

3. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation (continued)

(b) The following items have been included in arriving at operating profit from continuing operations:	2007 £m	2006 £m
Staff costs	977.0	869.0
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	113.8	106.2
Amortisation of intangible assets	5.6	5.4
Impairment of goodwill	1.8	1.8
Profit on disposal of properties	(3.2)	(0.5)
Operating lease rentals payable:		
- Plant and equipment	172.7	128.6
- Property	15.9	15.6
Repairs and maintenance expenditure on property, plant and equipment	13.3	14.8

During the year the group (including its overseas subsidiaries) obtained the following services from the group's auditors and network firms as detailed below:	2007 £m	2006 £m
Remuneration payable to the company's auditors for the auditing of the annual accounts	0.4	0.4
The auditing of accounts of subsidiaries of the company pursuant to legislation (countries and territories outside Great Britain)	0.5	0.3
Services relating to taxation	0.1	0.2
All other services	0.5	0.1
	1.5	1.0

Included in the group's audit fees and expenses paid to the auditors is £0.1 million (2006: £0.1 million) in respect of the parent company.

4. Employee information

(a) Average number of employees by business:	2007 Number	2006 Number
UK Bus	18,014	17,773
UK Trains	2,373	2,157
Mainland Europe	14,662	12,374
	35,049	32,304
Central	134	131
Continuing operations	35,183	32,435

(b) Staff costs from continuing operations (including executive directors):	2007 £m	2006 £m
Wages and salaries	840.0	746.6
Social security costs	92.9	82.7
Pension costs	44.1	39.7
	977.0	869.0

Key management personnel are considered to be the directors and their remuneration is disclosed within the Directors' Remuneration Report.