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# Policing in England and Wales

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# Structure of presentation

- Overview of policing in England and Wales
- Look back at Spending Review (SR) 2010
- Look back at SR 2015
- Negotiating an SR
- Analysis and data
- Useful documents

# Overview of policing in England and Wales

- Devolved in Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 43 territorial forces across England and Wales – managed by the Home Office.
- Handful of specialist forces, such as British Transport Police, Civil Nuclear Constabulary – managed separately.
- Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs)

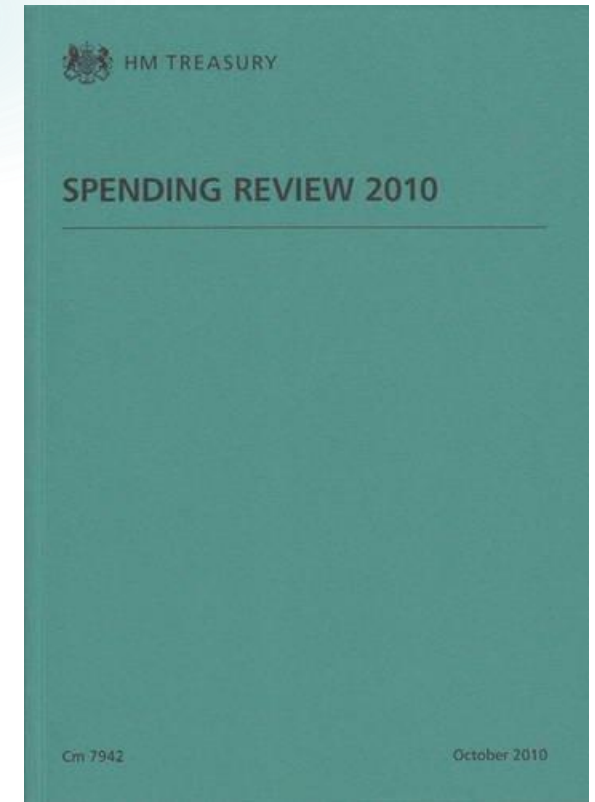


# Spending Review 2010

- HM Treasury-spending department relationship
- Followed financial crisis in 2008/09
- Cuts to all public services
- Projected Home Office overview:

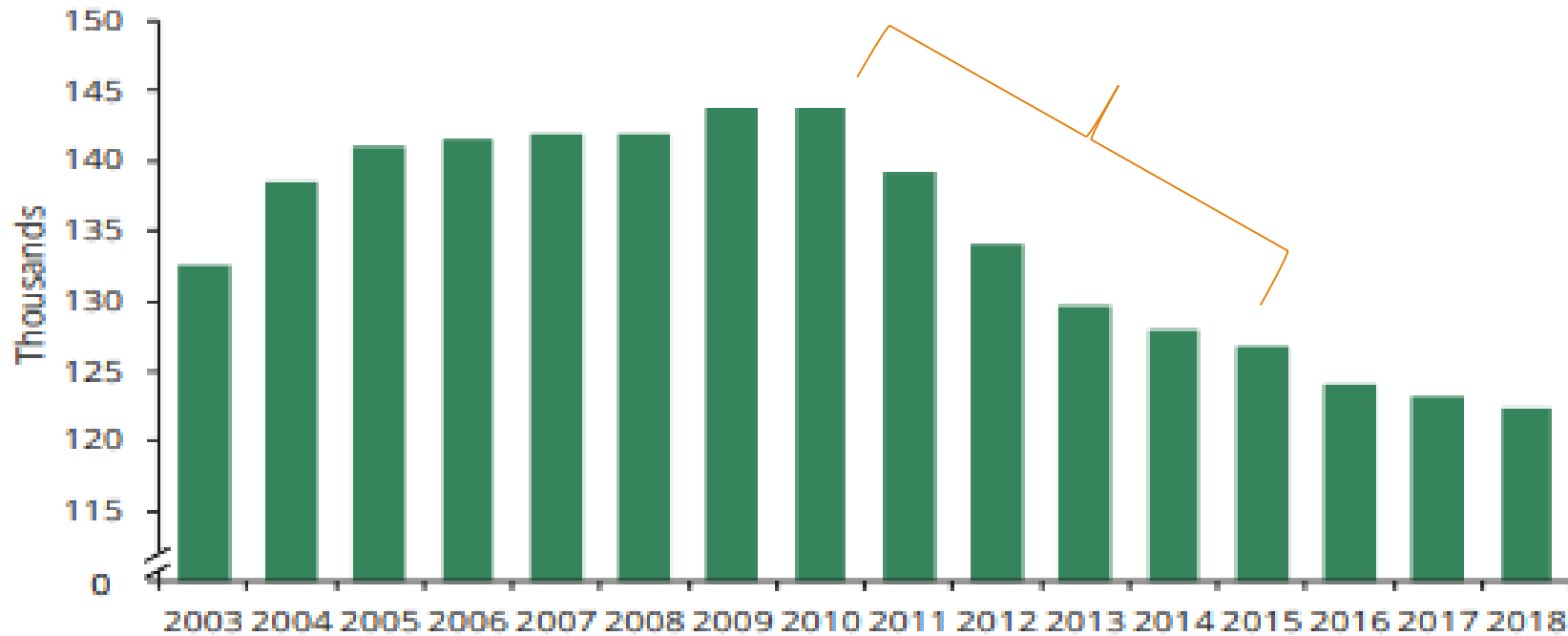
	£ billion				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Resource DEL <sup>1</sup>	9.3	8.9	8.5	8.1	7.8
Capital DEL	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
<b>Total DEL</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Departmental AME	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
Police <sup>2</sup>	9.7	9.3	8.8	8.7	8.5

- Police funding reduced by 14% in real terms by 2014/15
- Savings from IT, procurement and back office functions



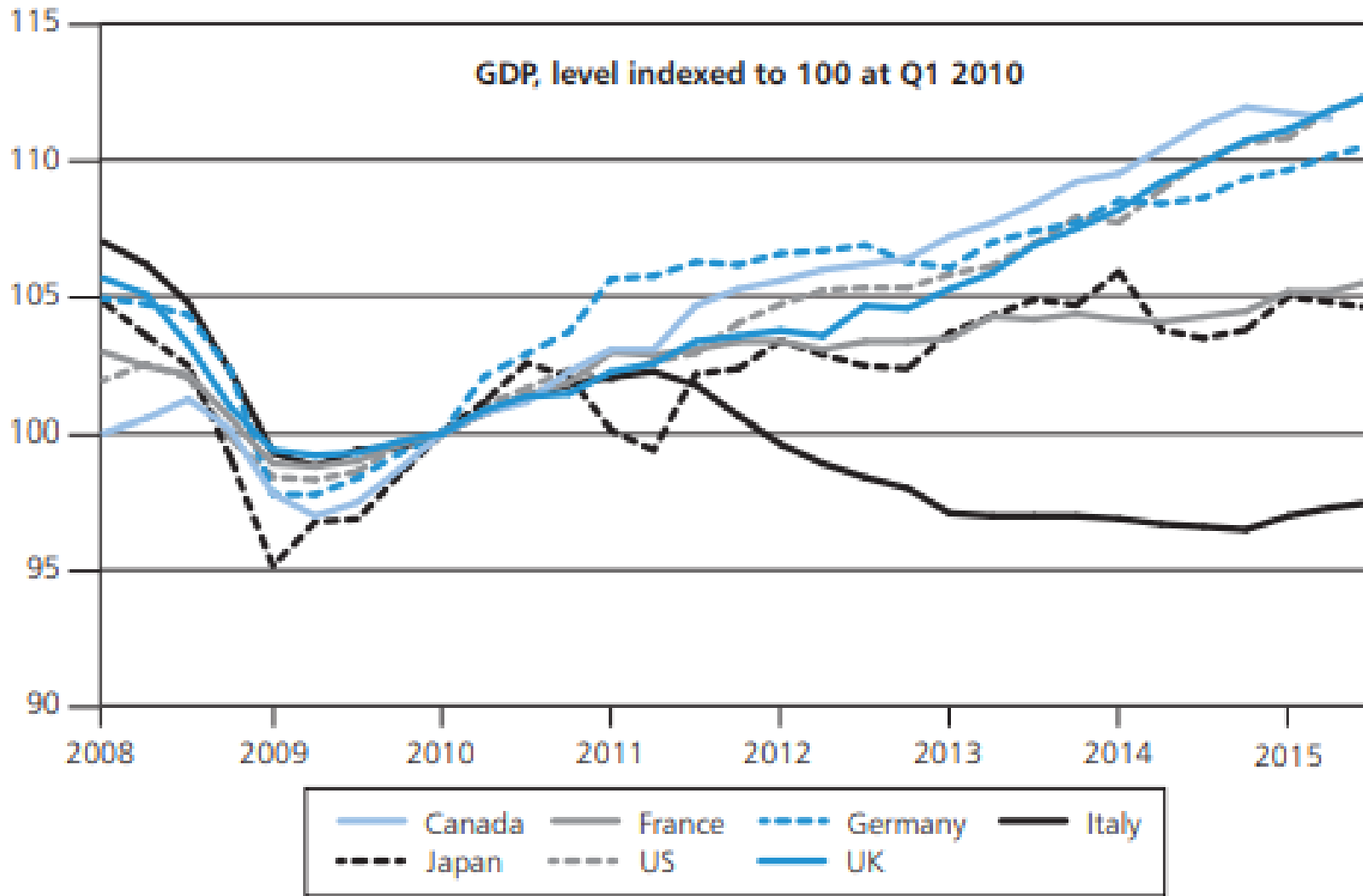
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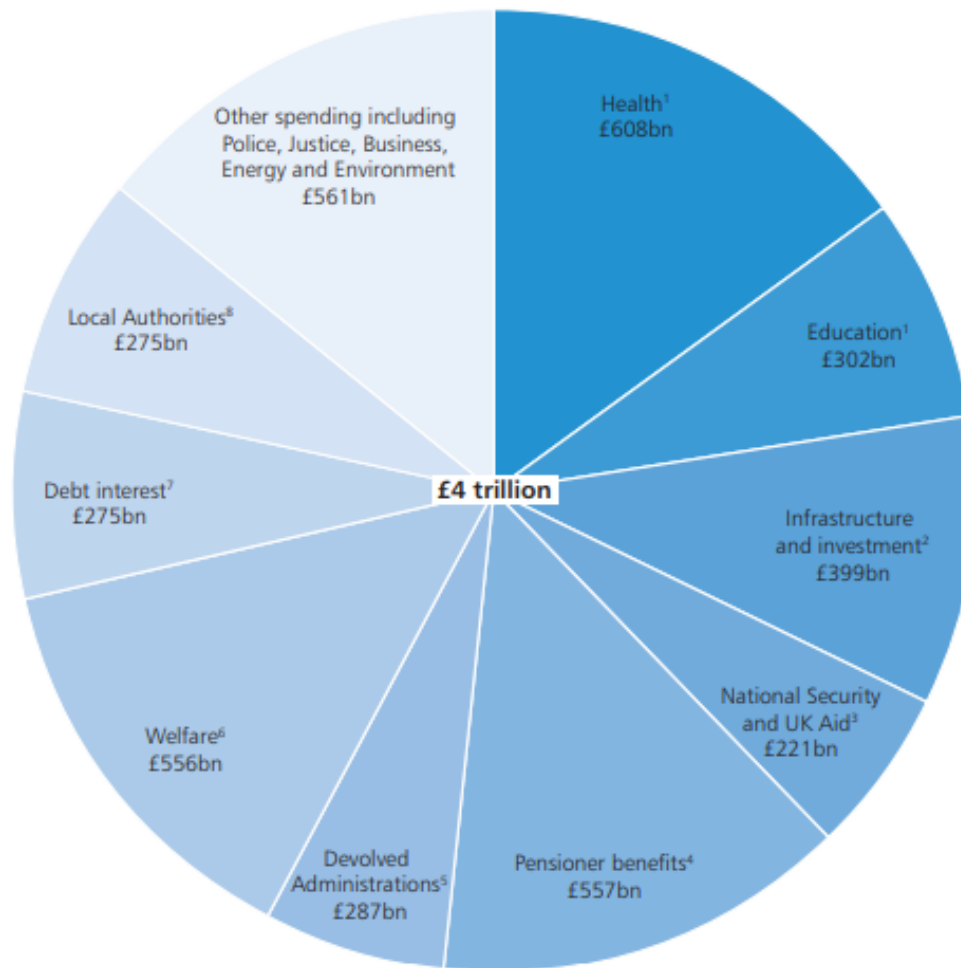
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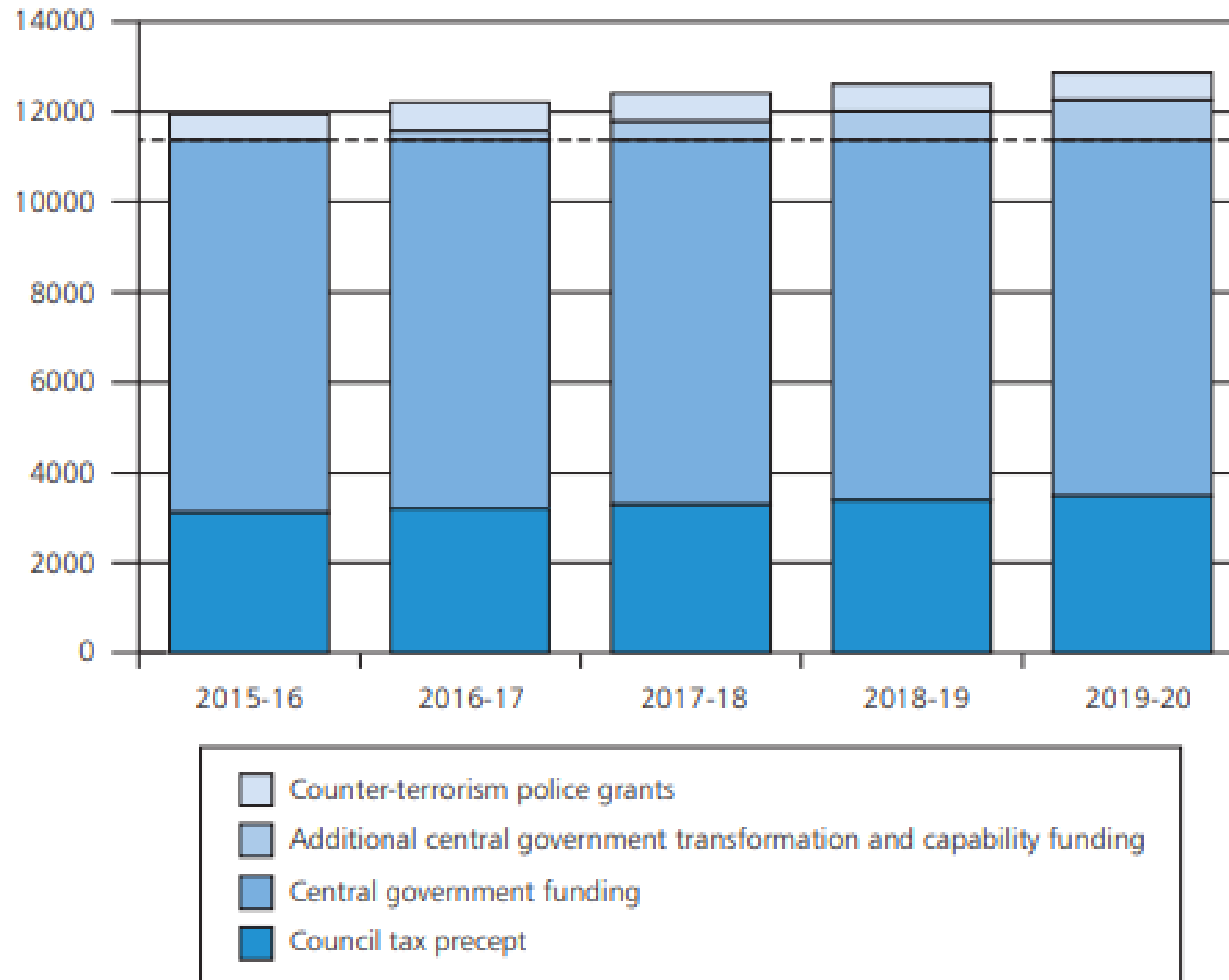




- **SR15 headlines:**

- £4 trillion of funding allocated across 5 years
- Continued restraint on spending
- Police funding protected - importance of external events

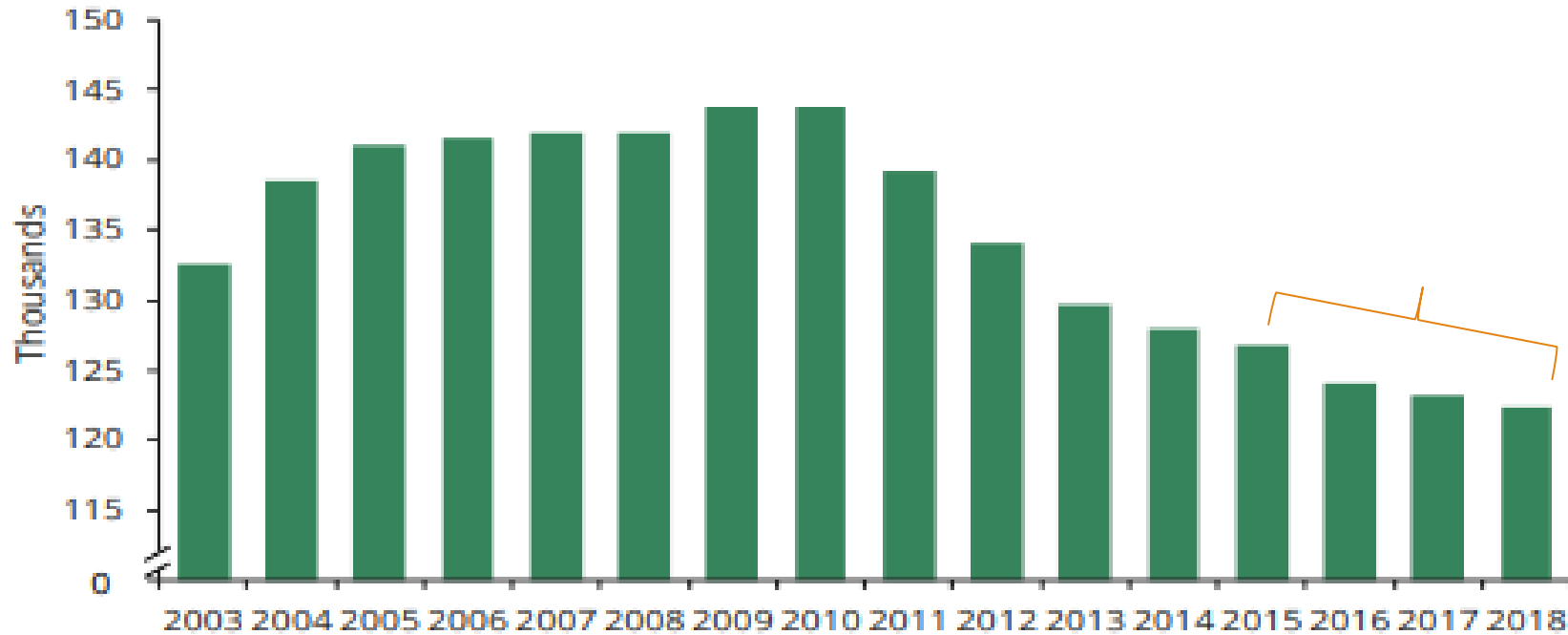
# SR15: Police funding profile





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# Negotiating a Spending Review

- Home Office proposals for an investment package
- Analysis
  - Types of analysis needed
  - Data challenges
- HMT interests:
  - Efficiency and reform
  - Productivity
  - Cost/benefit analysis
  - Value for money
- Negotiations – officials and ministers

# Types of analysis for policing

- Looking at trends – number of crime and non-crime incidents
- Unit costs of different types crime
- Mapping spend by function
- Crime outcomes
- Quality of service
- Economic/social cost of crime

# Useful resources

- The publication for the Spending Review in 2010

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/203826/Spending\\_review\\_2010.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/203826/Spending_review_2010.pdf)

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- The National Audit Office, which scrutinises public spending on behalf of Parliament, has published a report into the state of policing and how it has changed since the last SR.

<https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Financial-sustainability-of-police-forces-in-England-and-Wales-2018.pdf>

- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's 'value for money' profiles.

<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/news/news-feed/value-for-money-profiles-2018/>