<i>Original</i>	77,541,010		4,634,316	
<i>Supplementary</i>	900,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,999,010			
	<u>81,440,020</u>	76,805,704		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original (revised sum)</i>	359,319,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	18,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£377,320,000</u>	364,485,789		Net Surplus 12,834,211
				<u>£12,834,210·82</u>
		Actual Surplus to be surrendered		

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	84,637,020	86,285,909·45
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	496,851·16
Total	<u>£84,637,020</u>	<u>86,782,760·61</u>
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	81,440,020	76,805,703·70
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	<u>£3,197,000</u>	<u>9,977,056·91</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated £	Realised £
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Rents and related receipts	16,059,010	23,335,365 (a)
Sales of surplus property and stores	6,200,000	4,724,902 (b)
Other receipts	1,440,010	1,921,958 (c)
Repayments from National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and other Funds	24,628,000	18,505,136 (d)
	<u>£48,327,020</u>	<u>48,487,361</u>
Subhead CZ		
Reimbursement of departmental expenses incurred on work carried out on repayment terms and other receipts	35,400,000	37,016,198
Recovery of deductible input VAT	350,000	339,000
	<u>£35,750,000</u>	<u>37,355,198</u>
Subhead DZ		
Government Car Services and Interdepartmental Despatch Service	£100,000	104,147
Subhead EZ		
Sale of land and buildings	£460,000	339,203 (e)
Total	<u>£84,637,020</u>	<u>86,285,909</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Recovery of cleaning and custody charges for prior years	—	400,000
Recovery of PSA's Estate Surveyors' costs for prior years from certain repayment clients	—	95,023
Refund of expenditure from the Commission of European Communities	—	1,066
Works services instalment receipts	—	762
Total		<u>£496,851</u>

- (a) Mainly due to under-estimation of rents from Employment Service Agency, Training Services Agency and the Health and Safety Executive.
 (b) Slower progress than expected in completing disposals.
 (c) Under-estimation of miscellaneous receipts including a refund from the National Coal Board.
 (d) Receipts were lower than expected in consequence of a decision to defer new works and acquisitions.
 (e) Sale of a site was not completed.

Losses Statement

	£
<i>Summary</i>	
Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson* (6 cases)	219
Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances, etc. (287 cases)	6,336
Total Cash Losses	<u>£6,555</u>
Fruitless payments (6 cases)	274
Claims abandoned (79 cases)	37,266
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.* (357 cases)	102,054
Stores losses due to other causes (33 cases)	5,858
Total Stores Losses	<u>£107,912</u>

*Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

Losses Statement contd.

<i>Details</i>	<i>£</i>
Claims abandoned	
Wilful damage, including arson, to buildings and stores for which it was not practicable to pursue claims (£17,048, £1,581, £1,500, £1,450, £695, £601)	22,875
Waiver of departmental expenses	7,537
Claim against a contractor in liquidation	1,707
Failure to obtain rent from a tenant who vacated without warning and cannot be traced	719
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.	
Damage caused by fire to government buildings and contents (£52,500, £2,248, £942, £538)	56,228
Flood damage caused by water taps being left open	5,584
Wilful damage to buildings and stores by persons unknown (£2,500, £700, £664, £520, £503)	4,887
Damage to building by thieves and vandals	2,121
Theft of lead from roofs of Crown occupied buildings (£1,080, £521)	1,601
Damage by explosions to government buildings in Northern Ireland during civil disturbance (3 cases)	1,330
Suspected theft of chairs	990
Theft of stores and damage to doors by persons unknown	562
Stores losses due to other causes	
Furniture damaged by heat radiated from a serious fire in adjacent warehouse	3,890

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

11 payments totalling £51,007

Gifts Made

Furniture valued at £18,500 was transferred to the Commission for Racial Equality.

Furniture valued at £33,400 was transferred to the Manpower Services Commission.

Transfers of Land and Buildings

Some properties, solely occupied by the Manpower Services Commission or its Agencies when they changed their status to repayment on 1 April 1975, were to have been legally transferred to the Commission. The properties are now to be transferred, free of charge, by administrative agreement, formal legal title remaining with the Property Services Agency. The capital value, estimated at £29,000,000, will be shown in the Commission's 1978-79 Accounts. Pending the transfer the Agency has not charged the Commission market rents but the Commission is meeting all outgoings including rent payable to the landlords of leasehold property. Had market rents been charged in 1977-78 the Commission would, in addition, have paid the Agency an estimated £2,708,178. The treatment of similar properties occupied by the Health and Safety Executive is being reviewed. Meanwhile, like the Commission, the Executive is meeting outgoings but is not paying a market rent. Had market rents been charged in 1977-78 it is estimated that the Executive would have paid the Agency an additional £518,736.

<i>Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978</i>	<i>£</i>
Works services being paid for by instalments	4,679

*Notes contd.**Other Notes*

As part of a retrospective settlement covering the period up to 31 March 1975, between the Post Office and Government Departments, the PSA agreed to waive claims on the Post Office amounting to £1,231,966 mainly in respect of rents, service charges and departmental expenses; the Post Office waived their claims on the PSA of £1,269,654 for service charges and in respect of meals taken by Civil Servants in Post Office canteens in the same period. These claims were not allowed for in the compensation paid by the Government to the Post Office (in accordance with the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Acts 1974 and 1975) in respect of losses they suffered due to price restraint. The mutual waiver reflects a satisfactory settlement of the outstanding claims (see also Class XIV, Vote 2).

W. R. Cox
Accounting Officer

23 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

STATIONERY AND PRINTING

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of Her Majesty's Stationery Office on the procurement and production of stationery and printing, on publishing, and on certain other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.2						
STATIONERY AND PRINTING (HOME)						
A	149,622,000	71,805,000	77,817,000	133,993,678	66,225,603	67,768,075
B	1,900,000	—	1,900,000	812,302	—	812,302
C	15,639,000	9,260,000	6,379,000	15,449,298	8,920,894	6,528,404
D	4,106,000	—	4,106,000	4,362,084	—	4,362,084
Total	£171,267,000	81,065,000	90,202,000	154,617,362	75,146,497	79,470,865

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 14.2				
SECTION A				
PROCUREMENT SERVICES				
A1 Capital Expenditure	432,000	174,894	257,106	—
A2 Supplies Purchased: Office Machinery	25,368,000	22,263,571	3,104,429	—
A3 Supplies Purchased: Other	38,246,000	30,534,909	7,711,091	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

- A1 There were delays in the implementation of certain office and warehouse mechanisation projects.
- A2 Departments were reluctant to commit funds against a limited allowance for the purchase of office machinery in case of more urgent needs later in the year; this and other factors led to a substantial carry-over of expenditure into 1978-79.
- A3 The estimate provided for some increase in the volume of demand over 1976-77. In the event expenditure remained low, partly because departments, encouraged by prompt delivery of new orders, continued to run down stocks, particularly of envelopes.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
A4 Printing and Binding Procured	86,170,000	81,009,270	5,160,730	—
A5 Salaries, &c.	7,280,000	7,581,617	—	301,617
A6 General Expenses	3,620,000	3,683,918	—	63,918
<i>Less</i>				
AX Publications Paper, Printing and Binding (Transfer to Publishing Services, Subhead C1)	(11,494,000)	(11,254,501)	(239,499)	—
SECTION B				
PRODUCTION SERVICES				
B1 Capital Expenditure	1,900,000	812,302	1,087,698	—
B2 Current Expenditure: Presses and Binderies	16,765,000	15,514,670	1,250,330	—
B3 Current Expenditure: Reprographic Units	3,690,000	3,533,942	156,058	—
<i>Less</i>				
BX HMSO Production (Transfer to Procurement Services, Subhead A4)	(20,455,000)	(19,048,612)	(1,406,388)	—
SECTION C				
PUBLISHING SERVICES*				
C1 Publications Paper, Printing and Binding (Transfer from Subhead AX)	11,494,000	11,254,501	239,499	—
C2 Salaries, &c.	3,360,000	3,513,505	—	153,505
C3 General Expenses	785,000	681,292	103,708	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

B1 Progress on major projects was slower than expected; £0·6 m. was due to the postponement of the new Hansard Press.

C3 Requirements were less than expected.

* See also Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets 1977-78 (H.C. 77 of 1978-79).

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
SECTION D				
CENTRAL SERVICES				
D1 Salaries, &c.	2,981,000	3,197,775	—	216,775
D2 General Expenses	1,125,000	1,164,309	—	39,309
GROSS TOTAL	£ 171,267,000	154,617,362	17,424,762	775,124
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 16,649,638	
<i>Deduct</i> Z Appropriations in Aid	81,065,000	75,146,497	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 5,918,503	
NET TOTAL	£ 90,202,000	79,470,865	Net Surplus 10,731,135	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£10,731,135·13</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	<u>458,163·69</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated £	Realised £
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ (1)		
Receipts from repaying departments	54,176,000	48,151,716 (a)
Sales of departmental publications	3,700,000	4,816,644 (b)
Disposals and miscellaneous	760,000	1,027,997 (c)
Recovery of deductible input VAT	3,400,000	2,899,134 (d)
	<u>£62,036,000</u>	<u>56,895,491</u>
Subhead AZ (2)		
Repayments from National Insurance Fund	9,769,000	9,330,112
Subhead AZ Total	<u>£71,805,000</u>	<u>66,225,603</u>
Subhead CZ		
Sales of HMSO and agency publications to the public and repaying departments	8,360,000	8,081,859
Advertisement and copyright fees	900,000	839,035
	<u>£9,260,000</u>	<u>8,920,894</u>
Total	<u>£81,065,000</u>	<u>75,146,497</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Retrospective settlement of claims between Post Office & HMSO for telephone directory production	—	457,107
Recoveries of overpayments made in closed years	—	1,057
Total		<u>£458,164</u>

(a) and (d) The shortfall reflects lower expenditure on behalf of repaying departments.

(b) Due mainly to higher prices.

(c) There were larger arisings of stores for disposal.

Value of Stock in Hand on 31 March 1977 and 31 March 1978

	On 31.3.77 at rates current on 31.3.77 excluding VAT £	On 31.3.78 at rates current on 31.3.77 excluding VAT £	On 31.3.78 at rates current on 31.3.78 excluding VAT £	On 31.3.78 at rates current on 31.3.78 including VAT £
Paper	9,188,801	8,414,770	8,776,750	9,478,882
Office supplies	1,136,433	1,133,789	1,207,388	1,303,979
Office machinery	458,215	335,669	342,125	369,494
Books	7,294	3,882	3,882	3,882
Binding	72,644	7,274	7,936	8,571
General service items (forms and miscellaneous)	214,374	168,284	192,647	207,987
	<u>£11,077,761</u>	<u>10,063,668</u>	<u>10,530,728</u>	<u>11,372,795</u>
Paper etc., in contractors' depots for printing, etc.	£1,627,518	1,747,499	1,842,271	1,989,635

This statement does not include the value of government publications held in stock.

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages or allowances (22 cases)	2,404
Cash losses due to other causes (3 cases)	2,913
Total Cash Losses	£5,317
Fruitless payments (182 cases)	£45,027
Claims abandoned (17,749 cases)	£250,287
Store losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage* (284 cases)	19,073
Store losses due to other causes (825 cases)	66,028
Total Stores Losses	£85,101

*Prosecution was undertaken wherever appropriate and practicable.

As the supplying department, HMSO notes losses incurred by other departments except that losses of stationery and office machinery in the custody of the Armed Forces and Civil Outport Establishments are written off by the Defence Council.

<i>Details</i>	£
Cash losses due to other causes	
The sterling cost of work ordered direct by a department on an overseas supplier was increased because of abnormally late payment	2,863
Fruitless payments	
Forms were wasted as a result of errors made by a department in their printing requests	4,017
A publication required reprinting when proofs containing an inverted painting were accepted by a department	2,113
Fruitless expenditure arising from policy decision by a department to cancel a long term commitment following processing problems on initial supply	15,487
Claims abandoned	
As part of an overall retrospective settlement between the Post Office and Government Departments HMSO received £957,000 in settlement of an amount of £1,134,000, calculated as recoverable in respect of re-assessed costs and adjustments for the period up to 31 March 1975, and waived a claim for the balance of £177,000, which mainly relates to supplementary depreciation and interest on capital employed. (A similar waiver is noted by the Property Services Agency, Class XIV, Vote 1)	177,000
Outstanding loans of £5,550 and £18,500 to 2 staff canteens were abandoned	24,050
Debts amounting to £3,503 and £3,101 for publications still outstanding when two agents went into liquidation totalled	6,604
Minor claims not pursued on grounds of cost effectiveness (10,254 cases).	6,505
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage	
The value of publications lost through theft at a museum was	2,990
The value of publications stolen by visitors to an ancient monument under Department of the Environment custodianship was	6,161
Postcards and publications stolen by visitors to a museum were valued at	2,739
Store losses due to other causes	
Surplus and dormant paper accumulated at a warehouse was disposed of	10,310
Surplus security and non-security paper accumulated at a warehouse was disposed of	31,838
A quantity of plastic wallets became unusable due mainly to deterioration and machine spoilage	12,193

Notes

<i>Ex gratia Payments</i>	£
16 extra-contractual payments totalling	1,426
86 compensation payments totalling	491
1 compensation payment made to staff arising from exceptional delay in implementing the 1974 Starting Pay on Promotion Exercise	7,958

Gifts Made

A donation of £250 was made in support of an appeal launched by the British Printing Industries Federation towards the expenses of equipping the new printing and papermaking gallery at the Science Museum.

A donation of £300 was made to the Institute of Printing.

Government publications to a total of £39,502 were presented to various bodies mainly legal and university libraries and overseas legislatures.

Publications to the value of £1,498 were presented to Institutions of the European Economic Community.

The value of discount allowed on Government publications supplied at half price to public libraries was £375,815.

Publications to the value of £136 were presented to visitors by the Science Museum.

Five specially bound publications to the value of £400 were presented by HMSO to visiting dignitaries.

To stimulate future sales schools were presented with 1,136 copies of an 'out of date' guide valued at £8,520.

Miscellaneous office machinery with a depreciated value of £768 was transferred to the Metropolitan Police Service when the Custodian service at the Palace of Westminster was transferred from the Department of the Environment.

Publications to the value of £1,345 were presented to visitors to ancient monuments by Department of the Environment.

Publications to the value of £98 were presented to visitors by the Royal Scottish Museum.

Publications to the value of £1,629 were presented to visitors by the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The value of despatch boxes retained by outgoing Ministers was £24.

Miscellaneous office machinery with a depreciated value of £2,271 was transferred to the Manpower Services Commission on 1 October and 1 December 1977.

3 other gifts totalling £34 were made.

Loans outstanding at 31 March 1978

Loans to staff restaurants	£3,000
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Bernard M. Thimont

Accounting Officer

17 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Central Computer Agency (Civil Service Department) in connection with computers and general telecommunications including an international subscription.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.3						
COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS						
A	77,098,000	25,784,000	51,314,000	72,508,766	21,862,202	50,646,564
B	6,902,000	5,839,000	1,063,000	6,480,129	5,628,875	851,254
C	525,000	2,000	523,000	530,006	2,850	527,156
Total	<u>£84,525,000</u>	<u>31,625,000</u>	<u>52,900,000</u>	<u>79,518,901</u>	<u>27,493,927</u>	<u>52,024,974</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 14.3				
SECTION A				
COMPUTERS				
A1 Computer Services	3,434,390	3,345,741	88,649	—
A2 Development Studies	877,000	600,862	276,138	—
A3 Subscription to International Organisation	610	586	24	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 Progress of a number of studies did not proceed as rapidly as expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A4 Purchase of Computers				
<i>Original</i>	34,057,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	7,463,000			
	41,520,000	40,209,502	1,310,498	—
A5 Hire of Computers				
<i>Original</i>	13,846,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	464,000			
	14,310,000	12,734,513	1,575,487	—
A6 Maintenance of Computers				
<i>Original</i>	14,592,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,364,000			
	16,956,000	15,617,562	1,338,438	—
SECTION B				
TELECOMMUNICATIONS				
B1 Telecommunications Services	331,990	299,770	32,220	—
B2 Capital Expenditure: Inter-departmental Telecommuni- cations Services				
<i>Original</i>	932,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	441,000			
	491,000	374,277	116,723	—
B3 Current Expenditure: Inter-departmental Telecommuni- cations Services	6,009,000	5,746,439	262,561	—
B4 Purchase of Telecommunications Equipment	10	—	10	—
B5 Development Studies	70,000	59,643	10,357	—
SECTION C				
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION (CENTRAL COMPUTER AGENCY)				
C1 Central Administration	525,000	530,006	—	5,006

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

- A5 Expenditure was less than estimated due to a reduction in the number of hire contracts. Expenditure on Bureau Services was also lower than forecast.
- B2 Unavoidable delays in implementing the programmes.
- B5 Progress of a number of studies did not proceed as rapidly as expected.

Service	£	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
				Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
GROSS TOTAL					
<i>Original</i>	74,675,000	84,525,000	79,518,901	5,011,105	5,006
<i>Supplementary</i>	9,850,000				
		<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Realised</u>	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 5,006,099	
Z					
<i>Deduct Appropriations in Aid</i>		31,625,000	27,493,927	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 4,131,073	
<i>Original</i>	28,148,000				
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,477,000				
NET TOTAL					
<i>Original</i>	46,527,000	52,900,000	52,024,974	Net Surplus 875,026	
<i>Supplementary</i>	6,373,000				
				Actual surplus to be surrendered <u>£875,025.88</u>	

Receipts

	<u>Estimated</u> £	<u>Realised</u> £
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	331,739.00

Details of Receipts

	<u>Estimated</u> £	<u>Realised</u> £
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ1		
Receipts from supplies and services on repayment terms	18,212,000	14,236,720 (a)
Recovery of deductible input VAT	1,813,000	1,661,923
Miscellaneous receipts	500,000	326,023 (b)
	<u>£20,525,000</u>	<u>16,224,666</u>
Subhead AZ2		
Receipts from National Insurance Fund	<u>£5,259,000</u>	<u>5,637,536</u>
Subhead BZ		
Recoveries from user departments	5,400,000	5,215,244
Receipts from non-Exchequer bodies	4,000	4,817 (c)
Recovery of deductible input VAT	435,000	408,814
	<u>£5,839,000</u>	<u>5,628,875</u>

Details of Receipts contd.

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Subhead CZ		
Miscellaneous	£2,000	2,850 (d)
	<u>£31,625,000</u>	<u>27,493,927</u>
Total		
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Non-repayment claims	—	331,639
Miscellaneous	—	100
Total		<u>£331,739</u>

(a) There was a shortfall of expenditure on procurement activities for repayment customers.

(b) and (d) The incidence of miscellaneous receipts is difficult to forecast.

(c) Due to increased usage by non-Exchequer bodies.

Losses Statement*Summary*

Claims abandoned (2 cases)	£8,470
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage etc.* (3 cases)	202
Stores losses due to other causes (4 cases)	5,205
Total Stores Losses	<u>£5,407</u>

* Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Claims abandoned	
The waiver of recovery of an advance payment to a contractor for software packages found not to be required	£5,500
A claim for recovery of an advance payment to a company which had gone into liquidation was abandoned	£2,970
Stores losses due to other causes	
Storm damage to equipment at an establishment	£2,841
Damage to electrical equipment at an establishment	£2,309

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

3 extra-contractual payments totalling £24,293.

In one case amounting to £4,444 there were payments of £48,978 in 1975-76 and £35,454 in 1976-77 making a total of £88,876.

John Herbecq

Accounting Officer

29 August 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

**HOME AND OVERSEAS PUBLICITY:
CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION**

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Central Office of Information on home and overseas publicity.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.4 HOME PUBLICITY						
A	20,139,000	9,276,000	10,863,000	18,789,743	8,175,253	10,614,490
PROGRAMME 2.2 OVERSEAS INFORMATION						
B	4,447,000	26,000	4,421,000	3,180,500	12,850	3,167,650
PROGRAMMES 2.2 AND 14.4						
C	7,302,000	—	7,302,000	7,372,729	—	7,372,729
Total	<u>£31,888,000</u>	<u>9,302,000</u>	<u>22,586,000</u>	<u>29,342,972</u>	<u>8,188,103</u>	<u>21,154,869</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 14.4				
SECTION A				
HOME PUBLICITY				
A1 Advertising				
<i>Original</i>	12,576,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>2,798,000</u>			
	15,374,000	14,677,177	696,823	—
A2 Films and Television	1,617,000	1,418,534	198,466	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 Work requested by the Manpower Services Commission and other organisations was less than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A3 Overseas Press and Radio Services	76,000	72,169	3,831	—
A4 Other Publicity Services	3,072,000	2,621,863	450,137	—
PROGRAMME 2.2				
SECTION B				
OVERSEAS PUBLICITY				
B1 Films and Television	1,637,000	1,050,829	586,171	—
B2 Overseas Press and Radio Services	794,000	650,162	143,838	—
B3 Other Publicity Services	2,016,000	1,479,509	536,491	—
PROGRAMMES 2.2 AND 14.4				
SECTION C				
STAFF COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
C1 Staff Costs and Administrative Expenses	7,302,000	7,372,729	—	70,729
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	29,090,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,798,000			
	£ 31,888,000	29,342,972	2,615,757	70,729
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Realised</u>	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 2,545,028	
Z <i>Deduct Appropriations in Aid</i>	6,505,000			
<i>Original</i>	2,797,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>				
	9,302,000	8,188,103		Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 1,113,897
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	22,585,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	£ 22,586,000	21,154,869		Net Surplus 1,431,131
				<u>Actual surplus to be surrendered £1,431,131.30</u>

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

- A4 Demand for the printing of publications was less than expected and some invoices were received too late for inclusion in this financial year.
- B1 The proposed programme of overseas film and television services could not be fully completed mainly due to staff reductions.
- B2 Overseas press services were reduced due to staff reductions and the introduction of other economies.
- B3 Demand for travel, accommodation, etc., for visitors from abroad, for despatch of information material overseas and for other services was less than expected.

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriation in Aid	£	£
Subhead AZ		
Repayment services for other Government departments	4,048,000	3,986,969
Repayment services for non-Exchequer bodies and other receipts	5,042,000	4,058,299 (a)
Repayments from National Insurance Fund	186,000	129,985 (b)
	<u>£9,276,000</u>	<u>8,175,253</u>
Subhead BZ		
Repayment services for non-Exchequer bodies and other receipts	26,000	12,850 (c)
Total	<u>£9,302,000</u>	<u>8,188,103</u>

(a) Recoverable expenditure on advertising services and the printing of publications was less than expected.

(b) Some advertising campaigns did not materialise.

(c) Fees received were less than expected due to cancellation and postponement of some training courses.

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances (9 cases)	£1,165
Fruitless payments (11 cases)	£15,193
Claims abandoned (121 cases)	£536
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. * (8 cases)	£570

* No prosecution was practicable.

Details

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries, wages and allowances	£
Salary calculated at incorrect rates for an officer transferred from London to a Regional Office	550
Fruitless payments	
Alterations made to a film at the request of Department of the Environment after they had approved the original version	11,987
Cost of a film script written on lines agreed by the sponsors but subsequently rejected by them	1,864

Notes

Gifts Made

A gift of a film print valued at £675.
15 gifts, each less than £100 in value, totalling £232.

H. L. James
Accounting Officer

25 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

CIVIL SUPERANNUATION, &c.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Assistant Paymaster General on the superannuation of civil servants, pensions, &c., in respect of former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and other pensions and non-recurrent payments; and for certain other services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.5						
CIVIL SUPERANNUATION						
A	443,205,000	84,224,000	358,981,000	435,933,035	92,812,563	*343,120,472

*This figure is £8,588,563 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£92,812,563) and those authorised to be applied (£84,224,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 14.5				
A1 Recurrent Payments				
<i>Original</i>	282,300,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	15,900,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,750,000			
	299,950,000	298,510,167	1,439,833	—
A2 Non-Recurrent Payments				
<i>Original</i>	124,008,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	9,200,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	640,000			
	133,848,000	127,816,736	6,031,264	—
A3 Injury Benefits				
<i>Original</i>	425,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	45,000			
	470,000	486,090	—	16,090
A4 Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	915,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	60,000			
	975,000	985,037	—	10,037

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A5 Miscellaneous				
<i>Original</i>	5,882,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,700,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	380,000			
	<u>7,962,000</u>	8,135,005	—	173,005
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	413,530,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	26,800,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,875,000			
	<u>£443,205,000</u>	435,933,035	7,471,097	199,132
		Estimated	Applied	
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	80,200,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,150,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,874,000			
	<u>84,224,000</u>	84,224,000		
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	333,330,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	25,650,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£358,981,000</u>	351,709,035		
				Surplus
				<u>7,271,965</u>
				<u>£7,271,964·67</u>

Actual surplus to be surrendered

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	84,224,000	92,812,563·47
(ii) Receipts of other classes	36,184,000	35,786,299·85
Total	£120,408,000	128,598,863·32
Appropriated in aid		84,224,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		<u>£44,374,863·32</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Periodical contributions for widows' and dependants' benefits	37,300,000	37,888,477
Other superannuation contributions and transfer values received; superannuation benefits repaid; rebates from the Redundancy Funds, and amounts recovered from public boards, etc.	46,924,000	54,924,086 (a)
Total	£84,224,000	92,812,563

(a) More superannuation contributions than expected due mainly to a change in the arrangements for payment.

Details of Receipts contd.

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Contributions, &c., on account of accruing liability for super-annuation:		
From the National Insurance Funds	31,587,000	31,187,176
From National Health Service Contributions	562,000	514,203
From the Redundancy Fund	449,000	224,435
From the National Savings Bank	2,480,000	2,590,935
From the Redemption Annuities Account	35,000	42,523
From the National Insurance Surcharge	1,071,000	1,017,512
From the Maternity Pay Fund	—	68,506
From the Commission for Racial Equality	—	72,282
From the Equal Opportunities Commission	—	68,728
Total	£36,184,000	35,786,300

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash losses due to fraud (9 cases)*	1,226
Cash losses due to overpayment of pensions and other superannuation allowances (91 cases)	20,348
Total Cash Losses	£21,574

*Prosecution was only practicable in one case.

<i>Details</i>	£
Cash loss due to fraud	
A widow claimed and drew pensions for herself and her children although ineligible by reason of co-habitation and subsequent remarriage. Prosecution was impracticable and prospects of recovery are minimal	836
Cash losses due to overpayment of pensions and other superannuation allowances	
10 cases arising from departmental failure to adjust pensions during re-employment: partial recovery was made where practicable	7,751
An incorrect award of pensions increase was made through departmental error and recovery was waived on grounds of hardship	1,952
3 cases arising from departmental errors in awarding superannuation: in all cases recovery proved impracticable	3,832
A retrospective award of national insurance benefit led to overpayment of a supplement to a widow's pension and recovery proved impracticable	602

Notes*Ex gratia Payments*

10 payments £611

Extra-statutory and Extra-regulatory Payments

In 3 cases, extra-statutory or extra-regulatory payment was authorised on the ground of departmental default (£3,086 for non-recurrent payments).

In 8 cases, extra-statutory or extra-regulatory payment was authorised on special grounds of relative hardship, etc. (£1,626 for pensions, £4,333 for non-recurrent lump sums).

8 cases where capital payments (total £10,629) have been made to the Post Office Staff Superannuation Fund to terminate the liability to make annual contributions towards certain pensions awarded for combined Civil and Post Office service.

Other Note

At 31 March 1978, £19,752 was being recovered in 113 cases of overpayment brought to light and recorded during the year (excluding £3,450 subsequently written off and included in the Losses Statement).

N. C. Norfolk
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

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D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RATES ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for rates and contributions in lieu of rates paid by the Rating of Government Property Department in respect of property occupied by the Crown and premises occupied by representatives of Commonwealth and foreign countries and international organisations; and for certain sewerage, &c., charges.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.6						
RATES ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY						
A	162,400,000	12,300,000	150,100,000	162,097,109	13,357,057	*148,740,052

*This figure is £1,057,057 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£13,357,057) and those authorised to be applied (£12,300,000).

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 14.6				
A1 Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates for Property occupied by the Crown, &c.; and for certain sewerage, &c., charges				
Original	134,850,000			
Supplementary	12,000,000			
Supplementary	2,250,000			
Supplementary	2,700,000			
	151,800,000	151,638,328	161,672	—
A2 Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates on Premises in the U.K. occupied by Representatives of Commonwealth and Foreign countries and International Organisations; and for certain sewerage, &c., charges				
Original	8,500,000			
Supplementary	1,200,000			
Supplementary	900,000			
	10,600,000	10,458,781	141,219	—
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	143,350,000			
Supplementary	12,000,000			
Supplementary	3,450,000			
Supplementary	3,600,000			
	£ 162,400,000	162,097,109	302,891	—
	Estimated	Applied		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
Original	11,750,000			
Supplementary	1,150,000			
Less Supplementary	600,000			
	12,300,000	12,300,000		
NET TOTAL				
Original	131,600,000			
Supplementary	12,000,000			
Supplementary	2,300,000			
Supplementary	4,200,000			
	£ 150,100,000	149,797,109		
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		Surplus	
			302,891	
			£302,890.79	

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	12,300,000	13,357,056·81
Appropriated in aid		12,300,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		£1,057,056·81

Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Repayments by Commonwealth and foreign countries and international organisations (Subhead A2)	1,500,000	1,739,630 (a)
Repayments from National Insurance Funds	6,000,000	6,221,722
Repayments from self-accounting Government bodies	3,400,000	3,363,346
Other repayments and reimbursements	1,400,000	2,032,359 (b)
Total	£12,300,000	13,357,057

(a) Payments by some governments were made earlier than expected.

(b) Refunds from local authorities in respect of properties vacated were higher than expected.

L. Airey
Accounting Officer

3 November 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER COMMON SERVICES: GOVERNMENT ACTUARY

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Department of the Government Actuary.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.7						
OTHER COMMON SERVICES: GOVERNMENT ACTUARY						
A	<u>504,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>274,000</u>	<u>470,595</u>	<u>199,235</u>	<u>271,360</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 14.7				
A1 Administration	504,000	470,595	33,405	—
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Realised</u>	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure <u>33,405</u>	
<i>Deduct</i> AZ Appropriations in Aid	230,000	199,235	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised <u>30,765</u>	
NET TOTAL	<u>274,000</u>	<u>271,360</u>	Net Surplus <u>2,640</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£2,639.54</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated £	Realised £
Receipts authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	230,000	199,235

Details of Receipts

	Estimated £	Realised £	
Repayments for actuarial services rendered to other Commonwealth Governments, National Boards, etc.	139,000	101,973	(a)
Repayments from National Insurance Fund	91,000	97,091	
Miscellaneous	—	171	
	<u>£230,000</u>	<u>199,235</u>	

(a) The volume and incidence of receipts are difficult to estimate.

E. A. Johnston
Accounting Officer

8 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

OTHER COMMON SERVICES: CIVIL SERVICE CATERING SERVICES

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure of the Civil Service Catering Organisation (Civil Service Department) in connection with the provision of catering services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 14.7						
CIVIL SERVICE CATERING SERVICES						
A	756,000	75,000	681,000	771,170	107,809	663,361
B	11,235,000	10,672,000	563,000	10,066,311	9,749,900	316,411
Total	<u>£11,991,000</u>	<u>10,747,000</u>	<u>1,244,000</u>	<u>10,837,481</u>	<u>9,857,709</u>	<u>979,772</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant £	Expenditure £	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted £	More than Granted £
PROGRAMME 14.7				
SECTION A				
CIVIL SERVICE CATERING ORGANISATION				
A1 Civil Service Catering Organisation	756,000	771,170	—	15,170
SECTION B				
DIRECTLY MANAGED RESTAURANTS, &c.				
B1 Directly Managed Restaurants, &c.	11,235,000	10,066,311	1,168,689	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

B1 Due mainly to lower commodity costs, a lower volume of trade than expected and delays in the projected rate of opening of new restaurants.

OTHER COMMON SERVICES:
CIVIL SERVICE CATERING SERVICES

1977-78, Class XIV, Vote 8

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL	£ 11,991,000	10,837,481	1,168,689	15,170
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 1,153,519	
Z <i>Deduct</i> Appropriations in Aid	10,747,000	9,857,709	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 889,291	
NET TOTAL	£ 1,244,000	979,772	Net Surplus 264,228	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£264,228.00</u>	

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	218·14
Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Agency Fees	£75,000	107,809 (a)
Subhead BZ		
Trading receipts from directly managed restaurants	7,599,000	6,599,583 (b)
Recovery from user departments of certain costs of directly managed restaurants	2,892,000	3,019,215
Recovery of deductible input VAT	180,000	131,102 (c)
Miscellaneous	1,000	— (d)
	<u>£10,672,000</u>	<u>9,749,900</u>
Total	£10,747,000	9,857,709
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Miscellaneous	—	£218
(a) Income from Agency Fees was more than expected.		
(b) A lower volume of trade than expected and delays in the projected rate of opening of new restaurants.		
(c) Expenditure on supplies and services was less than estimated.		
(d) The incidence of miscellaneous receipts is difficult to forecast.		

Losses Statement

	£
<i>Summary</i>	
Cash losses due to theft, fraud or arson* (5 cases)	164
Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances etc. (10 cases)	2,742
Total Cash Losses	<u>£2,906</u>
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage * (5 cases)	131
Stores losses due to other causes (16 cases)	700
Total Stores Losses	<u>£831</u>

* Prosecution was not practicable.

Details

Cash losses due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances, etc.

A miscalculation of sick pay entitlement to an officer who has now retired on ill-health grounds £2,070

Notes

Ex-gratia Payments

5 compensation payments £1,182

Other Notes

Expenditure on the provision of accommodation, fuel and light and certain equipment costs in directly managed restaurants is borne on other Votes. Certain other costs relating to directly managed restaurants are recovered from the Votes of user departments.

J. E. Herbecq
Accounting Officer

29 August 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

CLASS XV

NORTHERN IRELAND

CLASS XV:

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
286	1	Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Northern Ireland)	28,345,020	1,474,020	26,871,000
293	2	Law, Order and Protective Services (Northern Ireland)	175,880,700	1,935,700	173,945,000
301	3	Administration of Justice: Supreme Court of Judicature Northern Ireland	546,000	381,000	165,000
304	4	Northern Ireland Office	751,276,000	17,674,000	733,602,000
		Total	£ 956,047,720	21,464,720	934,583,000

NORTHERN IRELAND

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
27,328,242	1,392,055	25,936,187	1,016,778	81,965	934,813	139,927·47	1
174,983,916	1,860,154	173,123,762	896,784	75,546	821,238	1,137,121·45	2
545,558	381,000	164,558	442	—	442	117,420·98	3
700,096,857	14,439,557	685,657,300	51,179,143	3,234,443	47,944,700	2,508·54	4
902,954,573	18,072,766	884,881,807	53,093,147	3,391,954		1,396,978·44	
Total amount to be surrendered					£ 49,701,193		
Actual total amount to be surrendered					£49,701,192·53		

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD (NORTHERN IRELAND)

See also Report of Comptroller and Auditor General

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on certain services in Northern Ireland, including price guarantees, production grants and subsidies, grants and loans for capital and other improvements, support for agriculture in special areas, food services and assistance to marketing, land management, special assistance to agriculture in Northern Ireland, assistance to the fishing industry and administration by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 15.1						
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY						
A	1,431,030	10	1,431,020	2,248,561	—	2,248,561
B	5,382,000	110,000	5,272,000	4,883,480	200,766	4,682,714
C	12,891,000	50,000	12,841,000	11,254,919	8,500	11,246,419
D	199,000	2,000	197,000	137,709	489	137,220
E	5,385,000	1,309,000	4,076,000	5,652,992	1,182,300	4,470,692
F	35,000	—	35,000	27,000	—	27,000
G	3,013,980	—	3,013,980	3,123,581	—	3,123,581
H	10	10	—	—	—	—
I	8,000	3,000	5,000	—	—	—
Total	<u>£28,345,020</u>	<u>1,474,020</u>	<u>26,871,000</u>	<u>27,328,242</u>	<u>1,392,055</u>	<u>25,936,187</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 15.1				
SECTION A				
PRICE GUARANTEES ON OTHER PRODUCTS				
A1 Sheep				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	18,000			
		18,010	19,604	—
A2 Potatoes				
<i>Original</i>	20			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,413,000			
		1,413,020	2,228,957	—
SECTION B				
PRODUCTION GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES				
SCHEMES IMPLEMENTING EEC LEGISLATION				
B1 Dairy Herd Conversion Scheme	265,000	253,496	11,504	—
B2 Guidance Premiums for Beef and Sheepmeat Production	550,000	373,646	176,354	—
B2A Premium Schemes for the Non-Marketing of Milk and for the Conversion of Dairy Herds (Net)				
<i>Supplementary</i>	240,000	—	240,000	—
NATIONAL SCHEMES				
B3 Lime Subsidy	19,990	1,999	17,991	—
B4 Calf Subsidy	3,230,000	3,108,812	121,188	—
B5 Beef Cow Subsidy				
<i>Original</i>	187,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	158,000			
		345,000	413,783	—
B6 Temporary Pig Subsidy				
<i>Original</i>	10			
<i>Supplementary</i>	900,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	168,000			
		732,010	731,744	266

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A2 Market support was greater than expected.

B2 Fewer claims than estimated.

B2A For details see Notes.

B3 Fewer claims received than had been expected.

B5 More animals qualified for subsidy than expected.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION C				
GRANTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS				
SCHEMES IMPLEMENTING EEC LEGISLATION				
C1 Farm and Horticulture Development Scheme				
<i>Original</i>	1,125,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	175,000			
	1,300,000	954,117	345,883	—
C2 Grants to Producer Organisations	111,000	46,365	64,635	—
NATIONAL SCHEMES				
C3 Farm and Horticulture Capital Grant Schemes				
<i>Original</i>	11,050,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	425,000			
	11,475,000	10,253,043	1,221,957	—
C4 Grants for the Encouragement of Co-operation in Agriculture and Horticulture	2,000	—	2,000	—
C5 Miscellaneous Grants for Co-operation and Payments for Special Assistance to Co-operation in Marketing	3,000	1,394	1,606	—
SECTION D				
GRANTS AND LOANS FOR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS				
SCHEMES IMPLEMENTING EEC LEGISLATION				
D1 Grants for Improvement of Farm Structure				
<i>Original</i>	30,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	39,000			
	69,000	42,657	26,343	—
D2 Farm Accounts Grants	38,000	9,668	28,332	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

- C1 Fewer claims than estimated.
- C2 Fewer claims received than expected.
- C3 The number and size of claims under the Farm Capital Grant Scheme were smaller than expected; partly offset by the ending of the three-month deferment of payment of claims.
- C4 Claims expected on approved applications were not received.
- C5 Fewer claims received than expected.
- D1 Fewer applications and claims than expected.
- D2 Fewer claims than estimated.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
NATIONAL SCHEMES				
D3 Grants for Improvement of Farm Structure	91,000	83,264	7,736	—
D4 Special Assistance to Livestock Producers	1,000	2,120	—	1,120
SECTION E				
SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE IN SPECIAL AREAS				
SCHEMES IMPLEMENTING EEC LEGISLATION				
E1 Aids to Assist Less-Favoured Farming Areas				
<i>Original</i>	4,385,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000,000			
	5,385,000	5,652,992	—	267,992
SECTION F				
FOOD SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO MARKETING				
F1 Grants for Wholesale Horticultural Markets	35,000	27,000	8,000	—
SECTION G				
ADMINISTRATION AND RESIDUAL PAYMENTS				
G1 Payments for Agency Services: Government of Northern Ireland				
<i>Original</i>	2,670,970			
<i>Supplementary</i>	343,000			
	3,013,970	3,116,381	—	102,411
G2 Residual Payments	10	7,200	—	7,190
SECTION H				
LAND MANAGEMENT				
H1 Advances in respect of Land in Northern Ireland	10	—	10	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

D4 Arrears of claims from 1976-77 were higher than expected.

F1 Delays in completion of final accounts and claims for payment carried forward into 1978-79.

G2 Includes Hill Cattle and Hill Sheep subsidies totalling £3,819, Winter Keep grants totalling £1,132 and grants totalling £751 for Farm Improvements.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION I				
ASSISTANCE TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY				
I1 Grants to Producer Organisations	8,000	—	8,000	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	23,802,020			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,140,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,403,000			
	<u>£ 28,345,020</u>	27,328,242	2,281,805	1,265,027
	Estimated	Realised	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure <u>1,016,778</u>	
Z <i>Deduct</i> Appropriations in Aid	1,474,020	1,392,055	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised <u>81,965</u>	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	22,328,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,140,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,403,000			
	<u>£ 26,871,000</u>	25,936,187	Net Surplus <u>934,813</u>	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£934,813·06</u>	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

I1 An expected claim was not received in time for payment to be made in 1977-78.

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	<u>139,927·47</u>

Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Potatoes: receipts from sales	£10	—
Subhead BZ		
Contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (Subheads B1 and B2)	<u>£110,000</u>	<u>200,766 (a)</u>
Subhead CZ		
Contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (Subheads C1 and C2)	<u>£50,000</u>	<u>8,500 (b)</u>
Subhead DZ		
Contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (Subheads D1 and D2)	<u>£2,000</u>	<u>489 (c)</u>
Subhead EZ		
Contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund	<u>£1,309,000</u>	<u>1,182,300</u>
Subhead HZ		
Receipts in respect of land in Northern Ireland	<u>£10</u>	—
Subhead IZ		
Contributions from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund	<u>£3,000</u>	<u>— (d)</u>
Total	<u>£1,474,020</u>	<u>1,392,055</u>

(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Recoveries of prior year overpayments and receipts in respect of debts and overpayments previously written off as irrecoverable	—	128,147
Miscellaneous	—	<u>11,780 (e)</u>
Total		<u>£139,927</u>

(a) Due mainly to carryover of receipts from 1976-77.

(b) and (c) Less eligible expenditure was incurred in 1976-77 than expected, and receipts in 1977-78 are thereby reduced.

(d) The claim for contributions towards formation grants to Producer Organisations was not met by EAGGF in 1977-78.

(e) Includes £10,522 refunds of grants paid.

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

3 *ex gratia* payments £1,034

Extra-statutory Payments

These are payments which are considered to be within the broad intention of the statute or statutory regulation but which go beyond a strict legal interpretation of its terms.

Subhead	Number	Total Amount £
C3 Farm and Horticulture Capital Grant Schemes	4	1,506
D1 and D3 Grants for Improvement of Farm Structure	3	3,075

Details of Expenditure

SUBHEAD B2A	Estimated £	Actual £	Saving £	Excess £
PREMIUM SCHEMES FOR THE NON-MARKETING OF MILK AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF DAIRY HERDS (NET)				
Payment of premiums under Schemes for the non-marketing of milk and/or conversion of dairy herds to meat production introduced under Community Regulations	1,200,000	70,643	1,129,357	—
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,200,000	70,643	1,129,357	—
<i>Less</i>				
(1) Receipts from Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund	240,000	—	—	240,000
(2) Receipts from the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce	720,000	70,643	—	649,357
NET TOTAL	£ 240,000	—	1,129,357	889,357
			Net Saving	£240,000

EXPLANATION of the Main Cause of Variation between Estimated and Actual Receipts and Payments
The schemes were not taken up to the extent expected.

A. D. Neale

Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

LAW, ORDER AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND)

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on court services, Crown prosecutions, legal aid, Office of the Advisers, other services related to crime, compensation for criminal injuries, prisons, probation and after-care, young offenders, police, home defence, central and miscellaneous services, accommodation services and legal services for Government departments including grants in aid.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 15.7						
LAW, ORDER AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES						
A	1,820,000	234,000	1,586,000	1,806,818	289,535	1,517,283
B	1,262,000	57,000	1,205,000	1,191,777	55,170	1,136,607
C	1,286,000	—	1,286,000	1,545,484	—	1,545,484
D	1,000	—	1,000	—	—	—
E	1,827,000	1,030,000	797,000	1,603,201	981,103	622,098
F	43,970,000	—	43,970,000	44,709,263	—	44,709,263
G	22,859,000	190,000	22,669,000	22,325,187	163,686	22,161,501
H	785,000	—	785,000	714,946	—	714,946
I	3,336,500	500	3,336,000	3,175,574	—	3,175,574
J	76,838,100	100	76,838,000	77,138,575	152	77,138,423
K	88,100	100	88,000	84,705	7	84,698
L	7,127,000	190,000	6,937,000	6,769,663	165,684	6,603,979
M	14,057,000	150,000	13,907,000	13,261,867	134,830	13,127,037
	<u>175,256,700</u>	<u>1,851,700</u>	<u>173,405,000</u>	<u>174,327,060</u>	<u>1,790,167</u>	<u>172,536,893</u>
PROGRAMME 15.12						
COMMON SERVICES						
N	624,000	84,000	540,000	656,856	69,987	586,869
Total	<u>£175,880,700</u>	<u>1,935,700</u>	<u>173,945,000</u>	<u>174,983,916</u>	<u>1,860,154</u>	<u>173,123,762</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 15.7				
SECTION A				
COURT SERVICES				
A1 County Courts, &c.	1,457,000	1,450,400	6,600	—
A2 Enforcement of Judgments Office*	363,000	356,418	6,582	—
SECTION B				
CROWN PROSECUTIONS				
B1 Crown Prosecutions	1,262,000	1,191,777	70,223	—
SECTION C				
LEGAL AID				
C1 Legal Aid*	1,253,000	1,514,484	—	261,484
C2 Grant in Aid to a Management Committee for a Legal Centre	33,000	31,000	2,000	—
SECTION D				
OFFICE OF THE ADVISERS				
D1 Office of the Advisers	1,000	—	1,000	—
SECTION E				
OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO CRIME				
E1 State Pathologist Service	145,000	136,191	8,809	—
E2 Miscellaneous Expenses arising out of Emergency Measures	651,000	478,978	172,022	—
E3 Forensic Science Service				
<i>Supplementary</i>	822,900			
<i>Supplementary</i>	208,100			
	<u>1,031,000</u>	<u>988,032</u>	<u>42,968</u>	<u>—</u>

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

C1 An unexpected increase in the number of new cases and a reduction in the number of claims outstanding resulted in additional expenditure.

D1 The functions of the Advisers ceased following the cessation of detention in December 1975.

E2 Expenditure on security works and compensation was less than expected.

* The Enforcement of Judgments Office and the Legal Aid Fund Accounts are published separately as White Papers.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION F				
COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES				
F1 Criminal Injuries to Persons				
<i>Original</i>	11,700,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	4,590,000			
	7,110,000	7,491,533	—	381,533
F2 Criminal Damage to Property				
<i>Original</i>	28,300,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	8,560,000			
	36,860,000	37,217,730	—	357,730
SECTION G				
PRISONS				
G1 Prison Staff				
<i>Original</i>	23,402,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	2,498,000			
	20,904,000	20,634,962	269,038	—
G2 General Supplies and Operating Expenses	1,583,000	1,424,937	158,063	—
G3 Prison Industries *				
<i>Original</i>	745,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	500,000			
	245,000	170,492	74,508	—
G4 Welfare of Prisoners	287,000	169,951	117,049	—
GX Proceeds of Prison Labour (Sales to Prisons)				
(Transfer to Accommodation Services, Subhead M2)				
<i>Original</i>	500,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	340,000			
	(160,000)	(75,155)	(84,845)	—
SECTION H				
PROBATION AND AFTER-CARE, &C.				
H1 Probation Service	684,000	674,049	9,951	—
H2 After-care Aid to Prisoners, &c., on Discharge	24,000	18,564	5,436	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

G3 Mainly due to delay in opening new workshops.

G4 Due to building delays the number of vocational training courses was less than anticipated.

GX Internal sales were lower than expected due to delays in the introduction of some workshops and operational difficulties.

H2 Fewer discharge grants paid than expected.

* The Prison Industries Trading Account is published separately as a White Paper.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
H3 Payments for Borstal Training in Great Britain	9,000	—	9,000	—
H4 Grant in Aid to Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Re-settlement of Offenders	23,000	22,333	667	—
H5 Grant in Aid to "Extern" in connection with a Probation Hostel	45,000	—	45,000	—
SECTION I				
YOUNG OFFENDERS				
I1 Training Schools and Remand Homes Accommodation, &c.	3,325,000	3,165,653	159,347	—
I2 Attendance Centres: General Expenses	11,500	9,921	1,579	—
SECTION J				
POLICE				
J1 Grant to the Police Authority for Northern Ireland *				
<i>Original</i>	72,986,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,684,000			
	<u>76,670,000</u>	77,000,000	—	330,000
J2 Other Expenses				
<i>Original</i>	72,100			
<i>Supplementary</i>	16,000			
	<u>88,100</u>	82,941	5,159	—
J3 Police Complaints Board (Grant in Aid) *	80,000	55,634	24,366	—
SECTION K				
HOME DEFENCE				
K1 Home Defence Services	88,100	84,705	3,395	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

H3 No female trainees were transferred to Great Britain during the year.

H5 Delayed start on the provision of a probation hostel.

I2 Economies were effected in the use of material and equipment.

J3 The Police Complaints Board commenced operations later than anticipated.

* The Police Authority for Northern Ireland and the Police Complaints Board Accounts are published separately as White Papers.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
SECTION L				
CENTRAL AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
L1 Northern Ireland Office Administration				
<i>Original</i>	6,796,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	331,000			
	7,127,000	6,769,663	357,337	—
SECTION M				
ACCOMMODATION SERVICES				
M1 Acquisitions and New Works				
<i>Original</i>	11,456,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	2,663,000			
	8,793,000	8,086,432	706,568	—
M2 Purchase of Furniture and Equipment				
<i>Original</i>	1,191,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	641,000			
	550,000	656,698	—	106,698
M3 Maintenance and Running Costs				
<i>Original</i>	2,290,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	338,000			
	2,628,000	2,590,463	37,537	—
M4 Agency Fees				
<i>Original</i>	1,900,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	186,000			
	2,086,000	1,928,274	157,726	—
PROGRAMME 15.12				
SECTION N				
LEGAL SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS				
N1 Crown Solicitor's Office	420,000	416,951	3,049	—
N2 Other Expenditure	204,000	239,905	—	35,905

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

M2 Advanced delivery of supplies from outside sources partially offset by a reduction in supplies by Prison Industries.

N2 Increased litigation and a higher level of settlements resulted in additional expenditure.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	172,286,700			
<i>Supplementary</i>	822,900			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,771,100			
	<u>£175,880,700</u>	174,983,916	2,370,134	1,473,350
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 896,784	
Z				
<i>Deduct Appropriations in Aid</i>				
<i>Original</i>	842,700			
<i>Supplementary</i>	821,900			
<i>Supplementary</i>	271,100			
	<u>1,935,700</u>	1,860,154		
			Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised 75,546	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	171,444,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,500,000			
	<u>£173,945,000</u>	173,123,762		
			Net Surplus 821,238	
			<u>£821,237.77</u>	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	970,000	1,137,121.45

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Fees paid to Enforcement of Judgments Office	160,000	244,871 (a)
Other receipts	74,000	44,664 (b)
	<u>£234,000</u>	<u>289,535</u>
Subhead BZ		
Costs and fees recovered	£57,000	55,170
Subhead EZ		
Recovery from the Police Authority for Northern Ireland for Forensic Science Services	980,400	933,200
Miscellaneous	49,600	47,903
	<u>£1,030,000</u>	<u>981,103</u>

Details of Receipts *contd.*

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Subhead GZ		
Miscellaneous	£190,000	163,686 (c)
Subhead IZ		
Parental contributions	£500	— (d)
Subhead JZ		
Miscellaneous	£100	152 (e)
Subhead KZ		
Miscellaneous	£100	7 (f)
Subhead LZ		
Miscellaneous	£190,000	165,684 (g)
Subhead MZ		
Miscellaneous	£150,000	134,830 (h)
Subhead NZ		
Costs and fees recovered	£84,000	69,987 (i)
Total	£1,935,700	1,860,154
(ii) Receipts of other classes	£	
Enforcement expenses recovered from debtors	—	8,024
Rents and Wayleaves	—	4,898
Recovery of Criminal Injury compensation	—	39,632
Interest on certain accounts	—	16,987
Pension Scheme Contributions—Petty Sessions Service	—	6,713
Sale of vehicles, equipment and property	—	43,016
Recoveries from other Government Departments in respect of shared services	—	1,819
Telephone rental rebates and refunds	—	4,825
Repayment of deduction from Criminal Injury claim paid to Department of Commerce	—	5,649
Recovery of costs in respect of civil litigations	—	7,269
Recoupment of salary of Chief Enforcement Officer from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive	—	5,496
Recovery from the Ministry of Defence in respect of damage to property caused during Army occupation	—	2,500
Courts fines and fees	970,000	977,467
Miscellaneous	—	12,826
Total	£970,000	1,137,121

- (a) A substantial increase in fee rates and a greater demand for the service produced receipts larger than anticipated.
- (b) Land Registry duties ceased to be performed by County Court staff from 30 September 1977. Hence there was no recoupment after that date.
- (c) With the delay in the introduction of some industries, together with operational difficulties, external sales were below expectations.
- (d) No parental contributions were received.
- (e) The incidence of receipts is difficult to forecast accurately.
- (f) This is a nominal provision and in the event receipts were less than anticipated.
- (g) A charge for common services was still outstanding at the end of the financial year.
- (h) Shortfall in the sale of surplus buildings and equipment partially offset by higher than anticipated receipts in respect of the Forensic Science Service accommodation.
- (i) There was a decrease in the amount of work undertaken for the Police Authority for Northern Ireland.

Losses Statement

	£
<i>Summary</i>	
Cash loss due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances	£146
Claim abandoned	<u>£135,000</u>
Stores losses due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc. * (2 cases)	18,304
Stores losses due to other causes (3 cases)	<u>153,256</u>
Total Stores losses	<u>£171,560</u>

* Prosecutions were not appropriate or practicable.

Details

	£
Claim abandoned	
Waiver of claim on welfare authorities in respect of cost of maintaining children placed in remand homes as places of safety	135,000
Stores loss due to theft, fraud, arson or sabotage, etc.	
Stores discrepancy at HM Prison, Magilligan, due to over-issue of food to prisoners	18,303
Stores loss due to other causes	
Buildings, stock, fixtures and fittings destroyed in fire at Central Stores, HM Prison, Maze	153,184

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

36 compensation payments	3,754
1 other <i>ex gratia</i> payment	840

Other Notes

At 31 March 1978 the book value of equipment in Home Defence stores was £350,016. Equipment with a book value of £15,805 was on issue on a care and maintenance basis to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and equipment valued at £47,954 to Health and Social Services Boards, Fire Authority for Northern Ireland and other organisations.

It has not proved practicable under section 118(3) of the Judgments (Enforcement) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 to fix fees to produce an amount sufficient to meet the expenses of the Office up to 31 March 1977 and accordingly the accumulated excess of expenses over fees received at that date of £980,062 has been written off.

B. C. Cubbon

Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: SUPREME COURT
OF JUDICATURE, &c., NORTHERN IRELAND

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on the Supreme Court of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal of Northern Ireland and on certain other legal services in Northern Ireland.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 15.7						
LAW, ORDER AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES						
A	540,000	381,000	159,000	539,289	426,212	113,077
B	6,000	—	6,000	6,269	—	6,269
Total	<u>546,000</u>	<u>381,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>	<u>545,558</u>	<u>426,212</u>	<u>*119,346</u>

*This figure is £45,212 less than the net total of expenditure on the Appropriation Account, being the difference between the Appropriations in Aid realised (£426,212) and those authorised to be applied (£381,000).

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	381,000	426,211·69
(ii) Receipts of other classes	60,000	72,209·29
Total	£441,000	498,420·98
Appropriated in aid		381,000·00
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund		£117,420·98

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid Subhead AZ		
Court fees	364,000	409,346 (a)
Recovery from Northern Ireland Office and Department of Commerce	17,000	16,866
Total	£381,000	426,212
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Interest on Court Funds, etc.	60,000	70,883
Miscellaneous	—	1,326
Total	£60,000	72,209

(a) Surplus due to increased business.

B. C. Cubbon
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN, and the ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on election expenses, central administration transfers to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund, including a grant in aid, and accommodation services.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME OUTTURN

Section	Estimated			Actual		
	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £	Gross Expenditure £	Appropriations in Aid £	Net Expenditure £
PROGRAMME 15.11 OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES						
A	316,000	89,000	227,000	275,189	83,757	191,432
B	2,775,000	6,000	2,769,000	2,611,362	6,075	2,605,287
C	747,578,000	17,578,000	730,000,000	696,648,720	14,348,720	682,300,000
	<u>750,669,000</u>	<u>17,673,000</u>	<u>732,996,000</u>	<u>699,535,271</u>	<u>14,438,552</u>	<u>685,096,719</u>
PROGRAMME 15.12 COMMON SERVICES						
D	607,000	1,000	606,000	561,586	1,005	560,581
Total	<u>£751,276,000</u>	<u>17,674,000</u>	<u>733,602,000</u>	<u>700,096,857</u>	<u>14,439,557</u>	<u>685,657,300</u>

ACCOUNT

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 15.11				
SECTION A				
ELECTION EXPENSES				
A1 Registration of Electors and Conduct of Elections				
<i>Original</i>	296,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	20,000			
	<u>316,000</u>	275,189	40,811	—
SECTION B				
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION				
B1 Administration				
<i>Original</i>	2,965,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	213,000			
	<u>2,752,000</u>	2,590,009	161,991	—
B2 Constitutional Convention in Northern Ireland	1,000	—	1,000	—
B3 Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights	22,000	21,353	647	—
SECTION C				
TRANSFERS TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONSOLIDATED FUND				
C1 Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund (Grant in Aid)*				
<i>Original</i>	330,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	300,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	100,000,000			
	<u>730,000,000</u>	682,300,000	47,700,000	—
C2 European Institutions				
<i>Original</i>	14,778,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,800,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000,000			
	<u>17,578,000</u>	14,348,720	3,229,280	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A1 Due to reduced expenditure on computer services, registration postage expenses and advertising.

B2 All outstanding claims were paid in the previous financial year.

C2 Payments from the European Social Fund did not materialise as early as expected.

* See also Northern Ireland Public Income and Expenditure Account published separately as a White Paper.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
PROGRAMME 15.12				
SECTION D				
ACCOMMODATION SERVICES				
D1 Acquisitions and New Works				
<i>Original</i>	309,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	<u>37,000</u>			
	272,000	252,323	19,677	—
D2 Purchase of Furniture and Equipment	70,000	62,330	7,670	—
D3 Rents, &c.	55,000	55,015	—	15
D4 Maintenance and Running Costs				
<i>Original</i>	93,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>27,000</u>			
	120,000	111,436	8,564	—
D5 Agency Fees				
<i>Original</i>	80,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>10,000</u>			
	90,000	80,482	9,518	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	348,669,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	301,800,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>100,807,000</u>			
	£ 751,276,000	700,096,857	51,179,158	15
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure	
			51,179,143	
Z Deduct Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	14,867,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,800,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,007,000</u>			
	17,674,000	14,439,557		
			Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid realised	
			3,234,443	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	333,802,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	300,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>99,800,000</u>			
	£ 733,602,000	685,657,300		
			Net Surplus	
			47,944,700	
			Actual surplus to be surrendered	
			£47,944,700·15	

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant *contd.*

D2 The demand for the maintenance and replacement of existing furniture and equipment was less than anticipated.

D5 Charges are related to payments under subheads D1 to D4 and were, therefore, less than anticipated.

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	2,508·54
 Details of Receipts		
	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Subhead AZ		
Repayment by the Home Office of the United Kingdom share of the cost of compiling annual registers of electors in Northern Ireland	87,000	82,467
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,290 (a)
	<u>£89,000</u>	<u>83,757</u>
Subhead BZ		
Miscellaneous	£6,000	6,075
Subhead CZ		
Contributions from the European Social Fund	10,527,000	7,517,457 (b)
Receipts from the Statistical Office of the European Community	36,000	34,780
Receipts in respect of reimbursement of cost of medical treatment under European Economic Community Social Security Regulations	15,000	— (c)
Contributions from the European Regional Development Fund	7,000,000	6,796,483
	<u>£17,578,000</u>	<u>14,348,720</u>
Subhead DZ		
Miscellaneous	£1,000	1,005
Total	<u>£17,674,000</u>	<u>14,439,557</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Miscellaneous	—	£2,509

Losses Statement

Cash loss due to overpayment of salaries, wages and allowances £152

B. C. Cubbon

Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

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D. O. Henley

Comptroller and Auditor General

CLASS XVII

**RATE SUPPORT GRANT,
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, &c.**

CLASS XVII: RATE SUPPORT GRANT,

Page	No. of Vote	SERVICE	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Authorised Appropriations in Aid	Supply Grant
			£	£	£
312	1	Rate Support Grants and Supplementary Grants to Local Revenues, England and Wales	6,620,430,000	—	6,620,430,000
315	2	Transport Supplementary Grants, England and Wales	279,100,000	—	279,100,000
316	3	Rate Support Grants to Local Revenues, Scotland	953,350,000	—	953,350,000
318	4	Teachers' Superannuation (England and Wales)	332,045,000	332,042,000	3,000
321	5	Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland)	45,600,000	45,597,000	3,000
323	6	National Health Service (Superannuation, &c.) England and Wales	237,098,000	237,096,000	2,000
326	7	National Health Service (Superannuation, &c.), Scotland	28,669,000	28,667,000	2,000
329	8	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Superannuation Funds	12,443,000	12,440,000	3,000
331	9	Department of Industry (Post Office Pensions Fund)	45,000,000	—	45,000,000
332	10	Crown Estate Office	704,000	—	704,000
333	11	Corporation Tax (Transitional Relief)	8,000,000	—	8,000,000
		Total	£ 8,562,439,000	655,842,000	7,906,597,000

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, &c.

Gross Expenditure	Appropriations in Aid applied	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure compared with Estimate: Saving	Deficiency of Appropriations in Aid	Amount to be surrendered	Extra Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	No. of Vote
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
6,604,787,475	—	6,604,787,475	15,642,525	—	15,642,525	580,425·37	1
279,000,000	—	279,000,000	100,000	—	100,000	—	2
952,197,711	—	952,197,711	1,152,289	—	1,152,289	—	3
330,585,151	330,585,151	—	1,459,849	1,456,849	3,000	104,149,450·98	4
44,651,153	44,651,153	—	948,847	945,847	3,000	2,493,403·31	5
226,542,709	226,542,709	—	10,555,291	10,553,291	2,000	115,284,682·09	6
27,956,753	27,956,753	—	712,247	710,247	2,000	17,254,136·15	7
11,400,234	11,400,234	—	1,042,766	1,039,766	3,000	15,306,576·84	8
45,000,000	—	45,000,000	—	—	—	—	9
701,967	—	701,967	2,033	—	2,033	—	10
7,491,546	—	7,491,546	508,454	—	508,454	27,068·82	11
8,530,314,699	641,136,000	7,889,178,699	32,124,301	14,706,000		255,095,743·56	
Total amount to be surrendered					£	17,418,301	
Actual total amount to be surrendered						£17,418,300·64	

**RATE SUPPORT GRANTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS
TO LOCAL REVENUES, ENGLAND AND WALES**

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for rate support grants to local authorities in England and Wales, for National Parks supplementary grants to County Councils and for rate rebate and domestic rate relief grants to local authorities in England.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Rate Support Grants to Local Authorities				
<i>Original</i>	6,157,001,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	293,699,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	30,100,000	6,480,800,000	6,480,710,390	89,610
A2 National Parks Supplementary Grants under the Local Government Act 1974				
<i>Original</i>	3,400,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	100,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	100,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	—
B1 Grants for Rate Rebates	135,000,000	120,259,332	14,740,668	—
B2 Grants for Domestic Rate Relief (Residual Payments)	30,000	2,287	27,713	—
B3 Special Domestic Rate Relief Scheme 1974-75 (Residual Payments)	1,000,000	215,466	784,534	—
TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	6,296,431,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	293,799,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	30,200,000	6,620,430,000	6,604,787,475	15,642,525
				Surplus
				15,642,525
				Actual surplus to be surrendered
				15,642,525.00

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

B1 Total grant liability less than expected and delay in submitting final claims for 1976-77.
B2 and B3 Delay in submitting final claims.

RATE SUPPORT GRANTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS
TO LOCAL REVENUES ENGLAND AND WALES

1977-78, Class XVII, Vote 1

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Recovery of Domestic Rate Relief grant payments 1973-74 and 1974-75	£685,000	580,425.37 (a)

(a) Delay in submitting final claims.

J. Garlick
Accounting Officer

16 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RATE SUPPORT GRANTS

Comparison between expenditure as estimated for purposes of rate support grants in respect of 1977-1978 and near actual expenditure.

Service (1)	Estimate of relevant expenditure as in RSG (Increase) Order 1978 (2)	Near actual expenditure (3)	Amount by which near actual expenditure exceeded (or fell short of) estimate (4)	Percentage by which near actual expenditure exceeded (or fell short of) estimate (5)
	£m.	£m.	£m.	per cent
Education (including school meals and milk)	6,253.4	6,091.0	(162.4)	(2.6)
Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries	212.2	207.8	(4.4)	(2.1)
Port Health	1.9	2.0	0.1	5.3
Personal Social Services	1,081.7	1,055.8	(25.9)	(2.4)
Police	1,025.9	1,000.6	(25.3)	(2.5)
Fire	252.7	238.3	(14.4)	(5.7)
Urban Programme*	7.9	6.7	(1.2)	(15.2)
Administration of Justice†	121.5	119.9	(1.6)	(1.3)
Consumer Protection	23.3	29.8	6.5	28.0
Other Home Office Services‡	21.3	25.0	3.7	17.4
Local Transport Finance	1,325.9	1,259.0	(66.9)	(5.0)
Refuse	354.4	341.4	(13.0)	(3.7)
Recreation Parks and Baths	355.7	347.6	(8.1)	(2.3)
Town and Country Planning	230.0	230.6	0.6	0.3
General Administration	265.9	207.5	(58.4)	(22.0)
Housing	320.0	409.5	89.5	28.0
Miscellaneous Services§	506.1	601.0	94.9	18.8
Total	12,359.8	12,173.5	(186.3)	(1.1)
National parks supplementary grants	3.6			
Transport supplementary grants	281.4			
Specific revenue grants	790.4			
Rate support grant	6,470.0			

*The forecast of Urban Programme expenditure shown in the Report on the RSG (Increase) Order 1978 has been reappor-
tioned to Services for comparison purposes.

†Magistrates' Courts, Other Courts, Probation and After Care, Probation Homes and Hostels.

‡School Crossing Patrols, Registration of Electors, Civil Defence.

§Includes Environmental Health, Land Drainage, Smallholdings, Careers Service, Sheltered Employment Coast Protection, Allotments, Contributions to Trading Services, etc.

Notes

- The above tables show the estimated 1977-78 expenditure by local authorities in England and Wales compared with estimated relevant expenditure for Rate Support Grant purposes.
- Figures of near actual expenditure are the latest available at December 1978 and are based on returns from local authorities.
- The estimate of relevant expenditure was made for the purpose of the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978 which was approved by the House of Commons on 15 December 1978. The Order left unchanged the amount of the rate support grant prescribed in the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1977, i.e. £6,470m.
- In the Report on the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978, it was pointed out that certain variations in costs since the amount of grant to be paid under the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No.2) Order 1977 was approved by Parliament had had the effect of reducing the cash limit on Rate Support Grants to a figure which was £40m. below the amount of grant already approved and account has been taken of this in formulating proposals for the 1979-80 settlement.

J. Garlick
Accounting Officer

16 January 1979

TRANSPORT SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS, ENGLAND AND WALES

ACCOUNT of the sum expended in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for supplementary grants for transport purposes to County Councils and the Greater London Council.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Supplementary Grants for transport purposes under the Local Government Act 1974				
<i>Original</i>	255,000,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	24,100,000			
	<u>£279,100,000</u>	<u>279,000,000</u>	100,000	—
		Surplus to be surrendered	<u>£100,000</u>	

Peter Baldwin
Accounting Officer

14 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RATE SUPPORT GRANTS TO LOCAL REVENUES, SCOTLAND

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for rate support grants, equalisation grants and rate rebates grants to local authorities in Scotland.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Rate Support Grants to Local Authorities				
Original	882,799,990			
Supplementary	44,095,000			
Supplementary	6,305,010			
	933,200,000	933,200,000	—	—
A2 Equalisation Grants to Local Authorities				
Original	10			
Less Supplementary	10			
	—	—	—	—
A3 Grants for Rate Rebates				
Original	23,000,000			
Less Supplementary	2,850,000			
	20,150,000	18,997,711	1,152,289	—
TOTAL				
Original	905,800,000			
Supplementary	41,245,000			
Supplementary	6,305,000			
	£953,350,000	952,197,711	1,152,289	—
	Surplus		1,152,289	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		£1,152,288·87	

W. K. Reid
Accounting Officer

29 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

RATE SUPPORT GRANTS

Comparison in respect of 1977-78 between expenditure as estimated for purposes of rate support grants and near actual expenditure.

Service (1)	Estimated relevant expenditure (2)	Near actual expenditure (3)	Amount by which near actual expenditure exceeded (or fell short of) estimate (4)	Percentage by which near actual expenditure exceeded (or fell short of) estimate (5)
	£m.	£m.	£m.	per cent
Education, Libraries and Museums	731.3	715.4	(15.9)	(2.17)
Social Work Services	125.5	116.7	(8.8)	(7.01)
Law, Order and Protective Services	138.4	132.4	(6.0)	(4.34)
Roads and Transport	150.8	139.6	(11.2)	(7.43)
Water, Sewerage and Environmental Services	142.1	129.0	(13.1)	(9.22)
Planning Services	27.1	25.6	(1.5)	(5.54)
Recreational Services	39.8	60.5	20.7	52.01
Miscellaneous	56.1	47.4	(8.7)	(15.51)
Central Administration	67.7	62.9	(4.8)	(7.09)
TOTAL	1,478.8	1,429.5	(49.3)	(3.33)
Specific revenue grants	73.3	75.6	2.3	3.14
Rate support grants	932.9	932.9	—	—

Notes

- Figures of near actual expenditure are the latest available at November 1978.
- The estimated relevant expenditure in column (2) is the expenditure on which the grant prescribed initially for 1977-78 in the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1976 was fixed; revalued to take account of increases in prices, costs and remuneration occurring between the time that Order was made and 31 March 1978.
- Estimates of relevant expenditure are made for the purpose of fixing by order the aggregate amount of rate support grants in respect of a year and are based on the price levels current when the grant is fixed initially. Grant may be increased by increase orders to take account of subsequent increases in prices, costs and remuneration. For 1977-78 increases in rate support grant on account of increases in prices, costs and remuneration were subject to a cash limit, which was not revised to take account of such increases in the period from November 1977 to 31 March 1978. Grant paid is calculated at 68.5 per cent of expenditure of £1,466.4m., i.e. the expenditure originally estimated for 1977-78 increased for increases in prices, costs and remuneration up to November 1977, plus an addition to grant of £1.7m. in respect of the extra cost to local authorities arising from the extension of entitlement to free school meals announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 15 July 1977.

W. K. Reid
Accounting Officer

15 December 1978

TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION (ENGLAND AND WALES)

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Education and Science on superannuation allowances and gratuities, &c., in respect of teachers, and the widows, children and dependants of deceased teachers.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Pensions &c.				
<i>Original</i>	307,699,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	10,040,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,273,000			
	319,012,000	317,599,031	1,412,969	—
A2 Repayment of Superannuation Contributions (net of income tax)				
<i>Original</i>	5,010,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,290,000			
	6,300,000	6,095,984	204,016	—
A3 Payments of Income Tax on repayments of Superannuation Contributions				
<i>Original</i>	490,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	255,000			
	745,000	868,293	—	123,293
A4 Payments to National Insurance Fund in lieu of Graduated Contributions				
<i>Original</i>	1,220,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	238,000			
	1,458,000	1,428,224	29,776	—
A5 Family Benefits Payments				
<i>Original</i>	4,300,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	230,000			
	4,530,000	4,593,619	—	63,619

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant

A3 Overspend is the result of an underestimate due to a combination of changed accounting procedures and late accounting action.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
Original	318,719,000			
Supplementary	10,525,000			
Supplementary	2,801,000			
	<u>£ 332,045,000</u>	330,585,151	1,646,761	186,912
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure	
			1,459,849	
Deduct				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
Original	318,718,000			
Supplementary	10,524,000			
Supplementary	2,800,000			
	<u>332,042,000</u>	330,585,151		
			Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid	
			1,456,849	
NET TOTAL				
Original	1,000			
Supplementary	1,000			
Supplementary	1,000			
	<u>£ 3,000</u>	—		
			Net Surplus to be surrendered	
			£3,000	

Receipts

Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	421,077,000	434,734,602·28
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	332,042,000	330,585,151·30
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	£89,035,000	104,149,450·98

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Pension contributions:		
(a) Teachers	162,860,000	167,864,754
(b) Employers	250,360,000	259,357,121
Transfer values received	4,500,000	4,213,967
Recoveries from repayment of superannuation contributions	600,000	501,480 (a)
Receipts from dividends, etc., and the sale of investments, etc., of the Teachers' Family Benefits Fund	2,722,000	2,753,826
Superannuation benefits repaid	35,000	43,454 (b)
Total	<u>£421,077,000</u>	<u>434,734,602</u>

(a) Due to teachers taking repayments of contributions having reduced liability to the Graduated Pension Scheme.

(b) Repayments greater than expected.

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses due to overpayment of superannuation benefits (7 cases)	£754
Claim abandoned	£1,208

Details

Claim abandoned

Underpayment of a teacher's additional contributions (£1,208) resulting from salary deductions having being made at a rate lower than that prescribed by the relevant Regulations.	£1,208
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J. A. Hamilton
Accounting Officer

28 September 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION (SCOTLAND)

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the expenditure by the Scottish Home and Health Department on superannuation allowances and gratuities, &c., in respect of teachers, and the widows and dependants of deceased teachers.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Pensions, &c., to Teachers				
<i>Original</i>	40,363,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,399,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	240,000			
	43,522,000	42,513,499	1,008,501	—
A2 Repayment of Superannuation Contributions (net of income tax)				
<i>Original</i>	684,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	338,000			
	1,022,000	1,070,351	—	48,351
A3 Payments of Income Tax on Repayments of Superannuation Contributions				
<i>Original</i>	66,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	36,000			
	102,000	108,305	—	6,305
A4 Payments to National Insurance Fund in lieu of Graduated Contributions				
<i>Original</i>	187,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	29,000			
	216,000	216,001	—	1
A5 Family Benefits Payments				
<i>Original</i>	639,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	99,000			
	738,000	742,997	—	4,997
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	41,939,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,399,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	262,000			
	45,600,000	44,651,153	1,008,501	59,654
	Estimated	Applied	Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 948,847	
Deduct				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	41,938,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	3,398,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	261,000			
	45,597,000	44,651,153		Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 945,847
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	£ 3,000	—		Net Surplus to be surrendered £3,000

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	49,033,000	47,036,857·99
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	107,697·84
Total	£49,033,000	47,144,555·83
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	45,597,000	44,651,152·52
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	3,436,000	2,493,403·31

Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Pensions contributions:		
(a) Teachers	20,300,000	19,492,253
(b) Employers	28,200,000	27,054,421
Transfer values received	427,000	385,380
Recoveries from repayments of superannuation contributions	92,000	89,839
Superannuation benefits repaid	14,000	14,965
Total	£49,033,000	47,036,858
(ii) Receipts of other classes:		
Receipts from dividends, etc. and the sale of investments, etc. of the Teachers' Family Benefits Fund	—	106,139
Recoveries of overpayments in previous years	—	1,559
Total		£107,698

Losses Statement*Summary*

Cash losses due to overpayment of superannuation benefits (10 cases) £1,414

A. L. Rennie
Accounting Officer

4 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION, &c.)
ENGLAND AND WALES

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on pensions, allowances, gratuities, &c., to or in respect of persons engaged in health services or in other approved employment.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Pensions, &c. <i>Original</i> 191,903,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 16,000,000	207,903,000	196,383,575	11,519,425	—
A2 Repayment of Superannuation Contributions (net of income tax) <i>Original</i> 14,505,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 8,000,000	22,505,000	24,035,988	—	1,530,988
A3 Payments of Income Tax on repayments of Superannuation Contributions	1,395,000	2,519,392	—	1,124,392
A4 Contributory Payments in respect of Persons subject to other Superannuation Arrangements	1,695,000	905,705	789,295	—
A5 Payments to National Insurance Fund in lieu of Graduated Contributions	3,600,000	2,698,049	901,951	—

EXPLANATION of the Causes of Variation between Expenditure and Grant.

A3 Repayments of superannuation contributions higher than expected.

A4 Reduction in number of persons subject to other superannuation arrangements.

A5 Fewer refunds than expected involving payments to National Insurance Fund.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	213,098,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	24,000,000			
	<u>£ 237,098,000</u>	226,542,709	13,210,671	2,655,380
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 10,555,291	
		Estimated		
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid	213,097,000			
<i>Original</i>	23,999,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>				
	<u>£ 237,096,000</u>	226,542,709		Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 10,553,291
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	<u>£ 2,000</u>	—		Net Surplus to be surrendered £2,000

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	323,204,000	341,827,390·60
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	237,096,000	226,542,708·51
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	£86,108,000	115,284,682·09

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Superannuation contributions:		
(a) Employees	136,938,000	154,596,336 (a)
(b) Employers	167,064,000	176,461,158
Transfer values received	17,832,000	9,399,753 (b)
Deductions from returns of superannuation contributions and lump sum payments towards payments in lieu of graduated contributions (see Subhead A5)	1,340,000	1,324,717
Miscellaneous	30,000	45,427 (c)
Total	£323,204,000	341,827,391

(a) Lump sum and other contributions received by employing authorities were greater than expected.

(b) Transfer values expected by 31 March received later.

(c) The estimate is necessarily conjectural.

Losses Statement

<i>Summary</i>	£
Cash losses due to overpayment of superannuation benefits (34 cases) of which £7,786 was charged in previous years	21,980
Cash losses due to other causes (97 cases) of which £1,758 was charged in previous years	3,900
Total Cash Losses	£25,880

Details

Cash losses due to overpayment of superannuation benefits	£
One case of overpayment of pension due to a failure to adjust pension payments during a period of re-employment	513
One case of overpayment of widow's benefits due to the discovery that the beneficiary's entitlement was invalid	7,063
One case of overpayment of lump sum due to an incorrect assessment of an officer's entitlement	1,402
One case of overpayment of pensions increase due to an incorrect notification of the commencement date	11,056

Notes

Ex gratia Payments

13 compensation payments totalling £3,954

Extra-statutory Payments

Subhead A1 includes 130 extra-statutory payments totalling £56,084 in respect of gratuitous benefits for part-time local authority staff who had expectations of such benefits prior to transfer to the National Health Service on reorganisation and who did not become members of the NHS superannuation scheme.

Subhead A1 also includes 42 extra-statutory payments totalling £68,921 in respect of transfer values made in anticipation of the Regulations.

151 cases totalling £246,895 per annum and £695,501 lump sum retirement benefits awarded in anticipation of the Regulations, whereby officers are given the opportunity to surrender their FSSN/FSSU policies for reckonable service in the NHS superannuation scheme.

One case of a pension of £144 per annum and a lump sum of £323 awarded in anticipation of an amendment to the Regulations whereby a practitioner's earlier service as an officer, if 10 years or less, will reckon as practitioner service.

Other Notes

Certain figures of receipts and agency payments used in this Account are based on the accounts of Health Authorities before audit was completed. Audit reservations received after the Appropriation Account for 1976-77 (Class XVII, Vote 5) was signed disclosed an undercharge to the Vote of £12,185 and an undercredit of receipts of £964 (see corresponding note to the Class XI, Vote 1 Account).

Patrick Nairne
Accounting Officer

27 November 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION, &c.), SCOTLAND

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for expenditure by the Scottish Home and Health Department on pensions, allowances, gratuities, &c., to or in respect of persons engaged in health services or in other approved employment.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Pensions, &c. <i>Original</i> 24,780,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 100,000	24,880,000	24,177,399	702,601	—
A2 Repayment of Superannuation Contributions (net of income tax) <i>Original</i> 2,178,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 872,000	3,050,000	3,032,742	17,258	—
A3 Payments of Income Tax on repayments of Superannuation Contributions <i>Original</i> 222,000 <i>Supplementary</i> 117,000	339,000	328,666	10,334	—
A4 Contributory Payments in respect of persons subject to other Superannuation Arrangements <i>Original</i> 207,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 147,000	60,000	60,716	—	716
A5 Payments to National Insurance Fund in lieu of Graduated Contributions <i>Original</i> 388,000 <i>Less Supplementary</i> 48,000	340,000	357,230	—	17,230

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	27,775,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	894,000			
	£ 28,669,000	27,956,753	730,193	17,946
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure	
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Applied</u>	<u>712,247</u>	
<i>Deduct</i>			Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid	
AZ <i>Original</i>	27,774,000		710,247	
<i>Supplementary</i>	893,000			
	£ 28,667,000	27,956,753		
NET TOTAL			Net Surplus to be surrendered	
<i>Original</i>	1,000		<u>£2,000</u>	
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	£ 2,000	—		

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	45,331,000	45,209,758·86
(ii) Receipts of other classes	—	1,129·74
Total	<u>£45,331,000</u>	<u>45,210,888·60</u>
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	28,667,000	27,956,752·45
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	<u>£16,664,000</u>	<u>17,254,136·15</u>

Details of Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
(i) Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid		
Superannuation contributions:		
(a) Employees	20,982,000	20,364,640
(b) Employers	23,307,000	23,404,636
Transfer values received	885,000	1,263,915 (a)
Deductions from returns of contributions and lump sum payments towards payments in lieu of graduated contributions	156,000	172,123 (b)
Miscellaneous	1,000	4,445 (c)
Total	<u>£45,331,000</u>	<u>45,209,759</u>
(ii) Receipts of other classes		
Contributions in respect of previous years	—	<u>£1,130</u>
(a) Surrendered value of insurance policies greater than expected.		
(b) More refunds than expected.		
(c) The estimate is necessarily conjectural.		

Losses Statement

	£
<i>Summary</i>	
Cash losses due to overpayment of superannuation benefits (3 cases)	1,647
Cash losses due to overpayments of repayments of superannuation con- tributions of which £128 was charged in previous years (31 cases)	193
Total Cash Losses	<u>£1,840</u>

Details

One case of overpayment of pension due to a failure to adjust pension payments during a period of re-employment £1,462

A. L. Rennie
Accounting Officer

31 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY
SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for payment of pensions, &c., to persons who contributed to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's Superannuation Schemes and other related expenditure.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
A1 Payment of Pensions, &c.				
<i>Original</i>	7,518,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,913,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	537,000			
	9,968,000	9,300,105	667,895	—
A2 Payment of transfer values				
<i>Original</i>	972,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	402,000			
<i>Less Supplementary</i>	45,000			
	525,000	298,227	226,773	—
A3 Repayment of contributions				
<i>Original</i>	416,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,200,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	334,000			
	1,950,000	1,801,902	148,098	—
GROSS TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	8,906,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,711,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	826,000			
	£ 12,443,000	11,400,234	1,042,766	—
			Surplus of Gross Estimate over Expenditure 1,042,766	
<i>Deduct</i>				
AZ Appropriations in Aid				
<i>Original</i>	8,905,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	2,710,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	825,000			
	12,440,000	11,400,234		
			Difference between Estimated and Applied Appropriations in Aid 1,039,766	
NET TOTAL				
<i>Original</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
<i>Supplementary</i>	1,000			
	3,000	—		
			Net Surplus to be surrendered £3,000	

EXPLANATION of the Cause of Variation between Expenditure and Grant
A2 Transfers out were fewer and at a lower average cost than expected.

Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	— £	— £
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund		
Receipts of classes authorised to be used as Appropriations in Aid	27,160,000	26,706,810·83
Amount authorised to be appropriated in aid	12,440,000	11,400,233·99
Payable separately to Consolidated Fund	<u>£14,720,000</u>	<u>15,306,576·84</u>

Details of Receipts	Estimated	Realised
	— £	— £
Employees' contributions	10,386,000	9,953,848
Employers' contributions	16,319,000	16,281,996
Transfer values received	455,000	470,967
Total	<u>£27,160,000</u>	<u>26,706,811</u>

J. L. Rampton
Accounting Officer

7 November 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY
(POST OFFICE PENSIONS FUND)**

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for payment to the Trustees of the Post Office Pensions Fund in respect of former civil servants.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
£	£	£	£	£
Payment to the Trustees in respect of former civil servants	45,000,000	45,000,000	—	—

P. Carey
Accounting Officer

30 September 1978

I certify that this Account has been examined under my directions and is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

CROWN ESTATE OFFICE

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for the salaries and expenses of the Crown Estate Office.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
A Crown Estate Office	704,000	701,967	2,033	—
	Surplus		2,033	
	Actual surplus to be surrendered		<u>£2,032.52</u>	

Losses Statement

Summary

Cash losses due to overpayments of salaries (2 cases) £1,243

Details

Overpayment due to error in date of transfer to main scale on passing the efficiency bar examination. £1,123

W. A. Wood
Accounting Officer

1 August 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

CORPORATION TAX (TRANSITIONAL RELIEF)

ACCOUNT of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 March 1978, compared with the sum granted, for transitional relief under the Finance Acts 1965 and 1972, for companies with an overseas source of trading income.

Service	Grant	Expenditure	Expenditure compared with Grant	
			Less than Granted	More than Granted
	£	£	£	£
Transitional Relief for Companies with an Overseas Source of Trading Income	8,000,000	7,491,546	508,454	—
		Surplus	508,454	
		Actual surplus to be surrendered	<u>£508,454·25</u>	

Receipts

	Estimated	Realised
	£	£
Receipts payable to Consolidated Fund	—	—
Refunds of overpayments made in previous years	—	<u>27,068·82</u>

William Pile
Accounting Officer

10 October 1978

I have examined the above Account in accordance with the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921. I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required, and I certify, as the result of my audit, that in my opinion the above Account is correct.

D. O. Henley
Comptroller and Auditor General

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