
**Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body
Supply Estimate 2020-21**

Vote on Account

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for the year ending 31 March 2021

Supply Estimate Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body

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Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019*

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Introduction

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1. This document seeks a Vote on Account for the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body (“the Sponsor Body”) in anticipation of the coming into force of the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019, which establishes the Sponsor Body to take responsibility for the Parliamentary building works (as defined in the Act).

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. As the Sponsor Body is still in shadow form and will not be formally established until April 2020, the House of Commons Commission are responsible for approving its Vote on Account and Main Supply Estimate for 2020-21, and the House of Commons Administration are responsible for the laying of this document before Parliament on the Commission’s behalf. Whilst it is recognised that the Sponsor Body is not part of the House of Commons Administration, for the purposes of this Vote on Account, the principles contained within section 7(3) of the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act 2019 have also been applied here.

Amounts required

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. As this is the inaugural year in which a Vote on Account and Main Supply Estimate is sought for the Sponsor Body, the current year provision is defined as funds approved in both the 2019-20 House of Commons Administration’s and House of Lords’ Main Supply Estimates for relevant works as outlined by the definition in paragraph 1; namely the Renewal & Restoration Programme, and the Northern Estate Programme when designated, following incorporation of the Sponsor Body.

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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The Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body

Total net DEL equivalent resource requirement	£ 36,200,000
Total DEL equivalent capital requirement	£ 62,600,000
Total net cash requirement	£ 98,800,000

Amounts required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2021 in respect of the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body.

	2019-20* Plan on which provision on account is based £'000	2020-21 Required on Account £'000
Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body		
Net DEL equivalent resource	80,300	36,200
DEL equivalent capital	139,100	62,600
Net cash	219,400	98,800

*Calculation in accordance with note in paragraph 7.

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