

# Northern Ireland Estimates

## Vote on Account 2024-2025

An estimate showing the  
services for which the  
Vote on Account is required  
for the year ending  
31 March 2025

Department of Finance  
March 2024



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# Introduction

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## **Vote on Account 2024–2025**

The Vote on Account provides finance to allow existing services to continue in the early months of 2024–2025 pending consideration of appropriate legislation to provide funds to meet the full expenditure for that year. “Existing services” should be read as including not only services for which sums will have been appropriated before 31 March 2024, but also services in respect of which specific legislation has recently been passed, or in respect of which specific legislation is at present under consideration.

In accordance with the general principles of resource based estimates, the Vote on Account for 2024-2025 is presented on the basis for both current and capital resources and cash.

The Vote on Account has been calculated as a proportion (65 per cent) of the preceding year’s total voted provision. This should be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service is not exhausted before the Main Estimates can be approved, but not so high as to prejudice the Northern Ireland Assembly’s consideration of the Main Estimates.

However, the Vote on Account may reflect a higher or lower amount than the standard proportion where the consumption of resources or expenditure of cash during the early months of the 2024–2025 financial year is expected to be significantly different from the 65 per cent standard.

The services covered by the Vote on Account are listed in Table 1 on the following pages.

**Department of Finance**

*March 2024*

## Vote on Account: 2024-25

1	2	3	4
		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>Department</b>		<b>Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based</b>	<b>Required on Account</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>			
The purpose of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is for sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active landscape valued by everyone.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	639,588	415,733
	Capital	97,452	63,344
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	124,036	80,624
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	763,624	496,357
	Capital	97,452	63,344
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	733,419	476,723
<b>Department for Communities</b>			
To take forward its aim of "Working together to improve communities through tackling poverty and disadvantage, supporting equality and diversity, and promoting employment, culture and heritage". The request for resource corresponds with the Department's main programmes of – Welfare, Employment, Local Government, Housing, Regeneration, Culture, Arts and Sport.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	881,348	572,877
	Capital	240,378	156,246
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	5,147,632	3,345,961
	Capital	6,536	4,249
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	6,028,980	3,918,838
	Capital	246,914	160,495
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	137,656	89,477
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	6,447,672	4,190,987
<b>Department for the Economy</b>			
To promote the growth of a competitive and export-led economy, to take forward its aim of promoting a culture of lifelong learning and to equip people to work in a modern economy.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	1,312,645	853,220
	Capital	220,898	143,584
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	67,255	43,716
	Capital	489,828	318,389
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	1,379,900	896,936
	Capital	710,726	461,973
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	2,204	1,433
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	1,428,826	928,737

1	2	3	4
		2023-24	2024-25
Department		Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
		£'000	£'000
<b>Department of Education</b>			
To provide for an education system that is recognised internationally for the quality of its teaching and learning, for the achievements of its young people and for a focus on meeting their needs.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	2,883,181	1,874,068
	Capital	280,161	182,105
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	306,584	199,280
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	3,189,765	2,073,348
	Capital	280,161	182,105
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
Resource	-	-	
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	3,121,269	2,028,825	
<b>Department of Education - Teachers' Superannuation</b>			
To cover changes in the value of the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme liabilities and Interest on Scheme liabilities.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	492,998	320,449
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	492,998	320,449
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
Resource	-2,204	-1,433	
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	213,585	138,831	
<b>Department of Finance</b>			
To help the Executive secure the most appropriate and effective use of resources and services for the benefit of the community and deliver quality, cost effective and efficient public services and administration in the department's areas of executive responsibility.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	244,573	158,973
	Capital	37,908	24,641
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	12,104	7,868
	Capital	1,000	650
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	256,677	166,841
	Capital	38,908	25,291
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
Resource	-	-	
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	243,357	158,183	

1	2	3	4
		2023-24	2024-25
Department		Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
		£'000	£'000
<b>Department of Finance - Superannuation and Other Allowances</b>			
To cover changes in the value of liabilities and interest on liabilities of the Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Arrangements, and payments to persons covered by the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (NI), and the Civil Service Injury Benefit Scheme (NI).	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	430,000	279,500
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	430,000	279,500
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	120,000	78,000
<b>Department of Health</b>			
To protect and improve the health, wellbeing and public safety of the people of Northern Ireland through the provision of high quality health, social care, firefighting, rescue and fire safety services and the promotion of good health and wellbeing.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	7,440,386	4,836,251
	Capital	469,014	304,860
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	1,444,830	939,140
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	8,885,216	5,775,391
	Capital	469,014	304,860
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	8,113,086	5,273,506
<b>Department of Health - Health and Social Care Pension Scheme</b>			
To provide expenditure by the Department of Health on the Health and Social Care Pension Scheme.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	1,049,100	681,915
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	1,049,100	681,915
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	-115,700	-

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		2023-24	2024-25
Department		Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
		£'000	£'000
<b>Department for Infrastructure</b>			
Enabling people today, building our tomorrow. Through our focus on planning, water and transport, we at the Department for Infrastructure seek to maintain and develop sustainable infrastructure that supports our economy, improves the quality of life for all and helps to tackle the climate emergency.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	503,774	327,454
	Capital	488,921	317,799
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	177,193	115,176
	Capital	31,240	20,306
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	680,967	442,630
	Capital	520,161	338,105
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	347,067	225,594
Capital	259,000	168,350	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	1,680,835	1,182,376	
<b>Department of Justice</b>			
To support, develop and administer an efficient, effective and responsive justice system; to uphold and sustain the rule of law; to prevent crime; to maintain a secure and humane prison service and reduce the risks of re-offending.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	1,358,694	883,152
	Capital	93,285	60,636
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	534,432	347,381
	Capital	423	275
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	1,893,126	1,230,533
	Capital	93,708	60,911
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	1,631,535	1,060,498	
<b>The Executive Office</b>			
To drive investment and sustainable development; to make people's lives better through support for equality, human rights and community relations; and for the effective operation of the institutions of Government.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	169,078	109,901
	Capital	26,191	17,025
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	244,774	159,104
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	413,852	269,005
	Capital	26,191	17,025
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	198,797	129,219	

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		2023-24	2024-25
Department		Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
		£'000	£'000
<b>Food Standards Agency</b>			
To protect public health from risks which may arise in connection with the consumption of food and otherwise protect the interests of consumers in relation to food.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	15,327	9,963
	Capital	180	117
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	300	195
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	15,627	10,158
	Capital	180	117
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	15,595	10,137	
<b>Northern Ireland Assembly Commission</b>			
To support Members of the Assembly in discharging their duties in their constituencies, in the Assembly and elsewhere and enhances public awareness of and involvement in the working of the Northern Ireland Assembly.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	48,879	31,772
	Capital	3,160	2,054
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	2,181	1,418
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	51,060	33,190
	Capital	3,160	2,054
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	48,418	31,472	
<b>Northern Ireland Audit Office</b>			
To provide independent assurance on the proper accounting for public expenditure, revenue, assets and liabilities, including compliance with laws and regulations; promotes economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public resources and undertakes exercises to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	8,475	5,509
	Capital	45	30
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	8,475	5,509
	Capital	45	30
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
Capital	-	-	
<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	8,345	5,425	



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		2023-24	2024-25
Department		Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
		£'000	£'000
<b>Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation</b>			
To regulate the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries and protects the interests of consumers with regard to the price and quality of electricity, gas, water and sewerage services.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	316	206
	Capital	20	13
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	1	1
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	317	207
	Capital	20	13
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	630	630
<b>Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman</b>			
To investigate complaints from individuals who claim to have suffered injustice through maladministration by government departments, statutory agencies, public bodies, local government, health and social care bodies, general and independent health care providers, colleges, universities and boards of governors of grant-aided schools; undertakes own initiative investigations of systemic maladministration where there are grounds for so-doing; fulfils a statutory complaint standards function in respect of Northern Ireland public authorities and investigates and adjudicates on local government ethical standards complaints against councillors; considers complaints regarding judicial appointments made by Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission (NIJAC); and promotes best practice in complaints handling and learning from complaints and improvements in ethical standards by councillors in local government.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	3,997	2,599
	Capital	60	39
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	3,997	2,599
	Capital	60	39
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	3,845	2,500

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		2023-24	2024-25
Department		Voted Total to date on which provision on account is based	Required on Account
		£'000	£'000
<b>Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland</b>			
To facilitate its aim to provide the people of Northern Ireland with an independent, fair and effective prosecution service.	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	42,270	27,476
	Capital	465	303
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	989	643
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	43,259	28,119
	Capital	465	303
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	-	-
	Capital	-	-
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	44,174	28,714
<b>Overall Totals</b>			
All Departments	<b>Departmental Expenditure Limit</b>		
	Resource	15,552,531	10,109,154
	Capital	1,958,138	1,272,796
	<b>Annually Managed Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	10,034,409	6,522,371
	Capital	529,027	343,869
	<b>Total Net Budget</b>		
	Resource	25,586,940	16,631,525
	Capital	2,487,165	1,616,665
	<b>Non-Budget Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	484,723	315,071
	Capital	259,000	168,350
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Resource	26,071,663	16,946,596
	Capital	2,746,165	1,785,015
	<b>Net Cash Requirement</b>	<b>23,937,688</b>	<b>15,724,763</b>



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