

Home Office (HO)

Key Statistics

- **total estate running cost** (annual, gross) = £219 million
- **holdings** (number) = 500+
- **floorspace** (office) = over 450,00 sq.m
- **staff number** (headcount) = 29,000
- **locations** = London and 400+ others (in UK); with minor Border Force occupations overseas

Our Business

The first duty of the government is to keep citizens safe and the country secure. The Home Office has been at the front line of this endeavour since 1782. We work to prevent terrorism, cut crime, control immigration, promote growth, and transform the department.

We are responsible for borders, immigration and citizenship throughout the UK, for national security within Great Britain and for public safety in England and Wales, at the heart of an operational community of over 300,000 public servants in over 100 organisations in which the country invests around one per cent of our national income¹.

Our strategies are set in a context of potential headcount increases and changing working arrangements in response to EU Exit preparations. The Home Office's estate strategy is heavily influenced by our future resourcing strategy, which continues to develop.

Our Estate

The estate comprises over 500 property holdings supporting over 29,000 FTEs. It is valued at over £650 million and in the last financial year the gross running cost was c£219 million. The Home Office is committed to delivering core activity, working closely with partners across government to manage, maintain and support the day-to-day running of this highly complex and diverse estate, which includes passport offices, immigration centres, Border Force premises at many ports and airports, and support services to the Police.

The Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) provides strategic vision to the department's property plan, ensuring the estate meets current and future business and operational needs. The department is committed to managing its estate even more commercially and achieving financial efficiencies wherever possible.

In 2018, the Home Office successfully completed a Smarter Working Programme providing estate savings of £21.95 million pa, which has provided staff flexibility in working arrangements, equipped with modern technology. This has enabled more efficient use of workspace and helped deliver government's office space target of 8 sq.m/FTE. In addition, the department successfully created a central London Government Hub shared between Home Office, Defra and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

¹ Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-single-departmental-plan/home-office-single-departmental-plan>.

During 2018/19, the Home Office will continue to implement its Campus strategy which will be a major contributor to further estate change. A State of the Estate review of Border Force premises at ports and airports will also be undertaken during the year.

Over the next financial year, the department will continue to work in collaboration with partner organisations including the Office of Government Property (OGP) and the Government Property Agency (GPA). We also remain committed to identifying efficiencies available through the One Public Estate (OPE) agenda and the Government Hub Programme.

Our Capability

The Home Office places wider government objectives at the core of its departmental strategy, which focuses on the following estate priorities to deliver the strategic vision:

1. Provide estate solutions to support business operations;
2. Make the estate affordable by effectively prioritising investments;
3. Modernise the estate to current and future standards;
4. Continue to build and buy expert capability to deliver estate priorities.

These core priorities are designed to support the Government Estate Strategy and departmental strategies within the Estates Cluster. To ensure they are met, MoJ's Estates Directorate (ED) is working to improve data management, ways of working and delivering greater value through our estate and facilities management supply chain contracts. This will ensure that Home Office operates from an affordable, fit for purpose and efficient estate, which is capable of supporting day to day operations.

As a result of the Carillion collapse, we are mobilising a new Facilities Management (FM) contract which aligns the Home Office FM delivery with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Future FM model. This will enhance service delivery and improve customer experience.