

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Report is made by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (“the Secretary of State”), and laid before the House of Commons, under section 78A of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”)¹. It applies in relation to England only.
- 1.2 This Report sets out the Secretary of State's determination for the financial year 2008/2009, made under section 78 of the 1988 Act², of the amount of Revenue Support Grant for that year, what amount of the grant she proposes to pay to receiving authorities and what amount of the grant she proposes to pay to each specified body. The Report also sets out the basis on which the Secretary of State proposes to distribute among receiving authorities the amount of Revenue Support Grant which, under Part V of the 1988 Act, falls to be paid to such authorities for the financial year 2008/2009.
- 1.3 Before making the determination under section 78 of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State consulted such representatives of local government as appeared to her to be appropriate and obtained the Treasury's consent. She also took into account estimates of the expenses of the Commission for Local Administration in England together with any observations thereon made and submitted to her in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 4 to the Local Government Act 1974³.
- 1.4 This Report also sets out the Secretary of State's specification of the amount arrived at under paragraph 9 of Schedule 8 to the 1988 Act⁴ as the distributable amount for the year 2008/2009. It also specifies, under paragraph 10 of that Schedule, the basis on which the Secretary of State proposes to distribute among receiving authorities the distributable amount for the financial year 2008/2009.
- 1.5 Before making this Report, the Secretary of State notified to such representatives of local government as appeared to her to be appropriate the general nature of the basis of distribution of Revenue Support Grant and the general nature of the basis of distribution of the distributable amount for the financial year 2008/2009.

¹ Section 78A was inserted by paragraph 10 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”) and amended by paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”).

² Section 78 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 to the 1992 Act, and by paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 to the 2003 Act.

³ Paragraph 7 was substituted by section 24 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and amended by paragraph 18(11) of Schedule 6 to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005.

⁴ Part III of Schedule 8 to the 1988 Act was substituted by paragraph 7 of Schedule 10 to the 1992 Act. Paragraph 9 of Schedule 8 was amended by paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2 to the 2003 Act.