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 Introduction Our budget varies from year to year depending on the cycle of elections.

Our event budget reflects the costs associated with each year's elections. This  
 varies significantly year-to-year owing to the cycle of elections, and will change if  
 unscheduled polls are added which need to be delivered effectively. This is presented  
 as a separate budget line to allow for more effective control and scrutiny of our  
 core budget. Spending on core budgets includes our work supporting voters, electoral  
 administrators, parties and campaigners outside of the cycle of elections, as well as  
 our corporate overheads. Our core budget will be no larger at the end of the period,  
 after inflation, than it was at the beginning (using HM Treasury's preferred measure  
 for public spending and inflation assumptions where available). While we would always  
 seek to manage our costs within these budgets, increases to the rate of inflation or  
 changes to our work programme to reflect changes outside our control represent the  
 main risks to our spending plans. Budgets 2022/23 – 2026/27 £ millions 2022/23

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Core expenditure	14.04	14.06	14.51	15.10
Event	6.08	4.21	5.52	6.64
The Elections Bill	5.05	3.23	2.77	2.41
Operational	25.16	21.50	22.79	24.16
spending	22.69	22.69	22.69	22.69
Policy Development Grants	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
2.00 Depreciation	1.33	1.46	1.46	1.46
Provisions	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Total	28.55	25.01	26.31	27.67
Spending plans	26.20	26.20	26.20	26.20
Capital provisions	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.10
0.10 Capital investments	1.42	0.49	1.63	0.53

Our capital budgets reflect planned  
 and forecast needs to invest in capitalised IT hardware and software. The levels of  
 capital spending in 2024/25 and 2026/27 represent new or renewed leases for offices  
 in Edinburgh and Cardiff. We remain committed to having continued presence in all  
 parts of the UK, and as we take advantage of increasingly flexible ways of working we  
 will keep our office needs under continuous review. Funding We are jointly funded by

the UK Parliament, the Scottish Parliament and the Senedd. The box below explains  
 more about how that works. Draft devolved funding shares 2022/23 – 2026/27 2022/23  
 2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27 Budget on finding basis (£m) 22.96 21.80 23.18 24.37  
 22.93 Scottish Parliament £m 1.84 1.52 1.58 2.47 2.81 % 8.01% 6.98% 6.83% 10.13%  
 12.24% Senedd £m 1.42 1.25 1.25 1.65 1.79 % 6.18% 5.74% 5.39% 6.75% 7.80% UK  
 Parliament £m 19.70 19.03 20.35 20.25 18.33 % 85.81% 87.27% 87.78% 83.12% 79.96%

Focus on accountability and funding Focus on accountability and funding As part of  
 the devolution of powers relating to elections, the Scotland Act 2016 and Wales Act  
 2017 made provision for the Commission to become accountable to both those  
 parliaments, as well as remaining accountable to the UK Parliament. The direct costs  
 of delivering our functions for each parliament are funded by that parliament, with  
 overheads (including depreciation but not capital budgets or provisions) shared  
 according to population. Cost shares can vary due to changes in work programme or  
 electoral cycle. In Scotland, the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body oversees our  
 funding and corporate accountability, in line with its role regarding other  
 Commissions. In Wales this role is undertaken by the Llywydd's Committee, and in the  
 UK Parliament by the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission. Scrutiny and  
 accountability on specific aspects of our work is generally undertaken by specific  
 policy committees, such as the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs  
 Select Committee of the UK Parliament. Each year in the autumn we submit an estimate  
 of income and expenditure to the committees, accompanied by our plans for the coming

year (or five years when we submit a Corporate Plan). The committees then consider these according to the timetables in each parliament. The plans, budgets and other information that we submit to the committees are as required by each committee. We will continue to work with the committees, the parliamentary officials and other relevant partners to ensure effective accountability. Navigation 8. Underpinning this work Section 8 of our 2022/23 to 2026/27 corporate plan 10. Measuring our performance Section 10 of our 2022/23 to 2026/27 corporate plan