

# ROYAL PUBLIC FINANCES

## Year to 31st March 2008



### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<i>Year to 31st March</i>	2008 £m	2007 £m
The Queen's Civil List <sup>1</sup>	12.7	12.2
Parliamentary Annuities	0.4	0.4
Grants-in-aid	22.0	20.6
Expenditure met directly by Government Departments and the Crown Estate	4.9	4.8
	<u>40.0</u>	<u>38.0</u>

Head of State expenditure for 2007-08 has increased by 2.0% in real terms compared to the previous year. Since 2001 it has reduced by 3.1% in real terms. It excludes the costs of security provided by the Police and Army 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.

### GRANTS-IN-AID

<i>Year to 31st March</i>	2008 £m	2007 £m
Property Services	15.3	14.5
Communications and Information	0.5	0.5
Royal Travel	6.2	5.6
Total	<u>22.0</u>	<u>20.6</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.

<sup>1</sup> Figures are for calendar years 2007 and 2006

EXPENDITURE MET DIRECTLY BY GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENTS AND THE CROWN ESTATE

<i>Year to 31st March</i> <sup>2</sup>	2008	2007
	£m	£m
Administration of honours	0.7	0.5
Equerries, orderlies and other support <sup>3</sup>	1.4	1.5
Maintenance of the Palace of Holyroodhouse	1.1	1.3
State Visits to and by The Queen and liaison with the Diplomatic Corps <sup>4</sup>	0.7	0.7
Ceremonial occasions	0.2	0.2
Maintenance of the Home Park at Windsor Castle	0.6	0.5
Other	0.2	0.1
Total	<u>4.9</u>	<u>4.8</u>

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 2007-08 The Queen made a state visit to the United States of America in May and a four-day visit to Uganda in November. There were also inward State Visits by the President of the Republic of Ghana and Mrs. Kufuor in March and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia in October.

COSTS 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. Accounts for the Duchy of Lancaster are presented to both Houses of 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 items from the Royal Collection in royal palaces during 2007-08. An annual report is published by the Royal Collection Trust, copies of which are available on-line at [www.royalcollection.org.uk](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk).

*A detailed Royal Public Finances annual report for 2007-08 is available on-line at [www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk) and in print from the Deputy Treasurer to The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA.*

<sup>2</sup> Figures are not audited

<sup>3</sup> 2007 figures have been restated to reflect changes in the capitation rates used by the Ministry of Defence

<sup>4</sup> 2007 figures have been restated to reflect costs for the visit of the President of the Republic of Ghana and Mrs. Kufuor