

Table 70 Rent 'surpluses', housing subsidy and housing benefit subsidy

£ million

	1990/91 outturn	1991/92 outturn	1992/93 outturn	1993/94 outturn	1994/95 outturn	1995/96 outturn	1996/97 outturn	1997/98 outturn	1998/99 outturn	1999/00 outturn	2000/01 outturn	2001/02 estimate	2002/03 plans	2003/04 plans
Positive housing subsidy	1,357	1,156	1,003	827	777	644	666	657	539	485	445	983	943	952
– Rent 'surpluses'	201	283	495	706	885	1,051	1,146	1,220	1,320	1,417	1,453	581	640	650
= Net housing subsidy	1,156	873	508	121	- 108	- 408	- 481	- 563	- 781	- 932	- 1,008	402	303	302
Gross rent rebates	2,505	2,877	3,453	4,005	4,250	4,431	4,455	4,345	4,151	4,035	3,920	3,936	4,019	3,915
– Rent 'surpluses'	201	283	495	706	885	1,051	1,146	1,220	1,320	1,417	1,453	581	640	650
= Net rebate subsidy	2,304	2,594	2,958	3,299	3,365	3,380	3,309	3,125	2,831	2,618	2,467	3,355	3,379	3,265
+ Positive housing subsidy	1,357	1,156	1,003	827	777	644	666	657	539	485	445	983	943	952
= Total HRA subsidy	3,661	3,750	3,961	4,126	4,142	4,023	3,975	3,783	3,370	3,103	2,912	4,388	4,322	4,217

Sources: Department of Local Government, Transport and the Regions Annual Reports, Cm 2807, Cm 3207, Cm 3607, Cm 3906, Cm 4204, Cm 4604, Cm 5105 & Cm 5405.

Notes: Rent surpluses are technically described as 'negative housing subsidy entitlements'. The increase in positive housing subsidy in 2001/02 is a consequence of the introduction of major repairs allowances.