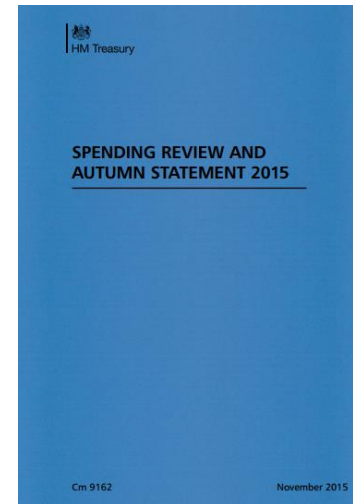


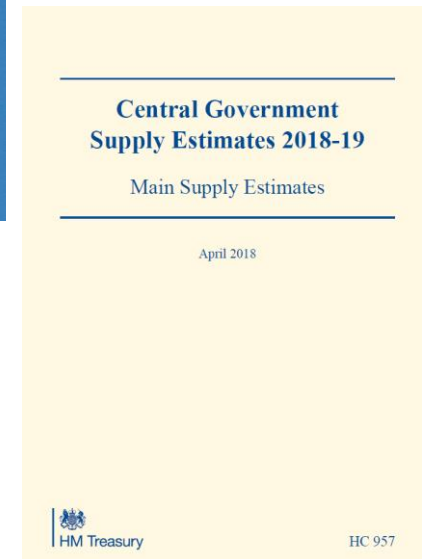
What are the Main Estimates?

Main Estimates are the government's **spending plans for each department** for 2018-19, which have been developed from 2015's **Spending Review**, which planned spending for the four years 2016-17 to 2019-20

The **2015 Spending Review** announced the **headline spending totals for each Department** for each of the following **four years**, including a few specific **commitments**.



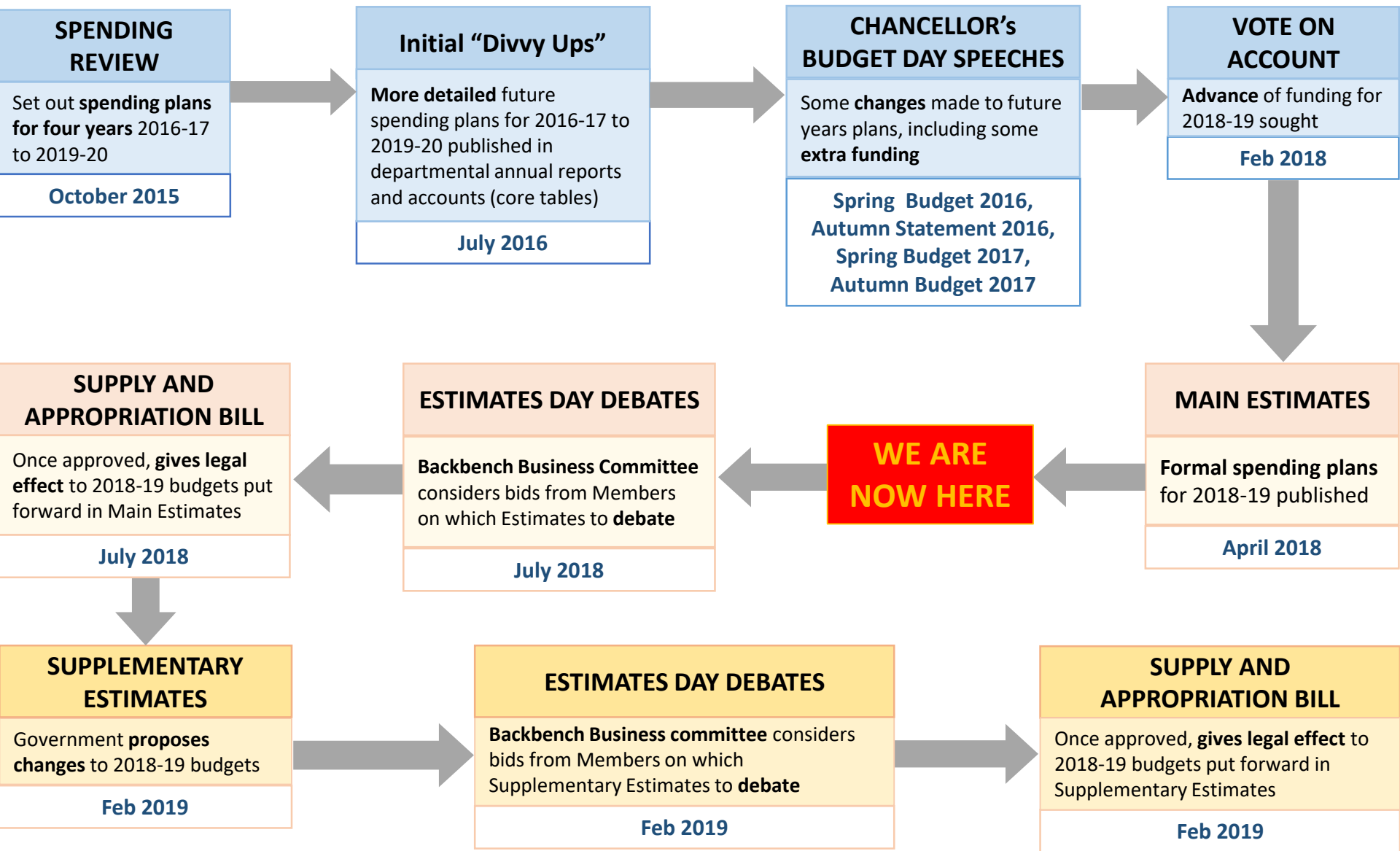
Main Estimates contain the **formal requests for funding for 2018-19**. Since the 2015 Spending Review, some changes have been made to the original plans.



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How do departments get their funding?



Understanding the different categories of public spending

Total public spending in 2018-19: **£744 billion**

Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)
Planned spending, set in Spending Reviews

Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)
Demand-led or variable spending, re-forecast every year

Includes:
Staff costs
Goods & services
Current grants

Resource DEL
Covers most types of day-to-day spending, and makes up **44%** of total spending

Resource AME
Covers other day-to-day spending such as benefits and pensions, and makes up **45%** of total spending

Includes:
Benefits
State Pensions

Includes:
Investment
Research & development
Loans

Capital DEL
Covers most investment spending, and makes up **8%** of total spending

Capital AME
Covers other investment spending such as student loans, and makes up **4%** of total spending

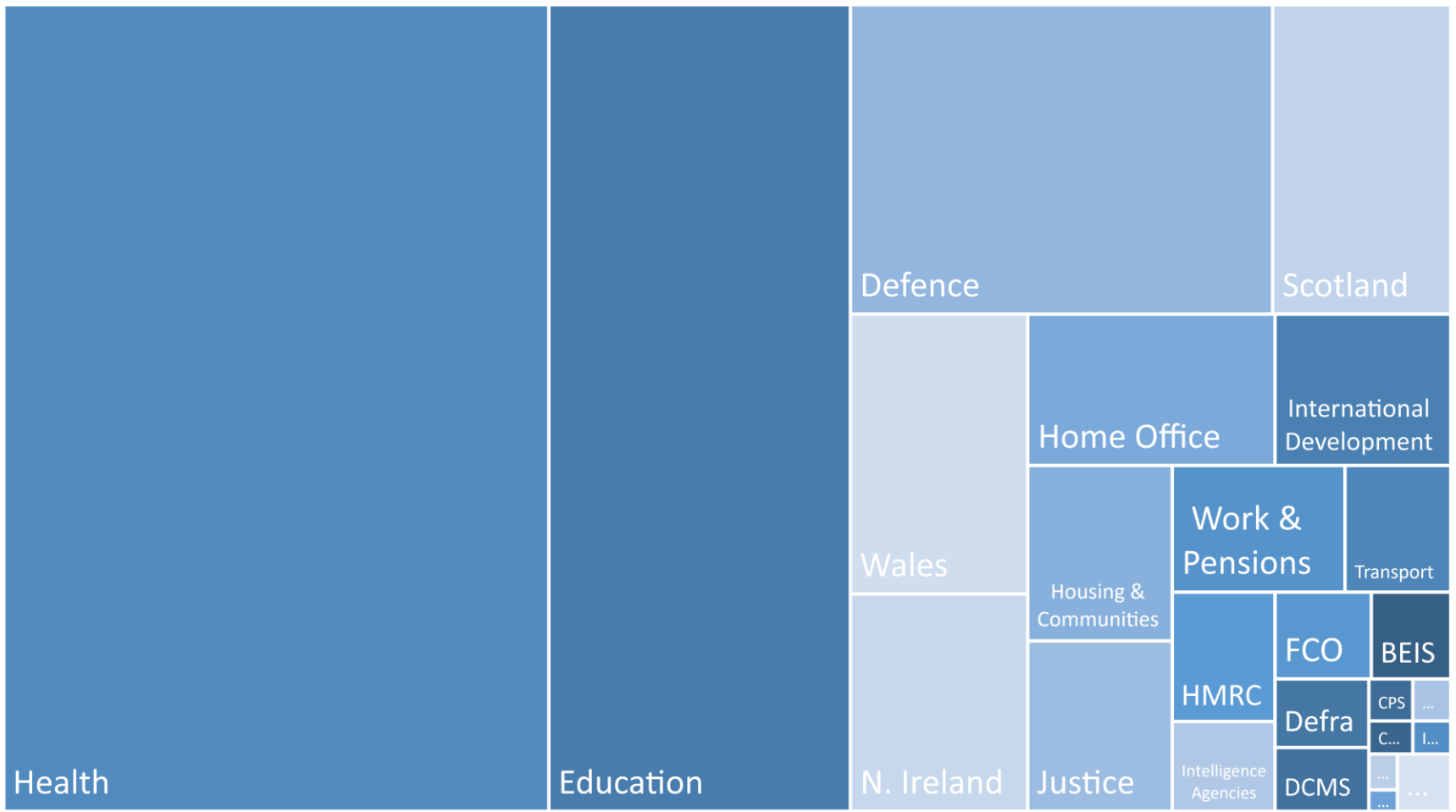
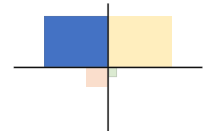
Includes:
Student Loans
Network Rail capital

Calculated from voted and non-voted DEL and AME in Main Estimate 2018-19. Includes devolved authority's DELs. For more detailed spending information, use the Scrutiny Unit's interactive [government spending chart](#)



Day-to-day spending controlled through Departmental Expenditure Limits

Resource DEL: **£328 billion** (1% increase from last year)

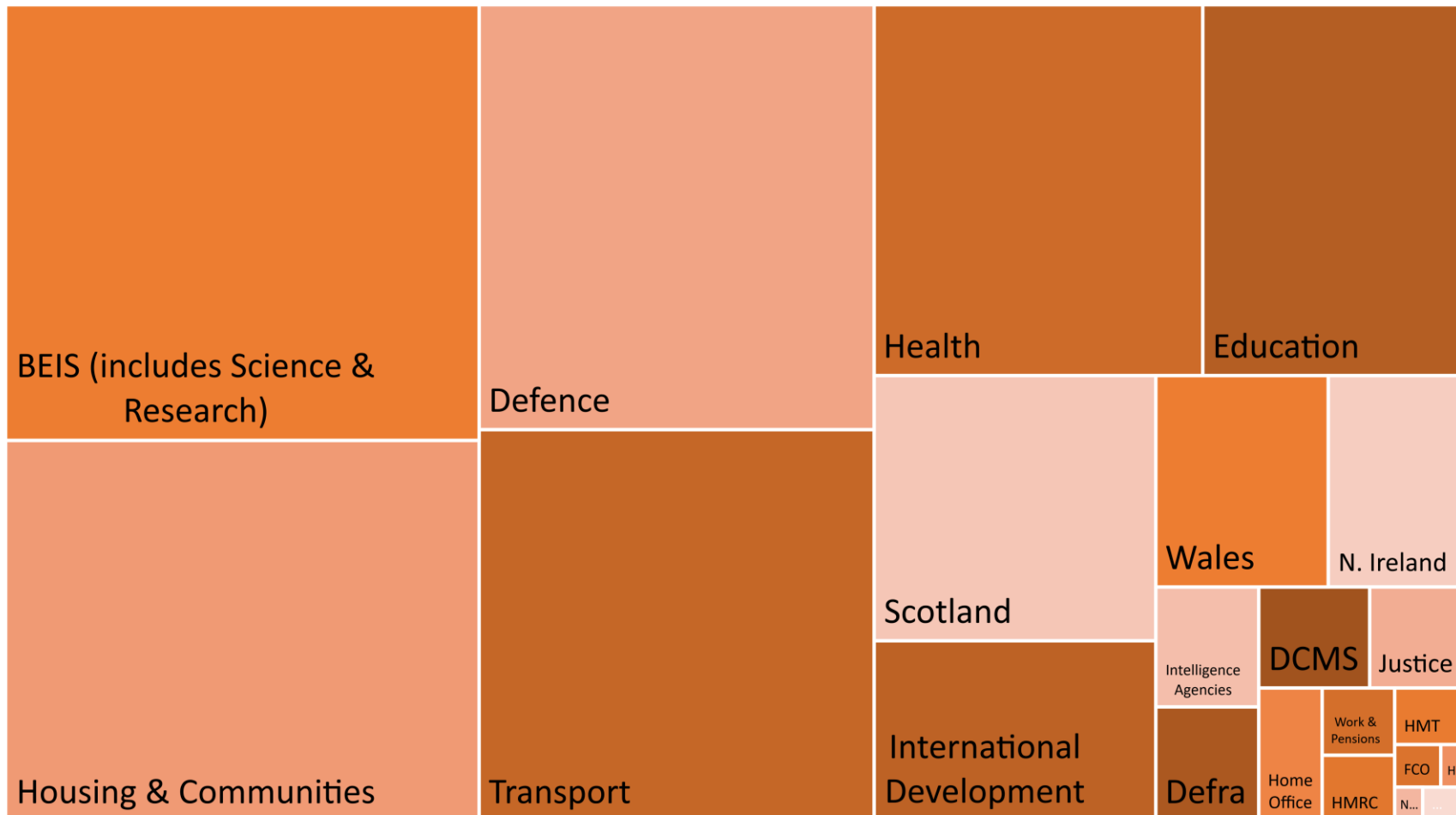
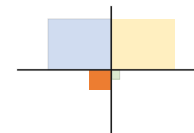


Area indicates proportion of spending by departmental group and devolved authorities (not functional spending), calculated using voted and non-voted RDEL for 2018-19. For more detailed spending information, use the Scrutiny Unit's interactive [government spending chart](#)



Investment spending controlled through Departmental Expenditure Limits

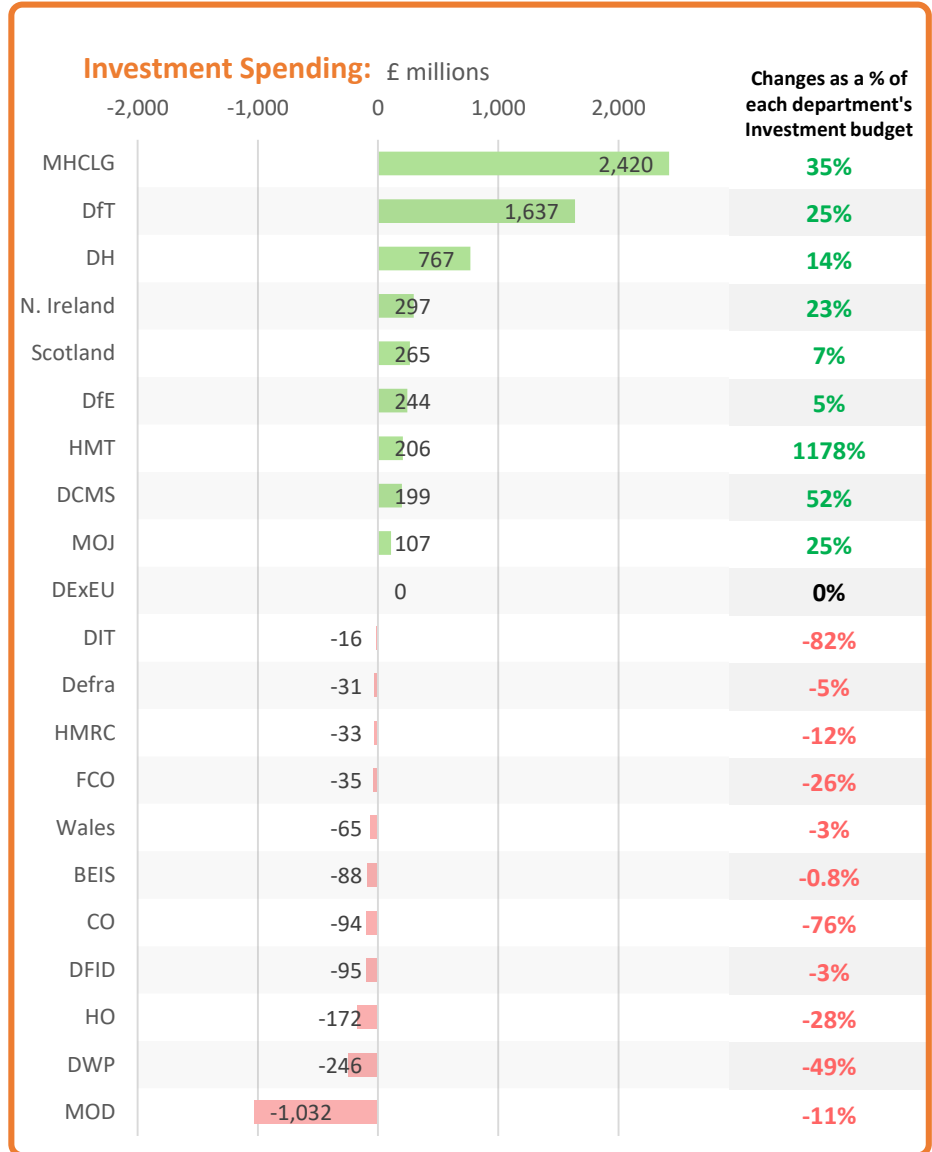
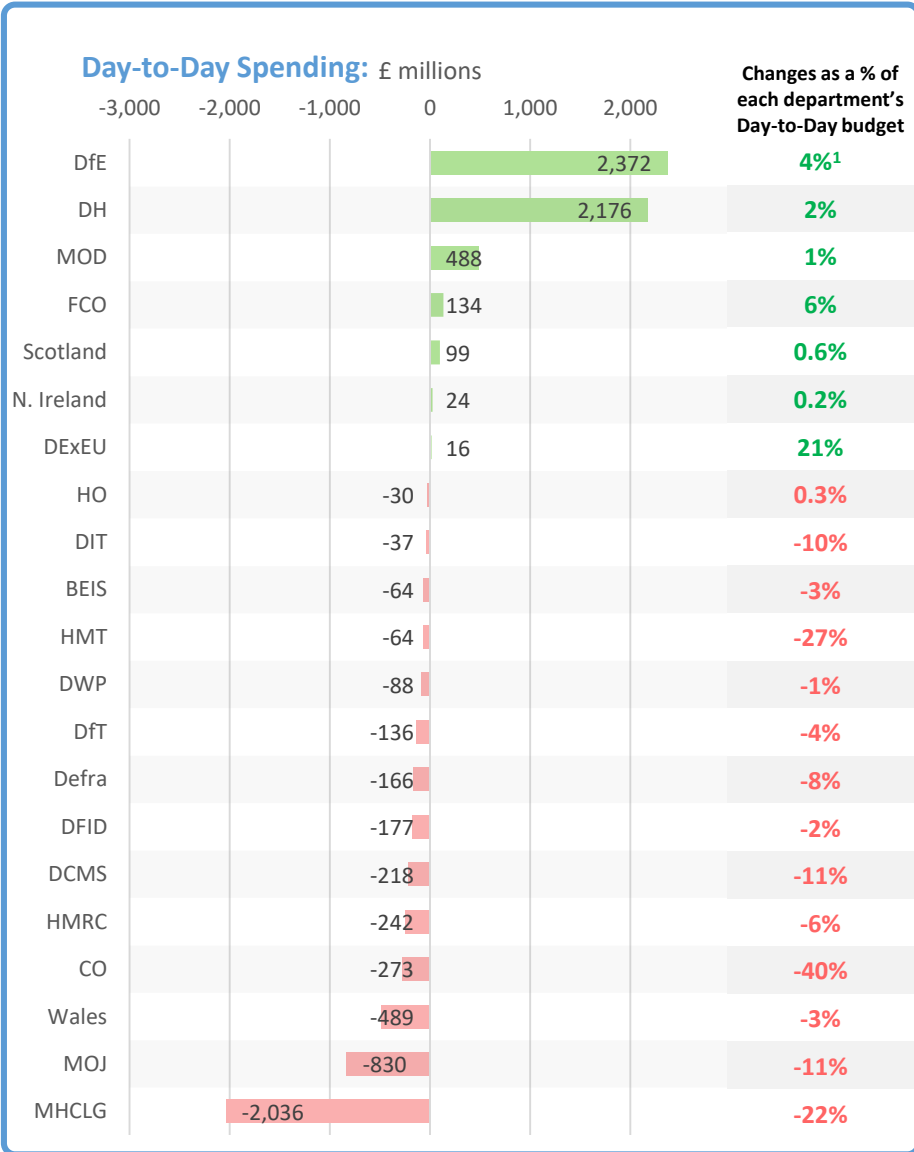
Capital DEL: **£ 62 billion** (10% increase from last year)



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Changes to Departmental Expenditure Limits: 2018-19 compared to 2017-18



1. DFE figure excludes last year's student loan impairment of £14,684 million

Selected departments and devolved authority grants. For more detailed information, use the Scrutiny Unit's interactive [government spending chart](#)



Changes to Spending: 2018-19 compared to 2010-11 (in real terms)

