Vote on Account 2007-08

for the year ending 31 March 2008

Supply Estimate House of Commons: Administration

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

Pursuant to Section 3 of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978

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Introduction

Vote on Account for 2007-08

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 2007-08. 'Existing services' means services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2007. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the winter Consolidated Fund Bill.

2. The main Supply Estimates for 2007-08 will be presented in March or early April 2007. 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 2007-08.
- 6. The Vote on Account in respect of Central Government is presented today by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury in HC 19.
- 7. The Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC 5.
- 8. The Vote on Account in respect of the Electoral Commission is presented today by The Speaker in HC 6.

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Total net resource requirement Total net cash requirement

£102,510,000 £80,055,000

Amounts required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2008 in respect of the services listed below.

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	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
Service	Total net resources to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account	Net cash requirement at Main Estimate on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
House of Commons Commission	227,800	102,510	177,900	80,055
RfR1* House of Commons: Administrative Expenditure	226,498	101,924		
RfR2 Grants to other bodies	1,302	586		

^{*}RfR refers to Request for Resources.

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