

ROYAL PUBLIC FINANCES

Year to 31st March 2007



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<i>Year to 31st March</i>	2007 £m	2006 £m
The Queen's Civil Lis ¹	12.2	11.2
Parliamentary Annuities	0.4	0.4
Grants-in-aid	20.6	20.3
Expenditure met directly by Government Departments and the Crown Estate	4.1	5.5
	<u>37.3</u>	<u>37.4</u>

Head of State expenditure for 2006-07 has decreased by 0.3% compared to the previous year (a decrease of 2.7% in real terms). Since 2001 it has increased by 10.4% (a reduction of 7.0% in real terms). It excludes the costs of security and of Armed Services ceremonial.

THE QUEEN'S CIVIL LIST

The Civil List is the funding provided by Parliament, on a 10 yearly cycle, to meet the central staff costs and running expenses of Her Majesty's official Household.

PARLIAMENTARY ANNUITIES

The Parliamentary Annuity was paid to The Duke of Edinburgh to meet official expenses. Parliamentary Annuities for other Members of the Royal Family are not a cost to the taxpayer as they are reimbursed by The Queen from private sources.

GRANTS-IN-AID

<i>Year to 31st March</i>	2007 £m	2006 £m
Property Services	14.5	14.3
Communications and Information	0.5	0.5
Royal Travel	5.6	5.5
Total	<u>20.6</u>	<u>20.3</u>

Grants-in-aid are provided to the Royal Household annually by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for Property Services and Communications and Information, and by the Department for Transport for Royal Travel. Property Services meets the cost of property maintenance, and of utilities, telephones and related services at the Occupied Royal Palaces in England. Communications and Information meets the cost of such services for official royal functions and engagements in England and Scotland. Royal Travel meets the cost of official royal travel by air and rail.

¹ Figures are for calendar years 2006 and 2005

EXPENDITURE MET DIRECTLY BY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND THE CROWN ESTATE

<i>Year to 31st March</i>	2007	2006
	£m	£m
Administration of honours	0.5	0.5
Equerries, orderlies and other support	0.9	0.9
Maintenance of the Palace of Holyroodhouse	1.3	1.9
State Visits to and by The Queen and liaison with the Diplomatic Corps	0.6	1.1
Ceremonial occasions	0.2	0.4
Maintenance of the Home Park at Windsor Castle	0.5	0.6
Other	0.1	0.1
Total ²	4.1	5.5

Equerries and orderlies are seconded from the Armed Services to assist The Queen and other Members of the Royal Family in undertaking their official duties. The Palace of Holyroodhouse is The Queen's official residence in Scotland. During 2006-07 The Queen made a Realm visit to Australia to open the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne followed by a State Visit to Singapore, and a three-state visit to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in the Autumn. There were also inward State Visits by the President of Brazil in March 2006 and the President of Ghana in March 2007.

FUNDED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Duchy of Lancaster

Income from the Duchy of Lancaster funds the Privy Purse. It is The Queen's private income which after tax is largely used by Her Majesty to meet official expenditure, in particular reimbursing Parliamentary Annuities and meeting expenses of other Members of the Royal Family. Accounts for the Duchy of Lancaster are published and laid before Parliament annually.

Duchy of Cornwall

Income after tax from the Duchy of Cornwall funds the official duties of The Prince of Wales. Accounts for the Duchy of Cornwall are published and laid before Parliament annually.

The Royal Collection

The Royal Collection receives no funding from the Government or the National Lottery. It consists of works of art of all kinds and is held by The Queen as Sovereign in trust for Her successors and for the Nation. All costs, except for some building occupancy costs, are met by the Royal Collection Trust from visitor admissions to the occupied palaces and from related activities. Around five million people saw the Royal Collection in royal palaces during 2006-07. An annual report is published by the Royal Collection Trust, copies of which are available on-line at www.royalcollection.org.uk.

A detailed Royal Public Finances annual report for 2006-07 is available on-line at www.royal.gov.uk and in print from the Deputy Treasurer to The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA.

² Figures not audited