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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people in the public sector who are employed in the health sector has increased from 2.5 million to 3.5 million (Department of Health 2000).

There are a number of reasons why the public sector has become an important part of the UK economy. One of the main reasons is that the public sector provides a range of services that are essential for the well-being of the population, such as health care, education, and social care. Another reason is that the public sector is a major employer, providing jobs for millions of people. Finally, the public sector is a major source of revenue for the government, through taxes and other charges.

However, the public sector has also become a focus of criticism in recent years. One of the main criticisms is that the public sector is too large and too expensive. Another criticism is that the public sector is inefficient and does not provide the best value for money. Finally, there are concerns that the public sector is becoming increasingly politicized, with decisions being made based on short-term political interests rather than the long-term interests of the population.

Despite these criticisms, the public sector remains an important part of the UK economy. It provides essential services that are not provided by the private sector, and it is a major employer and source of revenue. However, it is important to continue to review the public sector to ensure that it is providing the best value for money and that it is meeting the needs of the population.

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Appendix

- 1. The number of people in the public sector who are employed in the health sector has increased from 2.5 million in 1990 to 3.5 million in 2000.
- 2. The number of people in the public sector who are employed in the education sector has increased from 1.5 million in 1990 to 2.5 million in 2000.
- 3. The number of people in the public sector who are employed in the social care sector has increased from 0.5 million in 1990 to 1.5 million in 2000.
- 4. The number of people in the public sector who are employed in the other public sector has increased from 0.5 million in 1990 to 1.5 million in 2000.