
Northern Ireland Office: administration, law, order, protective and miscellaneous services

Introduction

1. The Vote provides for the salaries of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and four other Ministers and for the administration of the Northern Ireland Office.
2. It also provides for the enforcement of the law (excluding Army costs) the maintenance of a secure and humane prison system; and for certain other services. Further details of the expenditure contained in Sections A to M of this Vote can be found in Chapter 3 of the Northern Ireland Departmental Report 1999–2000 (Cm 4217). The Northern Ireland Court Service, which has been reserved to the United Kingdom Government under the Northern Ireland Act 1973, is provided for on Class V, Vote 2. Other services under the Northern Ireland Programme are the responsibility of Northern Ireland Departments. The main grants in aid within the Vote are the grant to the Police Authority for Northern Ireland ♥ (£657,796,000), grant to training schools, remand homes and attendance centres (£9,383,000) and the grant to Probation Board for Northern Ireland ♥ (£10,658,000). Explanatory details are provided in Cm 4217.
3. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is 0.1 per cent higher than the final net provision and the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £988.7 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 by individual function is given in Table 3.1 of Cm 4217.
4. Sections L and M contain £1,000 and -£3,037,000 respectively which is classified as other expenditure not included in Departmental Expenditure Limits in respect of pension provision for the police; and receipts from the European peace and reconciliation package, further details of which are provided in Chapter 3 of Cm 4217.
5. Further details of appropriations in aid can be found in Chapter 3 of Cm 4217. Details of long term capital projects can be found in Appendix A of Cm 4217.
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

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Part I

£989,281,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on central and miscellaneous services; elections; the Bloody Sunday Inquiry; Reviews and Commissions arising from the Belfast Agreement; security; the Independent Commission for Police Complaints in Northern Ireland; the Police Ombudsman; the Independent Commissioner for Holding Centres; the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland; the Parades Commission; arms decommissioning; forensic services; prisons; services related to crime; criminal justice; training schools; probation and after-care, etc.; state pathology; Crown prosecutions and other legal services; compensation schemes; policing; European Union peace and reconciliation projects; and certain other grants.

The Northern Ireland Office will account for this Vote.

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| Net total | 989,281,000 |
| Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134) | 420,000,000 |
| Balance to complete | 569,281,000 |

Part II

Subhead detail

£'000

| | Direct Expenditure | | | Grants and transfers | | | Gross total | Z: Appropriations in aid | Net total | Total net provision 1998-99 | Net outturn 1997-98 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|---------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | 1: Running costs | 2: Other current | 3: Capital | 4: Current | 5: Capital | | | | | | |
| Departmental expenditure in Departmental Expenditure Limits | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central government's own expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ★A: Administration and miscellaneous services Ω | 22,866 | 9,240 | 1,821 | — | — | 33,927 | 661 | 33,266 | 41,661 | 31,116 | |
| ★B: Policing and Security | 3,724 | 8,070 | 2 | 911 | — | 12,707 | 10 | 12,697 | 14,482 | 14,170 | |
| ★C: Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland | 4,332 | 34 | 355 | — | — | 4,721 | 4,527 | 194 | -1,805 | -122 | |
| ★D: Northern Ireland Prison Service | 144,922 | 7,982 | 7,309 | 387 | — | 160,600 | 59 | 160,541 | 144,912 | 144,965 | |
| ★E: Criminal justice | 3,897 | 3,147 | 544 | 19,961 | 80 | 27,629 | — | 27,629 | 26,754 | 25,251 | |
| ★F: Administration of justice | 9,418 | 3,458 | 81 | — | — | 12,957 | 3,091 | 9,866 | 10,650 | 10,360 | |
| ★G: Compensation Agency | 3,146 | 849 | 22 | 77,300 | — | 81,317 | 180 | 81,137 | 85,981 | 72,217 | |
| ★H: Police | — | 636,986 | 20,810 | — | — | 657,796 | — | 657,796 | 657,228 | 665,258 | |

| Part II | | Subhead detail <i>continued</i> | | | | | | | £'000 | |
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| Direct Expenditure | | | Grants and transfers | | | | | | | |
| 1: Running costs | 2: Other current | 3: Capital | 4: Current | 5: Capital | Gross total | Z: Approp- riations in aid | Net total | Total net provision 1998-99 | Net outturn 1997-98 | |
| ★I: Matching funding for the European Union Peace and Reconciliation Programme | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 1,012 | — | 1,012 | — | 1,012 | 733 | 380 | |
| ★J: European Union Peace and Reconciliation Programme | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 3,038 | — | 3,038 | — | 3,038 | 2,198 | 1,140 | |
| ★K: Bloody Sunday (Saville) Inquiry | | | | | | | | | | |
| 391 | 4,750 | — | — | — | 5,141 | — | 5,141 | 8,124 | — | |
| Main departmental programmes in Annually managed Expenditure Central government's own expenditure | | | | | | | | | | |
| L: Police pensions | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 59,170 | — | 59,170 | 59,169 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure limits | | | | | | | | | | |
| M: European Union Peace and reconciliation programme | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | –3,037 | — | –3,037 | — | –3,037 | –2,197 | –1,140 | |
| Total | 192,696 | 674,516 | 30,944 | 158,742 | 80 | 1,056,978 | 67,697† | 989,281 | 988,722 | 963,596 |

† Amount that may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from receipts from recoupment of electoral expenses, sale of land, shared accommodation costs, salary costs from the Central Office of Information, receipts arising from arms decommissioning, recovery by the Forensic Science Agency of Northern

Ireland in respect of forensic science services (capital and current), central administration costs and receipts for services supplied to others, receipts for the use of the video-conference facilities, sale of paper for recycling, crèche fees, sale of residential properties, proceeds of prison occupational services, sale of surplus stores and catering equipment,

tuck shop receipts, refund of VAT on contracted out services, costs and fees awarded in favour of the Crown, certain pension contributions, receipts for accruing superannuation liability charges, fees and costs recovered or received for work done for other departments and recovery of compensation paid.

Part III **Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund**

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| In addition to appropriations in aid there are the following estimated receipts: | 1999-00 | 1998-99 | 1997-98 |
| Accruing superannuation liability charges, payment to the Consolidated Fund | 36,661 | 36,661 | 37,957 |
| <i>Administration and miscellaneous services</i> | — | — | 360 |
| Total | 36,661 | 36,661 | 38,317 |

Transfers to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund

Introduction

1. This Vote covers the transfer of funds from the United Kingdom Consolidated Fund to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund in support of public expenditure by the Northern Ireland departments.
2. The provision sought for 1999–2000 is almost twice the final net provision and forecast outturn for 1998–99 of £1,810 million. A breakdown of the forecast outturn for 1998–99 of Northern Ireland departments' public expenditure by individual function is set out in Chapter 3 of the 1999 Northern Ireland Expenditure Plans and Priorities (Departmental Report) (Cm 4217).
3. The higher amount being sought in 1999–2000 reflects the need to provide sufficient funds for transfer to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund to support public expenditure programmes by the Northern Ireland departments until such time as it is finally determined by the Government as to whether or not the Northern Ireland Assembly will assume financial responsibility for those programmes during 1999–2000.
4. Section E contains £365,958,000 arising from receipts the European Regional Development Fund, European Structural Fund, European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance.
5. Further details of the expenditure in Sections A to E of this Vote can be found in Chapter 3 of the 1999 Northern Ireland Expenditure Plans and Priorities (Departmental Report) (Cm 4217).
6. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Transfers to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund

Part I

£3,600,000,000

Amount required in the year ending 31 March 2000 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on a grant in aid to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund and other transfers.

The **Northern Ireland Office** will account for this Vote.

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| | £ |
| Net total | 3,600,000,000 |
| Allocated in the Vote on Account (HC 1134) | 3,600,000,000 |
| Balance to complete | — |

Part II Subhead detail

£'000

| Direct Expenditure | | | Grants and transfers | | | | Z: Appropriations in aid | Net total | Total net provision 1998-99 | Net outturn 1997-98 |
|--|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1: Running costs | 2: Other current | 3: Capital | 4: Current | 5: Capital | Gross total | | | | | |
| Other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>A: Grants to support expenditure by the Northern Ireland Departments in Departmental Expenditure Limits</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 1,980,000 | — | 1,980,000 | — | 1,980,000 | 1,809,999 | 1,536,399 | |
| <i>B: Grant to support expenditure by the Northern Ireland Departments in Welfare to Work in Departmental Expenditure Limits</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 36,000 | — | 36,000 | — | 36,000 | — | — | |
| <i>C: Grant to support expenditure by the Northern Ireland Departments in Main departmental programmes in Annually Managed Expenditure</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 1,476,000 | — | 1,476,000 | — | 1,476,000 | — | — | |
| <i>D: Grant to support expenditure by the Northern Ireland Departments in other expenditure outside Departmental Expenditure Limits</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 107,999 | — | 107,999 | — | 107,999 | — | — | |
| <i>E: European Institutions (net)</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Total | — | — | 3,600,000 | — | 3,600,000 | — | 3,600,000 | 1,810,000 | 1,536,400 | |

Part III Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No extra receipts were received in 1997-98. None are expected in 1998-99 or in 1999-2000.