

GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Company No 844169

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003



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Rosalind J Jones

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GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002.

1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Company is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The Company is principally engaged in the publication of a journal and articles on the subject of politics. During the year, the directors contracted with Blackwell Publishing Ltd for production of annual Volumes 38 onwards on the following terms:

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Commission (as a percentage of gross income)	25%	25%
Profit (after commissions and production costs)	80%	20%

2. DIRECTORS

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

M Biddiss
 I de Madariaga
 J Gould
 D Held
 P M Heywood
 R J Jones
 E M Meehan
 K Minogue
 M Moran
 G Parry
 Lord Smith of Clifton
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 R Williams

3. DONATIONS

No charitable or political donations were made in the year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

4. AUDITORS

Norton Lewis & Co were re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2003. The firm will be re-appointed at the next Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2004. However, the directors have decided to take advantage of the Audit Exemption regulations, Companies Act 1985 which came into force in August 1994. As a result, the Company is totally exempt from an audit requirement, as its turnover in the year did not exceed £1,000,000 and its balance sheet total did not exceed £1,400,000.

5. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the profit or loss of the Company for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the Board

ROSALIND JONES

Secretary



Date: 6 May 2004

GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LIMITED**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003**

	Notes	2003	15 months 2002
		£	£
TURNOVER		39,160	81,576
Cost of sales		-	20,725
GROSS PROFIT		<u>39,160</u>	<u>60,851</u>
Administration expenses		56,494	47,369
OPERATING PROFIT	2	<u>(17,334)</u>	<u>13,482</u>
Interest receivable		941	1,659
(LOSS) / PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES before taxation		<u>(16,393)</u>	<u>15,141</u>
Taxation	3	(1,031)	212
(LOSS) / PROFIT for the financial year after taxation		<u>(15,362)</u>	<u>14,929</u>
Retained profit brought forward		51,084	36,155
RETAINED PROFIT carried forward		<u>£ 35,722</u>	<u>£ 51,084</u>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year.

GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2003**

	Notes	2003	2002
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	4	1,958	1,611
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	6,952	1,797
Cash at bank and in hand		36,106	68,566
		<u>43,058</u>	<u>70,363</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	9,294	20,890
		<u>33,764</u>	<u>49,473</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 35,722</u>	<u>£ 51,084</u>
RESERVES			
Profit and loss account		<u>£ 35,722</u>	<u>£ 51,084</u>

For the 15 months ended 31 December 2002 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249a(1) Companies Act 1985. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of these financial statements in accordance with section 249b(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226 and which otherwise comply with the accounting requirements of the Act. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 6 May 2004
and signed on its behalf by:

M MORAN Director



GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and are in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Turnover

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents the amounts payable to the Company by the publisher for the sale of magazines and advertising revenue.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of tangible assets over their expected useful lives at a rate of 25% per annum.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate on the date of the transactions concerned. During the year, the company closed its foreign currency bank account and the difference arising from changes in the rate of exchange was taken to the profit and loss account.

Pension contributions

The Company reimbursed another organisation for the cost of a pension scheme to provide benefits based on final pensionable salary of a director. Contributions to the scheme were charged to the profit and loss account when the cost was incurred.

2 OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2003	2002
Depreciation	614	733
Directors' emoluments	<u>23,816</u>	<u>38,231</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

	2003	2002
3 TAXATION		
There is a tax adjusted loss of £17,923 for the year on which no corporation tax is payable.	0.00%	7.93%
Part of the loss is used to recover tax paid in a previous year as shown below, leaving £4,587 to carry forward.		
On profits of the current period	-	1,185
(Over) provision earlier year	<u>(1,031)</u>	<u>(973)</u>
4 FIXED ASSETS		
Office equipment at cost		
At 1 January 2003	7,838	
Additions	1,001	
Cost of Sales	(40)	
At 31 December 2003	<u>8,799</u>	
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2003	6,227	
Charge for the period	654	
Applied to disposals	(40)	
At 31 December 2002	<u>6,841</u>	
Net book value		
At 30 September 2001	<u>1,611</u>	
At 31 December 2002	<u>1,958</u>	
5 DEBTORS		
Debtors	4,421	480
Prepayments	248	718
VAT recoverable	1,252	599
	<u>5,921</u>	<u>1,797</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

		2003	2002
6	CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year		
	Accruals	9,294	19,705
	Corporation tax	-	1,185
		<u>9,294</u>	<u>20,890</u>
7	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8	SHARE CAPITAL		
	The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.		
9	RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
	The directors are not aware of any transactions.		

THESE STATEMENTS DO NOT FORM PART OF THE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

PRODUCTION ACCOUNT : BLACKWELL PUBLISHING LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

	2003		Memo only: Government & Opposition 15 months 2002	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions		79,853		78,236
Sales & royalties		2,730		3,340
		<hr/> 82,583		<hr/> 81,576
Production costs	12,871		12,433	
Contributors' fees			4,308	
Electronic delivery	2,007		-	
Distribution & marketing	7,444		3,984	
Publisher's overheads (25% of income)	20,646		-	
Editorial overhead (25% of income)	20,646		-	
		<hr/> 63,614	<hr/>	20,725
Profit for year		<hr/> 18,969		<hr/> 60,851
Editorial share of profit - 80%		15,175		
Overhead contribution		20,646		
Contribution to copyediting		1,600		
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Turnover per Profit & Loss Account		<hr/> £ 37,421		<hr/> £ 60,851

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003**

	2003		15 months 2002	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Production income from Blackwell Publishing Ltd		37,421		15,000
Subscriptions and sales		1,739		60,851
Interest receivable		941		1,659
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		40,101		77,510
EXPENDITURE				
Contributors' fees and translations	(320)		-	
Copyediting	734		-	
Editorial assistant	5,751		-	
Office rent and insurance	1,968		4,374	
Salaries and National Insurance	29,688		47,423	
Office assistance	252		85	
Stationery, postage and telephone	955		1,637	
Office machinery maintenance	431		-	
Website expenses	-		1,146	
Travelling & entertaining	2,708		2,293	
Staff social event	797			
Conference and lecture expenses	2,003		1,998	
Resource Politics & Security Conference	7,000		-	
Subscriptions and publications	30		148	
Long service award	1,205		54	
Advertising	278		-	
Bank charges	152		370	
Loss on exchange	5		6	
Accountancy	1,367		1,278	
Legal fees	665		650	
Donation	-		100	
Sundries	211		74	
Depreciation	614		733	
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		56,494		62,369
 Surplus of Expenditure over Income		<hr/>		<hr/>
		(16,393)		15,141
 Corporation tax:				
Charge for year	-		1,185	
Recovery for previous year	(1,031)		(973)	
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		(1,031)		212
 (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS for the year		<hr/>		<hr/>
		£(15,362)		£ 14,929
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