

Northern Ireland Estimates

Vote on Account 2010-2011

An estimate showing the services
for which the Vote on Account is required
for the year ending 31 March 2011

Introduction

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The Vote on Account provides finance to allow existing services to continue in the early months of 2010–2011 pending consideration of appropriate legislation to provide funds to meet the balance of estimated expenditure for that year. “Existing services” should be read as including not only services for which sums will have been appropriated before 31 March 2010, but also services in respect of which specific legislation has recently been passed, or in respect of which specific legislation is at present under consideration.

In accordance with the general principles of resource based estimates, the Vote on Account for 2010–2011 is presented on the basis of both resources and cash. Generally a department’s provision will be contained in a single estimate subdivided into one or more Requests for Resources.

The Vote on Account is normally calculated as a proportion (45 per cent) of the preceding year’s total voted provision. Generally this should be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service is not exhausted before the Main Estimates can be approved in the summer, but not so high as to prejudge the Northern Ireland Assembly’s consideration of the Main Estimates.

However, the Vote on Account may reflect a higher or lower amount than the standard proportion where the consumption of resources or expenditure of cash during the early months of the 2010–2011 financial year is expected to be significantly different from the 45 per cent standard.

The services covered by the Vote on Account are listed in Table 1 on the following pages.

Department of Finance and Personnel

February 2010

Table 1

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1	2	3	4	5	6
		2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11
		Total net resources on which provision on account is based	Resources required on account	Total net cash requirement on which provision on account is based	Cash required on account
RfR	Service	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	275,706	119,325	225,213	101,346
A	Promoting sustainable development of the agri-food industry and the countryside and stimulating the economic and social revitalisation of rural areas, reducing the risk to life and property from flooding, promoting sustainable development of the Sea Fishing and Aquaculture Industry and maintaining, protecting and expanding forests in a sustainable way	275,706	119,325		
	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	151,552	67,726	163,788	73,705
A	To protect, nurture and grow our cultural capital so that it can be enjoyed today and tomorrow	151,552	67,726		
	Department of Education	2,051,260	921,690	2,044,711	920,120
A	Ensuring that all young people, through participation at school, reach the highest possible standards of educational achievement, that will give them a secure foundation for lifelong learning and employment; and develop the values and attitudes appropriate to citizenship in an inclusive society	2,008,687	902,598		
B	Promoting, through the youth service, the personal and social development of children and young people and assisting them to gain knowledge, skills and experience to reach their full potential as valued individuals; and, through community relations measures for young people, encouraging the development of mutual understanding and promoting recognition of, and respect for, cultural diversity	42,573	19,092		
	Department of Education - Teachers' Superannuation	467,774	210,498	135,791	61,106
A	Providing for the payment of pensions, lump sums and premature retirement compensation to persons covered by the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme	467,774	210,498		
	Department for Employment and Learning	833,182	369,905	1,005,000	452,250
A	Promoting economic, social and personal development through high quality learning, research and skills training and helping people into employment and promoting good working practices	833,182	369,905		
	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	291,959	130,207	284,729	128,128
A	To grow a dynamic, innovative economy	291,959	130,207		
	Department of Finance and Personnel	249,659	104,985	273,689	123,160
A	To prioritise the use of resources available to Northern Ireland, ensure that these are used efficiently and secure the reform and modernisation of public services	182,188	78,525		
B	To deliver efficient and cost effective services to the public in the Department's areas of executive responsibility	67,471	26,460		

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	Department of Finance and Personnel - Superannuation and other allowances (Principal Civil Pension Scheme Northern Ireland)	401,560	180,702	113,000	50,850
A	Providing for the payment of pensions and lump sum benefits to or in respect of persons covered by the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (NI)	401,560	180,702		
	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	4,592,231	2,065,433	4,587,059	2,064,177
A	Ensuring the delivery of effective, high quality health and social care and developing and promoting policies and strategies, the efficient, economic and effective implementation of which will lead to good health and well-being, a reduction in preventable disease and ill health and greater social justice	4,500,633	2,024,217		
B	Creating a safer environment for the community by providing an effective fire fighting, rescue and fire safety service	91,598	41,216		
	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety - Health and Personal Social Services Superannuation	97,600	43,920	-	-
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons employed in health and social care	97,600	43,920		
	Department of the Environment	172,999	72,072	146,766	66,045
A	To protect, conserve and enhance the natural environment and built heritage and support the adoption of the principles of sustainable development; to plan and manage development in a sustainable way which will contribute to a better environment and which is modern and responsive to the community; to work with statutory and voluntary partners to reduce road deaths and serious injuries and to support a system of effective local government which meets the needs of residents and ratepayers	172,999	72,072		
	Department for Regional Development	2,007,576	616,118	976,200	439,290
A	Supporting the economy by maintaining and developing safe and sustainable transportation networks, promoting airport and harbour services, addressing regional imbalance in infrastructure and shaping the long-term future of the region	1,749,470	500,000		
B	Contributing to the health and well being of the community and the protection of the environment by maintaining and developing the policy and regulatory environment which provides sustainable, high quality water and sewerage services	258,106	116,118		

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	Department for Social Development	3,814,577	1,688,250	3,667,172	1,650,227
A	Providing a fair system of financial help to those in need and to ensure that parents who live apart maintain their children; encouraging personal responsibility and improving incentives to work and save	3,174,728	1,400,833		
B	Promoting measurable improvements to housing in Northern Ireland	502,665	226,100		
C	Improving the physical, economic, community and social environment of neighbourhoods, towns and cities in Northern Ireland with a particular emphasis on tackling disadvantage	137,184	61,317		
	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister	82,991	36,788	85,395	38,428
A	Driving investment and sustainable development; making people's lives better through support for equality, human rights and community relations; and the effective operation of the institutions of Government	82,991	36,788		
	Northern Ireland Assembly Commission	55,586	25,014	41,679	18,756
A	Members' salaries, expenses and administration costs	55,586	25,014		
	Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints	1,542	685	1,482	667
A	Investigating complaints against government departments and public and local bodies and providing an investigative resource for the Committee on Standards and Privileges	1,542	685		
	Food Standards Agency	9,387	4,224	9,567	4,305
A	Protecting public health from risks which may arise in connection with the consumption of food, and otherwise protecting the interests of consumers in relation to food	9,387	4,224		
	Northern Ireland Audit Office	9,587	4,314	8,997	4,049
A	Providing objective information, advice and assurance on the use of public funds; encouraging beneficial change in the provision of public services, the highest standards in financial management and reporting and propriety in the conduct of public business; conducting data matching exercises for the purpose of assisting in the prevention and detection of fraud	9,587	4,314		
	Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation	343	258	1,816	1,362
A	Protecting Electricity, Gas and Water and Sewerage consumers with regard to price and quality of service	343	258		
	TOTAL	15,567,071	6,662,114	13,772,054	6,197,971



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