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# **Supply Estimate 2005-06**

## **House of Commons: Administration**

### **Spring Supplementary Estimate**

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# Supply Estimate

## 2005-06

for the year ending 31 March 2006

### Spring Supplementary Estimate House of Commons: Administration

*Presented by the Speaker on behalf of  
the House of Commons Commission.*

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# Section 1. Introduction

1. Supply Estimates are the means by which the House makes provision for its spending each year. The Main Estimates are presented to Parliament around the start of the financial year to which they relate. In addition, there are regular opportunities for presenting Supplementary Estimates, usually in November (winter) and February (spring). Further information on the resource based supply arrangements is provided in the Main Estimate (HC3).

**Total Estimates to date**

2. This is the only Supplementary Estimate for the House of Commons: Administration to have been presented for 2005-06.

3. The Supplementary Estimate increases the net resource requirement by £48,500,000 on RfR1 to meet increases on pension liabilities as the result of a technical change in the accounting rules.

**Abbreviations**

4. The following abbreviations have been used in the tables:

AinA:	Appropriations in Aid
CFER:	Consolidated Fund Extra Receipt
OCS:	Operating Cost Statement
RfR:	Request for Resources

# Section 2. House of Commons: Administration Supplementary Estimate

## Part 1

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	£
<b>RfR1: House of Commons Administrative Expenditure</b>	<b>48,500,000</b>
<b>RFR2: Grants to other bodies</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total additional net resource requirement</b>	<b>48,500,000</b>

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SUPPLEMENTARY amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 for expenditure by the House of Commons: Administration on:

**RfR1: House of Commons Administrative Expenditure:** general administration: including staff costs, general expenses, stationery, printing, broadcasting, IT, catering and accommodation services; and associated non-cash items.

**RfR2: Grants to other bodies:** grant in aid to both the History of Parliament Trust and the Association of Former Members of Parliament.

**The Clerk of the House of Commons** will account for this Estimate.



## Part II: Changes proposed

	Present net Provision	Change in provision	£'000 New net Provision
<b>Resources</b>			
<b>RfR1: House of Commons Administrative Expenditure</b>	279,298	48,500	327,798
<b>RfR2: Grants to other bodies</b>	1,202	—	1,202
<b>Net resource requirement</b>	<b>280,500</b>	<b>48,500</b>	<b>329,000</b>
<b>Capital and Cash</b>			
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	12,200	—	12,200
<b>Other cash expenditure</b>	149,000	—	149,000
<b>Non-operating AinA</b>	—	—	—
<b>Net cash requirement</b>	<b>161,200</b>	—	<b>161,200</b>

## Part II: Revised subhead detail including additional provisions

2005-06					£000s
1	2	3	4	5	6
Admin	Other current	Grants	Net total	Capital	Non-operating AinA
<b>RfR1: House of Commons Administrative Expenditure</b>					
–	327,798	–	327,798	12,200	–
<b>RfR2: Grants to other bodies</b>					
–	–	1,202	1,202	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>327,798</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>329,000</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>–</b>

## Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	Present	Increase+ /Decrease–	£'000 Revised
<b>Net Total Resources</b>	<b>280,500</b>	<b>48,500</b>	<b>329,000</b>
<b>Voted capital items</b>			
Capital	12,200	–	12,200
Non-operating A-in-A	–	–	–
<b>Total net voted capital</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>12,200</b>
<b>Accruals to cash adjustment</b>			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	–30,600	–1,800	–32,400
Depreciation	–15,300	–	–15,300
Loss/gain on revaluation	–	–	–
Loss on disposal	–	–	–
Other non-cash items	–130	–	–130
Increase(+)/Decrease(–) in stock	–	–	–
Increase(+)/Decrease(–) in debtors	–	–	–
Increase(-)/Decrease(+) in creditors	–	1,100	1,100
Provisions:			
Use of provisions	5,025	1,800	6,825
Increase in provision	–90,495	–49,600	–140,095
<b>Total accruals to cash adjustments</b>	<b>–131,500</b>	<b>–48,500</b>	<b>–180,000</b>
<b>Excess cash to be CFERd</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>161,200</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>161,200</b>

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

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*No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2005-06.*

## Forecast Operating Cost Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2006

		£'000 2005-06 provision
<b>Net Administration Costs</b>		
RfR1	—	
RfR2	—	
<b>Total Net Administration costs</b>		—
<b>Net Programme Costs</b>		
RfR1	327,798	
RfR2	1,202	
<b>Total Net Programme costs</b>		<b>329,000</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Cost</b>		
<i>of which:</i>		
<b>Net Resource Outturn</b>		<b>329,000</b>
CFERS		—
Non-voted expenditure		—
<b>Resource Budget Outturn</b>		<b>329,000</b>

## Notes to the Estimate

### Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

There are no reconciliation adjustments for 2005-06.

### Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Clerk of the House of Commons, Mr R B Sands, has been appointed as Accounting Officer for the House of Commons: Administration Estimate.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding the House's assets, are broadly in line with those set out in the Accounting Officers' Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in *Government Accounting*.

### Analysis of Appropriations in Aid

The House of Commons: Administration Estimate operates under a net cost control regime within the overall authority set out in the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.

### Change to accounting policies

The future pension liability attached to the House of Commons Staff Pension Scheme has been fully recognised for the first time. This is a technical accounting adjustment required by the Financial Reporting Standard: FRS17. The net impact is to create a significant one-off adjustment to the provision in 2005-06.

### Contingent liabilities and assets

The House of Commons has works of art on loan from various collections; these are indemnified to the value of £5,226,000 (at 31 March 2005).

### Grants-in-Aid

There is a grant-in-aid to the History of Parliament Trust (RfR2) totalling £1,200,000. The accounts for this body are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and presented to Parliament. In addition, the Commission have agreed a modest grant-in-aid of £1,500 to the Association of Former Members of Parliament.











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