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Introduction

This Estimate provides for expenditure by the National Audit Office. It covers the expenditure and associated non-cash items incurred in the provision of independent assurance to Parliament on the proper accounting for central government expenditure, revenue and assets, including compliance with laws and regulations, and in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which central government resources have been used; and the provision of independent assurance and information to a wide range of other public, international, and overseas bodies and to members of the public.

The National Audit Office is an independent body reporting to Parliament. The National Audit Office's funding is provided through a Supply Estimate approved by the Public Accounts Commission of the House of Commons and is presented to Parliament at the same time as the Main Estimates for central government departments presented by HM Treasury.

Supply Estimates are the means by which authority is sought from Parliament for spending each year. The Main Estimates start this process and are presented to Parliament around the start of the financial year to which they relate.

The way in which Parliament considers the Supply Estimates are described in detail in the **Supply Estimates: A Guidance Manual** available on the HM Treasury website.

The total net resource expenditure for which authority is sought in the National Audit Office Supply Estimate for 2024-25 is £101.900 million; an increase of £7.100 million from the level sought in 2023-24.

The total net capital expenditure for which authority is sought in 2024-25 is £4.300 million. This is an increase of £1.100 million from the amount sought in 2023-24.

The total net cash requirement sought for 2024-25 is £101.500 million; an increase of £7.066 million from that sought in 2023-24.

Main Supply Estimate Arrangements

Under Section 23 of the Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011, the National Audit Office and the Comptroller and Auditor General are required to jointly prepare an Estimate of the National Audit Office's use of resources.

Structure The National Audit Office Estimate for 2024-25 is accompanied by explanatory notes containing basic information intended to put the Estimate into context; including a general description of the expenditure involved; a statement of the Accounting Officer responsibilities for the Estimate; and an indication of any important features.

The core elements which consist of the sums and services to be voted in the resource based Supply Estimate are produced in a standard format.

The National Audit Office is outside of the HM Treasury Spending Review process and receives spending authority through the Public Accounts Commission for resource, capital and cash. For the purposes of alignment the National Audit Office's Resource Estimate presents all resources for 2024-25 as equivalent to resource DEL and capital DEL.

Part I **Part I** of the Estimate contains the net provision sought in resource, capital, Non-Budget and cash terms; a formal description of the services to be financed from the Estimate, known as its Ambit; details of who will account for the Estimate; and any resources, capital and cash, which have already been allocated to it in the Vote on Account.

The resources required and the Ambit will be reproduced in the Supply and Appropriation Act and together provide the statutory authority for the expenditure.

Part II The first section of **Part II** of the Estimate provides a breakdown of the expenditure for which approval is sought.

The different types of expenditure and income within the Estimate are shown in the matrix at the top of page 4. Each of the columns numbered 1 to 10 is expressed in accruals terms. Columns 1 to 3 fall within the Resource Budget and show the components of the net resource requirement on an accruals basis. Column 1 shows direct expenditure by the National Audit Office within the resource accounting boundary. It includes amounts in respect of the current consumption of assets but does not include amounts associated with the acquisition of capital items.

Income within the Resource Budget is shown in column 2 and is deducted from the gross resource total shown in column 1 to give the net total amount (Column 3). This amount is subject to Parliamentary control.

Columns 8 to 10 show the Capital Budget elements of the Estimate. Columns 8 and 9 show forecast capital expenditure and income on an accruals basis, respectively, to give a net total amount (Column 10). This amount is subject to Parliamentary control.

Columns 7 and 8 show the net total resource and capital figures for the prior year.

The figures on page 5 show the aggregate adjustment made to the net resource requirement to arrive at the net cash requirement. The net cash requirement represents the total cash required from the Consolidated Fund by the National Audit Office to carry out its functions and is also subject to Parliamentary control.

Part III **Part III** of the Estimate comprises notes which provide additional information to Parliament about the specific nature of the National Audit Office's plans.

Note A – Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure and Reconciliation Table shows the Net Programme Costs, the Total Comprehensive Net Expenditure and the Total Resource Budget.

Note B – Analysis of Income provides a breakdown of the National Audit Office's income.

Note C – Analysis of Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts provides details of income that is to be paid to the Consolidated Fund.

Note D – Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities sets out the Comptroller and Auditor General's relevant responsibilities as Accounting Officer.

Part I

			£
	Voted	Non-Voted	Total
Departmental Expenditure Limit¹			
Resource	101,900,000	330,000	102,230,000
Capital	4,300,000	–	4,300,000
Non-Budget Expenditure	–	–	–
Net Cash Requirement	101,500,000	–	101,500,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2025 for expenditure by National Audit Office on:

Departmental Expenditure Limit:

Expenditure arising from: Expenditure and associated non-cash items incurred in the provision of independent assurance and information to Parliament on the proper accounting for central government expenditure, revenue, assets and liabilities, including compliance with laws and regulations, and in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which central government resources have been used; and the provision of independent assurance and information and advice to a wide range of other public, international, and overseas bodies and to members of the public.

Income arising from: the provision of audit and assurance services to a range of organisations, including international and overseas bodies, income from the rental of surplus office space, income arising from the disposal of assets and miscellaneous receipts.

The National Audit Office will account for this Estimate.

			£
	Voted Total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
Departmental Expenditure Limit¹			
Resource	101,900,000	40,995,000	60,905,000
Capital	4,300,000	1,665,000	2,635,000
Non-Budget Expenditure	–	–	–
Net cash requirement	101,500,000	41,055,000	60,445,000

¹ All resources equivalent to Resource DEL or Capital DEL used in the Central Government Supply Estimates.

Part II: Subhead detail

												£000											
												2023-24 Plans											
												2024-25 Plans											
												Resources		Capital		Resources		Capital					
												Administration		Programme		Total		Net		Net			
												Gross Income		Gross Income		Net		Gross Income		Net			
												1		2		3		4		5		6	
												7		8		9		10		11		12	
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)²																							
Voted expenditure																							
A Provision of audit and other assurance services																							
												101,900		4,400		-100		4,300		94,800		3,200	
Total voted DEL												101,900		4,400		-100		4,300		94,800		3,200	
Non-voted expenditure																							
B Comptroller and Auditor General and Chair Salary (CFSS)																							
												330		-		-		-		330		-	
Total non-voted DEL												330		-		-		-		330		-	
Total DEL												102,230		4,400		-100		4,300		95,130		3,200	
<i>Of which:</i>																							
Voted expenditure												101,900		4,400		-100		4,300		94,800		3,200	
Non-voted expenditure												330		-		-		-		330		-	

² All resources equivalent to Resource DEL or Capital DEL used in the Central Government Supply Estimates.

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£000		
	2024-25 Plans	2023-24 Plans	2022-23 Outturn
Net Resource Requirement	102,230	95,130	83,330
Net Capital Requirement	4,300	3,200	8,352
Accruals to cash adjustments	-4,700	-3,566	-6,043
<i>Of which:</i>			
<i>Adjustments to remove non-cash items:</i>			
Depreciation	-4,300	-3,600	-3,555
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-1	-1	-207
Other non-cash items	–	–	-1,954
<i>Adjustments to reflect movements in working balances:</i>			
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-200	-3	1,775
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-199	38	-2,102
Use of provisions	–	–	
Removal of non-voted budget items	-330	-330	-296
<i>Of which:</i>			
<i>Consolidated Fund Standing Services</i>	-330	-330	-296
Net Cash requirement	101,500	94,434	85,343

Part III: Note A – Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure and Reconciliation Table

£000

	2024-25 Plans	2023-24 Plans	2022-23 Outturn
Gross Programme Costs (DEL)	130,830	121,330	110,028
<i>Less:</i>			
Programme Income (DEL)	-28,600	-26,200	-26,698
Net Programme Costs	102,230	95,130	83,330
Total Comprehensive Net Expenditure	102,230	95,130	83,330
<i>Of which:</i>			
Resource DEL	102,230	95,130	83,330
<i>Adjustments</i>	–	–	–
Total Resource Budget	102,230	95,130	83,330
<i>Of which:</i>			
Resource DEL	102,230	95,130	83,330
<i>Adjustments</i>		–	
Total Resource (Estimate)	102,230	95,130	83,330

Part III: Note B – Analysis of Income

	£000		
	2024-25 Plans	2023-24 Plans	2022-23 Outturn
Voted Resource DEL	-28,600	-26,200	-26,698
<i>Of which:</i>			
A Programme – Provision of audit and other assurance services			
Sale of goods and services	-26,000	-24,800	-24,669
Other Rentals	-2,600	-1,400	-2,029
Total Voted Resource Income	-28,600	-26,200	-26,698
Voted Capital DEL	-100	-100	–
<i>Of which:</i>			
A Programme – Provision of audit and other assurance services			
Sale of assets	-100	-100	–
Total Voted Capital Income	-100	-100	–

Part III: Note C – Analysis of Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts

No Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts income or receipts are expected for 2023-24 or 2024-25. There were none for 2022-23.

Part III: Note D – Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

Under the Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011 the Public Accounts Commission has appointed the Comptroller and Auditor General to be responsible as Accounting Officer for the National Audit Office. The National Audit Office and the Comptroller and Auditor General are required to jointly prepare an Estimate of the National Audit Office's use of resources.

The Comptroller and Auditor General's relevant responsibilities as Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the National Audit Office's finances, for keeping of proper records and for safeguarding the National Audit Office's assets, are set out in the Accounting Officer's Memorandum issued by the Public Accounts Commission.

In discharging these responsibilities, particular regard is given to:

- stating whether applicable accounting standards, as set out in the Financial Reporting Manual (FReM), or an organisation's version of it, have been followed, and explain any material departures in the resource accounts;
- the application of appropriate accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- ensuring judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis; and
- preparing the accounts on a going concern basis.

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