

Total annual budget for the purchase of wine for the Government in financial year 2006/07

Government Hospitality (GH), the section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office responsible for organising official ministerial hospitality within the UK, are also responsible for the management of the government wine cellar, and the management of the Government Hospitality Advisory Committee for the Purchase of Wine. These responsibilities however, do not include all wines purchased by all government departments.

As far as Government Hospitality is concerned, part of our annual budget is used to stock and maintain the government cellar. The total annual expenditure is usually between £80 000 and £120 000, depending on the requirements of the cellar and the wine market. In the financial year 2006/07, GH spent £108 715 on wines and spirits.