

Northern Ireland Estimates 2013-2014

Statement of Excesses

for the year ending 31 March 2014

Introduction

1. This Statement of Excesses sets out the amount of resources and cash that the Northern Ireland Assembly is asked to grant in Excess Votes for two departments, the Department of Education and the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in respect of the 2013-14 financial year.
2. Excess Votes are presented if expenditure of resources or cash has exceeded the provision in the Spring Supplementary Estimate approved by the Assembly and authorised in the related Budget Act.
3. Before any Excess Votes are sought, the Resource Accounts for each Estimate are prepared by the relevant department. The Accounts are examined and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland and laid before the Assembly. A report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland is made on any such Accounts where expenditure of resources or cash exceeds the amounts authorised by the Assembly.
4. The Assembly votes amounts for Requests for Resources that are net of income that a department may apply against gross requirements. It separately limits the amounts of such income that may be so used. Together, these amounts represent the gross provision. The Assembly also votes a Net Cash Requirement that is net of receipts arising from such income. An Excess Vote must, therefore, be sought even where sufficient surplus income and, as necessary, associated cash receipts, are available to be used to offset excess expenditure. In such cases, the Excess Vote is for only a token sum of £1,000.
5. A statement of Excesses is normally presented to the Assembly in June, some fifteen months after the end of the financial year to which it relates. This follows a report by the Public Accounts Committee confirming that it sees no objection to the sums necessary being provided by Excess Vote/s. Authorisation of additional resources and issues from the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund in respect of Excess Votes are given legislative authority in the Budget Act in June.
6. There are two Statements of Excess. Part I of each shows the amount of the excess. Part II provides a summary of the 2013-14 excess for each Estimate concerned. Part III provides an explanation of the reason for each excess.

2013-14 Statement of Excess

Department of Education

Part I	Total net resource requirement	£6,275,347.34
	Total net cash requirement	£-

STATEMENT of the amount required to be voted in order to make good the excess for the year ended 31 March 2014

Part II Summary of 2013-14 Statement of Excess

RfR Title	Resources		Cash	
	Excess	Amount to be voted	Excess	Amount to be voted
	£	£	£	£
A Department of Education				
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; develop the values and attitudes appropriate to citizenship in an inclusive society				
Excess expenditure	6,275,347.34	6,275,347.34	-	-
<i>Less: Surplus income available to be applied as accruing resources</i>	-	-	-	-
Total to be voted	-	6,275,347.34	-	-

Part III Explanations

Department of Education (RfR A)

The excess resource expenditure of £6,275,347.34 over the net resource requirement of £2,023,532,000 provided in the 2013-14 Spring Supplementary Estimate and approved by the Northern Ireland Assembly arose due to excess cash being drawn down by the Department's arms length bodies.

2013-14 Statement of Excesses

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Part I	Total net resource requirement	£1,169,099.34
	Total net cash requirement	£-

STATEMENT of the amount required to be voted in order to make good the excess for the year ended 31 March 2014

Part II

Summary of 2013-14 Statement of Excess

RfR	Title	Resources		Cash	
		Excess	Amount to be voted	Excess	Amount to be voted
		£	£	£	£
B	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety				
	Providing effective fire fighting, rescue and fire safety services.				
	Excess expenditure	1,169,099.34	1,169,099.34	-	-
	<i>Less: Surplus income available to be applied as accruing resources</i>	-	-	-	-
	Total to be voted	-	1,169,099.34	-	-

Part III

Explanation

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (RfR B)

The excess resource expenditure of £1,169,099.34 over the net resource requirement of £87,051,000 provided for in RfR B in the 2013-14 Spring Supplementary Estimate and approved by the Northern Ireland Assembly arose from an unanticipated increase in the grant-in-aid requirement.



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