



Funding and resource allocation

MI5's budget is paid from the Single Intelligence Account (SIA). This also provides funding for the UK's other security and intelligence agencies, the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ).

The SIA's budget is decided by Ministers through the Spending Review. This process helps Ministers decide how much to spend on security and intelligence, in line with decisions on overall government spending.

Current levels of funding

The Government's current spending plans are set out in the [Spending Round 2013](#).

The Spending Round 2013 aimed to protect the core counter-terrorism capabilities of the agencies while identifying ways for them to reduce costs through greater efficiency.

The SIA has provided a settlement of just under £2 billion each year since April 2011. The SIA will provide £1.9 billion in funding for 2014-15, with a real terms increase to £2 billion in 2015-16. The breakdowns for the individual agencies are not published for security reasons.

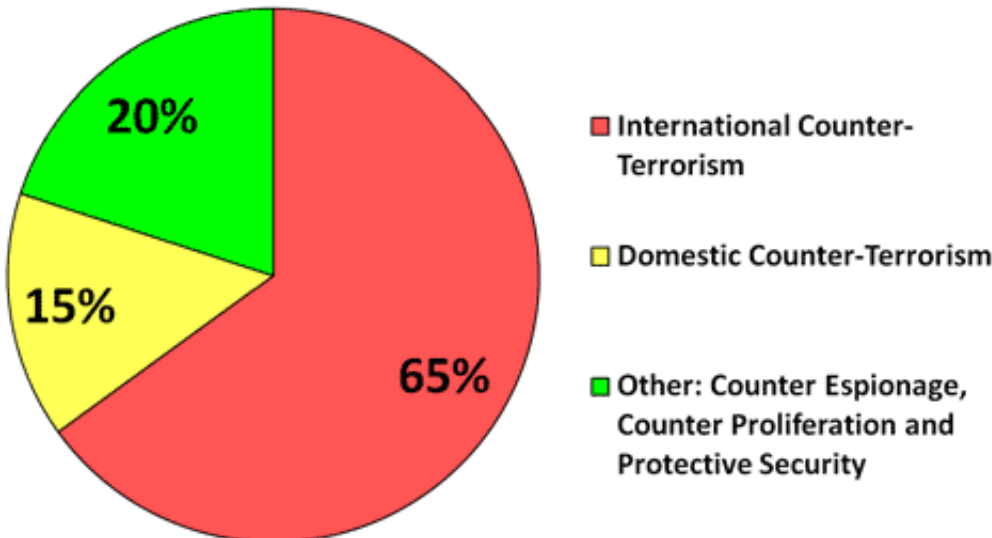
The Government is also investing £210 million to support the cross-government National Cyber Security Programme (NCSP), which will improve the UK's defences against the threat of cyber attack. This will build on the existing £650 million funding for the NCSP in the current Spending Review period.



	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Single Intelligence Account (£ million)	1,928	1,991	1,908	1,883
Cyber security funding and Critical Capability Pool funding (£ million)	70	95	171	123

How we allocate resources


At any one time the UK faces a range of covert threats to its security and MI5 has only finite resources with which to counter them. It is vital that we prioritise the threats and allocate resources accordingly, taking into account the national intelligence priorities set by the [Joint Intelligence Committee \(JIC\)](#). While we don't publish MI5's share of the SIA, the diagram below gives an overview of how we use our resources.



Allocation of resources by core business, 2014:

- 65% [international terrorism](#)
 - 15% [Northern Ireland terrorism](#)
 - 20% [counter-espionage](#), [counter-proliferation](#) and [protective security](#)
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Financial oversight

We are subject to close budgetary scrutiny and challenging efficiency targets. Our accounts are audited by the [National Audit Office \(NAO\)](#)  in the same way as those of other public sector organisations. NAO staff have access to relevant MI5 records for this purpose.

In addition, the expenditure and resource allocations of the Service and its sister agencies are scrutinised by the [Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament \(ISC\)](#). The ISC's annual reports provide further details of the Agencies' funding and expenditure.

Key points

- We are funded through the Single Intelligence Account (SIA) which also covers MI6 and GCHQ.
 - Current spending on the SIA is £1,883 million in 2014/15.
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