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Ref: PQ88783

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Dear Mr O'Brien,

**Re: PQ88783 To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the annual budget was for (a) OFSTED, (b) OFQUAL and (c) the Office for Students in each year since 2005.**

Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Education), Olivia Bailey, has asked Ofqual to respond directly to your recent Parliamentary Question. A copy of this response will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Ofqual was established in April 2010 under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009. The annual budget figures from 2011 onwards are summarised below:

	2010-11 Estimate £000	2011-12 Estimate £000	2012-13 Estimate £000	2013-14 Estimate £000	2014-15 Estimate £000	2015-16 Estimate £000
Resource DEL	17,300	18,106	18,058	18,554	21,009	22,653
Capital DEL	5,500	700	100	100	100	35
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>18,806</b>	<b>18,158</b>	<b>18,654</b>	<b>21,109</b>	<b>22,688</b>

	<b>2016-17 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2017-18 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2018-19 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2019-20 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2020-21 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2021-22 Estimate £000</b>
Resource DEL	19,696	17,904	18,643	19,396	22,826	25,131
Capital DEL	0	267	100	170	781	400
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>19,696</b>	<b>18,171</b>	<b>18,743</b>	<b>19,566</b>	<b>23,607</b>	<b>25,531</b>

	<b>2022-23 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2023-24 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2024-25 Estimate £000</b>	<b>2025-26 Estimate £000</b>
Resource DEL	28,432	30,697	30,598	31,424
Capital DEL	742	805	450	450
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>29,174</b>	<b>31,502</b>	<b>31,048</b>	<b>31,874</b>

In 2009-10 Ofqual was part of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), a Non-Departmental Public Body funded primarily by Grant-in-Aid from the Department for Education. Accordingly, there was no Parliamentary Supply in 2009-10. However, Ofqual's share of the Grant receivable by QCA was £18,442K.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Ian Bauckham CBE**  
Chief Regulator, Ofqual