

Northern Ireland Court Service

Introduction

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

Amount £

Changes in resources

RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland

Increases:

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| 1. | <u>Transfer between non-cash and near cash</u>
Subhead B3
Increase in non-cash costs for cost of capital charge and depreciation to release additional grant payable to the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission for expenditure on publicly funded legal services. | 3,764,000 |
| 2. | <u>Take up of resource end year flexibility (near cash)</u>
Subhead B3
Take up of resource end year flexibility (near cash) for additional expenditure on publicly funded legal services by the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission. | 159,000 |
| 3. | <u>Other increases</u>
Subhead A2
Additional non-cash funding for an increased judicial salary liability. This reflects a reallocation of budgetary cover from the Department of Constitutional Affairs. | 2,600,000 |
| | Subhead B3
Additional expenditure on publicly funded legal services by the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission. This reflects a reallocation of budgetary cover from the Department of Constitutional Affairs. | 4,000,000 |

Neutral Changes:

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| 1. | <u>Take up of additional appropriations in aid</u>
Subheads A2 and A5
To utilise additional appropriations in aid of £750,000 to offset project costs incurred by the Northern Ireland Court Service and Northern Ireland Office in respect of the safety camera netting off scheme. | - |
| | Subheads A2 and A5
Increased income of £1,000,000 to offset a corresponding amount of "other current" expenditure on judicial salaries, non cash costs and lay magistrates fees. | - |

Total change in resources for RfR1 10,523,000

Changes in capital

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| 1. | <u>Take up of capital end year flexibility</u>
Subhead A7
Take up of capital end year flexibility to fund refurbishment of accommodation for the Coroners Service | 1,000,000 |
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Total change in capital for Estimate 1,000,000

Introduction (*continued*)

2. As a result of the above and non-cash adjustments, there is an increase in the net cash requirement of £5,159,000.
3. Symbols are explained in the Introduction to this booklet.

Part I

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RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	10,523,000
Total additional net resource requirement	10,523,000
Additional net cash requirement	5,159,000

SUPPLEMENTARY amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2006 for expenditure by the Northern Ireland Court Service on:

RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland

Operation of the courts; policy and legislation; accommodation services; grants to sundry bodies and associated noncash 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 set up 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.

Part II: Changes proposed

Resources	£'000				
	Present Net Provision	Change in Gross Provision	Change in A in A	Change in Net Provision	New Net Provision
RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland					
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)					
RfR 1 - A Court and other legal services	54,456	4,350	1,750	2,600	57,056
Non-budget					
RfR 1 - B Legal Services Commission	53,868	7,923	-	7,923	61,791
Total RfR 1		12,273	1,750	10,523	

Capital and Cash	£000		
	Present Provision	Change in Provision	New Provision
Total Capital Expenditure	6,000	1,000	7,000
Non-Operating A in A	-	-	-
Net cash requirement	104,479	5,159	109,638

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							
21,256	53,775	63,146	138,177	18,000	120,177	7,000	-
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)							
<i>Central Government spending</i>							
A Court and other legal services							
21,256	53,775	25	75,056	18,000	57,056	7,000	-
<i>Publicly funded legal services</i>							
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-budget							
B Legal Services Commission							
-	-	61,791	61,791	-	61,791	-	-
C Judicial Appointments Commission							
-	-	1,330	1,330	-	1,330	-	-
Total for Estimate:							
21,256	53,775	63,146	138,177	18,000	120,177	7,000	-

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Increase (+)/ Decrease (-)</u>	<u>£'000</u> <u>Revised</u>
Net total Resources	109,654	10,523	120,177
Voted capital items			
Capital expenditure	6,000	1,000	7,000
<i>Less:</i> non-operating A in A	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net voted capital	6,000	1,000	7,000
Accruals to cash adjustment			
Adjustments to remove non-cash items:			
Cost of Capital charges	-5,075	-1,064	-6,139
Depreciation	-6,100	-2,700	-8,800
New provisions and adjustments to previous provisions	-	-2,600	-2,600
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	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total accruals to cash adjustments	-11,175	-6,364	-17,539
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net cash requirement	104,479	5,159	109,638

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

As in existing provision

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

		£'000
		2005-06 provision
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Net Administration Costs		
RfR 1	3,256	
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Total Net Administration Costs		3,256
Net Programme Costs		
RfR 1	116,921	
Net non-voted programme costs	5,166	
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Total Net Programme costs		122,087
Total Net Operating Cost		125,343
<i>of which:</i>		
Net Resource Outturn		120,177
CFERs		-
Non-voted expenditure		5,166
Resource Budget Outturn		130,003
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Notes to the Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000
	2005-06 Provision
Net Resource Outturn (Estimates)	120,177
<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 (CFERS) in the OCS	-
Other adjustments	-
Net Operating Costs (Accounts)	125,343
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>	
capital grants to local authorities	-
capital grants financed from the Capital Modernisation Fund	-
European Union income and related adjustments	-
voted expenditure outside the budget	-
<i>Adjustments to additionally include:</i>	
other Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-
resource consumption of non departmental public bodies	4,660
unallocated resource provision	-
Other adjustments	-
Resource Budget Outturn (Budget)	130,003
<i>of which:</i>	
Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL)	130,003
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000
	2005-06 Provision
Net Voted Capital Outturn (Estimates)	7,000
<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	-
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)	7,000
<i>of which:</i>	
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	7,000
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, Principal Accounting Officer and Director of the Northern Ireland Court Service
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David A Lavery, as the Principal Accounting Officer (PAO) of the Northern Ireland Court Service has personal responsibility for the proper presentation of the Northern Ireland Court Service'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 Court Service.

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 Court Service's policies, aims, and objectives and should regularly review the effectiveness of that system.

Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of appropriations in aid (A in A)

	£'000	
	2005-06 Provision	Non operating
	Operating A in A	operating A in A
RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland		
Income from fees	17,700	-
Miscellaneous income	300	-
Disposal of land	-	-
Total RfR 1	18,000 *	-
<i>of which: Administration budgets</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>-</i>

*Amount that may be applied as 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.

Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

Analysis of Consolidated Fund extra receipts

	£'000	
	2005-06 provision	
	Income	Receipts
Fines ●	5,150	5,150
Interest payments ●	100	100
Civil Fee income ●	-	-
Miscellaneous ●	250	250
Total	5,500	5,500

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

As announced to the House of Commons, the Northern Ireland Court Service Departmental Expenditure Limit will change as follows:

	New DEL			£'000
	Change	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource	6,759	57,056	72,947	130,003
<i>of which : Administration Budget</i>	<i>-1,750</i>	<i>3,256</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,256</i>
Capital	1,000	7,000	-	7,000
Depreciation*	-2,700	-8,800	-20	-8,820
Total	5,059	55,256	72,927	128,183

*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