

Northern Ireland Court Service

Introduction

1. This Supplementary Estimate is required for the following purposes:

		Amount (£)	
		<u>Increases</u>	<u>Reductions</u>
<u>Changes in resources</u>			
RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland			
<u>Section</u>	<u>Reason for change</u>		
<u>Changes related to movements in budgets</u>			
<u>Machinery of Government changes</u>			
Subhead D3	Transfer of Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel (CICAP) from Northern Ireland Office with effect from 1 December 2007. Reflects payment of a grant in aid to cover resource spending of £671,000 and capital spending of £10,000 by CICAP.	681,000	
<u>Other changes</u>			
<u>Resource transfers within the Request for Resources</u>			
Sections A and C	Transfer of resources to finance increase in grant in aid paid to the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC). In budgetary terms, the utilisation of savings on resource DEL (voted) are being used to cover an increase in resource DEL spending (non-voted) by JAC. Transfer from subhead A2 to subhead C3.	130,000	-130,000
Subhead A2	Increase in non-cash costs (£2,500,000 depreciation and £1,000,000 cost of capital) offset by savings in near-cash costs within the section. In budgetary terms, the savings in near-cash resource DEL are being utilised to offset increase in near-cash spending by the Legal Services Commission (section B).	3,500,000	-3,500,000
<u>Changes in Non-Budget spending</u>			
Subhead B3	Increase in grant in aid paid to the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission (LSC) to reflect increased near-cash spending on publicly funded legal services. In budgetary terms, the increase in near-cash resource DEL spending by LSC is offset by savings in DEL on courts and other legal services (section A).	3,500,000	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>7,811,000</u> <u>-3,630,000</u>
Total change in resources for RfR1			4,181,000
Total change in resources for Estimate			4,181,000

2. As a result of the above and non-cash adjustments, there is an increase in the net cash requirement of £681,000.

3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

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Part I

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RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	†	4,181,000
Total additional net resource requirement		4,181,000
Additional net cash requirement	†	681,000

SUPPLEMENTARY amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2008 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Court Service on:

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Operation of the courts; Pensions Appeal Tribunal; Office of the Social Security and Child Support Commissioners; the Traffic Penalty Tribunal; the Northern Ireland Valuation Tribunal; Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel Northern Ireland; policy and legislation; accommodation services; grants to sundry bodies and associated non-cash items; grant of funding for the provision of publicly funded legal services; grant in aid to support the administration of the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission; grant in aid to support the administration of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission and costs associated with the XVII World Congress of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates; and associated non-cash costs.

The Northern Ireland Court Service will account for this Estimate.

† The Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel is being transferred from the Northern Ireland Office to the Northern Ireland Court Service from 1 December 2007. Within the overall changes in this Estimate, the specific changes relating to this machinery of government transfer are:

- a) the net resource requirement is increased by £681,000;
- b) the net cash requirement is increased by £681,000.

Part II: Changes proposed

Resources	Present Net Provision	Change in Gross Provision	Change in A in A	Change in Net Provision	£'000	
					New Net Provision	
RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland						
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)						
<i>Central Government spending</i>						
RfR 1 - A	Court and other legal services	53,511	-130	-	-130	53,381
Non-budget						
RfR1 - B	Legal Services Commission	65,762	3,500	-	3,500	69,262
RfR1 - C	Judicial Appointments Commission	1,370	130	-	130	1,500
RfR1 - D	Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel	-	681	-	681	681
Total RfR 1			4,181	-	4,181	
Total Changes to RfRs			4,181	-	4,181	

Capital and Cash	Present Provision	Change in Provision	£000
			New Provision
Total Capital Expenditure	6,000	-	6,000
Non-Operating A in A	-	-	-
Net cash requirement	115,468	681	116,149

Part II: Revised subhead detail including additional provision

Resources						Capital		£'000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Admin	Other current	Grants	Gross Total	A in A	Net Total	Capital	Non-operating A in A	
RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland								
20,311	51,045	71,468	142,824	18,000	124,824	6,000	-	
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)								
<i>Central Government spending</i>								
A Court and other legal services								
20,311	51,045	25	71,381	18,000	53,381	6,000	-	
Non-budget								
B Legal Services Commission								
-	-	69,262	69,262	-	69,262	-	-	
C Judicial Appointments Commission								
-	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	
D Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel								
-	-	681	681	-	681	-	-	
Total for Estimate:								
20,311	51,045	71,468	142,824	18,000	124,824	6,000	-	

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Increase (+)/ Decrease (-)</u>	<u>£'000</u> <u>Revised</u>
Net Resource Requirement	120,643	4,181	124,824
Voted capital items			
Capital	6,000	-	6,000
<i>Less:</i> Non-operating A in A	-	-	-
Total net voted capital	6,000	-	6,000
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-5,075	-1,000	-6,075
Depreciation	-6,100	-2,500	-8,600
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-	-
Profit/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-
Prior period adjustments	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-	-	-
Increase(+)/decrease (-) in stock	-	-	-
Increase(+)/decrease (-) in debtors	-	-	-
Increase(-)/decrease (+) in creditors	-	-	-
Use of provisions	-	-	-
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-11,175	-3,500	-14,675
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	115,468	681	116,149

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

As in existing provision

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000
	2007-08 provision
Net Administration Costs	
RfR1	2,311
Total Net Administration Costs	2,311
Net Programme Costs	
RfR1	122,513
Non-voted	5,166
Total Net Programme costs	127,679
Total Net Operating Cost	129,990
<i>of which:</i>	
Net Resource Requirement	124,824
Non-voted expenditure	5,166
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-
Resource Budget	133,180

Notes to the Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000
	2007-08 Provision
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	124,824
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>	
provision voted for earlier years	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>	
non-voted expenditure in the OCS	5,166
Consolidated Fund extra receipts in the OCS	-
Other adjustments	-
Net Operating Costs (Accounts)	129,990
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>	
Gains/losses from sale of capital assets	-
Capital grants	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-
voted expenditure outside the budget	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>	
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-
resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	3,190
unallocated resource provision	-
Other adjustments	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	133,180
<i>of which:</i>	
Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL)	133,180
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000
	2007-08 Provision
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	6,000
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>	
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-
capital spending by non departmental public bodies	10
capital grants	-
European Union income related to capital grants	-
supported capital expenditure (revenue)	-
capital spending by levy funded bodies	-
unallocated capital provision	-
Other adjustments	-
Capital Budget (Budget)	6,010
<i>of which:</i>	
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	6,010
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-

Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

Explanation of Accounting Officer responsibilities

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

Request for Resources 1

David A Lavery, Director of the NICS

David A Lavery as the Accounting Officer of the Northern Ireland Court Service has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the department's resource accounts as prescribed in legislation, or by the Treasury, and their transmission to the Comptroller and Auditor General. The AO as the permanent head, remains in general overall charge of the Northern Ireland Court Service.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer are set out in chapter 3 of Managing Public Money. In essence these responsibilities include a personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable; for 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 the available resources. In addition, the Accounting Officer must ensure that there is a sound system of internal control to support the achievement of the organisation's policies, aims and objectives and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of operating appropriations in aid (A in A)

£'000

2007-08

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Administration	18,000
<i>of which:</i>	
Sale of goods and services	18,000
Programme	-
<i>of which:</i>	
Sale of goods and services	-
Total RfR1	18,000 †

† Amount that may be applied as operating appropriations in aid in addition to the net total arising from: court fees paid by litigants in civil proceedings, fine monies arising from the payment of certain conditional offer fixed penalty notices to cover project costs incurred by the Northern Ireland Court Service and Northern Ireland Office, administration fees paid in respect of funds in court, monies recovered in respect of third party claims, recoveries from the National Insurance Fund for the costs of the Office of the Social Security and Child Support Commissioners and other fees and receipts received.

Total Operating A in A	18,000
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Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

	Change		New DEL		£'000
	Voted	Non-voted	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	-130	871	53,381	79,799	133,180
<i>of which: †</i>					
<i>Administration budget</i>	-	-	2,311	-	2,311
<i>Near-cash in RDEL</i>	-3,630	3,630	38,706	75,928	114,634
Capital DEL ††	-	10	6,000	10	6,010
Less Depreciation †††	-2,500	-	-8,600	-20	-8,620
Total DEL	-2,630	881	50,781	79,789	130,570

† The total of 'Administration budget' and 'Near-cash in Resource DEL' figures may well be greater than total resource DEL, due to the definitions overlapping.

†† Capital DEL includes items treated as resource in Estimates and accounts but which are treated as Capital DEL in budgets.

††† 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.

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	18,000