

Subject Associations Event

1st May 2008

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Chief Executive

2008-09 Funding

	£M
The Total	111.5 <small>(of which £103.492 M is funding received from DIUS, the rest from other sources)</small>
Research	60
Responsive Mode	44
Strategic Mode	16
% of research in responsive mode	73%
Postgraduate	38.5
Knowledge Transfer	6

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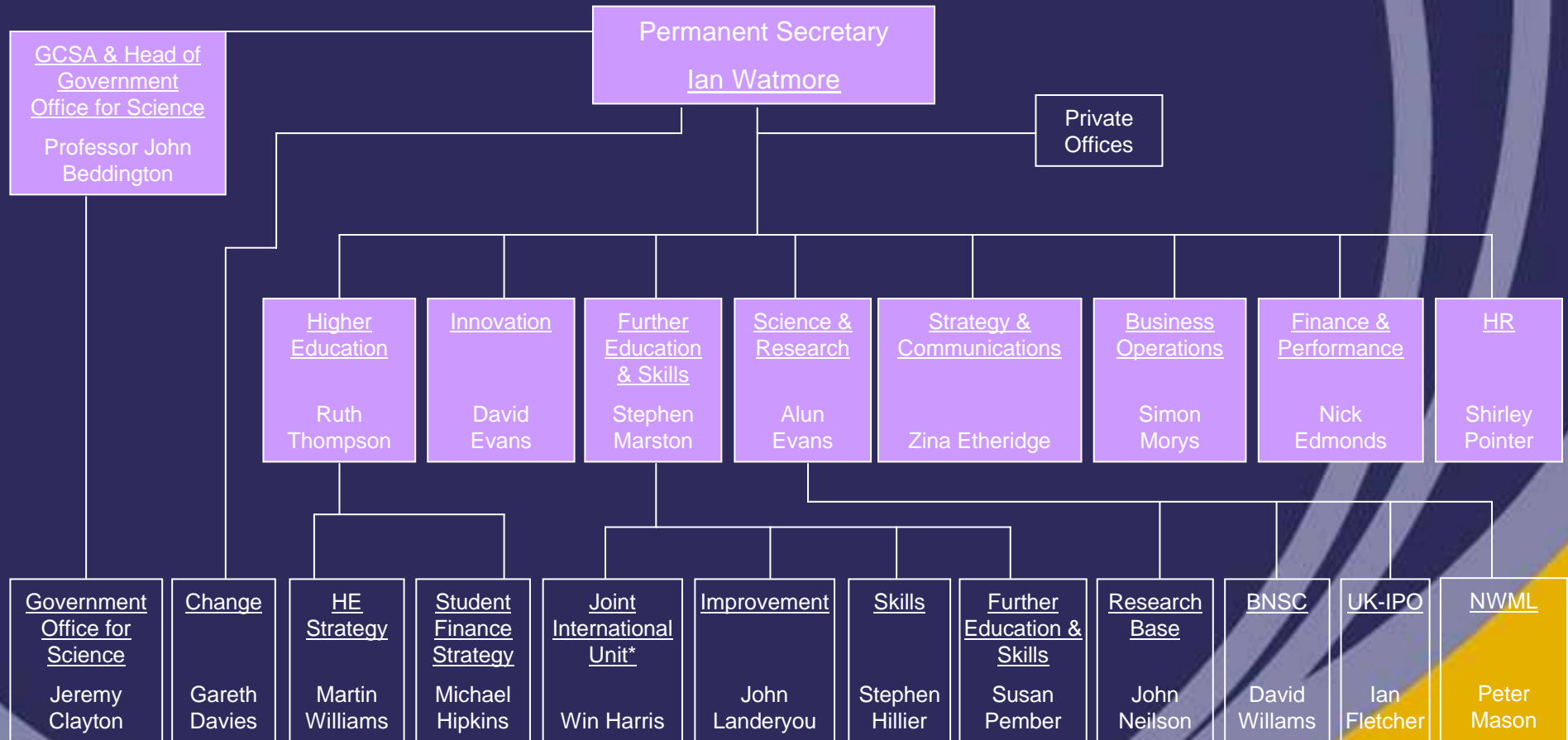
DIUS' First Objective

Accelerate the commercial exploitation of creativity and knowledge, through innovation and research, to create wealth, grow the economy, build successful businesses and improve the quality of life.

Another DIUS Objective

Pursue global excellence in research and knowledge, promote the benefits of science in society, and deliver science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills in line with employer demand.

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BNSC = British National Space Centre

GCSA = Government Chief Scientific Advisor

HE = Higher Education

*Joint International Unit – staffed from DCSF DIUS and DWP

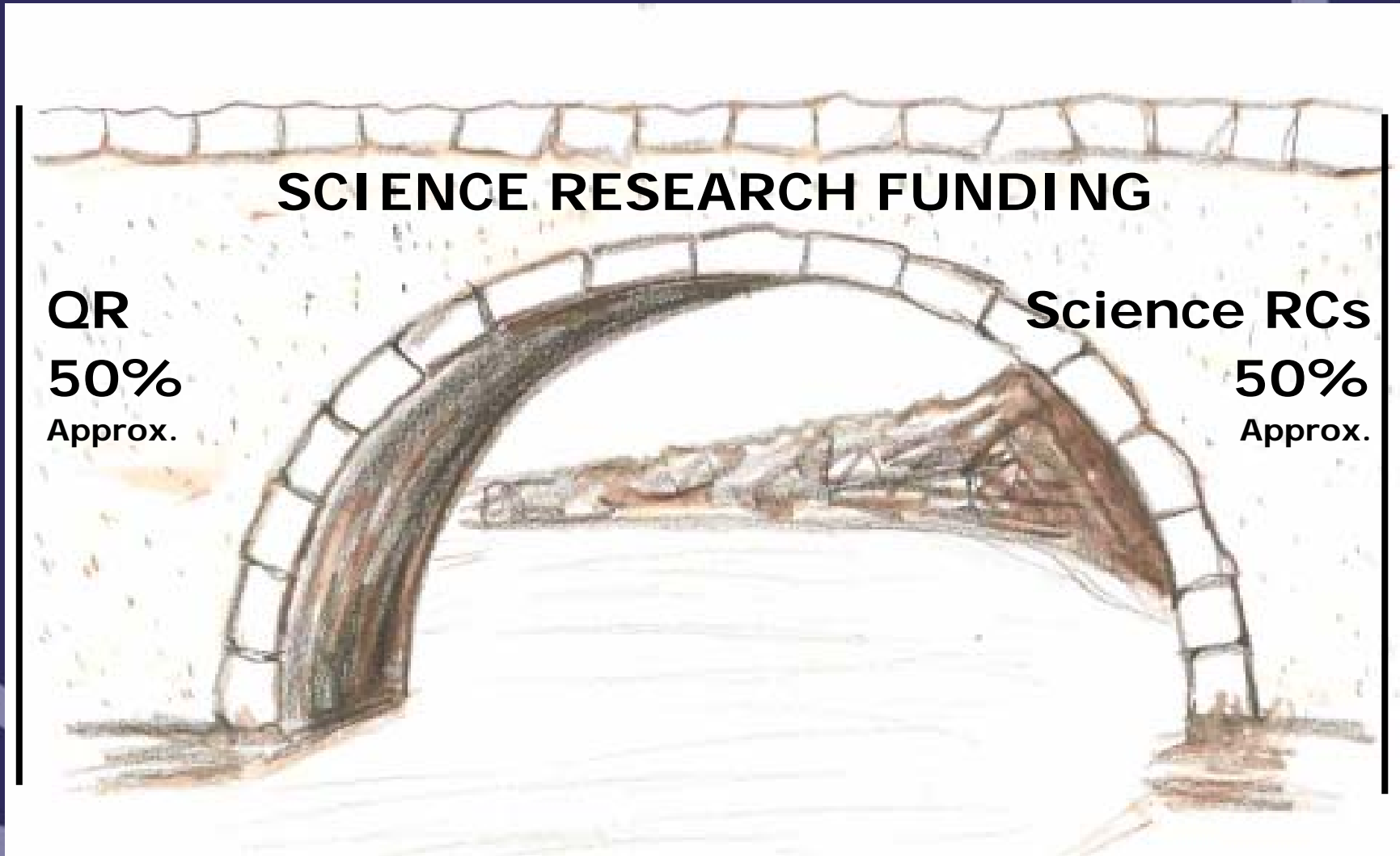
NWML = National Weights and Measures Laboratory (Agency)

UK-IPO = UK Intellectual Property Office (Trading Fund)

= The Board

As at 18 January 2008

Dual Support



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ARTS & HUMANITIES RESEARCH FUNDING

QR in 2007-08
(UK HEIs)
£264 M
81%

AHRC
£61 M
19%

RAE 2001

- 12,000 arts and humanities researchers submitted
- 7,000 of these ended up in departments ranked 5 or 5*
- Of the outputs submitted, 9002 were monographs/authored books (= 17% of total outputs)
- Since AHRB started in 1998 – only a few hundred of these monographs were result of our grants

CSR 2007

- Overall post inflation increase of 2.5% in Science Budget
- FEC absorbed over £300 million
- The MRC secured a 30% increase
- The other six Research Councils (including the AHRC) received a very similar result, with flat cash or just below for remaining allocations
- The AHRC's lower increase largely due to capital resources, Science Bridges etc. in other Councils' allocations

CSR 2007 – The AHRC

- 2008-09 £103,492
2009-10 £104,397
2010-11 £108,827
- The £103,492 in 2008-09 = 1% decrease in flat cash (roughly £1million)
- The £103,492 in 2008-09 absorbed EYF (carried forward funds) of approximately £1million
- Note big increase in 2010-11
- Meant reductions in responsive mode (Research Grants and Research Leave) needed in 2008-09 and 2009-10

CSR 2007 – The AHRC

- Previously 38% spent in Postgraduate provision (compared with almost 30% for other Research Councils)
- Council decided to reduce this to 32% over three years
- New awards of 1000 in 2008-09 (compared with 1456 in 2007-08) and 1325 per annum thereafter
- This released about £12 million for vital strategic programmes
- Postgraduate awards available in Research Grants and Collaborative Doctoral Awards

Opportunities

February 2008 Cabinet Office Strategy Unit report:

- Globalisation
 - Economic prosperity
 - Life chances, talent and social mobility
 - The ageing and increasing diversity of the population
 - Family life and communities
 - Crime and public safety
 - Public services
 - Climate change
 - Renewal of the constitution of our democratic institutions
- Many of these themes relate directly to the interests and values of arts and humanities researchers!
 - Careful and extensive consultation with our community

Looking Forward

- Large budget for strategic programmes
- New Chairman, Sir Alan Wilson FBA FRS, and a Director of Research, Professor Shearer West
- Very strong sense in our community of the value of arts and humanities research
- Many Government Departments are keen to work with us: DCMS, the Home Office, Department of Communities and Local Government and the Ministry of Justice
- New opportunities for international collaboration
- Active in HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area)

Looking Forward

- Knowledge Transfer funding opportunities with the BBC, BT and the Technology Strategy Board
- New Block Grant Partnerships have resulted in Deans of Arts and Humanities in HEIs gaining new strategic power and leverage potential
- New academic decision-making structures will engage and empower more researchers
- Extensive internal reorganisation at the AHRC will allow better stakeholder relationships
- Most importantly, we have a UK arts and humanities research community that wants to hear from us and work with us in shaping the strategy for our research area

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