

Northern Ireland Estimates

Vote on Account 2022-2023

An estimate showing the
services for which the Vote
on Account is required for
the year ending 31 March
2023

Department of Finance
February 2022



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Introduction

Vote on Account 2022–2023

The Vote on Account provides finance to allow existing services to continue in the early months of 2022–2023 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 2022, 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 2022-2023 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 2022–2023 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

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1	2	3	4	5	6
		2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23
		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
	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	688,309	309,739	689,494	310,272
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.	688,309	309,739		
	Department for Communities	5,642,274	2,539,023	5,620,490	2,529,221
A	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.	5,642,274	2,539,023		
	Department for the Economy	1,686,210	758,795	1,667,779	750,501
A	To promote a competitive, sustainable and inclusive economy through investment in skills, economic infrastructure, research and innovation, and business development.	1,686,210	758,795		
	Department of Education	2,838,969	1,277,537	2,857,801	1,286,011
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.	2,838,969	1,277,537		

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RfR	Service	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Department of Education - Teachers' Superannuation	710,633	319,785	101,347	45,606
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons covered by the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme.	710,633	319,785		
	Department of Finance	353,425	159,042	483,157	217,421
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.	353,425	159,042		
	Department of Finance - Superannuation and Other Allowances	538,000	242,100	80,000	36,000
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)].	538,000	242,100	80,000	36,000
	Department of Health	7,107,340	3,198,303	7,158,982	3,221,542
A	Providing high quality health, social care, firefighting, rescue and fire safety services and promoting good health and wellbeing.	7,107,340	3,198,303		
	Department of Health - Health and Social Care Pension Scheme	1,687,325	759,297	-	-
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons employed in health and social care.	1,687,325	759,297		
	Department for Infrastructure	1,108,976	499,040	1,430,764	643,844
A	Connecting people safely, supporting opportunities and creating sustainable living places.	1,108,976	499,040		
	Department of Justice	1,606,313	722,841	1,447,848	651,532
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.	1,606,313	722,841		
	Department of Justice - Northern Ireland Judicial Pensions Scheme	2,100	945	500	225
A	Providing a pension scheme for persons covered by the Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme.	2,100	945		

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RfR	Service	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	The Executive Office	561,085	252,489	175,587	79,014
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.	561,085	252,489		
	Food Standards Agency	13,685	6,159	13,487	6,070
A	Improving food safety and promoting healthy eating.	13,685	6,159		
	Northern Ireland Assembly Commission	48,911	22,010	44,138	19,862
A	Supporting the work of the Northern Ireland Assembly.	48,911	22,010		
	Northern Ireland Audit Office	7,840	3,528	12,560	5,652
A	Providing audit and other assurance services and promoting economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public funds and resources.	7,840	3,528		
	Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation	329	148	1,027	462
A	Regulating the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries.	329	148		
	Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman	3,545	1,595	3,468	1,561
A	Investigating complaints of maladministration and investigating and adjudicating on local government ethical standards.	3,545	1,595		
	Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland	40,438	18,197	39,138	17,612
A	Increasing public confidence in the criminal justice system through independent, fair and effective prosecutions.	40,438	18,197		
	TOTAL	24,645,707	11,090,573	21,827,567	9,822,408

* 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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