

Northern Ireland Office

Introduction

1. This Estimate provides for the salaries of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and his Ministers and for the administration of the Northern Ireland Office in pursuit of its objectives as reflected in its Public Service Agreement (PSA).
2. It provides for the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement; the support and development of the criminal justice system; the enforcement of law (excluding army costs); and the maintenance of a secure and humane prison system.
3. Expenditure of £10,137,001,000 in RfR2 represents a grant to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund and transfers of European Union funds and is classified as ‘Non-budget’.
4. Further information can be found in the Northern Ireland Office Departmental Report 2005 (Cm 6546).
5. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

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Request for Resources 1: Playing a full part in implementing the Good Friday Agreement and representing the interests of Northern Ireland in the UK Government; supporting and developing an efficient, effective and responsive Criminal Justice System; upholding and sustaining the rule of law and preventing crime; maintaining a secure and humane prison service and reducing the risks of re-offending	1,139,102,000
Request for Resources 2: Providing appropriate funding to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund for the delivery of transferred public services as defined by the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Northern Ireland Act 2000.	10,137,001,000
Total net resource requirement	11,276,103,000
Net cash requirement	11,305,914,000

Amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Office on:

RfR 1: Playing a full part in implementing the Good Friday Agreement and representing the interests of Northern Ireland in the UK Government; supporting and developing an efficient, effective and responsive Criminal Justice System; upholding and sustaining the rule of law and preventing crime; maintaining a secure and humane prison service and reducing the risks of re-offending

expenditure on central administrative services; VIP visits to Northern Ireland; the Bloody Sunday Inquiry; Reviews and Commissions arising from the Good Friday Agreement; expenditure on political development and inquiries; expenditure on Victims of the Troubles; expenditure arising from the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Northern Ireland Act 2000; expenditure arising from elections; forensic services; services related to crime; criminal justice including juvenile justice services; probation and after-care; state pathology; Crown prosecutions and other legal services; compensation schemes; Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for Northern Ireland; European Union peace and reconciliation projects; and certain other grants; implementation of the Independent Commission on Police findings; security; the Police Ombudsman; the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland; the Parades Commission; arms decommissioning; policing; prisons including the Prison Service Trust and the Prison Ombudsman; and associated non-cash items.

RfR 2: Providing appropriate funding to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund for the delivery of transferred public services as defined by the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Northern Ireland Act 2000.

grants to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund and transfers of EU funds.

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

	Net total	Allocated in Vote on Account	Balance to complete
	£	£	£
RfR 1	1,139,102,000	497,015,000	642,087,000
RfR 2	10,137,001,000	4,222,800,000	5,914,201,000
Total net resource requirement	11,276,103,000	4,719,815,000	6,556,288,000
Net cash requirement	11,305,914,000	4,733,873,000	6,572,041,000

Part II: Subhead detail

£'000

2005-06						2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn		
Resources						Capital		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin 1	Other Current 2	Grants 3	Gross Total 4	A in A 5	Net Total 6	Capital 7	Non- operating A in A 8		
RfR 1: Playing a full part in implementing the Good Friday Agreement and representing the interests of Northern Ireland in the UK Government; supporting and developing an efficient, effective and responsive Criminal Justice System; upholding and sustaining the rule of law and preventing crime; maintaining a secure and humane prison service and reducing the risks of re-offending									
88,538	194,491	864,773	1,147,802	8,700	1,139,102	32,508	50	1,139,466	1,041,349
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)									
<i>Central Government spending</i>									
A Central Administration									
33,884	2,254	-	36,138	3,098	33,040	3,364	-	50,382	29,102
B Ministers									
3,586	-	-	3,586	-	3,586	-	-	3,561	3,670
C Political Directorate									
4,126	8,674	1,350	14,150	230	13,920	361	-	13,346	15,578
D Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions									
2,530	23,247	-	25,777	86	25,691	2,618	-	23,346	19,336
E Forensic Science Northern Ireland									
6,284	-	-	6,284	5,041	1,243	384	50	1,061	561
F Criminal Justice									
10,861	13,458	5,108	29,427	-	29,427	12,510	-	26,150	17,540
G Compensation Agency									
3,911	-56	22,300	26,155	180	25,975	22	-	32,840	28,485

Part II: Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

2005-06						2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn			
Resources						Capital		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources	
Admin	Other Current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non- operating A in A			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
H	Policing & Security									
	5,024	9,591	2,093	16,708	10	16,698	8	-	18,432	21,507
I	Policing-Non Severance									
	-	3,890	-	3,890	-	3,890	-	-	3,879	1,629
J	Northern Ireland Prison Service									
	18,232	118,566	230	137,028	55	136,973	13,241	-	118,931	111,980
K	Youth Justice Agency									
	100	14,867	-	14,967	-	14,967	-	-	14,595	12,834
	<i>Bloody Sunday</i>									
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,337	30,411
Non-budget										
L	Police									
	-	-	766,419	766,419	-	766,419	-	-	761,281	714,071
M	Police Pensions									
	-	-	45,947	45,947	-	45,947	-	-	33,934	14,020
N	Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland									
	-	-	7,550	7,550	-	7,550	-	-	7,333	6,930

Part II: Subhead detail (continued)

£'000

2005-06						2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn		
Resources						Capital		Net Total Resources	Net Total Resources
Admin 1	Other Current 2	Grants 3	Gross Total 4	A in A 5	Net Total 6	Capital 7	Non- operating A in A 8		
O Probation Board for Northern Ireland									
-	-	13,776	13,776	-	13,776	-	-	14,058	13,695
RfR 2: Providing appropriate funding to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund for the delivery of transferred public services as defined by the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Northern Ireland Act 2000									
-	-	10,137,001	10,137,001	-	10,137,001	-	-	9,814,000	8,505,000
Non-budget									
A Grants to the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund									
-	-	10,137,000	10,137,000	-	10,137,000	-	-	9,814,005	8,505,000
B European Institutions (Net)									
-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-5	-
Total for Estimate:									
88,538	194,491	11,001,774	11,284,803	8,700	11,276,103	32,508	50	10,953,466	9,546,349

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	£'000		
	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn
Net Total Resources	11,276,103	10,953,466	9,546,349
Voted capital items			
Capital	32,508	36,493	20,734
Less Non-operating A-in-A	50	1,500	17
Total net voted capital	<u>32,458</u>	<u>34,993</u>	<u>20,717</u>
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-8,718	-7,551	-7,145
Depreciation	-18,457	-20,508	-12,455
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-24,540	-25,585	-30,801
Profit (+) / loss (-) on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-3,038	-4,736	-35,442
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in stock	-13	-13	-
Increase (+) / Decrease (-) in debtors	-405	-405	-337
Increase (-) / Decrease (+) in creditors	-200	-200	4,851
Use of provisions	52,724	65,723	73,446
Total accruals to cash adjustments	<u>-2,647</u>	<u>6,725</u>	<u>-7,883</u>
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	11,305,914	10,995,184	9,559,183

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

No CFER income or receipts are expected in 2005-06. None were received in 2004-05 or 2003-04.

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	2005-06 Provision	2004-05 Provision	2003-04 Outturn	£'000
Net Administration Costs				
RfR 1	80,143	98,875	81,484	
RfR 2	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total Net Administration costs	80,143	98,875	81,484	
Net Programme Costs				
RfR 1	1,058,959	1,040,591	959,865	
RfR 2	<u>10,137,001</u>	<u>9,814,000</u>	<u>8,505,000</u>	
Total Net Programme costs	11,195,960	10,854,591	9,464,865	
Total Net Operating Cost	11,276,103	10,953,466	9,546,349	
<i>of which:</i>				
Net Resource Outturn	11,276,103	10,953,466	9,546,349	
CFERs	-	-	-	
Non-voted expenditure	-	-	-	
Resource Budget Outturn	1,421,384	1,410,832	1,207,743	

Notes to the Main Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)	11,276,103	10,953,466	9,546,349
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
provision voted for earlier years	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
non-voted expenditure in the OCS	-	-	-
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts in the OCS	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Net Operating Cost (Accounts)	11,276,103	10,953,466	9,546,349
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed from the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
European Union income and related adjustments	187,129	187,129	213,107
voted expenditure outside the budget	-10,324,130	-10,001,129	-8,718,107
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	232,322	271,366	166,394
unallocated resource provision	49,960	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	1,421,384	1,410,832	1,207,743
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	1,199,419	1,202,414	1,043,053
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	221,965	208,418	164,690

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000		
	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
	Provision	Provision	Outturn
Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)	32,458	34,993	20,717
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>			
gains / losses from sale of capital assets	-	-	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>			
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-	-	-
capital spending by non-departmental public bodies	33,470	47,659	33,146
capital grants to local authorities	-	-	-
capital grants financed by the Capital Modernisation Fund	-	-	-
local authority credit approvals	-	-	-
capital spending by levy funded bodies	-	-	-
unallocated capital provision	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-
Capital Budget Outturn (Budget)	65,928	82,652	53,863
<i>of which:</i>			
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	65,928	82,652	53,863
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-	-	-

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

In accordance with Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 the Treasury has made the following Accounting Officer appointment for the Request for Resources within this Estimate.

Request for Resources 1: Sir Joseph Pilling, Principal Accounting Officer and Permanent Under Secretary of the Northern Ireland Office

Request for Resources 2: Sir Joseph Pilling, Principal Accounting Officer and Permanent Under Secretary of the Northern Ireland Office

Sir Joseph Pilling, as the Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) of the Northern Ireland Office has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Northern Ireland Office's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation, or by the Treasury, and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The PAO as the permanent head, in addition to the responsibilities for the assigned RfR, remains in general overall charge of the Northern Ireland Office.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in Annex 4.1 of Government Accounting. In essence these responsibilities include a personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable; for the keeping of proper accounts; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; and for the efficient and effective use of all available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the Northern Ireland Office's policies, aims, and objectives; and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000					
	2005-06 provision		2004-05 provision		2003-04 outturn	
	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A	Operating A in A	Non- operating A in A
RfR 1: Playing a full part in implementing the Good Friday Agreement and representing the interests of Northern Ireland in the UK Government; supporting and developing an efficient, effective and responsive Criminal Justice System; upholding and sustaining the rule of law and preventing crime; maintaining a secure and humane prison service and reducing the risks of re-offending						
Income from the sale of land and buildings	—	—	—	—	—	207
Income from licences	50	—	50	—	50	—
Income from fees and charges	60	—	60	—	60	—
Recovery of costs	8,550	—	11,165	1,500	10,644	—
Income from other sales	40	50	40	50	33	—
Total RfR 1	8,700*	50**	11,315	1,500	10,787	207
*Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total, arising from recoupment of electoral expenses, shared accommodation costs, receipts from the use of video conference facilities, certain pension contributions, receipts from accruing superannuation liability charges, fees and costs recovered or received for work done for other departments, freedom of information receipts, data protection act receipts; recovery of compensation paid, recovery of costs associated with supplying forensic science services, costs and fees awarded in favour of the crown, receipts arising from arms decommissioning, proceeds of prison occupational services, sale of surplus stores and catering equipment, creche fees, and tuck shop receipts.						
**Amount that may be applied as non-operating appropriations in aid include receipts from the sale of residential properties, surplus IT and office equipment.						
Total A in A	8,700	50	11,315	1,500	10,787	207
<i>of which: Administration Budgets</i>	8,276	—	10,463	—	9,708	—

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

£'000

Details of 2005-06 Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL) and Administration budget limits

	Voted*	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	305,410	894,009	1,199,419
<i>of which: Administration Budgets</i>	<i>80,143</i>	<i>14,662</i>	<i>94,805</i>
Capital DEL**	32,458	33,470	65,928
Less depreciation†	-18,457	-28,527	-46,984
Total DEL	319,411	898,952	1,218,363

* Excludes EU receipts included in Estimates, but excluded in Budgets.

** Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and Accounts, but which are treated as part of Capital DEL, under stage 2 of Resource Accounting and Budgeting, as implemented in the 2002 Spending Review.

† Depreciation, which forms part of resource DEL, is excluded from total DEL since capital DEL includes capital spending and to include depreciation of those assets would lead to double counting.

Comparisons of provision sought with final provision and forecast outturn for the previous year

The total net resource sought for 2005-06 of £11,276,103,000 is 2.9 per cent higher than the final provision and forecast outturn for 2004-05 of £10,953,466,000.

Cash which may be retained to offset expenditure

£'000

Cash which may be retained by the department to offset expenditure in the year due to its relationship with income (operating and non-operating) that has been or will be appropriated in aid

	2005-06 provision	2004-05 provision	2003-04 outturn
	8,750	11,963	10,994

Notes to the Main Estimate (*continued*)

Contingent Liabilities	£'000
Miscarriage of justice compensation	unquantifiable
Equal opportunities and other employment related claims	unquantifiable
