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INTRODUCTION

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- 1 Under section 4 of the National Audit Act 1983 the Public Accounts Commission is required to lay before the House of Commons annual estimates in respect of the National Audit Office, prepared by the Comptroller and Auditor General. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the winter Consolidated Fund Bill.
- 2 The Vote on Account provides resources and cash to allow existing services to continue in the early months of the coming financial year, pending Parliament's consideration of the National Audit Office's Main Estimate for 2011-12. The National Audit Office's Main Estimate for 2011-12 will be presented around the start of that financial year. Parliament normally authorises the provision sought there towards the end of July, when the Appropriation Act is passed.
- 3 In order to reflect the impact of the NAO Strategy on the 2011-12 Budget, the Vote on Account provision for the National Audit Office is based on the standard 45 per cent of the amounts proposed for the 2011-12 year for audit and other assurance services. This should be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for the service is not exhausted before the Appropriation Act is passed in the summer, but not so high as to pre-judge Parliament's consideration of the main Supply Estimate.
- 4 This Vote on Account in respect of the National Audit Office is presented today by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission in HC 621.

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	2010-11 Total to date on which provision on account is based	2011-12 Required on Account
Resource	£76,600,000	£30,915,000
Capital	£1,430,000	£540,000
Net cash requirement	£75,443,000	£30,450,000

Amount required for a **VOTE ON ACCOUNT** for the year ending 31 March 2012 in respect of the National Audit Office.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

23 November 2010

Presented by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission

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