

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 £370.83m arrived at as follows:-

	£'000	Estimated £'000	Realised £'000
<i>Gross Expenditure</i>			
Original Estimates	14,102,440		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>395,258</u>	14,497,698	14,130,439
<i>Deduct:-</i>			
Appropriations in Aid	1,231,076		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>49,151</u>	<u>1,280,227</u>	<u>1,283,796</u>
		13,217,471	12,846,643
Amount to be Surrendered		£370,828	(€470,854)

This represents 2.81% of the supply grant as compared with 2.43% in 1997.

2. Extra Exchequer Receipts

Extra Receipts payable to the Exchequer as recorded in the Appropriation Accounts amounted to £115,956,410.

3. Surrender of Balances of 1997 Votes

The balances due to be surrendered out of Votes for Public Services for the year ended 31 December 1997 amounted to £293.85m. 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.