

Public spending

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Total Managed Expenditure



Source: HM Treasury



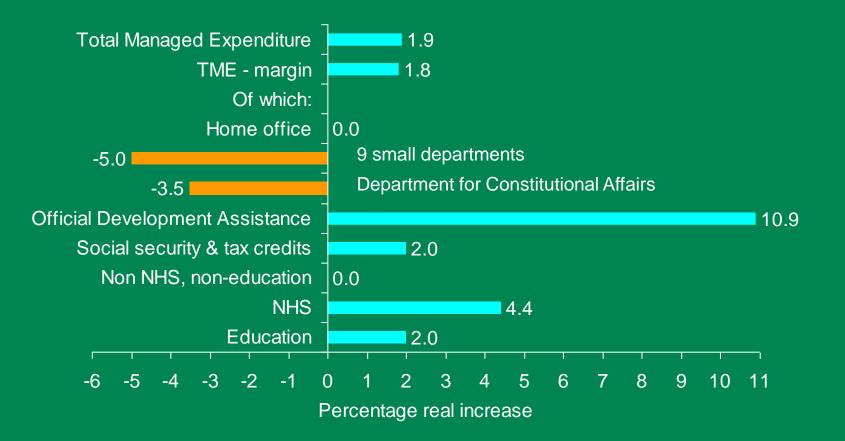
Growth in spending components



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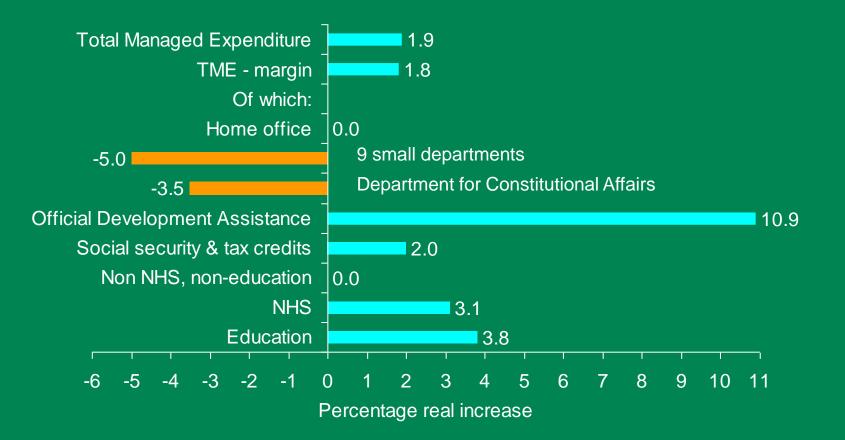
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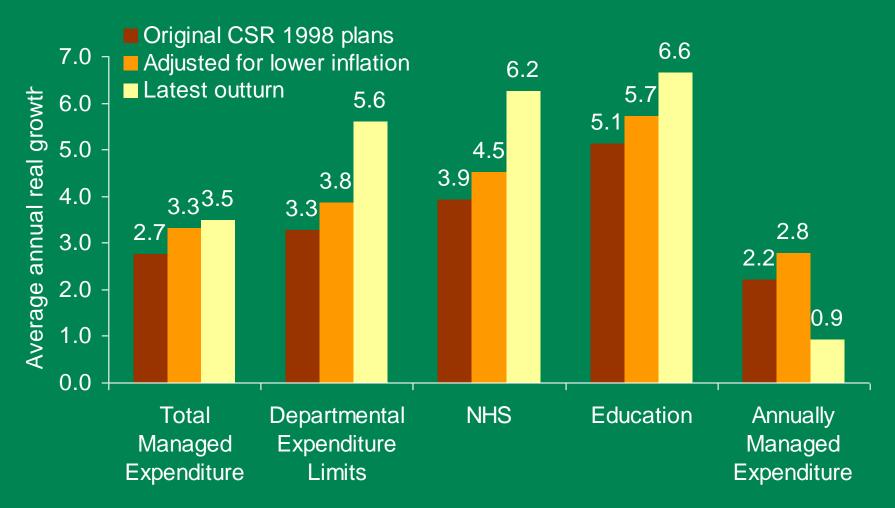
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A 'firm and fixed' CSR?



Average increases from April 1999 to March 2002 Source: HM Treasury; Department of Health; IFS



A post election tightening

- Tax measures announced since the last election to raise £6bn in 2007–08
- Over the next 5 years
 - tax burden set to rise by £9bn, of which £4bn discretionary measures since the election
 - spending cuts worth £9bn now pencilled in
 - total planned tightening £18bn, of which £15bn is from discretionary post election announcements



Conclusions

- Golden rule should be met over the Treasury's current economic cycle estimate
- Over the next few years
 - borrowing similar to Budget, but underlying deterioration
 - still little room to manoeuvre, despite further tax increases and planned spending cut announced since last election
- Spending plans could prove incompatible with aspirations
 - plans could be subsequently topped up, but would require additional finance