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Dear Mr. Honeysett,

MAIN ESTIMATE 2019-20: ESTIMATES MEMORANDUM

Overview

UK Supreme Court (UKSC) is a non-Ministerial Government department set up by Constitutional Reform Act 2005.

The aim of the administration of the court is to provide an environment which enables the Justices of the Supreme Court to carry out their duties in an effective, visible and accessible way, and which best develops the rule of law and the administration of justice, both in the UK and in the countries which use the JCPC.

The UKSC administration intends to do this by:

- Continuing to secure the Justices' constitutional and financial independence.
- Promoting the importance of the Rule of Law and its role in securing democratic freedom.
- Providing an efficient and effective administration.
- Maintaining effective relationships with all jurisdictions in the UK.
- Maintaining effective international relationships.
- Ensuring the effective delivery of all UKSC corporate responsibilities.
- Promoting the visibility and helping to maintain the reputation of the Supreme Court and the JCPC.

The Main Estimate for UKSC 2019-20 seeks the necessary resources and cash to support the functions and activities of the Court. These are continuing from previous years and no new functions have been added within this Estimate.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Scrutiny Committee with an explanation of how the resources and cash sought in the Main Estimate will be applied. This includes information on comparisons with the resources provided in the previous year in Estimates.

Summary of the main Spending Control figures contained in the Estimate

Control Totals	2019/20 Voted (£m)	2019/20 Non-Voted (£m)	2019/20 Total (£m)
Resource Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL)	3.492	2.400	5.892
- of which Administration	0.920	0	0.920
- of which Depreciation	1.450	0	1.450
Capital DEL	0.555	0	0.555
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	1.000	0	1.000
Net Cash Requirement (NCR)	2.557	0	2.557

Explanation of significant changes in provision compared with the previous year:

<u>Resource DEL (RDEL):</u>	2019-20	£5.892m
	2018-19	£5.620m

The increase in Resource DEL compared with the previous year reflects the additional funding to meet the potential impact of the withdrawal from the European Union, an expected increase in depreciation charge and funding to cover a projected staff pension increase.

<u>Capital DEL (CDEL):</u>	2019-20	£0.555m
	2018-19	£0.500m

The Capital DEL has increased by £55k in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19. This is to enable the Court to be better placed to deal with the potential impact of withdrawal from the European Union.

<u>Resource AME (RAME):</u>	2019-20	£1.00m
	2018-19	£1.00m

This reflects the cover for reduction in the value of the building.

<u>Net Cash Requirement:</u>	2019-20	£2.557m
	2018-19	£1.824m

The higher net cash requirement in 2019-20 compared with the previous year reflects additional funding to meet the possible impact of withdrawal from the European Union

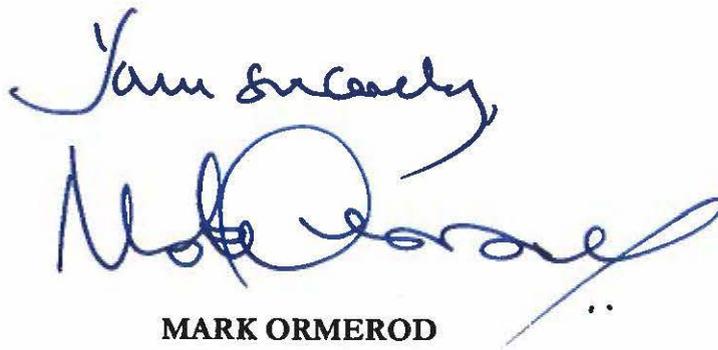
<u>Administration Budget:</u>	2019-20	£0.920m
	2018-19	£0.920m

There are no movement between the years.

Approval of Memorandum

This memorandum has been prepared according to the requirements and guidance set out by HM Treasury and the House of Commons Scrutiny Unit, available on the Scrutiny Unit website.

The information in this Estimates Memorandum has been approved by me as Departmental Accounting Officer.



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