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Dear RAE Contact

### **RESEARCH COUNCIL FACILITIES – INCOME IN-KIND DATA**

As announced by the RAE team (see RAE Circular letter 2006/01) HEIs may report in their RAE 2008 submissions the estimated value of Research Council facilities time allocated through peer-review. The Research Councils which provide facilities have collated these data for HEIs to submit to the 2008 RAE. The data have been provided in two stages. The first phase of the data was sent in July 06 and presented data from 1 January 2001 to 31 July 2005.

This is the second phase of the data which contains the estimated value of Research Council facilities time used by academics for the whole period from January 2001 to 31 March 2007. It also contains updates and corrections to the first phase of data that have been highlighted by HEIs and facilities.

Major changes from first phase of data are:

- Re-costing of the values of the 'in-kind' values of time on the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) including public CRG time;
- Inclusion of 'in-kind' data for the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) for non-public CRG time, which has been given the same value as that of public beamlines;
- Additional users of ISIS Pulsed Neutron and Muon Source;
- Correction of NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory (NIGL) cost data 2002-03;
- Re-calculation of the 'in-kind' data for the European Space Agency (ESA) to include observational notional spend data as well the instrument development based data which was originally used. This has adjusted the data originally provided;
- Inclusion of 'in-kind' data for the UKIRT Infrared Deep Sky Survey (UKIDSS);
- Inclusion of the 'in-kind' data for the Jacobus Kepteyn Telescope (JKT);
- Inclusion of the 'in-kind' data for the Liverpool Telescope (LT);
- Re-calculation of the European Southern Observatory (ESO) data to attribute the 'in-kind' data to the PI at the HEI;



- Inclusion of the PI name for the EISCAT 'in-kind' data;
- Inclusion of 'in-kind' data for the EPSRC funded Central Laser Facility Laser Loan Pool; and
- Inclusion of 'in-kind' data for the EPSRC Sheffield III-V Facility.

## The Format of the Data

The Research Council facilities which have submitted in-kind for the RAE 2008 are listed on the attached spreadsheet; this list contains:

- the name of the facility;
- the Research Council responsible for funding the operation of the facility and for compiling the data;
- the units of in-kind income; and
- the value of the in-kind units (in £).

The value of the units has been calculated by the relevant Research Council which is responsible for funding the operation of that facility.

The second spreadsheet contains the in-kind usage data which are to be credited to the staff of the relevant HEI. The data are presented in academic years and in some cases the data have been compiled on a *pro rata* basis to fit into this format.

Where records allow, the data include details of:

- the name, department and institution of the recipient of the facility time;
- the name of the facility and research council responsible for operating that facility; and
- the estimated associated value of the time used on that facility.

Please note - in some cases not all of these fields have been reported.

Since my last letter in July 2006, CCLRC and PPARC merged on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to form the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). The facilities that now belong to STFC are still reported as CCLRC and PPARC with respect to the Research Council responsible for operating that facility.

Any queries about the data should be referred to the relevant Research Council representatives, whose contact details are:

Research Council	Representative	Email
EPSRC (HPC)	Linda Sayers	<a href="mailto:linda.sayers@epsrc.ac.uk">linda.sayers@epsrc.ac.uk</a>
EPSRC (all other facilities)	Simon Crook	<a href="mailto:simon.crook@epsrc.ac.uk">simon.crook@epsrc.ac.uk</a>
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A full list of the facilities which have provided in-kind usage data and the Research Council responsible for funding their operation is given at Annex A.



## Presenting the Data

Questions about how HEIs present the data in RAE submissions will be handled by the RAE team, e-mail [info@rae.ac.uk](mailto:info@rae.ac.uk) or tel 0117 931 7267. The following arrangements for including and verifying the data will apply:

- a. HEIs should report this income in Form RA4 (Research income), under the *OST/OSI Research Councils et al* classification<sup>1</sup>. The data-collection system will include two separate sub-fields under this classification: one for the value of facility time, the second for facility development grants.
- b. The income may be included in submissions only if the recipient, or in the case of facility development grants, the principal investigator, is included in the submission.
- c. The RAE team will verify the data included in submissions against the data provided by the Research Councils.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> OST (Office of Science and Technology) became OSI (Office of Science and Innovation) in April 2006. OSI was incorporated in a new government department, Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS), in July 2007. However, for the purposes of collecting data for the RAE, the RAE team will continue to use the classification *OST/OSI Research Councils et al*.

