
Vote on Account 2016 - 17

for the year ending 31 March 2017

Supply Estimate House of Commons: Administration

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Introduction

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The Vote on Account provides resources and cash to allow existing services to continue during the early months of the coming financial year, pending Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimates for 2016-17. 'Existing services' means services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2016. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipated and Adjustments) Bill.

2. The Main Supply Estimates for 2016-17 will be presented around April 2016. Parliament authorises the provision sought when the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act is passed.

3. Section 7(3) of the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act 2015 explained that a Departmental Expenditure Limit equivalent (DEL equivalent), rather than the Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL) and Annually Managed Expenditure (AME), control limit has been adopted for all House of Commons Administration expenditure.

Amounts required

4. The amounts in the Vote on Account are normally a standard 45 per cent of the amounts already voted for the corresponding services in the current year. This should normally be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service is not exhausted before the Appropriation Act is passed in the summer, but not so high as to prejudice Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimate.

5. A Vote on Account provision outside the standard 45 per cent may be sought when:

- a. it is possible to anticipate a change in the structure of a Supply Estimate;
- b. if consumption of resources or expenditure of cash during the early months of the financial year is expected to be significantly different from the standard.

6. The Capital Vote on Account provision has been adjusted to reflect the expected capital programme in the early months of 2016-17. This adjustment is also reflected in the Net Cash Vote on Account provision.

7. The services covered by the Vote on Account are for those shown in the main Supply Estimate for 2015-16 (HC 219).

8. The Vote on Account in respect of Central Government Supply is anticipated to be presented today by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury. A Vote on Account for the National Audit Office, Electoral Commission, Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is expected to be presented to Parliament at around the same time.

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Total net DEL equivalent resource requirement	£ 96,200,000
Total DEL equivalent capital requirement	£ 37,500,000
Total net cash requirement	£ 122,100,000

Amounts required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2017 in respect of the House of Commons Administration.

	2015-16 Plan on which provision on account is based £'000	2016-17 Required on Account £'000
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Net DEL equivalent resource	212,500	96,200
DEL equivalent capital	45,800	37,500
Net cash	233,800	122,100

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