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UK SUPREME COURT (UKSC)

ESTIMATES MEMORANDUM –SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE 2019-20

Introduction

UK Supreme Court (UKSC) is a non-Ministerial Government department set up by Constitutional Reform Act 2005.

The Court's aim is to provide an environment which enables the Justices of the Supreme Court to carry out their duties in an effective, visible and accessible way, and which best develops the rule of law and the administration of justice, both in the UK and in the countries which use the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

The primary purpose of this Memorandum is to provide the Committee with an explanation for the changes proposed in the UK Supreme Court's 2019-20 Supplementary Estimate (SE), compared to the Main Estimate (ME) together with an overview of the associated impact on the Department's budgets and cash requirement.

Summary of the main spending control figures contained in the Supplementary Estimate

Ambit

No new functions have been added within this Estimate and therefore no changes are required to the Ambit.

Net Changes

The Supplementary Estimate provides increase Voted, Non-Voted Resource DEL and Net Cash Requirement. There is no change to Capital DEL and AME. The UKSC does not require any budget transfer from other government departments or virements.

Table 1 – Net Changes – all figures shown in £'000

	Main Estimate		Changes		Supplementary Estimate (SE)		Total
	Voted (£m)	Non-Voted (£m)	Voted (£m)	Non-Voted (£m)	Voted (£m)	Non-Voted (£m)	Total (£)
Resource	3.492	2.400	0.218	0.373	3.710	2.773	6.483
Capital	0.555				0.555		0.555
AME	1.000				1.000		1.000
Net-Cash Requirement	2.557		0.218		2.775		2.775

Detailed explanations of changes in provision sought in the Supplementary Estimate and implications for budgets and cash

Departmental Expenditure Limit

Resource

2019-20 (ME) £5.892m

2019-20 (SE) £6.483m

The Supplementary Estimate gives effect to £591k additional reserve claim for Resource DEL (only) to fund unforeseen costs associated with running of the courts. Funding was also required to cover the prorogation of Parliament case held at the UKSC.

These are all externally applied pressures placed on the UKSC which we have no control over and despite making substantial savings in-year a reserve claim was still required.

Net Cash Requirement

2019-20 (ME) £2.557m

2019-20 (SE) £2.775m

The Net Cash Requirement is increased by £218k which is the net effect of the £591k additional reserve claim (Voted and Non-Voted Resource Del) offset by the £373k decrease in Non-Voted Resource DEL.

There are no changes required for Capital DEL and AME.

Approval of Memorandum

This memorandum has been prepared with reference to guidance in the Estimates Manual provided by HM Treasury and that found on the House of Commons Scrutiny Unit website and the information in this Memorandum has been approved by the Principal Accounting Officer, Mark Ormerod, CB.

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