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Appendices

Details of JNCC's Committee, staff and offices during the financial year 2006/2007, audited accounts, statement on the system of internal control, operating cost statement, balance sheet and cashflow statement

Committee, staff and offices

Joint Nature Conservation Committee members during financial year April 2006 – March 2007

Mr A Darby	Chairman
Professor D Ingram	Independent (Deputy Chairman)
Dr L Blakiston Houston	Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
Dr R Brown	Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
Reverend Dr S Burgess	Countryside Agency (to September 2006)
Mr P Christensen	Natural England (from October 2006)
Professor P Doyle	Independent
Ms S Fowler	English Nature (to September 2006)
Professor D Hill	Natural England (from October 2006)
Mr J Lloyd Jones	Countryside Council for Wales
Dr J Markland	Scottish Natural Heritage (to June 2006)
Dr M Moser	English Nature (to September 2006)
Mr D Pritchard	Independent (from December 2006)
Mr B Riddleston	Countryside Council for Wales
Professor J Sprent	Scottish Natural Heritage (to March 2007)
Mr A Thin	Scottish National Heritage (from August 2006)
Professor M Usher	Independent (from December 2006)
Professor L Warren	Independent (from April 2006)

The Committee comprises 14 members: a Chairman and five independent members appointed by the Secretary of State; the Chairman of the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside; the Chairmen or Deputy Chairmen of the Countryside Council for Wales, Natural England and Scottish Natural Heritage; and one other member from each of these bodies. The term of appointments for the Chairman and independent members is initially for three years and members may be considered for re-appointment for one further term.

Support is provided to the JNCC by a company limited by guarantee, JNCC Support Co which was incorporated on 2 March 2005 (registration number 05380206).

The Committee has adopted the Guidance on Codes of Practice for Board Members of Public Bodies issued by the Cabinet Office, for the purposes of corporate governance. A Register of Interests is maintained for Joint Committee members and directors of JNCC Support Co which can be seen below.

JNCC Support Co – Members and Directors April 2006 – March 2007

The members of the company are the Committee members, who are also non-executive Directors of the company. There are three executive Directors.

Mr A Darby	Board Chairman
Mr D Steer	Managing Director
Dr M Vincent	Director of Science
Mr M Yeo	Director of Resources and External Affairs
Professor D Ingram	Non-executive Director
Dr L Blakiston Houston	Non-executive Director
Dr R Brown	Non-executive Director

Mr P Christensen	Non-executive Director (from October 2006)
Professor P Doyle	Non-executive Director
Ms S Fowler	Non-executive Director (to September 2006)
Professor D Hill	Non-executive Director (from October 2006)
Mr J Lloyd Jones	Non-executive Director
Dr J Markland	Non-executive Director (to June 2006)
Dr M Moser	Non-executive Director (to September 2006)
Mr D Pritchard	Non-executive Director (from December 2006)
Mr B Riddleston	Non-executive Director
Professor J Sprent	Non-executive Director (to March 2007)
Professor M Usher	Non-executive Director (from December 2006)
Professor L Warren	Non-executive Director (from April 2006)

Declaration of interests

Dr L Blakiston Houston

- Chair, Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
- Director, Blakiston Houston Estate Co
- Director (non-executive), Sustrans
- Shareholder, Morton Hall Estate Private School, Heritage Building
- Shareholder, KMM Marengo
- Member, National Trust
- Member, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Member, Ulster Wildlife Trust
- Family interest in Loughs Agency, Londonderry

Dr R Brown

- Council Member, Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
- Employed by the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland as Chairman of the Northern Ireland Biodiversity Group
- Self-employed in media/broadcasting work, giving talks/lectures, wildlife guiding at home and abroad, and occasional consultancy work
- Member, British Trust for Ornithology, National Trust, Ulster Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, Marine Conservation Society, Lecale Historical Society

Reverend Dr S Burgess

- Chair, Countryside Agency
- Methodist Chapel Aid, York
- Joint ownership with wife, property in Birmingham
- Joint ownership with Bernard Brady, property in Nottingham

Mr P Christensen

- Deputy Chairman, Natural England
- Board Member, South East England Development Agency
- Board Member, Agricultural Central Trading
- Chair of Programme Committee, Defra Sustainable Livestock Production Link
- Self-employed farmer, Kingston Hill Farm

Mr AMG Darby OBE

- Self-employed farmer, Kemerton Court, Tewkesbury, GL20 7HY
- Lloyds of London Underwriter through Nameco (No 222) Ltd. Membership No 54432Z
- Chairman, Fieldfare International Ecological Development plc
- District Councillor with Wychavon District Council
- Self-employed print dealer trading as Darby Bird Art
- Adviser to Esmee Charitable Trust for its UK Biodiversity Programme
- All farmed land under Countryside Stewardship: 65 acres at Upton Ham, Upton upon Severn, part of Upton Ham SSSI; 55 acres on Bredon Hill, part of Bredon Hill SSSI

Roe deer

- Trustee of the Kemerton Conservation Trust (KCT) in receipt of funds from English Nature under Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund Grant Scheme for the management of the Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve which the KCT leases from son
- Governor of Howick Trustees Ltd, which owns an SSSI in Northumberland
- Life Fellow and Vice President, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Life Member and President, PlantLife International
- Member and former regional committee member, National Trust
- Trustee, Herpetological Conservation Trust
- Member of the following Wildlife Trusts – Brecknock, Gloucestershire, and Worcestershire
- Member, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, the British Trust for Ornithology and BirdLife International
- Member and former county committee member, Country Land and Business Association
- Member, Game Conservancy and the Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Member, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, the Royal Agricultural Society of England, the Red Poll Cattle Society and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust
- Member, National Farmers Union
- Member, Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum

Professor P Doyle

Self-employed:

- Geologist consultant, contracted to HM Revenue & Customs for aggregates work
- Editor for Blackwells Ltd, Oxford, editing 'Geology Today' magazine
- Freelance TV consultant, working on geological projects
- Education consultant, working for University of Greenwich and London South Bank University
- Author of books and articles
- Chairman, Geoconservation Commission, Geological Society of London
- Chair, Greater London Regionally Important Geological/geomorphological Sites Group

Ms S Fowler

- Council Member, English Nature
- Managing Director, Nature Conservation Bureau Limited
- Pew Marine Conservation Fellow, Pew Institute for Ocean Science

Professor D Hill

- Board Member, Natural England
- Chief Executive, David Hill Ecology & Environment
- Chairman, Environment Bank
- Non-executive Director, Thomson Ecology
- Director, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
- Member, British Trust for Ornithology
- Member, National Trust
- Member, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Professor D Ingram OBE

- Honorary Professor and Adviser on the Public Understanding of Science, University of Edinburgh
- Honorary Professor, Glasgow University
- Self-employed author of biological and horticultural books (Blackwell Scientific, Harper-Collins, Cambridge University Press, Kluwer, Royal Horticultural Society, etc.)
- Member, Economic and Social Research Council Genomics Forum Advisory Committee
- Visiting Professor and Chair, Research Advisory Committee, Myerscough College
- Programme Convenor, Royal Society of Edinburgh
- Chairman, Science and Society Steering Group, Royal Society of Edinburgh
- Fellow, Royal Society of Edinburgh

- Fellow, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh
- Honorary Fellow, Royal Scottish Geographical Society
- Honorary Fellow, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
- Honorary Fellow, Downing College, Cambridge
- Honorary Fellow, Worcester College, Oxford
- Honorary Fellow, Myerscough College, Preston
- Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University of Cambridge

Mr J L Jones

- Chair, Countryside Council for Wales
- Chair, Food Chain Forum, Rural Economy and Land Use Strategic Advisory Committee, Rural Economy and Land Use programme
- Member, National Trust Estates Panel
- Member, Woodland Strategy Advisory Panel for Wales
- Chair of Finance, Audit and General Purposes Committee, Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research
- Lay representative, Disciplinary Hearings Council for the Inns of Court
- Member, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Farmer
- Hendy Farm in Tir Gofal Scheme
- Member, National Farmers Union

Dr J Markland

- Chair, Scottish Natural Heritage
- Chairman and Trustee, Environmental Campaigns (ENCAMS)
- Board Member and Trustee (non-executive), ENCAMS (Scotland)
- Trustee, Keep Wales Tidy
- Trustee, Tidy Northern Ireland
- Member of Court, University of Edinburgh
- Convenor of Audit Committee, University of Edinburgh
- Chairman, Scottish Leadership Foundation
- Board Member (non-executive), Forward Scotland
- Board Member (non-executive), Perth Repertory Theatre

Dr M Moser

- Council Member, English Nature
- Freelance environmental consultant. At present, all work is outside UK
- Farming business, West Week Farm
- West Week Farm receives Countryside Stewardship, Farm Woodland Premium Scheme and Woodland Grant Scheme payments
- Council Member, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Board Member, Tour du Valat Foundation, France
- Councillor of Honour, Wetlands International

Mr D Pritchard

- Director, Wetlands International
- Trustee, Bedford Creative Arts
- International Treaties Adviser, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Member, IUCN Task Force on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas
- Member, Ramsar Convention Culture Working Group and Scientific & Technical Review Panel
- Member, Northumberland Wildlife Trust
- Member, Woodland Trust
- Member, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Member, University College Fulmouth, Research in Art, Nature & Environment Group
- Member, Landscape and Arts Network

Mr B Riddleston

- Council Member, Countryside Council for Wales
- Trustee, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Member, Glas Cymru, Welsh water company
- Director, RSPB Trading Co.

- Member, Gwent Wildlife Trust
- Shareholder, Centrica plc

Professor J Sprent

- Board Member, Scottish Natural Heritage
- Council Member, Scottish Association for Marine Science
- Serves on committees of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
- Member, Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution
- Member, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department's Strategic Science Advisory Panel

Professor M Usher

- Principal Editor, "Ecology, Biodiversity & Conservation", Cambridge University Press
- International Fellow, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Jersey
- Fellow and Chartered Biologist, Institute of Biology
- Expert, Council of Europe
- Trustee, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
- Trustee, Woodland Trust
- Committee Member, Royal Society of Edinburgh
- External Adviser, Irish Environmental Protection Agency
- Chairman of Programme 3 Group, Scottish Executive Environment & Rural Affairs Department
- Member, Botanical Society of the British Isles
- Member, British Arachnological Society
- Member, British Ecological Society
- Member, Royal Entomological Society
- Member, Scottish Wildlife Trust

Professor L Warren

- Board Member, British Geological Survey (NERC)
- Board Member, Environment Agency
- Member, Committee of Radioactive Waste Management
- Trustee, Field Studies Council
- Trustee, West and South Wales Wildlife Trust
- Associate Consultant, Integrated Decision Management
- British Institute for Geological Conservation, husband is treasurer

JNCC offices

Headquarters

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1040 Bruxelles/Brussel, Belgium
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From September 2007, this office will be located closer to the heart of the city at Quai au Foin 55, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium

Staff employed by JNCC Support Co 2006/2007

The number of staff working at the JNCC Support Co at 31 March 2007 was 131. This comprised 111 permanent staff, 18 fixed-term staff and two casual members of staff. Included in the total of fixed-term staff are the Chairman and five independent members of the Committee who are employed by Defra and paid through JNCC payroll.

Senior JNCC staff 2006/2007

Managing Director	Deryck Steer
Director of Science	Malcolm Vincent
Director of Resources and External Affairs	Marcus Yeo

Management Services

Head of Planning and Resources	Brian Lawrence
Head of Human Resources	Trish Whittamore
Finance and Procurement Manager	David Burton
Organisational Change Manager	Sue McQueen
Head of Communications	Alex Geairns
Head of Data Services	Lawrence Way

Advisers

Head of Habitats Advice	Wyn Jones
Head of Species Advice	Ian McLean
Head of International Advice	Vin Fleming
Head of Earth Science and Coastal Advice	Tony Weighell
Head of Marine Advice	Mark Tasker
Head of Seabirds and Cetaceans	Jim Reid
Head of Marine Habitats	David Connor
Head of Biodiversity Information Service	Paul Rose
European Co-ordinator	Hugh Laxton
Senior Policy Adviser	Steve Gibson
Head of Sustainability Advice	Diana Mortimer
Reporting Standards Manager	James Williams
Senior Data Analyst	Stuart Ball
Access to Information Programme Leader	Steve Wilkinson
Knowledge Manager	Andy Webb
Geological Conservation Review Manager	Neil Ellis
MESH Project Co-ordinator	Jon Davies
Senior Ornithological Adviser	David Stroud
CITES Adviser	Alison Littlewood
Seabird Colony Team Leader	Ian Mitchell
Senior Offshore Adviser	Zoë Crutchfield
Senior Habitats Adviser	Mark Crick
Senior Habitats Adviser	Vicky Morgan
Senior Biodiversity Adviser	Ant Maddock
Tracking Mammals Partnership Co-ordinator	Jessa Battersby
Biodiversity Research Co-ordinator	Richard Ferris
Air Pollution Officer	Clare Whitfield
Marine Strategy and Sites Team Leader	Charlotte Johnston
Marine Mammals Adviser	Eunice Pinn
Marine Fisheries Adviser	Tom Blasdale
Marine Monitoring Officer	Jane Hawkrigde
Climate Change Adviser	Karen Dickinson
Environmental Economics Adviser	Emily McKenzie
Marine Mammals Adviser	Sonia Mendes
Marine Sites Communications Officer	Gez Thulbourn
Marine Sites Survey Manager	Neil Golding
Senior Seabird Ecologist (Marine SPAs)	Sue O'Brien

Contacts for inter-agency working

Lead Agencies

Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals	Jennifer Best (Natural England)
GMOs	Anna Hope (Natural England)

Lead Co-ordination Networks (chairs)

Freshwater	Phil Boon (SNH)
Uplands	Des Thompson (SNH)
Soils	John Gordon (SNH)
Lowland Grasslands	Tim Blackstock (CCW)
Woodlands	Keith Kirby (Natural England)
Lowland Wetlands	Hans Schutten (Natural England)
Lowland Heathlands	Isabel Alonso (Natural England)
Air Pollution	Simon Bareham (CCW)
Coastal	Sue Rees (Natural England)

Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations

General

JNCC always endeavours to provide information in a timely, accurate and helpful manner. In keeping with this ethos we embrace the conventions laid down in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This legislation has created a new system of fully enforceable rights of access to information held by public authorities. These rights apply to all information no matter how recent or old, or who the information is held by. They signal recognition of, and commitment to, the public interest in openness about government. The purpose of the Acts is to make public bodies, such as JNCC, more transparent and accountable and to show how they perform their duties.

How we comply

JNCC aims to make information available on request unless there is a compelling reason not to. That is to say we will make every effort to comply unless doing so would involve us breaching another legal obligation, based on confidentiality or commercial prejudice. To this end JNCC is committed to:

- review the service we are already providing the public for supplying information, so that information can be provided proactively and requests can be met more promptly, and, where possible, more economically;
- organise the information relevant to its functions;
- proactively disseminate information;
- provide advice and assistance to persons making requests for information;
- make information available to any person who requests it within 20 working days. If a request is both voluminous and complex the deadline may be extended to within 40 working days, in which case we will inform the requestor of complications; and
- refuse only in accordance with the limited exceptions available, giving reasons and details of the mechanisms available for reconsideration and appeal.

No requests for information were received during the year specifically citing the Environmental Information Regulations. Two requests cited the Freedom of Information Act. All requests received were responded to in accordance with our service standards (see below).

JNCC publishes a range of information as research reports, books and leaflets. A publications catalogue is available from Communications Team, JNCC, Monkstone House, City Road, Peterborough PE1 1JY, tel: 01733 562626, fax: 01733 555948, e-mail: communications@jncc.gov.uk. Our book distributor is NHBS Ltd, 2–3 Wills Road, Totnes, Devon TQ9 5XN, tel: 01803 865913, fax: 01803 865280, www.nhbs.com or www.nhbs.co.uk. In addition, much information can be freely accessed on our website, www.jncc.gov.uk, and those that we host for other bodies, for example the UK Biodiversity Partnership www.ukbap.org.uk and the Convention on Biological Diversity Clearing House Mechanism www.chm.org.uk.

Prompt payment code

JNCC implements the CBI's 'Prompt Payers' guidelines and our policy is to ensure, as far as possible, that all payments are made by the due date. (Further details can be found under the heading "Payment of creditors" on page 51.)

Service standards

General

Staff will provide an efficient and friendly service. The operating language will normally be English.

Office hours

Monkstone House and Dunnet House will be open from 9am–5pm Monday–Thursday and 9am–4.30pm on Friday. Outside these hours and on public holidays an answering machine service will operate.

Telephone calls

Telephone calls will be answered promptly and courteously. Staff will answer with their name and endeavour to respond to the call satisfactorily or take prompt action to achieve this.

Correspondence and information

A full reply to correspondence will be provided within requested deadlines and, otherwise, within 20 working days. If more time is needed before a full response can be made, a date for this will be agreed with the correspondent. JNCC is committed to the policy of open government, and to facilitating access to our information as required by law.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

Provide on-line advice to Defra on approximately 20,000 licence applications per annum to agreed service standards (90% within five working days, 95% of priority applications within three working days) seeking to ensure that no species of wild fauna becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation because of international trade involving the UK.

Publications

Reports of commissioned work will be disseminated in a publicly available form within six months of acceptance of the texts from the authors. Proceedings of seminars and conferences will be published within nine months of the event. Book volumes will be published within one year of acceptance of the text. Leaflets and research reports will be despatched as soon as possible and, in any event, within ten working days of receipt of a request.

Invoices

All invoices from suppliers of accepted goods and services will be paid within any discount period and, in any event, by the due date.

Complaints

If you feel you have not received the promised level of service from JNCC, please raise the matter in the first instance with the person who provided the service, who will respond within ten working days. If your complaint is not resolved satisfactorily please contact the Business Unit, who will respond within ten working days. In the last resort a complainant can seek redress through their Member of Parliament and the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).

Audited accounts

Foreword

History and statutory background

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) is the statutory adviser to Government on UK and international nature conservation. Its work contributes to maintaining and enriching biological diversity, conserving geological features and sustaining natural systems.

JNCC delivers the UK and international responsibilities of the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside (CNCC), the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW), Natural England, and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

JNCC, originally established under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, was reconstituted by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. Support is provided to the JNCC by a company limited by guarantee (JNCC Support Co) that the Committee established in 2005.

Funding

The total budget for JNCC is set each year by Ministers of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs after consultation and in agreement with their Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish colleagues.

The budget comprises two parts: those 'reserved' matters funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and all other work funded through the Countryside Council for Wales, Natural England and Scottish Natural Heritage (the GB conservation bodies) and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and devolved administrations ring-fence the relevant element of grant-in-aid to their respective funding bodies. Any grant-in-aid provided by a Department/administration for the year in question will be voted in the Department's/administration's Estimate and will be subject to Parliamentary control.

Funding from other sources, which is usually linked to specific projects, is detailed in the accounts.

Results and appropriations

In conducting its activities the Committee complies with the guidance laid down in its Financial Memorandum which came into effect on 1 April 2005. These financial statements relate to the year ended 31 March 2007 during which the revenue expenditure of the Committee totalled £8,955,000. For the same period income amounted to £1,941,000, resulting in an operating deficit for the year of £7,014,000. Following adjustment for a profit on disposal of fixed assets of £2,000 and interest receivable of £19,000, the deficit for the financial year transferred to the retained earnings reserve was £6,876,000. This was funded by revenue grant-in-aid of £6,837,000 which combined with a retained earnings reserve of £85,000 brought forward from the previous financial year, gives a retained earnings reserve carried forward of £46,000.

Included in the gross income and expenditure within the operating cost statement are transfers which were made to and from provisions and reserves. A total of £117,000 was transferred from the deferred government grant account to the operating cost account in 2006/07 to cover in-year depreciation, the release of unexpended depreciation, and the impairment of asset values.

Fixed assets

In 2006/07 the Committee spent £7,000 on improvements to leasehold premises, £36,000 on computer equipment, £77,000 on software licences and £19,000 on scientific and office equipment.

Payment of creditors

JNCC follows the principles of the Better Payment Practice Code, and the policy is to ensure that all payments are made by the due date. This policy is known throughout the organisation and there is a formal complaints procedure to enable suppliers' complaints to be dealt with very quickly. 92% of invoices were paid within the due date in 2006/2007; this figure is unchanged from the previous year.

Review of activities

During 2006/07 the JNCC made significant contributions in the realm of conservation, both nationally and internationally, via an extensive and varied programme of work. Key achievements realised during the year are detailed in the main body of the Annual Report, and performance against specific targets can be found immediately following the Financial Statements.

Corporate governance

The governance arrangements of the JNCC Support Co are incorporated within the Statement of Internal Control.

Audit

These accounts have been audited by Moore Stephens.

JNCC Support Co remuneration report

Remuneration policy

The remuneration for the Chairman and independent members is set centrally by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The remuneration of the Managing Director is reviewed regularly against the advice issued by the Review Body on Senior Salaries. Any proposed changes are then subject to the approval of Defra.

All pay awards for staff below Grade 5 (i.e. all staff except for the Managing Director) have to conform to the annual Civil Service Pay Guidance document issued by Treasury. This guidance document forms part of the pay remit process, and is intended to ensure that pay awards are affordable, offer value for money, and meet the needs of individual businesses. As part of this process JNCC has to submit its recommended pay award to Defra, who have delegated authority to approve pay remits that conform to the Treasury guidance. Pay remits that do not conform to the guidance require Treasury approval.

JNCC applies a number of reward principles which aim to:

- meet the business needs of the organisation;
- be affordable for the organisation in the short-term and long-term;
- provide a pay structure which is sustainable in the longer-term;
- reward, retain and motivate staff;
- support equal pay;
- be fair and transparent;
- ensure that appropriately skilled and experienced staff can be recruited;
- recognise and reward good performance;
- offer comparable salary levels with other relative workforce groups; and
- maintain the total staff remuneration package at a level which is not less in real terms than the previous year.

However, it is recognised that because of various constraints it will not always be possible to achieve all of these aims.

Contracts of employment

Appointments are made in line with the Civil Service Commissioners Recruitment Code, which requires appointment to be on merit on the basis of fair and open competition but also includes the circumstances when appointments may otherwise be made.

Unless otherwise stated below, the officials covered by this report hold appointments which are open-ended until they reach the normal retiring age of 65. Early termination, other than for misconduct, would result in the individual receiving compensation as set out in the Civil Service Compensation Scheme.

Mr A Darby was appointed on a three-year contract commencing on 1 October 2004.

Prof D Ingram was re-appointed on a three-year contract commencing on 1 April 2005.

Prof P Doyle was re-appointed on a three-year contract commencing on 1 April 2006.

Prof L Warren was appointed on a three-year contract commencing on 1 April 2006.

Mr D Pritchard was appointed on a three-year contract commencing on 1 October 2006.

Prof M Usher was appointed on a three-year contract commencing on 1 October 2006.

Further information about the work of the Civil Service Commissioners can be found at www.civilservicecommissioners.gov.uk

Salary and pension entitlements

The following sections provide details of the remuneration and pension interests of the most senior JNCC staff, and those of the Chairman and independent members of the Committee. Members sponsored by the country agencies are remunerated directly by those agencies. JNCC is advised of the salaries of the Committee members by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Salary

'Salary' includes gross salary, performance pay or bonuses, and any allowance, such as London Weighting Allowances, to the extent that it is subject to UK taxation. This report is based on payments made by the JNCC Support Co. and thus recorded in these accounts.

Benefits in kind

The monetary value of benefits in kind covers any benefits provided by the employer and treated by HM Revenue & Customs as a taxable emolument. At the present time no employees of the JNCC Support Co are in receipt of taxable benefits.

	Salary 2006/07, including performance pay	Benefits in kind 2006/07	Salary 2005/06, including performance pay	Benefits in kind 2005/06	Real increase in pension and related lump sum at age 60	Total accrued pension at age 60 at 31/03/06 and related lump sum	CETV at 31/03/06	CETV at 31/03/07	Real increase in CETV after adjustment for inflation and changes in market investment factors	Time commitment (days per year)
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Committee members:										
Chairman										
Mr A Darby 01.10.04 to 30.09.07	35-40	n/a	35-40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	104
Independent Members:										
Prof D Ingram 01.04.02 to 31.03.08	5-10	n/a	5-10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
Prof P Doyle 01.04.03 to 31.03.09	5-10	n/a	5-10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
Prof L Warren 01.04.06 to 31.03.09	5-10	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
Mr D Pritchard 01.10.06 to 06.09.10	0-5	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
Prof M Usher 01.10.06 to 06.09.10	0-5	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
Senior staff:										
Managing Director Mr D Steer	70-75	n/a	60-65	n/a	0-2.5 plus lump sum of 2.5-5.0	30-35 plus lump sum of 95-100	650	690	16	n/a
Other Directors:										
Dr M Vincent	55-60	n/a	55-60	n/a	0-2.5 plus lump sum of 0-2.5	25-30 plus lump sum of 75-80	578	607	(2)	n/a
Mr M Yeo	45-50	n/a	45-50	n/a	0-2.5	10-15	135	146	8	n/a

Civil service pensions

The pension benefits for the Chairman are provided broadly by analogy with the civil service pension scheme. This is because the Chairman cannot be pensioned in the same scheme as staff but may have access to similar types of benefits. The independent Committee members do not receive pension benefits.

Pension benefits for staff are provided through the civil service pension arrangements. From 1 October 2002, civil servants may be in one of three statutory based 'final salary' defined benefit schemes (classic, premium and classic plus). The schemes are unfunded with the cost of benefits met by monies voted by Parliament each year. Pensions payable under classic, premium and classic plus are increased annually in line with changes in the Retail Prices Index. New entrants after 1 October 2002 may choose between membership of premium or joining a good quality 'money purchase' stakeholder arrangement with a significant employer contribution (partnership pension account).

Employee contributions are set at the rate of 1.5% of pensionable earnings for classic and 3.5% for premium and classic plus. Benefits in classic accrue at the rate of 1/80th of pensionable salary for each year of service. In addition, a lump sum equivalent to three years' pension is payable on retirement. For premium, benefits accrue at the rate of 1/60th of final pensionable earnings for each year of service. Unlike classic, there is no automatic lump sum (but members may give up (commute) some of their pension to provide a lump sum). Classic plus is essentially a variation of premium, but with benefits in respect of service before 1 October 2002 calculated broadly in the same way as in classic.

The partnership pension account is a stakeholder pension arrangement. The employer makes a basic contribution of between 3% and 12.5% (depending on the age of the member) into a stakeholder pension product chosen by the employee from a selection of approved products. The employee does not have to contribute but where they do make contributions, the employer will match these up to a limit of 3% of pensionable salary (in addition to the employer's basic contribution). Employers also contribute a further 0.8% of pensionable salary to cover the cost of centrally-provided risk benefit cover (death in service and ill health retirement).

Further details about the civil service pension arrangements can be found at the website www.civilservice-pensions.gov.uk

Cash Equivalent Transfer Values

A Cash Equivalent Transfer Value (CETV) is the actuarially assessed capitalised value of the pension scheme benefits accrued by a member at a particular point in time. The benefits valued are the member's accrued benefits and any contingent spouse's pension payable from the scheme.

A CETV is a payment made by a pension scheme or arrangement to secure pension benefits in another pension scheme or arrangement when the member leaves a scheme and chooses to transfer the benefits accrued in their former scheme. The pension figures shown in the table relate to the benefits that the individual has accrued as a consequence of their total membership of the pension scheme, not just their service in a senior capacity to which disclosure applies.

The CETV figures, and from 2003/2004 the other pension details, include the value of any pension benefit in another scheme or arrangement which the individual has transferred to the civil service pension arrangements and for which the civil service vote has received a transfer payment commensurate with the additional pension liabilities being assumed. They also include any additional pension benefit accrued to the member as a result of their purchasing additional years of pension service in the scheme at their own cost. CETVs are calculated within the guidelines and framework prescribed by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

Real increase in CETV

This reflects the increase in CETV effectively funded by the employer. It takes account of the increase in accrued pension due to inflation, contributions paid by the employee (including the value of any benefits transferred from another pension scheme or arrangement) and uses common market valuation factors for the start and end of the period.

Statement on internal control

1. Scope of responsibility

As Managing Director, I have responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal control, for JNCC and its support company, that supports the achievement of JNCC's aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the public funds and assets for which I am responsible. This is in accordance with the statement of accounting responsibilities placed upon me by the Chief Executive of Natural England on her own behalf and that of the Accounting Officers of Scottish Natural Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales and the Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland) in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to them in Government Accounting.

2. Review of effectiveness

As Managing Director, I also have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. My review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by the work of the internal auditors and the executive managers within the JNCC Support Co who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, and comments made by the external auditors in their management letter and other reports. I have been advised on the implication of the result of my review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the Company Board and the Audit and Risk Management Committee. A plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

3. The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of JNCC's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in JNCC for the year ended 31 March 2007 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts, and accords with Treasury guidance.

4. Risk management

4.1 Leadership

Leadership is given to the risk management process by embedding it into each part of the management, planning and reporting process. Responsibilities thus clearly relate to me as analogous Accounting Officer and in addition the relationship of risk as an integral part of management and delivery is reinforced.

4.2 Embedding risk management

A new risk management strategy was produced last year, which outlined how I and my Executive Management Board colleagues want the organisation to manage risk. The Executive Management Board is committed to embedding the principles of effective risk management in the culture of the organisation and guidance explaining the responsibilities of project officers responsible for high-risk and high-cost projects has been produced. This, together with a training programme, will work towards meeting the organisation's requirements on project and risk management.

4.3 Strategy

JNCC's new risk management strategy has been drawn up and implemented in line with Treasury guidance. Key elements of the strategy include:

- maintenance of an organisation-wide risk register, comprising high-level corporate risks and medium/low risks, that is comprehensively reviewed on an annual basis;
- assignment of risk owners to each risk (members of the Executive Management Board for corporate risks, appropriate senior managers for medium/low risks);

- quarterly reports from managers on the steps they are taking to manage risks in their areas of responsibility, including reports on the effectiveness of controls in place to manage the risks;
- quarterly discussion by the Executive Management Board to identify and keep up to date the record of risks facing the organisation;
- embedding of risk management in key projects, through the development of specific risk registers and control measures;
- consideration of risk at the project proposal stage; and
- implementation of a robust prioritisation methodology for JNCC's work based on risk ranking and cost-benefit analysis.

JNCC takes a balanced approach to managing risk, accepting that major risks affecting the organisation must be controlled, but that exposure to some risks is necessary to enable the effective delivery of its objectives. The risk register specifically addresses the risk of delays to decision-making and missed opportunities through excessive caution. During 2006/07, the main risk priorities for JNCC related to:

- insufficient funds to meet objectives;
- implementation of a new computerised financial management system;
- other Government bodies taking on functions of national and international significance without the agreement of the Joint Committee;
- staff numbers, structure and competencies not allowing JNCC to fulfil its role;
- total loss of key scientific information or failure to maintain key data sets; and
- inappropriate decisions and/or missed opportunities through inability to easily retrieve information.

5. Financial control

JNCC's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information provision, administration procedures (including the segregation of duties), and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- a newly implemented financial management information system;
- comprehensive budgeting systems with an annual budget which is reviewed and agreed by the Executive Management Board;
- regular reviews by the Executive Management Board of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts; and
- setting targets to measure financial performance and timeliness of target completion.

6. Corporate governance

Control of the process for maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control is exercised by the following:

6.1 The Joint Nature Conservation Committee

Members of the Joint Committee have overall responsibility for fulfilling its statutory functions and promoting the efficient and effective use of resources by JNCC. The Joint Committee reviews annual reports from the Audit and Risk Management Committee on JNCC's and the company's control and risk management. It also has responsibility for submitting to the Secretary of State the JNCC's annual report and accounts. All Committee papers are placed within a risk context.

The appointment and conduct of Joint Committee members are in accordance with relevant codes of practice. The Joint Committee meets quarterly. An Accountability Framework Document, Management Statement and Financial Memorandum set out the respective roles, responsibilities, duties and powers relevant to the exercise of JNCC's functions of JNCC, Defra, the devolved administrations, the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland and the UK conservation bodies (Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales and the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside).

6.2 The Company Board

The Board has overall responsibility for discharging the Joint Committee's corporate and business plans and for maintaining an effective framework of corporate governance to ensure that the Joint Committee fulfils its responsibilities for promoting the efficient and effective use of staff and other resources by JNCC. This includes maintaining effective systems of risk management and audit, financial management and planning and monitoring.

Members of the Board must be members of the Joint Committee or its senior staff. The Board meets quarterly.

6.3 The Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is a sub-committee of the Company Board and has an exclusively non-executive membership. The Audit and Risk Management Committee accounts to the Board and to the Joint Committee. Its role is to support the Board in their responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance and associated issues. The Committee meets quarterly.

6.4 Executive Management Board

The Executive Management Board is a sub-committee of the Company Board. It comprises the Managing Director and two executive directors and meets monthly. The Executive Management Board has responsibility for directing and managing the affairs of the company to deliver corporate and business plans within a framework of effective controls. The Executive Management Board has responsibility for managing, reviewing and assessing the corporate risks of the organisation.

A schedule of delegations sets out the way in which the Joint Committee's responsibilities have been delegated to the above groups and where appropriate sub-delegated to other management groups and staff.

6.5 Internal audit

Internal audit of JNCC and its support company is carried out by Deloitte & Touche Public Sector Internal Audit Limited. They submit regular reports in accordance with the requirements of Government Internal Audit Standards. The reports include the assurance levels for each system on the adequacy and effectiveness of JNCC's system of internal control together with recommendations for improvement.

7. Strategy, planning & performance management

JNCC is the statutory adviser to Government on UK and international nature conservation. Its work contributes to maintaining and enriching biological diversity, conserving geological features and sustaining natural systems.

In 2004, the Joint Committee established a vision and strategy, comprising a mission statement and strategic objectives.

Biennially JNCC produces a corporate plan covering three years ahead which sets out its targets and associated budgets (indicative for years two and three). The corporate plan is produced in consultation with Defra, the devolved administrations, the Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland), and the UK conservation bodies. For the second year of the corporate plan a business plan amplifying the relevant year of the corporate plan is also developed in the same way. Corporate and business plans seek to enable the JNCC to deliver its strategy. The vision, strategy and corporate plans are published on JNCC's website.

Performance against targets and budgets is monitored throughout the organisation and by the Executive Management Board. Quarterly reports are made to the Company Board.

8. Project management

JNCC has had no projects of a scale requiring the Office of Government Commerce mandatory programme and project management controls to be in place. However, projects that are considered to carry significant risks in relation to JNCC's budget, objectives and wider obligations are subject to relevant project management methodology. During 2006/07 a new financial management system was successfully acquired and implemented. A full range of controls was put in place.

9. Change management

For 2006/07 we developed a corporate change programme for JNCC. This was a new approach in JNCC and was put in place to limit the amount of developmental work to JNCC's capacity for change. Risk registers were used to inform prioritisation of potential projects and resource availability to inform scheduling. The programme included the following priority projects: development of an external communications strategy; acquisition and implementation of a finance system; strategic reviews of core work programmes; improving JNCC's environmental performance; and a review of office accommodation in Aberdeen. The change programme was approved and overseen by the Executive Management Board.

Mr Deryck Steer,
Managing Director, June 2007

JNCC financial statements

Operating cost statement for the year 31 March 2007

	Notes	06/07 £000	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Gross income				
European Union funds		722		954
Income from activities	3	1,219		1,313
			1,941	2,267
Expenditure				
Staff costs	4.1	4,196		3,980
Conservation support	5	3,190		3,277
Other operating costs	6	1,242		1,169
Information and publicity	7	214		215
Depreciation	8.1, 8.2	123		85
Impairment of asset values	8.1, 8.2	(10)		18
			8,955	8,744
(Deficit) on operating activities			(7,014)	(6,477)
Profit/(loss) on sale of fixed assets			2	0
Interest receivable			19	19
Notional costs	9		(15)	(18)
(Deficit) on operating activities			(7,008)	(6,476)
Add back notional costs	9		15	18
Transfer from government grant reserve	10		117	103
Retained deficit for the financial year			(6,876)	(6,355)

All income and expenditure is derived solely from continuing operations. There have been no material acquisitions or disposals in the year.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

	Notes	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Deficit for the financial year		(6,876)	(6,355)
Grant for capital assets	10	140	58
Net (loss)/gain on revaluation of assets	10	0	(9)
Transfer from government grant reserve	10	(117)	(103)
Total (losses)/gains relating to the year		(6,853)	(6,409)

The accounting policies and notes on pages 55-61 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2007

	Notes	06/07 £000	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Fixed assets				
Intangible assets	8.1		87	39
Tangible assets	8.2		296	321
Total fixed assets			383	360
Current assets				
Stocks	12	78		89
Debtors	13	1,064		1,764
Cash at bank and in hand		435		31
			1,577	1,884
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,528)		(1,797)
Net current assets			49	87
Total assets less current liabilities			432	447
Provision for liabilities				
Provision for pension costs	15		(3)	(2)
Total assets less all liabilities			429	445
Capitals and reserves				
Government grant reserve	10		383	360
Retained earning	11		46	85
			429	445

Cashflow statement for the year ended 31 March 2007

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Operating activities		
Grant in aid received	6,837	6,303
Receipts	2,642	1,445
Payments	(9,100)	(7,853)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities (See Note 1)	379	(105)
Returns on investment		
Interest received	19	18
Capital expenditure		
Payments to acquire fixed assets	(140)	(58)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	6	0
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing	264	(145)
Financing		
Government grants received and applied to the purchase of fixed assets	140	58
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (see Note 2)	404	(87)

Note 1 to the cashflow statement

Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash (outflow) from operating activities:

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Operating (deficit)	(7,014)	(6,477)
Grant in aid received	6,837	6,303
Depreciation charge	123	85
Impairment of asset values	(10)	18
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	11	31
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	700	(824)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(269)	757
Increase in pension provision	1	2
Net inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	379	(105)

Note 2 to the cashflow statement

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds:

	At 1 April 2006 £000	Cashflows £000	At 31 March 2007 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	31	404	435

Notes to the financial statements

1 Statement of accounting policies

Basis of accounting

1.1

- The financial statements are intended, without limiting the information given, to meet the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and 1989 and the Statements of Standard Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting Standards issued or approved by the Accounting Standards Board, insofar as these requirements are appropriate. These accounts have been assembled in accordance with guidance provided by the *Financial Reporting Manual (FRM)*.
- The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of fixed assets to market value, or, where material, uplifted by an appropriate index. Revaluations of tangible fixed assets are taken to a government grant reserve.

1.2 The Committee is not a body corporate and cannot enter into any contracts or liabilities in its own right. All such commitments are entered into by the JNCC Support Co on its behalf. Funding is provided by the three GB conservation bodies and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland, and all assets and liabilities are shared between them as follows: Natural England – 56.22 per cent, Scottish Natural Heritage – 25.87 per cent, Countryside Council for Wales – 12.94 per cent and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland – 4.97 per cent.

Fixed assets and depreciation

1.3 Depreciation is provided on all tangible and intangible fixed assets other than land at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Improvement to leasehold properties	Depreciated over life of individual leases
Computer equipment	5 years
Other equipment	5 to 10 years
Vehicles	5 years
Software licences	5 years

- Improvements to leasehold properties have been valued at depreciated historical cost and, where material, values are updated annually using indices for buildings and works contained within the *Price Index Numbers for Current Cost Accounting* published by the Office for National Statistics.
- Computer equipment and furniture have been valued at depreciated historical cost and, where material, values are updated annually using *Price Index Numbers for Current Cost Accounting* published by the Office for National Statistics.
- Other equipment and vehicles are valued at depreciated historical cost and, where material, values are updated annually using *Price Index Numbers for Current Cost Accounting* published by the Office for National Statistics.
- Intangible assets in the form of software licences have been valued at depreciated historical cost and, where material, values are updated annually using *Price Index Numbers for Current Cost Accounting* published by the Office for National Statistics.
- Fixed assets costing less than £2,000 are charged to the operating cost statement in the year of purchase.

Stock valuation

1.4 Stocks are valued using the lower of cost or net realisable value. The stock valuation is adjusted for obsolete stock, which is considered to be those stocks with levels of over five years worth of sales remaining and where it is considered unlikely that there will be any future income flow.

Bad debts

1.5 Bad debts are written off to the operating cost statement when they are at least 12 months old and they are considered uneconomic to recover. There were no bad debts in either 2005/06 or 2006/07.

Value added taxation (VAT)

1.6 As from 1 April 2005 the JNCC Support Co has been registered for VAT purposes and VAT returns are completed on a quarterly basis.

Grants receivable

1.7 Government grants received of a revenue nature are treated as financing and therefore credited to the retained earnings reserve in the year to which they relate and offset against the retained deficit for the year. Grants for depreciable capital expenditure are credited to a government grant reserve and are released to revenue over the expected useful life of a relevant asset by equal annual amounts. Funding received from the European Union is treated as income and is matched to project expenditure during the year it is incurred.

Research and development

1.8 The Committee writes off all expenditure on research and development in the year it occurs.

Notional costs

1.9 In line with HM Treasury guidance, the *Financial Reporting Manual (FRM)*, the Committee recognise notional costs with respect to cost of capital.

Cost of capital – The financing structure of the Committee does not include specific interest-bearing debt, but to ensure that the operating cost statement bears an appropriate charge for the use of capital in the business in the year, a notional interest charge is included. In accordance with Treasury guidance, the calculation is based on a 3.5 per cent cost of capital on average net assets.

Operating leases

1.10 Rentals are charged to the operating cost statement as incurred over the life of each lease.

Treatment of foreign exchange differences

1.11 Transactions that are denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rate on the date of the transaction. Any gains or losses on exchange are taken to the operating cost statement in the year in which they are incurred.

Pension arrangements

1.12 The Chairman is entitled to a pension scheme but is prohibited from joining the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS). A personal scheme may be set up which is described as “by analogy to the PCSPS”. An evaluation of the liabilities arising under this arrangement in accordance with FRS retirement benefits has not been made and is not considered material to these accounts.

Under the arrangements of PCSPS an employer would pay Accruing Superannuation Liability Charges (ASLC) to the Cabinet Office based on the following ASLC bands and rates:

Band 1	£19,000 and under	17.1 per cent
Band 2	£19,001 to £39,000	19.5 per cent
Band 3	£39,001 to £66,500	23.2 per cent
Band 4	£66,501 and over	25.5 per cent

The scheme's actuary reviews employer contributions every four years following a full scheme valuation by the Government Actuary. The contribution rates reflect benefits as they are accrued, not when the costs are actually incurred, and reflect past experience of the scheme.

Managing risk in financial instruments

1.13 As with other Non-Departmental Public Bodies, JNCC limits its drawings from the sponsor department so as to keep cash balances at a minimum level consistent with the efficient operation of the Committee.

The JNCC Support Co holds all surplus funds in an interest-bearing current account. All foreign currency received is converted to sterling on receipt and therefore there is no exposure to interest rate risk.

Payment transactions that are denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rate on the date of the transaction.

2 Government grant in aid

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Grant in aid receivable in respect of:		
Grant in aid entitled to receive in cash terms	6,977	6,361
Capital expenditure	(140)	(58)
Transferred to retained earnings statement (Note 11)	6,837	6,303

3 Income from activities

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Advice and other services	1,056	981
Other receipts	113	278
Sales of publications	50	54
	1,219	1,313

Income from sales is stated net of VAT and trade discounts.

4.1 Staff costs

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Direct costs of salaries excluding National Insurance:		
Staff	3,236	3,127
Accruing Superannuation Liability Charge payment	640	564
Social security costs	255	224
Chair	35	35
Independent Committee members	30	30
	4,196	3,980

4.2 Staff numbers

The average number of staff during the year was 123. These were employed as follows:

	06/07 No	05/06 No
Permanent staff:		
Chairman and independent Committee members	4	4
Management	15	15
Operational	57	61
Administration	28	27
IT	3	3
	107	110
Temporary and contract staff:		
Operational	0	8
Administration	15	1
	16	9
Total	123	119

5 Conservation support

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Contracted out survey and research	2,528	2,144
Other costs	662	1,133
	3,190	3,277

6 Other operating costs

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Accommodation costs	368	338
Staff travel and subsistence costs	294	297
Other support costs	130	101
Equipment and consumables	191	165
Postage and telephones	72	79
Staff support costs	100	95
Hospitality	25	11
Audit fee	50	47
Library	3	27
Committee members' travel and subsistence costs	9	9
	1,242	1,169

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
The above costs include:		
Operating lease rentals	225	174

7 Information and publicity

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Publications	149	181
Other publicity costs	65	34
	214	215

8.1 Intangible fixed assets at cost or revaluation

	Software licences £000
As at 1 April 2006	77
Additions during year	77
Impairment	(8)
As at 31 March 2007	146
Less depreciation as at 1 April 2006	38
Charge for the year	44
Less depreciation on impairment	(23)
As at 31 March 2007	59
Written down value as at 31 March 2007	87
Written down value as at 31 March 2006	39
Cumulative provision for impairment at 31 March 2007	(19)
Cumulative provision for impairment at 31 March 2006	(33)
Historic cost at 31 March 2007	188
Accumulated historic depreciation	(93)
Net historic cost at 31 March 2006	95

No interest was payable in 2006/2007, interest charges of £3,657 were payable in 2005/06. There were no bad debts in 2005/2006 or 2006/2007.

8.2 Tangible fixed assets at cost or revaluation

	Improvements to leasehold premises	Computer equipment	Other equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
As at 1 April 2006	411	170	287	22	889
Additions during year	7	36	19		62
Less disposals			(39)	(22)	(61)
Revaluation					
Impairment		(14)	(7)		(21)
As at 31 March 2007	417	192	261	0	870
Less depreciation as at 1 April 2006	287	104	159	18	568
Charge for the year	16	31	31	1	79
Less depreciation on disposals			(37)	(20)	(57)
Less depreciation on impairment		(15)	(3)	1	(17)
As at 31 March 2007	303	120	150	0	573
Written down values at 31 March 2007	114	71	111		296
Written down values at 31 March 2006	124	66	128	4	322
Cumulative provision for impairment					
at 31 March 2007		(12)	(4)		(16)
at 31 March 2006		(12)			(12)
Historic cost at 31 March 2007	318	357	260	0	935
Accumulated historic depreciation	(232)	(278)	(148)	0	(659)
Net historic cost at 31 March 2007	86	79	112	0	277

Operating leases: As at 31 March 2007 the Committee had annual commitments under operating leases as set out below:

	Buildings £000
Operating leases which expire:	
Within one year	32
In the second to fifth year inclusive	193
Over five years	0

All leasehold buildings are short-term leases as defined in accounting policy Note 1.3 (Fixed assets and depreciation).

9 Notional costs

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Cost of capital	15	18

10 Government grant reserve

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Balance brought forward at 1 April	360	414
Arising on revaluations in the year	0	(9)
Capital grant received in the year and applied to the purchase of capital assets	140	58
	500	463
Transfer to operating cost statement		
Depreciation for the year	123	85
Release of unexpended depreciation on assets disposed of in year	4	0
Impairment of asset values	(10)	18
	117	103
Transfer from operating cost statement		
Balance carried forward at 31 March	383	360

11 Retained earnings

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Retained surplus brought forward	85	137
Grant in aid receivable		
Grant in aid received from English Nature/Natural England	3,843	3,602
Grant in aid received from Scottish Natural Heritage	1,769	1,800
Grant in aid received from the Countryside Council for Wales	885	901
Grant in aid received from the Department for the Environment in Northern Ireland	340	0
	6,837	6,303
Deficit from operating cost statement	(6,876)	(6,355)
Balance as at 31 March 2007	46	85

All income and expenditure is derived solely from continuing operations. There have been no material acquisitions or disposals in the year.

12 Stocks

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Publications	78	89

13 Debtors

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Trade debtors	945	736
Prepayments	109	108
Other debtors	10	920
	1,064	1,764

14 Creditors

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Trade creditors	1,023	1,409
Deferred income	267	283
Other creditors	231	94
VAT creditor	7	10
	1,528	1,797

15 Pensions provision

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Balance brought forward at 1 April	(2)	0
Provision for year	(1)	(2)
Transfers out	0	0
Balance carried forward at 31 March	(3)	(2)

This provision represents future liabilities under a separate pension scheme described as "by analogy to the main scheme" which was set up by Defra for Mr Adrian Darby, Chair of the JNCC. In accordance with Accountancy Policy note 1.12 the full requirements of FRS17 "Retirement Benefits" have not been applied to this arrangement.

16 Reconciliation of movements in public funds

	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
Opening public funds	445	551
Retained deficit in the financial year	(6,876)	(6,355)
Grant in aid received	6,837	6,303
Movement on government grant account	23	(54)
Closing public funds	429	445

17 Grant in aid income

Breakdown of grant in aid income (excluding capital) attributable to the three GB conservation bodies and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland:

	06/07 %	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
English Nature/Natural England	56.22	3,843	3,602
Scottish Natural Heritage	25.87	1,769	1,800
Countryside Council for Wales	12.94	885	901
Department for the Environment in Northern Ireland	4.97	340	0
		6,837	6,303

18 Net revenue expenditure

Breakdown of net revenue expenditure incurred by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee on behalf of the three GB conservation bodies and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland:

	06/07 %	06/07 £000	05/06 £000
English Nature/Natural England	56.22	5,042	5,008
Scottish Natural Heritage	25.87	2,320	2,502
Countryside Council for Wales	12.94	1,161	1,252
Department for the Environment in Northern Ireland	4.97	446	0
		8,970	8,762

19 Contingent liabilities

There is no requirement for a contingent liability for 2006/2007. There was a contingent liability in 2004/2005 for a disputed service charge for Monkstone House. It is JNCC's opinion that this will not be pursued further.

20 Losses and special payments

During the year there were no losses or special payments identified (there were none in 2005/06).

21 Intra-government balances

	Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year £000	Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year £000	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year £000	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year £000
Balances with other central government bodies	494	0	85	0
Total as at 31 March 2007	494	0	85	0
Total as at 31 March 2006	629	0	109	0

There were no balances outstanding with local authorities, public corporations and trading funds or NHS trusts in 2006/07 or 2005/06.

22 Related party transactions

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee is the statutory adviser to the Government on UK and international nature conservation, on behalf of the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside, the Countryside Council for Wales, Natural England and Scottish Natural Heritage.

JNCC receives its grant-in-aid funding from Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales (the GB conservation bodies) and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland. The GB Conservation Bodies are regarded as Non-Departmental Public Bodies respectively sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Executive and the Welsh Assembly.

The GB Conservation Bodies and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland are related parties. During the year the company has carried out a number of material transactions with these bodies in the normal course of business.

During the year the Committee, in the normal course of its business, entered into material transactions with the following organisations in which Committee members, key management staff or other related parties have a financial interest:

Table of transactions between JNCC and related bodies

Individual staff/ Committee member	Corporate related body	Paid by JNCC 06/07 (05/06) £000	Paid to JNCC 06/07 (05/06) £000	Nature of transactions
Dr L Blakiston-Houston	Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside RSPB (Member)	0 (0) 5 (3)	1 (0) 1 (6)	Memorandum of Agreement (M of A)
Dr R Brown	BTO (Member) Butterfly Conservation (Member) Marine Conservation Society (Member)	625 (611) 5 (6) 8 (29)	0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0)	M of A M of A M of A
Mr Adrian Darby	RSPB (Fellow and Vice-president) Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (Member) BTO (Member) Game Conservancy (Member) PlantLife International	5 (3) 60 (37) 625 (611) 12 (10) 5 (0)	1 (6) 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (0)	M of A M of A M of A M of A M of A
Mr D Hill	RSPB (Member) BTO (Member)	5 (3) 625 (611)	1 (6) 0 (0)	M of A M of A
Prof D Ingram	Glasgow University (Hon Professor) University of Edinburgh (Hon Professor)	0 (3) 1 (0)	0 (0) 0 (0)	M of A M of A
Mr J Lloyd Jones	RSPB (Member)	5 (3)	1 (6)	M of A

Dr M Moser	RSPB (Council member) BTO (Member) Wetlands International (Councillor of Honour)	5 (3) 625 (611) 50 (50)	1 (6) 0 (0) 0 (0)	M of A M of A M of A
Mr D Pritchard	RSPB (International Treaties Adviser) IUCN (Task Force member) Wetlands International (Director)	5 (3) 6 (0) 50 (50)	1 (6) 12 (0) 0 (0)	M of A M of A M of A
Mr Bryan Riddleston	RSPB (Trustee)	5 (3)	1 (6)	M of A
Mr D Steer	National Biodiversity Network Trust (Trustee and Treasurer)	47 (15)	63 (64)	M of A
Mr M Usher	Cambridge University Press (Editor "Ecology, Biodiversity and Conservation")	0 (0)	2 (1)	M of A
Prof L Warren	British Geological Survey (NERC) Environment Agency The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales	0 (3) 24 (1) 8 (7)	0 (0) 3 (20) 0 (0)	M of A M of A M of A
Mr M Yeo	National Biodiversity Network Trust (Trustee) Stichting/EEAC (Board Member and Secretary-Treasurer)	47 (15) 23 (18)	63 (64) 0 (1)	M of A M of A

JNCC performance against targets for 2006/07



Fully achieved



Substantially achieved



Not achieved

Key performance indicator	Performance rating	Comments relating to performance
Strategic vision		
By March 2007, develop a framework of targets, strategies and other measures for nature conservation to a sufficient degree to enable advice to be produced for Government and other key stakeholders of what developments to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan will be needed to help achieve the vision for wildlife and natural features.		The Vision Framework document has been published and links have been made between work on the Framework and the future direction of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. The 'targets' component of the Framework has yet to be completed although significant progress has been made. The Framework will continue to be adjusted as knowledge develops.
Global advice		
Provide high-quality scientific input to meetings of the technical groups in support of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the Ramsar Convention, the Bonn Convention and the World Heritage Convention.		Significant scientific input was provided to various multilateral environmental agreements, including CBD (meeting on island biodiversity in Bangkok in December), CITES (Animals Committee in July 2006 and preparation for the 14th Conference of the Parties in June 2007), Ramsar (Standing Committee in February 2007) and Bonn (Scientific Council in March 2007).
By June 2006, analyse the JNCC's contribution to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) 2010 biodiversity target and associated UK implementation plan.		Work was deferred to 2007/08 because of other high-priority work in support of the Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group on Biodiversity.
Overseas Territories		
By September 2006, undertake an analysis of the JNCC's current and potential role and future strategic direction in supporting nature conservation work in the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies (linked to the Defra WSSD delivery plan for international biodiversity). Develop concurrently a funding, implementation and influencing strategy for the same.		A strategic direction for JNCC's future work in the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies was endorsed by the Joint Committee in June 2006. Development of a full implementation strategy has been deferred to 2007/08. In the meantime, additional resources have been secured, including Overseas Territories Environment Programme funding for projects on environmental economics.
Provide high-quality scientific advice on implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles in the Indian Ocean and SE Asia (IOSEA agreement) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP).		There was little requirement for input to the IOSEA turtle agreement during the year. JNCC made significant input to ACAP, in particular through providing the chair for the Advisory Committee. Major outcomes from the 2nd Meeting of the Parties in November 2006 were agreement on a strategy to address by-catch issues, and agreement that the Advisory Committee would develop a capacity-building strategy and would work particularly on ameliorating a rapidly deteriorating situation for albatrosses. Funding has been secured for a JNCC-employed post in the Falklands Islands dealing with by-catch issues and co-ordinating input to ACAP from the south Atlantic Overseas Territories.
UK's global impact		
By June 2006, identify a list of issues and geographical areas for priority action, based on an analysis of trade, tourism and overseas investment data.		Following discussion with Government departments, a set of core countries for further work has been identified - Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia and South Africa. Work on the impacts of trade has focussed on biofuels, with further priorities to be identified in 2007/08.
By October 2006, develop an information model (based on a web delivery mechanism) for management of the relevant information, linking trade, investment and tourism data to biodiversity.		A demonstration database and associated web delivery tool have been developed and functional versions are now close to completion. The database holds information on key commodities imported into the UK, comprising trade statistics, countries of origin for materials, and documents describing commodity impacts and best practice solutions.
By January 2007, develop specific case studies, using example commodities or specific activities, to illustrate methods for manipulating information, assessing impacts on biodiversity and identifying opportunities for developing policy based on this analysis.		Case studies have been incorporated in the global impacts database. Substantial progress has been made in developing policy advice on biofuels.

European advice

Support Defra in improving the EU Sustainable Development Strategy and in influencing the EU Marine Thematic Strategy and the Maritime Green Paper process.	☹️	<p>Joint agency advice on the Sustainable Development Strategy was prepared and disseminated to a wide range of stakeholders. Some elements of the final version of the Strategy were consistent with our advice.</p> <p>Advice on EU marine policy initiatives has been provided to Defra throughout the year but has been hampered by lack of resources.</p>
Complete a significant contribution to the production of the European Commission guidance for marine Natura 2000.	😊	JNCC's contribution to the marine Natura 2000 guidance was completed in summer 2006.

UK advice

By September 2006, develop a clear strategy and role for the JNCC in the consideration of climate change and nature conservation.	😊	<p>In September 2006 the Joint Committee endorsed a list of priorities for UK and international work on climate change and nature conservation. The Committee also approved the establishment of an Inter-Agency Climate Change Forum to co-ordinate the implementation of these priorities. Two meetings of the Forum have been held.</p>
By December 2006, develop case studies and tools for implementing the ecosystem approach as a practical mechanism for achieving sustainable development.	😊	<p>Available case studies have been placed on the revised UK Clearing House Mechanism website, which will go live later this year. Further case studies are currently being developed. A manual for application of the ecosystem approach is being developed jointly with the Convention on Biological Diversity secretariat.</p>
By December 2006, develop an approach for using socio-economic information to support nature conservation advice and the development of conservation strategies.	😊	<p>Two priorities for JNCC's work on environmental economics have been identified: a) enhancing decision-making through the valuation of ecosystem goods and services; and b) developing incentives and financing for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. These approaches are being tested through projects at global, European and UK scales.</p>

Marine mapping and area protection

By June 2006, develop a broadscale map of seabed and water column features for the UK Continental Shelf.	😊	Broadscale maps for seabed and water column for UK waters have been completed and are available via a webGIS application.
Recommend to Government a series of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in the offshore marine zone, in conjunction with parallel work by the country agencies in the inshore zone to fulfil EC Habitats Directive obligations, aiming to have completed advice on 60% of the site series by 2010.	☹️	<p>Recommendations have been made for eight offshore SACs based on existing data. Following receipt of additional funding from Defra an enhanced survey programme has been established and will eventually lead to the identification of additional SACs.</p>
Recommend to Government a series of Special Protection Areas (SPAs) in the offshore marine zone, in conjunction with parallel work by the country agencies in the inshore zone, to fulfil EC Birds Directive obligations; by December 2008, complete guidance on seaward extensions of seabird breeding colony SPAs, analyse data for at least nine inshore aggregations of non-breeding birds and progress the identification of offshore seabird aggregations.	😊	<p>Significant progress has been made in preparing generic guidance on the selection of SPAs for red-throated divers and terns, and in undertaking survey and analysis of data for inshore and offshore aggregations of seabirds.</p>

Standard and target setting

By March 2007, publish a further three volumes of the Geological Conservation Review (GCR) series, with the aim of completing publication of the series by December 2007.	☹️	<p>During the year, one GCR volume was published and substantial progress was made towards preparing subsequent volumes for publication.</p>
By December 2006, work with the country agencies and Government to establish a coherent suite of biological and geological targets that will cover existing international obligations and deliver the vision for wildlife and natural features.	☹️	<p>Initial scoping work has been completed but significant further work is required to conclude this as an element of the JNCC UK Nature Conservation Framework.</p>

Strategy for surveillance, reporting and research

By March 2007, finalise strategies for surveillance, reporting and research following consultation with key stakeholders.



A draft strategy has been prepared and consultation with selected stakeholders has been undertaken.

Surveillance and monitoring

Annually, or periodically as appropriate, ensure that surveillance is undertaken in relation to breeding land and sea birds, non-breeding water birds, bats and selected other mammals, butterflies and a selected range of other threatened species.



Ongoing surveillance of the specified species groups was successfully completed during the year.

By December 2006, produce initial frameworks for marine and terrestrial habitat surveillance, piloting how to co-ordinate, analyse, interpret and enhance existing effort to provide better support for global and European biological and geological diversity targets.



A framework for terrestrial habitat surveillance has been developed. Work on a marine framework is being taken forward as part of the UK Marine Monitoring and Assessment Strategy.

By March 2008, deliver a revised flow of annual/periodic status and trend measures for species and habitats much more closely aligned with target setting, outcome measures and advice, so that, through wildlife statistics, the surveillance is relevant to a broad range of cross-cutting policies in addition to informing species and site-based conservation.



Substantial progress has been made in defining the changes needed to achieve this target. These involve creating re-usable surveillance outputs, improving the collation and synthesis of data to produce summaries of the state of biodiversity and geodiversity, undertaking data analysis and interpretation, and delivering policy-relevant advice.

Access to information

By March 2007, review the higher level structure of the JNCC website and develop a costed plan for the complete redevelopment of the site to improve navigation and better reflect the JNCC strategy.



Comments on the JNCC website have been obtained from a representative selection of internal and external users. As a result of this, a revised top-level structure for the website has been devised which will better reflect the JNCC strategy.

By March 2007, consolidate the species component of the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Gateway and ensure the system is both secure and reliable and has adequate documentation of the technology to allow longer term support.



There has been considerable progress in developing the technology delivering the species functionality of the NBN and particularly the establishment of enhanced functionality to allow tighter integration with other systems. The infrastructure needed to support the expected increased demand has been reviewed and a technical strategy developed. Implementation of the strategy is scheduled for completion by July 2007.

Policy-relevant information and reporting

By December 2006, plan for incorporation of marine statistics into the programme.



Arrangements have been put in place to collect marine information that will provide supporting evidence for development of the UK Marine Monitoring and Assessment Strategy.

Progressively, and by 2008, publish annual statistics on the status of UK wildlife sufficient to support all relevant policy needs.



Production of an annual report on the state of UK nature is underway and the final report will be presented to the Joint Committee in June 2008.

By April 2007, contribute to the reporting of favourable conservation status, the refreshing of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP), and the production of UK biodiversity indicators.



Evidence was provided to support the preparation of the UK assessment of the conservation status of habitats and species listed on the annexes of the Habitats Directive, the revision of the UK BAP priority lists, and the development of UK biodiversity indicators.

Support services

By October 2006, ensure the successful implementation of a new financial system and associated procedures.



A new financial system was successfully implemented in October 2006.

By March 2007, produce a Sustainable Development Action Plan for the JNCC.



JNCC's Sustainable Development Action Plan was completed in March 2007.

Research contracts

Title	Contractor	Cost £
Provision of advice to the Land Use Policy Group on EC agriculture and environment policies	Institute for European Environmental Policy	10,893.00
European intelligence	Institute for European Environmental Policy	81,193.00
Monitoring of UK goose and swan populations 2004–07	WWT Consulting	37,622.00
Analysis of mammal data from the Breeding Bird Survey 2006/07	British Trust for Ornithology	6,803.00
Review of Marine Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats and species	MarLIN	32,231.00
Monitoring of seabirds on the Isle of May	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	14,321.00
Canna seabird studies	Highland Ringing Group	2,300.00
Population monitoring of seabirds on Skomer	Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales	6,210.00
Seabird survival monitoring on Skomer	University of Oxford	6,460.00
Fair Isle seabird studies	Fair Isle Bird Observatory Trust	8,754.00
Monitoring of breeding success of cliff-nesting seabirds on Orkney	Dennis Paice	3,300.00
Compilation and drafting of UK report for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels 2006	Helen Riley	5,000.00
Provision of marine biological data	EMU Ltd	9,841.00
Provision of seabed habitat mapping to MESH Project	EMU Ltd	9,044.00
Developing a survey plan for 2006–2008 for Annex 1 habitats in the UK	British Geological Survey	32,242.00
Seabird survey – Shetland Isles	Mark Lewis	5,435.00
Scientific support for the UK implementation of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels	British Antarctic Survey	9,980.00
MESH habitat map translation	Exegesis	143,210.00
MESH habitat map translation	ERT (Scotland)	10,927.00
Understanding the marine environment – seabed habitat investigations of offshore SAC priority areas of search 2006	ERT (Scotland)	132,929.00
Understanding the marine environment – seabed habitat investigations of offshore SAC priority areas of search 2006	Agri-Food And Bioscience Institute	38,111.00
Wildlife and pollution contract 2006/2007	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	68,274.00
Analysis of video and stills camera data from eastern English Channel	Envision	11,550.00
Further development of the UK Clearing House Mechanism	Environmental Consulting	2,287.00
Miscellaneous seabird monitoring studies	The Seabird Group	2,600.00
Provision of secretariat services to the Rare Breeding Birds Panel	Mark Holling	9,500.00
Monitoring of severe winter weather 2006/2007	Met Office	3,693.00
Shore-based counts of seaduck, divers and grebes	E J Williams	4,811.00
Produce practical definitions of structure and function to monitor and survey the marine environment	MIRAG Ltd	17,069.00
Distribution and abundance data for inshore waterbirds	WWT Consulting	31,351.00
The impacts of ozone on nature conservation: a review and recommendations for research and policy advice	University of York	9,932.00
Re-analysis of video data from the Eastern Channel	Envision	8,754.00
Development of a model of intra-specific and multi-specific trends	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	5,050.00
Referee and edit <i>Mineralogy of Scotland and England and Wales</i>	Dr Richard E Bevins	8,000.00
Scoping study – Options for use of global impacts programme database	J S Publications	8,081.00
Annotated checklist of CITES listed corals of Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Vanatu	University Of South Pacific	1,550.00
Scientific editing of GCR volume <i>Variscan and alpine structures of Great Britain</i>	Dr Mark Anderson	2,400.00
Biological Records Centre agreement	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	163,200.00
Bats partnership agreement 2006/2007	Bat Conservation Trust	84,050.00
Ornithological services and additional Wetland Bird Survey service	British Trust for Ornithology	611,256.00
National Biodiversity Network Gateway project	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	67,000.00
UK butterfly monitoring scheme	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	40,000.00
Winter gull roost	British Trust for Ornithology	4,600.00
National gamebag census mammal analysis	Game Conservancy Trust	10,506.00

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