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Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

The Treasury has appointed the Permanent Head of the Lord Chancellor's Department, Sir Hayden Phillips, as Accounting Officer of the Department with responsibility for preparing the Department's Estimate.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding the Department's assets, are set out in the Accounting Officers' Memorandum, issued by the Treasury and published in *Government Accounting*.