

Table 15b Total outturn expenditure on services by function in real terms

£ billion (2024/25 prices)

| | 1987/88 | 1991/92 | 1995/96 | 2000/01 | 2005/06 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 |
|---|------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | cash basis | | | accruals basis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. General public services | 55.4 | 45.5 | 55.9 | 78.5 | 94.3 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 104.3 | 105.2 | 102.3 | 102.4 | 105.2 | 109.0 | 102.3 | 100.5 | 84.4 | 128.8 | 182.9 | 169.7 | 157.6 |
| of which: public and common services | 7.5 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 13.2 | 20.8 | 18.5 | 16.3 | 15.6 | 15.3 | 15.5 | 19.2 | 16.4 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 17.7 | 21.6 | 33.1 | 30.0 | 27.1 | 22.3 |
| of which: international services | 4.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 7.0 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 13.4 | 14.2 | 9.7 | 14.2 | 13.4 | 15.0 | 14.5 | 13.2 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 10.5 |
| of which: public sector debt interest | 43.7 | 30.9 | 41.3 | 58.2 | 63.4 | 82.8 | 85.3 | 78.0 | 76.5 | 72.6 | 73.6 | 74.6 | 79.5 | 71.2 | 68.2 | 49.6 | 85.7 | 143.5 | 131.7 | 124.7 |
| 2. Defence | 42.3 | 39.2 | 34.7 | 43.0 | 50.4 | 56.8 | 54.9 | 50.6 | 49.8 | 49.6 | 49.1 | 48.7 | 50.0 | 50.9 | 52.2 | 52.3 | 57.4 | 61.2 | 59.1 | 63.6 |
| 3. Public order and safety | 18.0 | 22.3 | 24.7 | 34.1 | 47.6 | 47.8 | 45.6 | 43.6 | 40.5 | 40.8 | 40.5 | 39.5 | 40.7 | 41.0 | 42.7 | 45.6 | 46.9 | 48.7 | 50.7 | 51.4 |
| 4. Economic affairs | 42.1 | 36.2 | 36.4 | 39.8 | 57.4 | 57.8 | 53.7 | 51.1 | 55.9 | 55.5 | 63.0 | 64.5 | 68.6 | 76.9 | 82.3 | 230.2 | 115.3 | 137.3 | 98.4 | 86.8 |
| of which: enterprise and economic development | 14.4 | 9.1 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 10.4 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 22.6 | 154.2 | 42.9 | 68.5 | 25.7 | 20.4 |
| of which: science and technology | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 10.2 | 9.7 |
| of which: employment policies | 6.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| of which: agriculture, fisheries and forestry | 4.9 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 6.3 |
| of which: transport | 14.2 | 15.5 | 16.8 | 15.0 | 27.6 | 31.1 | 29.0 | 28.2 | 28.4 | 29.7 | 37.4 | 37.8 | 39.1 | 41.4 | 42.4 | 57.9 | 52.7 | 49.8 | 50.3 | 46.4 |
| 5. Environment protection | 5.3 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 13.8 | 15.7 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 16.3 | 15.8 | 16.6 | 17.1 |
| 6. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES | 10.2 | 11.5 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 17.4 | 19.2 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 13.5 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 14.7 | 15.4 | 17.6 | 16.0 | 17.9 | 19.1 | 21.7 | 22.3 |
| 7. Health | 45.0 | 52.2 | 63.8 | 90.6 | 146.0 | 173.2 | 172.2 | 173.2 | 177.0 | 181.2 | 185.8 | 187.1 | 190.2 | 193.4 | 202.8 | 256.3 | 255.1 | 234.3 | 231.0 | 241.8 |
| 8. Recreation, culture and religion | 7.8 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 13.0 | 17.6 | 18.8 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 15.9 | 16.8 | 15.3 | 15.2 | 14.9 | 14.4 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 15.1 | 16.0 | 14.0 | 14.5 |
| 9. Education | 47.0 | 52.9 | 57.1 | 76.7 | 113.5 | 132.2 | 122.8 | 117.2 | 115.8 | 115.0 | 113.9 | 111.4 | 111.2 | 111.4 | 112.0 | 112.0 | 118.1 | 118.3 | 118.8 | 118.7 |
| 10. Social protection | 122.2 | 135.5 | 165.9 | 214.8 | 278.0 | 332.8 | 347.5 | 353.2 | 347.6 | 352.8 | 355.3 | 348.2 | 347.0 | 347.6 | 340.8 | 351.0 | 353.9 | 354.7 | 379.5 | 383.9 |
| EU transactions | - 3.5 | - 6.9 | - 6.3 | - 4.3 | - 1.0 | 8.5 | 6.1 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 8.2 | - 2.4 | - 2.4 | 0.1 | - 1.4 |
| Total expenditure on services | 392.0 | 402.5 | 456.3 | 603.9 | 835.0 | 975.4 | 962.4 | 949.2 | 946.4 | 951.9 | 964.4 | 953.9 | 968.4 | 977.2 | 987.8 | 1,186.1 | 1,122.4 | 1,186.0 | 1,159.6 | 1,156.4 |
| Accounting adjustments | 14.4 | 27.0 | 36.3 | 49.9 | 86.0 | 99.6 | 95.8 | 110.0 | 101.9 | 113.1 | 103.3 | 112.9 | 116.8 | 107.6 | 110.3 | 112.3 | 108.7 | 93.2 | 119.4 | 128.8 |
| Total Managed Expenditure (TME) | 406.4 | 429.5 | 492.6 | 653.8 | 920.9 | 1,075.0 | 1,058.2 | 1,059.2 | 1,048.3 | 1,064.9 | 1,067.7 | 1,066.8 | 1,085.2 | 1,084.8 | 1,098.1 | 1,298.4 | 1,231.1 | 1,279.2 | 1,279.0 | 1,285.2 |

Source: See Table 15a.

Notes: 1. Real terms figures are the nominal figures adjusted to 2024/25 price levels using GDP deflators from the ONS, issued on 30 June 2025.