
Vote on Account 2008-09

for the year ending 31 March 2009

Supply Estimate House of Commons: Administration

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

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Introduction

Vote on Account for 2008-09

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 2008-09. 'Existing services' means services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2008. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the Consolidated Fund Bill.

2. The main Supply Estimates for 2008-09 will be presented in March or early April 2008. Parliament authorises the provision sought when the Appropriation Act is passed.

Amounts required

3. 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 prejudge Parliament's consideration of the main Supply Estimate.

4. While Vote on Account provision is usually a standard 45 per cent, it may reflect a higher or a lower amount than the standard proportion in the following cases:

- a. if it is possible to anticipate a change in the structure of a Supply Estimate, then resources or cash may be adjusted accordingly;
- 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, the amount sought reflects the actual requirements;

5. The services covered by the Vote on Account are for those to be shown in the main Supply Estimates for 2008-09.

6. The Vote on Account in respect of Central Government is presented today by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury in HC3.

7. The Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC13.

8. The Vote on Account in respect of the Electoral Commission is presented today by The Speaker in HC14.

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Total net resource requirement	£104,894,000
Total net cash requirement	£77,985,000

Amounts required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2009 in respect of the services listed below.

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Service	2007-08 Total net resources to date on which provision on account is based £'000	2008-09 Required on Account £'000	2007-08 Net cash requirement at Main Estimate on which provision on account is based £'000	2008-09 Required on Account £'000
House of Commons Commission	233,100	104,894	173,300	77,985
RfR1* House of Commons: Administrative Expenditure	231,742	104,283		
RfR2 Grants to other bodies	1,358	611		

* RfR refers to Request for Resources.