

NATS (En Route) plc

Regulatory Accounts 2016

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The regulatory accounts were approved by the Board on 30 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by

Finance Director



1. Introduction

- 1.1. The regulatory accounts are drawn up on a calendar year basis, in accordance with the requirements of NERL's prevailing Licence.

2. Purpose of the Regulatory Accounts

- 2.1 The purpose of the regulatory accounts, as set out in the Licence and the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines, is to make available such regulatory accounting information as will:
- a) enable the CAA and the public to assess the financial position of NERL and the financial performance of the UK Air Traffic Services Business ("UKATS") and the En route (Oceanic) Business ("Oceanic") on a consistent basis, distinct from each other and its affiliate or related undertakings;
 - b) assist the CAA to assess NERL's compliance with the Licence;
 - c) assist the CAA and the public to assess performance against the assumptions underlying the current price control;
 - d) inform future price control reviews and national/FAB Performance plans; and
 - e) assist the CAA, the European Commission and the Performance Review Board to assess UKATS performance against the assumptions underlying UK-Ireland FAB Performance Plan for Reference Period 2 (RP2) (for the En route (UK) business) and to assist the CAA to assess Oceanic performance against the assumptions underlying the regulatory settlement for RP2 (for the En route (Oceanic) business).

3. Basis of Preparation

- 3.1. NERL's Licence requires that the regulatory accounts should be prepared according to accounting policies that are consistent with the basis used in the RP2 price control determination, which was International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), unless otherwise stated. Any change in the company's accounting policies for statutory accounts, whether required by new accounting standards or otherwise, that would have a material effect on the amounts used in formulae for preparing the regulatory accounts should thus be disregarded in the regulatory accounts unless the CAA consents to such a change.
- 3.2. Goodwill, and any associated amortisation or impairment, that appears in the statutory accounts of NERL as a result of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) transaction, or other corporate transactions, is not included in the regulatory accounts because it is not recognised for the purposes of economic regulation.
- 3.3. The regulatory accounts will be derived from the accounting records which NERL is required to keep under the Companies Act 2006. These accounting records will be kept in such a form as is necessary to enable NERL to comply with Condition 6 of the Licence and these Regulatory Accounting Guidelines.
- 3.4. These accounts are prepared on the basis set out in the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines.
- 3.5. The regulatory accounts compare NERL's actual performance with the projections underlying the CAA's decision on the price controls, and are prepared on the basis used by the CAA when setting the price controls.
- 3.6. The UKATS price control for RP2 was set by the CAA in May 2014 as part of the UK-Ireland FAB Performance Plan and was approved by the European Commission on 2 March 2015.
- 3.7. The accounts are prepared using amounts derived from the statutory accounts which are prepared on the basis of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), details of which are given in the accounting policies note to the NERL statutory accounts. The Regulatory Accounting Guidelines require that these accounts do not reflect IAS23: Borrowing Costs.

Regulatory performance

- 3.8. The comparison of performance with the regulatory assumptions shows the derivation of UKATS and Oceanic regulatory profit and regulatory return, measured on a basis consistent with that used by the CAA when setting the price controls. The main differences compared with the statutory accounts basis are as follows:
- Operating costs are stated excluding accounting depreciation charges and include regulatory depreciation. The CAA's allowed regulatory depreciation is shown separately on the face of the regulatory performance statement. See pages 9-10.
 - Operating costs include cash pension costs instead of accounting pension costs. The cash contributions to the NATS defined benefit pension scheme assumed by the CAA are shown separately in the regulatory performance statements.
 - Operating costs exclude any profit/loss on disposal of assets, as the disposal of assets is dealt with through the Regulatory Asset Base, rather than in the performance statement.
 - Operating costs exclude goodwill impairment charges, which are not remunerated through the regulatory settlement.

Movement in the regulatory asset base

- 3.9. The statements on the Regulatory Asset Bases (RABs) show the movements in the UKATS and Oceanic RABs. The closing RAB is the opening RAB plus capital expenditure less the CAA's regulatory depreciation and plus/minus movements in working capital, with adjustments for the

pension contribution variance, and capitalised financing costs. Capital expenditure associated with external contracts funded outside of the regulatory settlement is excluded from the RABs.

- 3.10. Capital expenditure excludes IAS23: Borrowing Costs which is not applicable for the purposes of these accounts, in accordance with the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines.
- 3.11. In order to report on a calendar year basis, the RAB at 1 January 2015 was calculated using the methodology required by the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines.

Traffic levels

- 3.12. A record of actual traffic levels is maintained showing Total Service Units (TSUs), Service Units (including civil exempt flights but excluding military and other exempt flights) and Chargeable Service Units (CSUs) for Eurocontrol; chargeable flights for Oceanic. The traffic assumptions used by the CAA when setting the price control are also shown.

4. Independent Auditors' report

Independent Auditors' Report to the Civil Aviation Authority ("CAA"), the Directors of NATS (En Route) plc ("The Company") and NATS Holdings Limited ("NHL").

We have audited the Regulatory Accounts of NATS (En Route) plc for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the comparison of performance with the regulatory assumptions on pages 9 and 10, the movements in Regulatory Asset Bases (RABs) on pages 19-20, the service incentives on pages 16-17, the RAB adjustments and potential claw backs on pages 23-24, the record of the consumer and retail price indices used in the regulatory calculations on page 30, the record of traffic levels compared with the regulatory assumptions on page 31, the schedule of costs exempt from cost sharing on pages 25-26 and the record of European funding to be offset in future periods on page 28. These Regulatory Accounts have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Directors of the Company, NERL and the CAA ("the Regulator") in accordance with NERL's Air Traffic Services Licence ("the Licence"). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company, NHL and the Regulator those matters that we have agreed to state to them in our report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility for our audit work, for our report, or for the opinions we have formed to any other person other than those to whom we have agreed in writing to accept responsibility.

Basis of preparation

The Regulatory Accounts have been prepared under the historical and current cost conventions (as applicable) and in accordance with the Company's Regulatory licence, Regulatory Accounting Guidelines ("the RAGs") approved by the Regulator and the accounting policies set out in the statement of the basis of preparation. The Regulatory Accounts are separate from the statutory financial statements of the Company and have not been prepared wholly under the basis of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Financial information other than that prepared on the basis of IFRS does not necessarily represent a true and fair view of the financial position of a Company as shown in the financial statements prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Respective responsibilities of the Regulator, Directors and Auditors

The nature, form and content of Regulatory Accounts are determined by the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines which have been drawn up by the Licensee in consultation with, and approval from the Regulator. It is not appropriate for the auditors or the Directors to assess whether the nature of the information being reported upon is suitable or appropriate for the Regulator's purposes. Accordingly we make no such assessment. The Directors are responsible for preparing the Regulatory Accounts in accordance with the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines. These responsibilities are set out on page 4 of the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the Regulatory Accounts in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board, except as stated in the "Basis of audit opinion" below, and having regard to the guidance contained in Audit 05/03 "Reporting to Regulators of Regulated Entities".

We report to the Directors of the Company, NERL and the Regulator our opinion as to whether the Regulatory Accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines, and on that basis fairly present the regulatory financial performance the Company, analysed between each separate segment as defined in the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines, and the regulatory financial position of the Company. We also report you if in our opinion the Company has not kept proper accounting records or if we have not received all the information and explanations, which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. We read any other information contained within the Regulatory Accounts, including any supplementary schedules on which we do not express an audit opinion, and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the Regulatory Accounts.

Basis of audit opinion

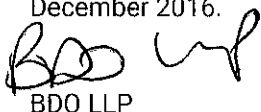
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the UK Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Regulatory Accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the Regulatory Accounts. It does not include an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company where these are laid down by the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines. Where the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines do not give specific guidance on the accounting policies to be followed, our audit includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies adopted in respect of the transactions and balances required to be included in the regulatory accounts are consistent with those used in the preparation of the statutory financial statements of NERL.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide use with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Regulatory Accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. However, as the nature, form and content of Regulatory Accounts are determined by the Regulator, we did not evaluate the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information, which would have been required if we were to express an audit opinion under Auditing Standards.

Our opinion on the Regulatory Accounts is separate from the opinion on the statutory financial statements of the Company on which we reported on 30 June 2017, which are prepared for a different purpose. Our audit report in relation to the statutory accounts of the Company (our "statutory" audit) was made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our statutory audit work was undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a statutory auditor's report and for no other purpose. In these circumstances, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our statutory audit work, for our statutory audit report, or for the opinions we have formed in respect of that statutory audit.

Opinion

In our opinion the Regulatory Accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines, and on that basis fairly present the regulatory financial performance of the Company, analysed between each separate segment as defined in the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines, for the year ended 31 December 2016, and the regulatory financial position of the Company at 31 December 2016.



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30 June 2017

5. Comparison of Performance with the Regulatory Assumptions

UK Air Traffic Services (UKATS)

Table 1

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices (actual CPI inflation)	2016			2015		
£ million						
<i>B/(W) = Better / (Worse)</i>						
	Actual	CAA's Projection	Variance B/(W)	Actual	CAA's Projection	Variance B/(W)
Eurocontrol revenue	588.5	569.9	18.6	572.9	578.0	(5.1)
London Approach revenue	12.5	11.9	0.5	12.0	11.7	0.3
Price controlled revenue	601.0	581.9	19.1	584.9	589.7	(4.9)
Other revenue (Note 2)	73.4	63.6	9.8	66.3	64.0	2.4
Intercompany revenue	26.1	20.1	6.0	24.1	19.9	4.1
UKATS Revenue (including intercompany revenue)	700.5	665.5	34.9	675.3	673.6	1.6
Operating costs (Note 3)	356.7	345.2	(11.5)	340.7	349.4	8.7
Defined Benefit Pension cash cost (Note 4)	73.0	73.0	-	73.6	73.6	-
DB Pension cash - controllable cost variance	1.0	-	(1.0)	(0.4)	-	0.4
Depreciation (Note 5)	187.7	187.7	-	186.4	186.4	-
Total costs	618.4	605.9	(12.5)	600.3	609.4	9.1
Regulatory profit	82.0	59.6	22.4	75.0	64.2	10.8
Capitalised Financing costs for the year (Note 6)	1.8	-	1.8	1.1	-	1.1
Regulatory return	83.8	59.6	24.2	76.1	64.2	11.9
Average Regulatory Asset Base (RAB)	1,068.5	1,027.1	41.4	1,137.4	1,104.6	32.8
Regulated rate of return (Note 7)	7.85%	5.80%	2.04%	6.69%	5.81%	0.88%

Key points on current year performance

UKATS achieved a regulated rate of return of 7.85% compared with CAA's projection of 5.80% mainly due to higher revenue from higher traffic volumes, partially offset by higher costs.

Stronger UKATS revenue mainly reflected: higher en route (Eurocontrol) traffic volumes than the RP2 Performance Plan (see table 24); higher Other revenue including coordination services provided to the SESAR Deployment Manager and the recovery of SESAR projects costs (see Table 8); and intercompany charges to NATS Services.

The company incurred higher operating costs than the CAA's assumption. Costs were incurred for coordination services provided to the SESAR Deployment Manager and SESAR projects costs. These costs were reimbursed through Other revenue. UKATS also incurred higher staff costs.

The company incurred £1m of defined benefit pension costs which are not eligible for recovery as costs exempt from risk sharing.

Oceanic

Table 2

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices (actual CPI inflation) £ million B/(W) = Better / (Worse)	2016			2015		
	Actual	CAA's Projection	Variance B/(W)	Actual	CAA's Projection	Variance B/(W)
Shanwick Oceanic Control Area charges	29.2	25.5	3.7	28.4	26.2	2.3
Other revenue (Note 2)	0.4	0.5	(0.0)	0.5	0.5	0.0
Total revenue	29.6	26.0	3.6	29.0	26.7	2.3
Operating costs (Note 3)	15.3	16.1	0.7	15.3	16.0	0.6
Defined Benefit Pension cash cost (Note 4)	3.3	3.3	-	3.2	3.2	-
Depreciation (Note 5)	5.0	5.0	-	5.5	5.5	-
Total costs	23.6	24.3	0.7	24.1	24.7	0.6
Regulatory profit	6.1	1.7	4.4	4.9	1.9	3.0
Capitalised Financing costs for the year (Note 6)	0.4	-	0.4	0.2	-	0.2
Regulatory return	6.5	1.7	4.8	5.1	1.9	3.2
Average Regulatory Asset Base (RAB)	34.8	27.3	7.5	33.6	30.1	3.5
Regulated rate of return (Note 7)	18.58%	6.24%	12.34%	15.17%	6.46%	8.71%

Key points on current year performance

Oceanic achieved a regulated rate of return of 18.58% compared with CAA's projection of 6.24% due to better revenue and cost performance.

The return is very sensitive to traffic volumes. Unlike UKATS, there is no risk sharing of differences in revenue compared with the CAA's assumption. The volume of Oceanic flights handled in the year was 12.5% higher than the CAA's projection (see table 25).

Operating costs were less than projected mainly reflecting higher capitalised internal labour due to the phasing of capital projects relative to CAA's projection, partly offset by higher staff costs.

Notes on the Performance Statements

- Performance is compared with the projection for RP2 as set out in the UK-Ireland FAB Performance Plan (amended, if relevant, by the Corrigendum issued in November 2014). The performance plan which is in outturn prices has been deflated to 2012 prices and uplifted by actual CPI inflation.
- Revenues:
 - In the case of UKATS, price controlled revenue is the revenue for Eurocontrol and London

Approach, and Other revenue is other external income included within UKATS; it is analysed in Table 6. In the case of Oceanic, Other income is any income other than income from the Shanwick Oceanic Control Area charges.

- The UKATS income line includes income relating to the Future Airspace Strategy Facilitation Fund (a programme overseen by the CAA) as part of the RP2 settlement. To the extent that funds are not expected to be utilised by the end of RP2, these funds will be rebated to customers in the following reference period, RP3. This is explained on page 27 and a separate schedule is provided in Table 20.
- The UKATS income line excludes income from customer funded capital projects, which are excluded from the RAB.
- Eurocontrol revenue includes any service bonuses or penalties as set out in Section 5.2.
- Oceanic revenues relate to charges for the Shanwick area of the North Atlantic as set out in Condition 22 of the NERL Licence.

3. Operating costs:

- For the purposes of the price control, operating costs (which are derived from the statutory accounts and are on an accounting basis except where otherwise stated) are stated excluding accounting depreciation, accounting pension costs, and profit/loss on disposal of assets. The disposal of assets is dealt with through the RAB, rather than in the performance statement. For pensions and depreciation, see notes 4 and 5 below.
- Operating costs include cash pension costs of the Defined Contribution (DC) scheme.
- Operating costs include significant contributions to several European research and development initiatives (any funding received for these programmes is included in other revenue and disclosed in Tables 6 and 8).
- Operating costs include charges from other group companies; these charges to NERL, from NATS Ltd and NATS (Services) Ltd, are detailed in Table 3.

Table 3

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices		
£ million	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Charges from NATS Ltd	8.4	8.5
Charges from NATS (Services) Ltd	16.6	18.0
Total	<u>25.1</u>	<u>26.6</u>

- Operating costs are stated after deducting capitalised internal labour costs. The actual amount for each of UK Air Traffic Services and Oceanic, compared with the amounts assumed in the CAA projections are shown in the table below.

Table 4

Capitalised internal labour costs	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Calendar Year - Outturn Prices					
£ million					
CAA's projection					
UK Air Traffic Services	39.5	39.9	41.3	40.4	40.4
Oceanic	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
Actual costs					
UK Air Traffic Services	46.9	37.4			
Oceanic	1.5	1.6			
Higher/(Lower) to CAA projection					
UK Air Traffic Services	7.4	(2.5)			
Oceanic	0.9	1.3			

4. CAA's assumed Defined Benefit (DB) scheme cash contributions are deducted:
 - UKATS DB pension scheme costs are determined in accordance with the European Charging Regulations. Differences (positive or negative) arising from unforeseen financial market conditions, changes in pension law and accounting rules are carried forward as Costs Exempt on a cumulative basis to be assessed for recovery in future reference periods. Any DB pension costs that arise because the related payroll costs exceed CAA's assumptions for the regulatory period are included as a charge, reducing regulatory profit.
 - Oceanic DB actual pension costs are compared with the RP2 regulatory estimated values and differences are added to / subtracted from the RAB.
 - Pension costs relating to the defined contribution scheme are included in operating costs.
5. The CAA's allowed regulatory depreciation is shown separately in Tables 1 and 2. In the case of UKATS, the CAA's allowed depreciation comprises underlying depreciation and the CAA's backlog adjustment to depreciation.
6. Capitalised financing amounts for the year in respect of the capital expenditure variance and the pension contribution variance are added to the RAB to enable remuneration in future review periods. These financing amounts are added to the regulatory profit for the calculation of the regulatory return.
7. The rate of return in the CAA's projection column for the years in RP2 averages to the allowed rate of return over RP2. The CAA had allowed a pre-tax real cost of capital of 5.86% for RP2. The profile of allowed returns (allowing for re-investment and price profiling) for UKATS and Oceanic is shown in Table 5.

Table 5¹

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
UK Air Traffic Services	5.81%	5.80%	5.81%	5.79%	5.78%
Oceanic	6.46%	6.24%	5.75%	5.59%	3.94%

8. The amounts are stated in terms of average prices for the year. Hence, some of the figures are slightly different from those in Section 6 (the RAB) which are at year-end prices.
9. Any small differences in these schedules are due to rounding. Given the nature and purpose of these schedules, it is not considered appropriate to eliminate any rounding difference.

5.1. Analysis of other UKATS Revenue

This statement presents a more detailed split of other revenue, including revenue from business permitted under Licence Condition 5.

Table 6

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices		
£ million	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
North Sea Helicopters	8.9	8.7
MoD	47.5	46.2
<u>Licence Condition 5:</u>		
Consented services	1.8	2.6
Other contracts with the Crown	1.1	0.9
Contracts related to Functional Airspace Blocks	0.1	0.2
Other unregulated revenue - UKATS	14.0	7.8
Total	<u>73.4</u>	<u>66.3</u>
European Development Initiatives included above:		
Consented services	1.8	2.6
Contracts related to Functional Airspace Blocks	0.1	0.2
Other unregulated revenue	<u>6.3</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Total	<u>8.2</u>	<u>4.6</u>

Consented services are those where, under Condition 5 of the NERL Licence, NERL has sought a consent that has been granted by the CAA (see Table 8).

¹ Note that the numbers presented in this table exclude a c£2m adjustment to the RAB arising from calendarisation.

Table 7**Analysis of NERL's unregulated income cap**

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices		
£ million	<u>Current</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
En Route (UK) Business		
- Eurocontrol	588.5	572.9
- London Approach	12.5	12.0
Sub-total	<u>601.0</u>	<u>584.9</u>
- Specified Services (North Sea Helis)	8.9	8.7
En Route (Oceanic) Business	<u>29.2</u>	<u>28.4</u>
Total	<u>639.1</u>	<u>622.0</u>
Unregulated revenue UKATS	14.0	7.8
Unregulated revenue Oceanic	0.4	0.5
Total	<u>14.5</u>	<u>8.4</u>
Unregulated revenue as % of total	2.3%	1.3%
Allowed %	4.5%	4.5%

The above analysis confirms that NERL is in compliance with Condition 5, paragraph 12 (a) (vi) of the NERL Licence. Its external turnover arising from any other business, as defined in the Licence, does not exceed 4.5% of the aggregate turnover of the En Route (UK) and En route (Oceanic) Businesses.

Table 8

The table below shows net income/(costs) relating to European Development Initiatives. The revenue is a subset of that included within UKATS other revenues, with costs included within operating costs.

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices		<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
£ million			
Consented services:			
SESAR Joint Undertaking	Income	1.6	2.6
	Operating costs	<u>(4.5)</u>	<u>(6.6)</u>
	Net cost	<u>(2.9)</u>	<u>(3.9)</u>
SESAR 2020	Income	0.1	-
	Operating costs	<u>(0.5)</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>
	Net cost	<u>(0.4)</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>
Contracts related to Functional Airspace Blocks:			
Borealis	Income	0.1	0.2
	Operating costs	<u>(0.2)</u>	<u>(0.2)</u>
	Net cost	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>
Other unregulated revenue:			
EGNOS	Income	(0.0)	0.0
	Operating costs	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
	Net profit	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
Deployment Manager	Income	6.1	1.5
	Operating costs	<u>(5.5)</u>	<u>(1.8)</u>
	Net cost	<u>0.6</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>
INEA	Income	-	-
	Operating costs	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
	Net cost	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.0)</u>
SESAR Other Research Projects	Income	0.2	0.3
	Operating costs	<u>(0.0)</u>	<u>(0.4)</u>
	Net cost	<u>0.2</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>
TOTAL:			
	Income	8.2	4.6
	Operating costs	<u>(10.9)</u>	<u>(9.3)</u>
	Net cost	<u>(2.7)</u>	<u>(4.7)</u>
Note: any small differences are due to rounding			

5.2. Analysis of Service Incentives / Penalties

The table below reflects the incentives / services credits that are included within Eurocontrol revenues.

Table 9

UKATS Incentives	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CAA Performance targets (Par)					
FC1 FAB Delay (mins/flight)	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
FC2 Average Delay (mins /flight)	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
FC3 Peak Delay - score (upper)	24.2	24.8	24	24	24
FC4 Daily Impact score (threshold for penalty)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
3DI Environmental score (upper)	31.2	30.8	30.3	29.5	29.1
Actual Achieved					
FC1 FAB Delay	0.08	0.30			
FC2 Average Delay	0.04	0.21			
FC3 Peak Delay	5.2	25.0			
FC4 System Daily Impact	14	177			
3DI Environmental score	30.1	30.3			
Better/(worse)					
FC1 FAB Delay	0.17	(0.04)			
FC2 Average Delay	0.13	(0.03)			
FC3 Peak Delay	19.0	(0.2)			
FC4 System Daily Impact	1,986	1,823			
3DI Environmental score	1.1	0.5			

The NERL Licence specifies the conditions under which incentives are earned as bonuses or penalties are incurred.

1. Certain conditions apply to the achievement of the incentive bonuses:
 - The FC1 target reflects the average minutes of en route ATFM delay in the UK-Ireland FAB expressed in minutes per flight. No penalty is incurred by NERL if the C1 target is achieved (i.e. lower delay levels).
 - The FC2 incentive reflects the average minutes of en route ATFM delay attributable to NERL expressed in minutes per flight. The financial value is subject to weightings and minimums, with penalties attracting a greater weighting.
 - The FC3 performance is calculated on a daily basis and is accumulated over the calendar year. This reflects weightings to penalise delays over peak periods. It is modulated to reflect actual flights, rather than the forecast flights as per the Licence.
 - The FC4 performance metric relates to excess delays (e.g. mainly caused by equipment and other failures). There are mitigations through a limited number of exemption days (up to 75 for the reference period as a whole), used for new system implementations. These are designated in advance, and through interaction with the FC3 incentive metric, to ensure any penalties are moderated for the same causal event.
 - Bonuses/penalties are limited to 1% of revenue generated in the relevant calendar year.

2. The Flight Efficiency Incentive (F3DI) is based on a % of revenue above or below upper and lower limits. These limits become more stringent over each year of the reference period.
- Bonuses/penalties are limited to 1% of revenue generated in the relevant calendar year.
 - Eligibility to earn 3DI bonuses in respect of 2018 and 2019 will be subject to review.

For 2016, the following were recorded:

Table 10

Financial Incentives	FC1	FC2	FC3	FC4	F3DI	Total
Calendar Year 2016	FAB delay (mins)	Average Delay per Flight (mins)	Delay impact (score)	Delay variability (score)	Average 3DI (score)	
Par Values (initial)	0.26	0.18	16 to 24	40 to 80 (Nov-Mar), otherwise 60-110	27.8 to 30.8	
Actual achieved	0.30	0.21 ¹	25.00 ²	176.70 ³	30.3	
£ million		(0.37)	(0.06)	N/A	0.00	(0.42)

1. The threshold from which penalties apply is 0.2 mins
2. On a modulated basis, the thresholds would be 16.8 to 24.8
3. Subject to exemption days for major changes being introduced into operations & mitigations as set out in the Licence

5.3 CAA's RP2 Projections

Table 11²

Calendar Year - 2012 Prices £000					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
UKATS Regulatory Performance Statement (inc London Approach)					
Eurocontrol revenue (TSU basis)	562,312	550,642	540,864	522,236	502,810
Military TSU adjustment	-7,094	-6,805	-6,626	-6,286	-5,976
London Approach revenue	11,280	11,401	11,519	11,597	11,636
Other revenue	61,447	60,690	58,451	55,241	56,554
Intercompany revenue	19,127	19,134	19,255	19,386	19,208
Total UKATS revenue	647,072	635,061	623,462	602,174	584,231
Operating costs	-321,964	-318,067	-317,275	-317,262	-313,213
DB Pension cash	-70,673	-69,632	-68,960	-62,822	-58,689
DC Pension cash	-4,261	-4,804	-5,455	-6,178	-6,839
Exceptionals (Incl FAS allowance)	-9,419	-6,555	-6,587	-6,892	-6,813
Depreciation	-179,091	-179,109	-172,689	-160,292	-153,605
Backlog adjustment to depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory profit	61,664	56,894	52,495	48,728	45,072
Capitalised Financing costs	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory return	61,664	56,894	52,495	48,728	45,072
Average RAB	1,061,098	980,100	903,713	841,172	779,473
Regulated rate of return	5.81%	5.80%	5.81%	5.79%	5.78%
Oceanic Regulatory Performance Statement					
Oceanic revenue	25,143	24,363	23,494	22,699	21,910
Other revenue	492	454	450	421	381
Total Oceanic revenue	25,635	24,818	23,943	23,121	22,291
Operating costs	-15,173	-15,111	-15,103	-14,969	-14,777
DB Pension cash	-3,117	-3,114	-3,078	2,787	-2,601
DC Pension cash	-188	-215	-243	-274	-303
Depreciation	-5,287	-4,750	-4,198	-3,971	-3,927
Regulatory profit	1,870	1,628	1,321	1,120	683
Capitalised Financing costs	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory return	1,870	1,628	1,321	1,120	683
Average RAB	28,957	26,068	22,958	20,036	17,340
Regulated rate of return	6.46%	6.24%	5.75%	5.59%	3.94%

Note that the above table shows the CAA's RP2 projections in 2012 price levels. When these figures are used for comparative purposes, they are inflated to reflect the relevant year's outturn prices using actual prevailing CPI inflation rates.

² Note that the numbers presented in this table exclude a c£2m adjustment to the RAB arising from calendarisation

6. Movements in the Regulatory Asset Bases

The definitions and formulae for the rolling forward of the UKATS and RABs are set out in Annex 4 of the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines

The regulatory accounts include the following statements of the RABs for each of UKATS and Oceanic, with all amounts stated at year-end price levels:

Table 12

<u>UK Air Traffic Services (UKATS)</u>						
Calendar Year £ million	<u>2016</u>			<u>Prior Year</u>		
	Actual	CAA's projection	Variance	Actual	CAA's projection	Variance
Opening RAB as at 1 January in opening prices	1,120.1	1,064.9	55.2	1,158.8	1,123.5	35.3
<i>The figures below are all at year end prices</i>						
Inflation of opening RAB	27.9	26.6	1.4	14.0	13.5	0.4
Opening balance adjusted for year end prices	1,148.1	1,091.5	56.6	1,172.8	1,137.0	35.8
plus CP3 Estimated Rolling Incentive mechanism x RPI growth from 2012/13	-	-	-	28.4	28.0	0.4
plus CP3 RIM adjustment	-	-	-	11.8	-	11.8
minus Estimated Spectrum pass-through x RPI growth from 2012/13 for financial year 2014/15	-	-	-	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.0)
(minus) Spectrum pass-through adjustment	-	-	-	(0.0)	-	(0.0)
plus 2015 revenue allowance adjustment for calendar year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	-	-	-	0.7	-	0.7
plus total capital expenditure for year t, net of grants and customer contributions, x within-year RPI growth from 2012	147.0	131.1	15.9	131.0	133.7	(2.6)
(minus) Real movements in Working Capital for calendar year t	(86.1)	(47.1)	(38.9)	(39.3)	(46.6)	7.3
(minus) Allowed Underlying Depreciation for year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	(183.3)	(183.3)	-	(183.9)	(183.9)	-
(minus) PPT Depreciation for year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	(1.1)	-	(1.1)	-	-	-
plus Backlog Adjustments to Allowed Depreciation for year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	3.7	3.7	-	3.9	3.9	-
(minus) Amortisation of the CP3 Estimated RIM for year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	(9.9)	(9.9)	-	(7.3)	(7.3)	-
plus Defined Benefit Pension Contribution Variance	1.7	-	1.7	1.1	-	1.1
plus Capitalised Financing costs for the year	1.8	-	1.8	1.1	-	1.1
plus Inflation on CP3 Adjustments	-	-	-	0.5	0.8	(0.3)
Closing RAB as at 31 December	1,021.9	985.9	35.9	1,120.1	1,064.9	55.2

Table 13

Calendar Year £ million	2016			Prior Year		
	Actual	CAA's projection	Variance	Actual	CAA's projection	Variance
Opening RAB as at 1 January in opening prices	34.1	28.8	5.4	33.2	31.5	1.7
<i>The figures below are all at year end prices</i>						
Inflation of opening RAB	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.0
Opening balance adjusted for year end prices	35.0	29.5	5.5	33.6	31.9	1.8
plus CP3 Estimated Rolling incentive mechanism x RPI growth from 2012/13	-	-	-	-	-	-
plus CP3 RIM adjustment	-	-	-	1.0	-	1.0
plus total capital expenditure for year t, net of grants and customer contributions, x within-year RPI growth from 2012	5.1	1.3	3.8	3.3	2.0	1.3
plus/(minus) Real movements in Working Capital for calendar year t	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	0.8	0.4	0.3
(minus) Allowed Underlying Depreciation for year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	(5.0)	(5.0)	-	(5.3)	(5.3)	-
plus Backlog Adjustments to Allowed Depreciation for year t x RPI growth from 2012 for calendar year t	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	(0.2)	(0.2)	-
plus Defined Benefit Pension contribution variance for calendar year t	0.4	-	0.4	0.7	-	0.7
plus Capitalised Financing costs for the year	0.4	-	0.4	0.2	-	0.2
plus Inflation on CP3 Adjustments	-	-	-	0.0	-	0.0
Other	-	(0.0)	0.0	-	(0.0)	0.0
Closing RAB as at 31 December	35.7	25.7	10.0	34.1	28.8	5.4

Notes

1. The CAA projections are shown in Tables 14 and 15. Further detail is provided in Annex 4 of the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines.
2. Capital expenditure for the purpose of this table is expenditure on property, plant and equipment. It includes expenditure on fixed assets required under IFRS to be classified as intangible assets (principally software and assets relating to airspace re-sectorisation projects). It is stated net of proceeds of disposal and grants (except for assistance provided by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) and associated Union assistance programmes such as the Trans-European transport network (TEN-T), Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and the Cohesion Fund, where funding is to be returned to airline customers via a specific unit rate reduction). The RAB excludes any NERL capital expenditure on customer funded projects which are remunerated outside the price control.
3. The defined benefit pension contribution variance for Oceanic measures the difference between actual cash pension contributions and the amount assumed by the CAA when setting the price control. Table 17 records the cumulative pension contribution variance included in the RAB at each year end for these costs which are outside the scope of the European Charging Regulations.

4. Capitalised financing costs for the year in respect of the capital expenditure and pension contribution variances are added to the RAB to enable remuneration in future review periods.
5. Finance leases are capitalised in the RAB based on the IFRS accounting treatment. This is consistent with accounting policies assumed in the UK-Ireland FAB Performance Plan for RP2.
6. The RAB is reduced by the allowed depreciation assumed in the price control, not by accounting depreciation.
7. In the case of UK Air Traffic Services, the CAA included a backlog adjustment to the amount of depreciation it allowed in setting the price control. This amount adjusts for the difference between the depreciation allowed during CP3/RP1 (including the price profiling adjustment) and what depreciation would have been based on actual capital expenditure in CP3/RP1.
8. Working capital for RAB purposes is defined as debtors and creditors, accruals and prepayments arising from trading (including transactions in respect of attributable fixed assets). It excludes any amounts relating to financing, tax, distributions, pension contributions and any price smoothing debtor.
9. Any small differences in these schedules are due to rounding. Given the nature and purpose of these schedules, it is not considered appropriate to eliminate the rounding differences.

6.1. CAA Projections of RAB Movements

Table 14

STATEMENT: CAA RAB Assumptions					
Calendar Year - 2012 RPI prices					
£ million					
UKATS (2012 prices)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Opening RAB	1,057,433	990,287	894,387	818,367	748,106
CP3 Spectrum Pass through	(659)	0	0	0	0
CP3 RIM	26,088	0	0	0	0
Inflation on CP3 Adjustments	743	0	0	0	0
Net Capital Expenditure	124,504	119,127	100,362	89,561	80,117
Depreciation	(174,442)	(172,233)	(163,260)	(148,912)	(140,237)
Movement in Working Capital	(43,402)	(42,838)	(13,169)	(10,960)	(9,444)
Other	22	45	47	50	53
Closing RAB	990,287	894,387	818,367	748,106	678,595
Average RAB	1,033,396	942,337	856,377	783,237	713,350

Table 15

STATEMENT: CAA RAB Assumptions					
Calendar Year - 2012 RPI prices					
£ million					
Oceanic (2012 prices)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Opening RAB	29,655	26,773	23,368	20,167	17,170
Net Capital Expenditure	1,865	1,153	715	729	1,126
Depreciation	(5,151)	(4,571)	(3,973)	(3,695)	(3,592)
Movement in Working Capital	403	13	57	(31)	(118)
Other	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Closing RAB	26,773	23,368	20,167	17,170	14,587
Average RAB	28,214	25,070	21,767	18,669	15,878

Note that the above tables show the CAA's RP2 projections in 2012 price levels. When these figures are used for comparative purposes, they are inflated to reflect the relevant year's outturn prices using actual prevailing RPI inflation rates.

6.2. RAB Adjustments and Potential Clawbacks

6.2.1. Gearing restrictions and Tax Clawback

1. The Licence imposes certain restrictions on NERL's gearing, which is defined as the Financial Indebtedness of the Licensee and related undertakings divided by the value of the combined NERL RAB, expressed as a percentage, calculated at 31 March and 30 September of each year.
2. NERL's gearing is capped at 65%, which if breached at a measurement date or by NERL's best estimate over the next four measurement dates, requires certain consents and rectification plans to be put in place together with a lock up of dividends and other restrictions on transactions with affiliates.
3. CAA has set NERL a target level of gearing of 60%.
4. Licence condition 5 requires NERL to provide:
 - the actual gearing within 25 business days of the measurement date
 - NERL's best estimate of gearing on each of the four subsequent measurement dates
 - Confirmation that it is not aware of any circumstances that will result in gearing being above 65%
 - Provide from time to time its best estimate of gearing over the period from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020 as a whole (on a simple arithmetic average)
 - An explanation of the difference between the expected average gearing for the period to 31 March 2020 and the target gearing of 60%.
5. The methodology for the tax clawback calculation takes the following steps:

Step 1	Compare actual gearing to the target level of gearing of 60%. Gearing is defined and measured as set out in Condition 5 of the licence. If the simple average of actual gearing for the control period is lower or equal to the target gearing, then no clawback applies. If it is higher, then proceed to step 2.
Step 2	Compare actual interest to modelled interest. If actual interest costs used in the calculation of actual tax are lower or equal to the costs used to estimate the tax charge in the price decision, then no clawback applies. If they are higher, then proceed to step 3.
Step 3	The excess relief is calculated as actual interest less modelled interest. This is then multiplied by the statutory corporation tax rate used in the price determination, and uplifted by the RP2 cost of capital to reflect the time value of money. The resulting clawback adjustment is to be included in the opening RP3 RAB. The tax clawback is then apportioned to the UKATS and Oceanic RABs in proportion to the estimated opening RAB values at the start of RP3 broadly to reflect the relative size of the two businesses.

6. In calculating the tax uplift for RP3, the reduction in revenue (and the tax thereon) arising from the tax clawback should be excluded from the calculation.
7. For the purpose of this calculation, the RPI measure of inflation is used.

Table 16

STATEMENT: Tax Claw back adjustment										
UKATS & Oceanic	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
	At 30th Sept	At 31st March	At 30th Sept	At 31st March	At 30th Sept	At 31st March	At 30th Sept	At 31st March	At 30th Sept	At 31st March
Gearing assumption for RP2	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Actual Gearing	51.2%	49.1%	44.8%	35.9%						

Notes:

1. Tax rates applying to the tax clawback calculation are 20% for the years 2015/16 to 2019/20 respectively. This was the statutory corporation tax rate used in the modelling of the regulatory settlement for RP2.
2. As actual gearing is below the target assumed for RP2, no claw back is required.

6.2.2. Closing Cumulative Pension Contribution Variance (Adjustments through the RAB)

The pension costs in the table below are outside the scope of the European Charging Regulations and apply to the Oceanic Business.

Table 17

Pension Costs - Oceanic Calendar Year	Actual reported				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
£ million					
NPP Assumption (2012 prices)	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.4
NPP Assumption (current outturn prices)	3.4	3.3			
Actual	4.1	3.7			
Variance (added to)/deducted from RAB	(0.7)	(0.4)			
Cumulative variance (added to)/deducted from RAB	(0.7)	(1.1)			

Note:

The closing cumulative pension contribution variance is the cumulative value of the pension contribution variances over RP2 (from 1 January 2015), which have been included in the Regulatory Asset Base. At each year end, it is calculated in accordance with the formulae set out in Annex 4, section 8(j) in the Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) rules, and are stated at year end prices.

7. Schedule of Costs exempt from Cost Sharing

The costs below represent costs exempt from cost sharing per Article 14 of the Charging Regulation 391/2013 that, are reported annually to the CAA and included in Reporting tables. They are stated in calendar year outturn prices. The European Commission will assess the eligibility of these amounts at the start of RP3.

7.1. Defined benefit pension costs (UKATS)

Table 18

Analysis of Costs Exempt from cost sharing : Defined Benefit Pension Scheme					
All amounts in £000s					
UKATS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>Payroll used in the NPP (2012 prices)</i>	177,786	172,227	167,720	163,339	158,380
Payroll used in the NPP (current outturn prices)	185,127	180,490			
Wage(decrease)/increase	3,272	3,864			
Actual payroll	188,399	184,354			
Actual contribution rate	40.3%	41.4%			
Allowed pension costs resulting from uncontrollable factors	74,676	74,649			
Actual pension costs	75,987	75,672			
<i>Determined costs assumed in the NPP (2012 prices)</i>	70,673	69,632	68,960	62,822	58,689
Determined costs assumed in the NPP (current outturn prices)	73,591	72,973			
Uncontrollable costs	1,085	1,676			
Adjustment to restrict allowance to actual costs	-	-			
Restricted uncontrollable costs	1,085	1,676			
Cumulative Difference	1,085	2,761			

Notes

1. The value included in the UKATS RAB in respect of the cumulative variance of defined benefit pension costs for RP1 as at 31 March 2015 was £15.3 million, which includes indexation and capitalised finance costs. Of this £13.7m is recoverable under Article 14.2(a)(i) of the Charging Regulation 391/2013 and is reflected in the unit rate tables over a 14 year period from 2016 (grossed up in these tables on a Total Service Units basis). The remaining difference of £1.6m relating to non-Eurocontrol revenue streams is recovered through the RAB over a 15 year period. For RP2 the uncontrollable costs methodology per the Charging regulation will apply to all UKATS.
2. The amounts reported in the Table above will be accumulated over RP2, with an adjustment made to unit rates in the second year of RP3, once the values are finalised and agreed with the National Supervisory Authority and the European Commission.

7.2. Spectrum costs

Table 19

Analysis of Costs Exempt from cost sharing : UKATS Spectrum Costs					
All amounts in £000s					
NPP INPUTS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
UKATS					
Spectrum Charges assumed in NPP (2012 CY prices)	289	530	869	929	895
Inflated at average CY prices	307	574			
ACTUAL CASH PAYMENTS					
Actual Spectrum costs (paid to 3rd Parties, exclude internal costs)	293	463			
Variance:	(14)	(111)	0	0	0
Uncontrollable cost assessment:					
Impact of estimation:					
Impact of inflation (Controllable)					
Impact of CY conversion (Controllable)					
Impact of change in legislation (Uncontrollable)					
	(14)	(111)			
Annual difference (Uncontrollable only , carried forward)	(14)	(111)			
Cumulative difference (carried forward)	(14)	(125)			

Notes:

1. For RP2 NERL has deducted the estimated value of the Spectrum underspend for the CP3/RP1 period from the opening RAB at 1 April 2015.
2. The amounts reported in the Table above will be accumulated over RP2, with an adjustment made to unit rates in the second year of RP3, once the values are finalised and agreed with the European Commission.

8. Other Regulatory Information

8.1. Future Airspace Strategy (FAS) Facilitation Fund

The Future Airspace Strategy (FAS) Facilitation Fund supports expenditure in relation to airspace strategy, and is subject to governance under an independent FAS Steering Board comprising the CAA and third party airlines, airports and military representatives. Amounts are included in NERL's determined costs and accumulated over RP2. Any funds which are not utilised by the end of RP2 will be rebated to customers in the following reference period. As amounts are stated in outturn prices, adjustments are made to reflect:

- The adjustment from Total Service Units to Service Units
- Changes in assumed inflation rates
- The impact of any traffic risk sharing

Table 20

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
UKATS FAS Facilitation Fund						
Calendar Year - Outturn Prices						
£ million						
CAA's projection						
NERL Opex Fund	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	15.0
Small Gaps Fund	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	7.5
Total	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	22.5
Adjustment for TSUs	4.4	4.6				
Adjustment for Inflation (actual)	(0.1)	(0.1)				
Adjustment for Traffic risk sharing	0.0	(0.1)				
Adjusted values						
NERL Opex Fund	2.9	2.9				
Small Gaps Fund	1.4	1.5				
Total	4.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Actual expenditure						
NERL Opex Fund	0.1	0.7				
Small Gaps Fund	0.1	0.8				
Total	0.2	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Variance	4.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1
Cumulative variance	4.1	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
(positive values are carried forward)						

8.2. Record of European Funding to be offset in future periods

NERL is a beneficiary to European funding received as part of the Framework Partnership Agreement for the SESAR Deployment Manager as set up under European regulations 409/2013 and 716/2014. Under the regulations, NERL is obliged to return these funds as a rebate to the UK unit rates, at a point to be agreed, following individual project completion.

The following principles are expected to apply:

- Funds should be returned on an Net Present Value neutral basis, using NERL's incremental borrowing rate
- The process for returning funds should be protected from significant currency risks and on a principle of no gain and no loss to NERL
- An adjustment should be made for the Total Service Units (TSUs) and service Units (SUs) ratio to ensure the full value of the benefit is passed on to customers
- INEA finance is not included in the Regulatory Asset Base.

NERL is awaiting further guidance from the Single Sky Committee working group on economic aspects to clarify how these funds should be distributed in future.

Table 21

UKATS INEA Funding	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Calendar Year - Outturn Prices						
£ Millions						
Amounts Received in Euros						
Pre-funding	-	33.2				
Interim Payments	-	-				
Final Payments	-	-				
Total	-	33.2	-	-	-	-
Equivalent GBP values						
Pre-funding	-	27.2				
Interim Payments	-					
Final Payments	-					
Total	-	27.2	-	-	-	-
Amount to be refunded through Other Revenues in NERL's unit rate (before allowing for TSU adjustment)						
	-	27.2	-	-	-	-
Cumulative amount carried forward						
	-	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2

8.3. Analysis of UKATS Performance by European Regulatory Reporting Category

The table below provides more granularity of UKATS performance. Costs are analysed by nature, as reported in the European Regulatory Reporting tables.

Table 22

Calendar Year - Outturn Prices (RP2 assumptions)												
£ million												
<i>B/(W) = Better / (Worse)</i>												
	2016				2016				2016			
	Actual		Other UKATS	Total UKATS	NPP		Balance Other UKATS	Licence Total UKATS	Variance B/(W)			Total UKATS
Eurocontrol	London Approach	Eurocontrol			London Approach	Eurocontrol			London Approach	Other UKATS	Total UKATS	
Staff	257	6	46	309	249	5	36	290	(8)	(1)	(10)	(19)
Other operating costs	99	2	18	119	116	2	17	135	17	0	(1)	16
Depreciation	158	3	27	188	167	3	24	194	9	(0)	(3)	6
Cost of capital	53	1	9	63	51	1	10	62	(1)	0	1	(0)
Exceptional items	2	-	-	2	7	-	-	7	5	-	-	5
Sub total	569	12	99	681	590	12	86	688	21	(0)	(14)	7
Military adjustment	8	-	-	8	7	-	-	7	(1)	-	-	(1)
Determined costs	577	12	99	689	598	12	86	695	20	(0)	(14)	6

Notes

- Performance is compared with the projection for RP2 included in the UK-Ireland FAB Performance Plan as agreed by the European Commission on 2 March 2015. The UK-Ireland FAB Performance Plan sets out the plans for Eurocontrol and London Approach services. NERL's Licence also includes Other UKATS services.
- The NPP/Licence values above are stated using the NPP outturn inflation assumptions, as this was the basis used for unit rate pricing on an annual basis. The CAA's projections in the UKATS Performance Report (Table 1) uses actual inflation.
- The military adjustment enables the European Regulatory Reporting figures to be reported on a Total Service Unit (TSU) basis, which includes military flights in civilian airspace. NERL's contractual arrangement with the Ministry of Defence provides for a different payment arrangement. The estimated value of this contract for the reference period is credited against determined costs, thereby reducing airspace charges for civil users. As the military flights are not separately recovered from the MoD, an adjustment is made to ensure civil airspace users are paying the appropriate unit rate.

8.4. Record of the Consumer and Retail Price Indices used in Regulatory Calculations

Table 23

Record of CPI index used in Regulatory Accounts

HICP (base 2012 =100)	2015 CY	2016 CY	2017 CY	2018 CY	2019 CY
NPP Assumptions					
Forecast HICP : Average for year	106.489	108.512	110.683	112.896	115.154
Actual					
Actual %	0.0%	0.7%			
Average index for year (2012 basis)	104.1	104.8			

Record of RPI used in Regulatory Accounts

CHAW	2015 CY	2016 CY	2017 CY	2018 CY	2019 CY
NPP Assumption					
RPI growth for year (from 2012)	1.112	1.147	1.191	1.236	1.282
Index at Year End	269.852	278.471	289.005	300.086	311.293
Actual					
RPI growth for year (from 2012)	1.074	1.100			
Index at Year End	260.600	267.100			

Notes

1. CPI is used with reference to the performance report, using the Eurostat Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP).
2. RPI is only used with reference to the RAB. In the UK financial markets, RPI is the measure of inflation used by investors. In estimating the real cost of capital, the CAA has deducted RPI inflation from the nominal cost of capital. In order that investors are kept whole in respect of inflation, it is appropriate to uplift the asset base by RPI inflation.

8.5. Record of Traffic Levels compared with the Regulatory Assumptions

Table 24 UKATS

UK Air Traffic Services (amounts in 000s)						
Calendar Year	Total Service Units		Service Units		Chargeable Service Units	
	NPP assumption	Actual	CAA assumption	Actual	CAA assumption	Actual
2015	10,244	10,154	10,119	10,007	10,110	9,996
2016	10,435	10,875	10,310	10,723	10,301	10,712
2017	10,583		10,458		10,449	
2018	10,758		10,633		10,624	
2019	10,940		10,815		10,806	

UK Air Traffic Services (amounts in 000s)						
Calendar Year	IFR Flights		Chargeable Flights		Terminal SUs	
	NPP assumption	Actual	CAA assumption	Actual	CAA assumption	Actual
2015	2,294	2,332		2,270	885	908
2016	2,339	2,449		2,401	906	947
2017	2,377				922	
2018	2,420				940	
2019	2,465				959	

Notes

1. Total Service Units is the basis utilised by Eurocontrol for charging rates and includes military exempt flights, which are separately recovered by Member States. As NERL has a separate contractual arrangement with the military (which is incorporated into single till revenues for the purpose of calculating Eurocontrol charges), an adjustment is made to determined costs in the Eurocontrol charges to reflect the correct unit rates.
2. A record is maintained of actual flights handled which are used to modulate service performance targets which determine service incentives/penalties.
3. The CAA made no assumption regarding chargeable flights. Actual chargeable flights are used in the daily calculation of the FC4 service quality penalty.

Table 25 Oceanic

Calendar Year	Oceanic Flights (000s)	
	CAA assumption	Actual
2015	412.4	438.1
2016	420.2	472.8
2017	426.1	
2018	432.9	
2019	439.4	

Notes

Oceanic flight volumes reflect chargeable flights.

