

GENERAL

1. Outturn for the Year

The audited accounts are summarised on pages *x* and *xi* of Volume 2. The amount to be surrendered as shown in the summary is £293.85m arrived at as follows:-

	£'000	Estimated £'000	Realised £'000
<i>Gross Expenditure</i>			
Original Estimates	12,827,027		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>432,229</u>	13,259,256	12,968,938
<i>Deduct:-</i>			
Appropriations in Aid	1,152,216		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>3,211</u>	<u>1,155,427</u>	<u>1,158,959</u>
		12,103,829	11,809,979
Amount to be Surrendered		£293,850	

This represents 2.43% of the supply grant as compared with 1.45% in 1996.

2. Extra Exchequer Receipts

Extra Receipts payable to the Exchequer as recorded in the Appropriation Accounts amounted to £79,866,995.

3. Surrender of Balances of 1996 Votes

The balances due to be surrendered out of Votes for Public Services for the year ended 31 December 1996 amounted to £160.334m. I hereby certify that these balances have been duly surrendered.

4. Stock and Store Accounts

The stock and store accounts of the Departments have been examined with satisfactory results subject to the matters referred to in paragraph 24.