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# **Vote on Account 2009-10**

*for the year ending 31 March 2010*

## **National Audit Office**

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Presented by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission pursuant to section 4 of the  
National Audit Act 1983

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The Comptroller and Auditor General, Tim Burr,  
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He certifies the accounts of all Government  
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to report to Parliament on the economy, efficiency  
and effectiveness with which departments and  
other bodies have used their resources.

Our work leads to savings and other efficiency  
gains worth many millions of pounds; at  
least £9 for every £1 spent running the Office.

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **VOTE ON ACCOUNT 2009-10**

#### **NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE**

1 Under section 4 of the National Audit Act 1983 the Public Accounts Commission is required to lay before the House of Commons annual estimates in respect of the National Audit Office prepared by the Comptroller and Auditor General. 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 Vote on Account provides resources and cash to allow existing services to continue in the early months of the coming financial year, pending Parliament's consideration of the National Audit Office's Main Estimate for 2009-10. The National Audit Office's Main Estimates for 2009-10 will be presented around the start of that financial year. Parliament normally authorises the provision sought there towards the end of July, when the Appropriation Act is passed.

3 The Vote on Account provision for the National Audit Office is based on the standard 45 per cent of the amounts voted in the current year for audit and other assurance services and for the provision of temporary office accommodation. In the case of expenditure on the repair and refurbishment of the National Audit Office's London headquarters, the need for resources is closely linked to the timing of the project and the standard 45 per cent guideline is inappropriate. The Vote on Account provision is based instead on the Office's latest forecast of the amounts required to meet expenditure until the approval of the Appropriation Act. This should be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for the service is not exhausted before the Appropriation Act is passed in the summer, but not so high as to pre-judge Parliament's consideration of the main Supply Estimate.

4 This Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC 1171.

## VOTE ON ACCOUNT 2009-10

### NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

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**Total net resource requirement** **£58,571,000**

**Total net cash requirement** **£61,260,000**

Amount required for a **VOTE ON ACCOUNT** for the year ending 31 March 2010 in respect of the National Audit Office.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

25 November 2008

*Presented by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission*

**Michael Whitehouse**  
**Board Member for Finance**  
**National Audit Office**

**Tim Burr**  
**Accounting Officer**  
**National Audit Office**

**Alan Williams**  
**Chairman**  
**Public Accounts Commission**

## VOTE ON ACCOUNT 2009-10

RfR Service	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10
	Total net resources on which provision on account is based	Required on account	Total net cash requirement on which provision on account is based	Required on account
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>National Audit Office</b>				
1 Providing independent assurance to Parliament and other organisations on the management of public resources				
A Provision of audit services and other assurance services	74,826	33,672	74,136	33,361
B Repair and refurbishment of the National Audit Office London headquarters building	–	21,000*	–	24,000*
C Provision of temporary office accommodation	8,665	3,899	8,665	3,899
<b>Total Vote on Account</b>		<b>58,571</b>		<b>61,260</b>

\* As explained in the introduction, the amounts requested on account are based on the National Audit Office's latest forecasts of repair and refurbishment costs between April and July 2009, rather than a proportion of the current year's provision.

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