

# Northern Ireland Estimates

## Vote on Account 2021-2022

An estimate showing the  
services for which the Vote  
on Account is required for  
the year ending 31 March  
2022

Department of Finance  
March 2021



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# Introduction

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## **Vote on Account 2021–2022**

The Vote on Account provides finance to allow existing services to continue in the early months of 2021–2022 pending consideration of appropriate legislation to provide funds to meet the balance of estimated expenditure for that year. “Existing services” should be read as including not only services for which sums will have been appropriated before 31 March 2021, 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 2021–2022 is presented on the basis of both resources and cash. Generally a department’s provision will be contained in a single estimate subdivided into one or more Requests for Resources.

The Vote on Account is normally calculated as a proportion (45 per cent) of the preceding year’s total voted provision. Generally this should be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service is not exhausted before the Main Estimates can be approved in the summer, but not so high as to prejudge 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 2021–2022 financial year is expected to be significantly different from the 45 per cent standard.

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

**Department of Finance**

*March 2021*



Table 1

1	2	3	4	5	6
		2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22
		Total net resources on which provision on account is based	Resources required on account	Total net cash requirement on which provision on account is based	Cash required on account
RfR	Service	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	<b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>684,591</b>	<b>308,066</b>	<b>684,055</b>	<b>307,825</b>
A	Promote sustainable development of the agri-food industry and the countryside; stimulate the economic and social revitalisation of rural areas; protect and enhance the natural environment; promote sustainable development of the sea fishing and aquaculture industries; and manage, protect, develop and expand forests in a sustainable way.	684,591	308,066		
	<b>Department for Communities</b>	<b>5,882,632</b>	<b>2,647,184</b>	<b>5,841,578</b>	<b>2,628,710</b>
	Providing a fair system of financial help to those in need; tackling disadvantage; promoting social and economic equality; personal development; tackling poverty; social exclusion; promoting the financial responsibility parents have for their children; access to decent, affordable, sustainable homes and housing support services; improving the physical, economic, community and social environment of neighbourhoods, towns and cities; securing excellence and equality across culture, arts and leisure, and developing a confident, creative, informed and healthy society; helping people into employment; protecting, conserving and enhancing our diverse built heritage and supporting principles of sustainable development, so that it can be enjoyed by future generations; promoting and protecting the interests of children, older people, people with disabilities, and other socially excluded groups.	5,882,632	2,647,184		
	<b>Department for the Economy</b>	<b>2,301,548</b>	<b>1,035,697</b>	<b>2,056,242</b>	<b>925,309</b>
A	To promote a competitive, sustainable and inclusive economy through investment in skills, economic infrastructure, research and innovation, and business development.	2,301,548	1,035,697		
	<b>Department of Education</b>	<b>2,792,406</b>	<b>1,256,583</b>	<b>2,809,715</b>	<b>1,264,372</b>
A	Ensuring that all young people, through participation at school, reach the highest possible standards of educational achievement, that will give them a secure foundation for lifelong learning and employment; and develop the values and attitudes appropriate to citizenship in an inclusive society. Promoting, through the youth service and children's services, the personal and social development of children and young people and assisting them to gain knowledge, skills and experience to reach their full potential as valued individuals. Encouraging children and young people to develop mutual understanding and promote recognition of, and respect for cultural diversity, human rights, equality of opportunity and social inclusion.	2,792,406	1,256,583		

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	<b>Department of Education - Teachers' Superannuation</b>	<b>659,915</b>	<b>296,962</b>	<b>104,202</b>	<b>46,891</b>
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons covered by the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme.	659,915	296,962		
	<b>Department of Finance</b>	<b>736,767</b>	<b>331,545</b>	<b>729,449</b>	<b>328,252</b>
A	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.	736,767	331,545		
	<b>Department of Finance - Superannuation and Other Allowances</b>	<b>521,000</b>	<b>234,450</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>38,250</b>
A	Providing for payments to persons covered by the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) Pension Arrangements, the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (NI), [CSCS(NI)] and the Civil Service Injury Benefit Scheme (NI), [CSIBS(NI)].	521,000	234,450		
	<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>6,713,215</b>	<b>3,020,947</b>	<b>6,867,127</b>	<b>3,090,208</b>
A	Providing high quality health, social care, firefighting, rescue and fire safety services and promoting good health and wellbeing.	6,713,215	3,020,947		
	<b>Department of Health - Health and Social Care Pension Scheme</b>	<b>1,477,037</b>	<b>664,667</b>	-	-
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons employed in health and social care.	1,477,037	664,667		
	<b>Department for Infrastructure</b>	<b>1,121,371</b>	<b>586,724</b>	<b>1,321,279</b>	<b>676,683</b>
A	Connecting people safely, supporting opportunities and creating sustainable living places.	1,121,371	586,724		
	<b>Department of Justice</b>	<b>1,475,240</b>	<b>663,858</b>	<b>1,396,457</b>	<b>628,406</b>
A	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.	1,475,240	663,858		
	<b>Department of Justice - Northern Ireland Judicial Pensions Scheme</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>225</b>
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons covered by the Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme.	2,100	945		
	<b>The Executive Office</b>	<b>647,857</b>	<b>98,027</b>	<b>219,863</b>	<b>98,938</b>
A	Driving investment and sustainable development; making people's lives better through support for equality, human rights and community relations; and the effective operation of the institutions of Government.	647,857	98,027		

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	<b>Food Standards Agency</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>11,446</b>	<b>5,151</b>
A	Improving food safety and promoting healthy eating.	11,555	5,200		
	<b>Northern Ireland Assembly Commission</b>	<b>47,836</b>	<b>21,526</b>	<b>42,461</b>	<b>19,107</b>
A	Supporting the work of the Northern Ireland Assembly.	47,836	21,526		
	<b>Northern Ireland Audit Office</b>	<b>7,580</b>	<b>3,411</b>	<b>7,870</b>	<b>3,542</b>
A	Providing audit and other assurance services and promoting economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public funds and resources	7,580	3,411		
	<b>Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>886</b>
A	Regulating the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries.	298	224		
	<b>Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>1,407</b>
A	Investigating complaints of maladministration and investigating and adjudicating on local government ethical standards.	3,189	1,435		
	<b>Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland</b>	<b>38,405</b>	<b>17,282</b>	<b>38,776</b>	<b>17,449</b>
A	Increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system through independent, fair and effective prosecutions.	38,405	17,282		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,124,542</b>	<b>11,194,733</b>	<b>22,220,328</b>	<b>10,081,611</b>

\* Where the resource requirement in the Estimate is negative, a nil resource requirement is shown in the Budget Act and in this summary table.

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