

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. The subsidy system requiring notional rent surpluses to be set against the costs of rent rebates was abolished at the end of 2003/04.