
House of Commons: Administration Supply Estimate 2020-21

Vote on Account

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for the year ending 31 March 2021

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 2020-21. 'Existing services' means services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2020. 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 2020-21 will be presented around April 2020. 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 2019 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 Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act is passed in the summer, but not so high as to prejudge 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. 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 Resource and Capital Vote on Account provisions have been adjusted to reflect the transfer of the responsibilities for Parliamentary building works in connection with the restoration of the Palace of Westminster and other works relating to the Parliamentary Estate to the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body, as per the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019. As the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body will not become substantive until after the start of the financial year, extra provision against the House of Commons Administration's Vote on Account provisions has been prudently applied. These adjustments are 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 2019-20 (HC 2173).

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	£ 193,100,000
Total DEL equivalent capital requirement	£ 136,100,000
Total net cash requirement	£ 267,500,000

Amounts required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2021 in respect of the House of Commons Administration.

	2019-20 Plan on which provision on account is based £'000	2020-21 Required on Account £'000
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Net DEL equivalent resource	440,500	193,100
DEL equivalent capital	348,500	136,100
Net cash	633,500	267,500

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