

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:

Other increases

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| 1. Additional grant payable to the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission for expenditure on publicly funded legal services (subhead B3). | 5,616,000 |
| 2. Increase in "other current" expenditure (including judicial salaries, non-cash costs and estate maintenance) financed in DEL budget terms by a transfer from non-voted spending arising from a reduced requirement for resource budget cover in respect of publicly funded legal services (subhead A2). | 4,823,000 |

Neutral Changes:

Additional appropriations in aid

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|---|---|
| 1. Increased income of £6,558,000 to offset "other current" expenditure (including judicial salaries, non-cash costs and estate maintenance) on subheads A2 and A5. | - |
| 2. Increased income of £500,000 to offset "other current " expenditure on the set up and administration costs of a unified tribunal function in Northern Ireland on subheads A2 and A5. | - |

Total change in resources for RfR1 10,439,000

Total change in resources for Estimate 10,439,000

2. As a result of the above and non-cash adjustments, there is an increase in the net cash requirement of £5,621,000.

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	10,439,000
Total additional net resource requirement	10,439,000
Additional net cash requirement	5,621,000

SUPPLEMENTARY amounts required in the year ending 31 March 2007 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 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 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	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)					
RfR 1 - A Court and other legal services	53,511	11,881	7,058	4,823	58,334
Non-Budget					
RfR 1 - B Legal Services Commission	67,184	5,616	-	5,616	72,800
Total RfR 1		17,497	7,058	10,439	
Total Changes to RfRs		17,497	7,058	10,439	

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	116,890	5,621	122,511

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	55,998	74,195	150,504	18,000	132,504	6,000	-	
Spending in Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)								
<i>Central Government spending</i>								
A Court and other legal services								
20,311	55,998	25	76,334	18,000	58,334	6,000	-	
Non-Budget								
B Legal Services Commission								
-	-	72,800	72,800	-	72,800	-	-	
C Judicial Appointments Commission								
-	-	1,370	1,370	-	1,370	-	-	
Total for Estimate:								
20,311	55,998	74,195	150,504	18,000	132,504	6,000	-	

Part II: Resource to cash reconciliation

	<u>Present</u>	Increase (+)/ Decrease (-)	£'000 <u>Revised</u>
Net Resource Requirement	122,065	10,439	132,504
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	-1,384	-6,459
Depreciation	-6,100	-3,434	-9,534
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	-4,818	-15,993
Excess cash to be CFERd	-	-	-
Net Cash Requirement	116,890	5,621	122,511

Part III: Extra receipts payable to the Consolidated Fund

As in existing provision

Forecast Operating Cost Statement

	£'000
	2006-07 provision
Net Administration Costs	
RfR1	2,311
Total Net Administration Costs	2,311
Net Programme Costs	
RfR1	130,193
Non-voted	5,166
Total Net Programme costs	135,359
Total Net Operating Cost	137,670
<i>of which:</i>	
Net Resource Requirement	132,504
Non-voted expenditure	5,166
Consolidated Fund Extra Receipts	-
Resource Budget	132,439

Notes to the Estimate

Reconciliation of resource expenditure between Estimates, Accounts and Budgets

	£'000
	2006-07 Provision
Net Resource Requirement (Estimates)	132,504
<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)	137,670
<i>Adjustments to remove:</i>	
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	-5,231
unallocated resource provision	-
Other adjustments	-
Resource Budget (Budget)	132,439
<i>of which:</i>	
Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL)	132,439
Annually Managed Expenditure (AME)	-

Reconciliation of capital expenditure between Estimates and Budgets

	£'000
	2006-07 Provision
Net Voted Capital (Estimates)	6,000
<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	-
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)	6,000
<i>of which:</i>	
Departmental Expenditure Limits (DEL)	6,000
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, Director of the Northern Ireland Court Service

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 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 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
	<u>2006-07 Provision</u>
RfR 1: Supporting the effective and efficient administration of justice in Northern Ireland	
Administration	18,000
<i>of which:</i>	
Sale of goods and services	18,000
Programme	-
<i>of which:</i>	
Sale of goods and services	-
<hr/> Total RfR1	<hr/> 18,000 †
<p>† 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.</p>	
<hr/> Total Operating A in A	<hr/> 18,000

Notes to the Estimate (*continued*)

Departmental Expenditure Limits and Administration Budgets

	Change		New DEL		£'000
	Voted	Non-voted	Voted	Non-voted	Total
Resource DEL	4,823	-4,823	58,334	74,105	132,439
<i>of which:</i>					
<i>Administration budget*</i>	-7,058	-	2,311	-	2,311
<i>Near-cash in RDEL</i>	5	4,552	42,341	79,336	121,677
Capital**	-	-	6,000	-	6,000
Less Depreciation†	-3,434	-	-9,534	-20	-9,554
Total	1,389	-4,823	54,800	74,085	128,885

* 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