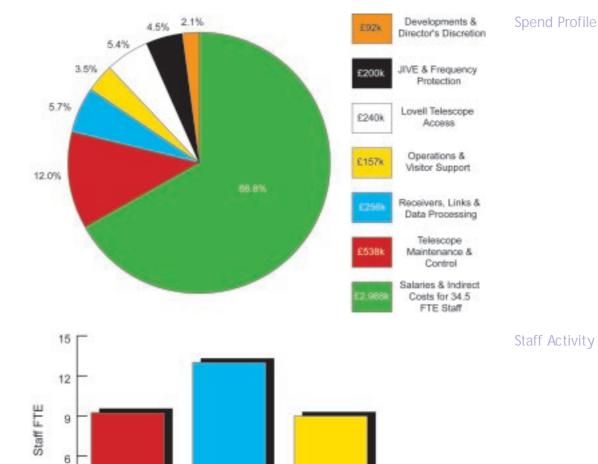
FINANCES

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Operations &

Visitor Support

£809k

Management &

Administration

£397k

The National Facility is now benefitting from infrastructure improvements funded by a special £996,066 restructuring grant, the work programme of which will be completed in September 2001.

Receivers

Links & Data

Processing

£1,063k

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Telescope Maintenance &

Control

£719k

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