

ROYAL PUBLIC FINANCES

Year to 31st March 2009



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<i>Year to 31st March</i>	2009 £m	2008 £m
The Queen's Civil List ¹	13.9	12.7
Parliamentary Annuities	0.4	0.4
Grants-in-aid	22.6	22.0
Expenditure met directly by Government Departments and the Crown Estate	4.6	4.9
	<u>41.5</u>	<u>40.0</u>

Head of State expenditure for 2008-09 has increased by 1.5% in real terms compared to the previous year. Since 2001 it has reduced by 1.3% 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>	2009 £m	2008 £m
Property Services	15.5	15.3
Communications and Information	0.6	0.5
Royal Travel	6.5	6.2
	<u>22.6</u>	<u>22.0</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 2008 and 2007

EXPENDITURE MET DIRECTLY BY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND THE CROWN ESTATE

<i>Year to 31st March</i> ²	2009	2008
	£m	£m
Administration of honours	0.6	0.7
Equerries, orderlies and other support	1.4	1.4
Maintenance of the Palace of Holyroodhouse	1.2	1.1
State Visits to and by The Queen and liaison with the Diplomatic Corps	0.4	0.7
Ceremonial occasions	0.2	0.2
Maintenance of the Home Park at Windsor Castle	0.6	0.6
Other	0.2	0.2
	4.6	4.9
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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 2008-09 The Queen made state visits to Turkey in May and Slovenia and Slovakia in October. There were also inward State Visits by the President of the French Republic and Madame Nicolas Sarkozy in March 2008 and the President of the United Mexican States and Señora Zavala in March 2009.

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 2008-09. 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 2008-09 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 are not audited