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# FINAL BUDGET 2025-26 FACTSHEET



# THE 2025-26 BUDGET PROCESS

The Executive has now agreed a Final Budget for 2025-26 following a period of consultation on its Draft Budget.

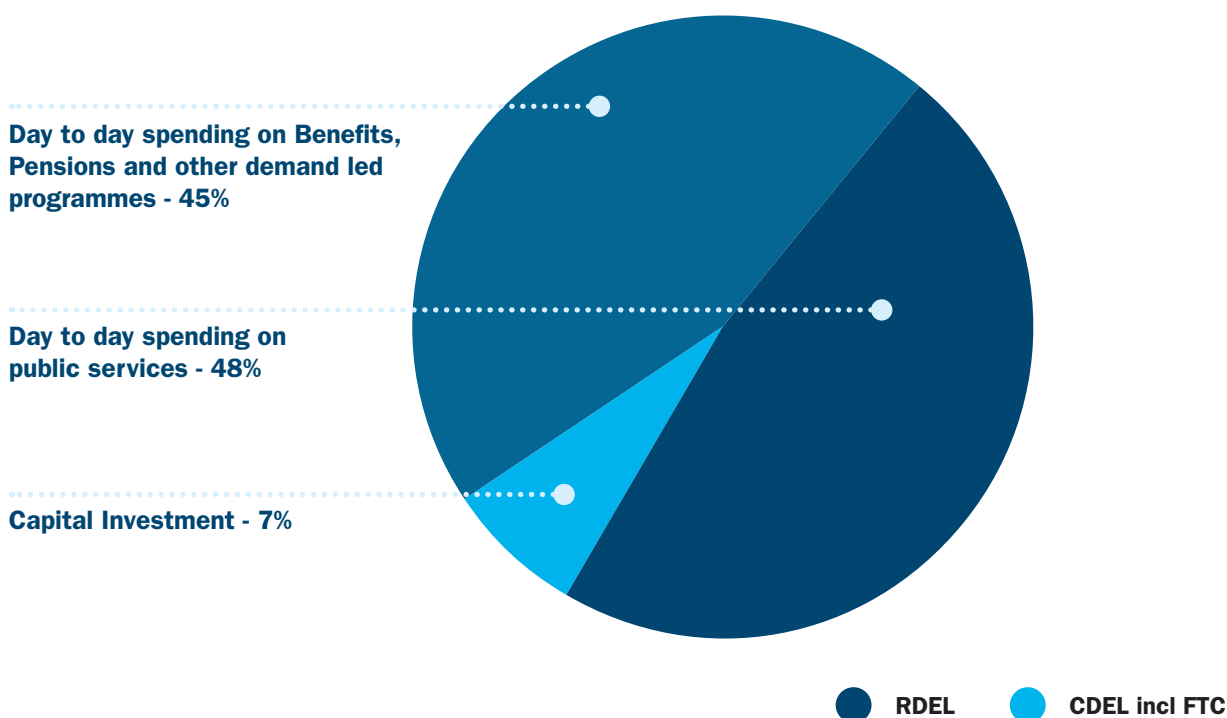


## 2025-26 OVERALL PUBLIC SPENDING

We use special terminology for the Budget.

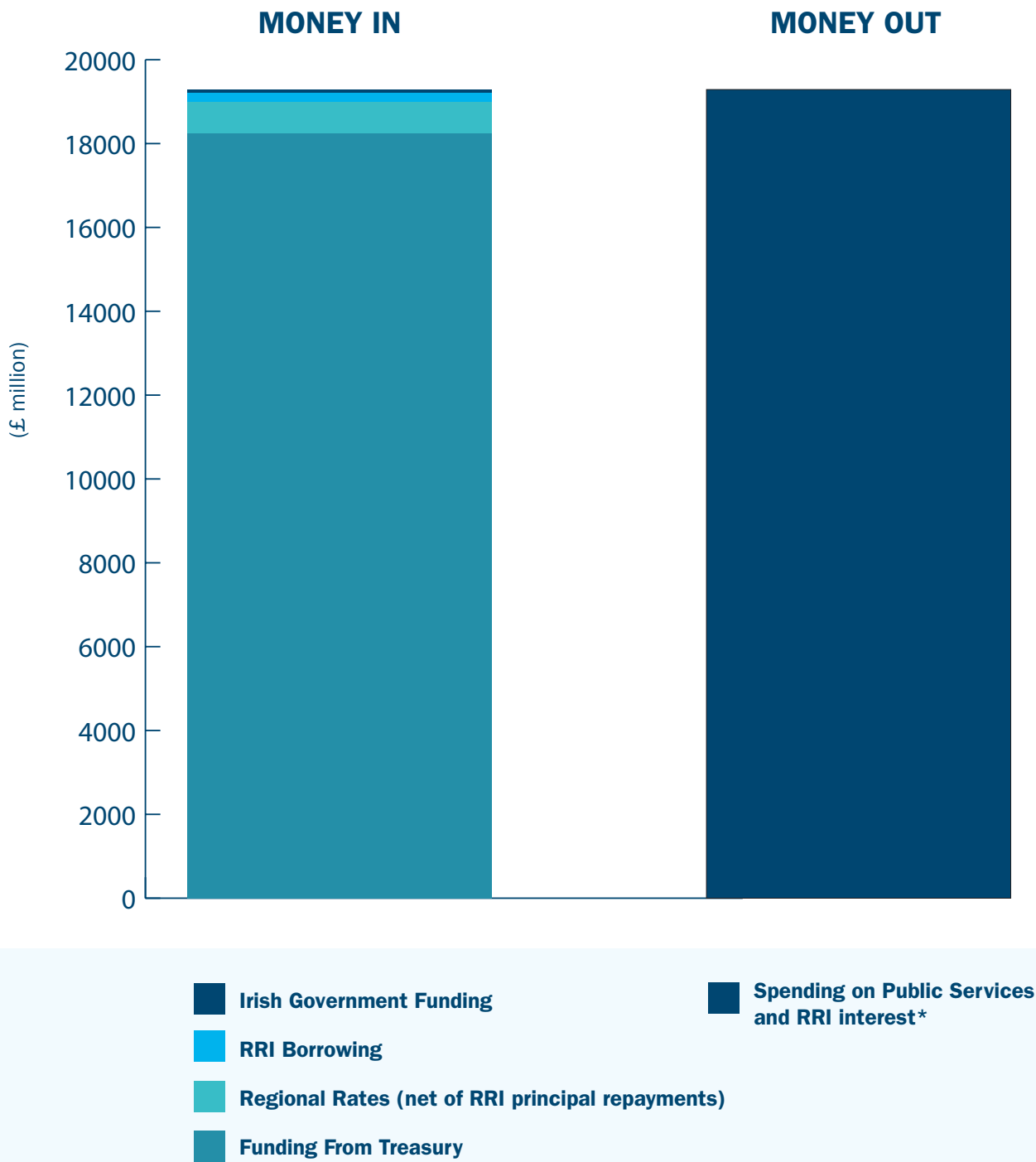
DEL stands for Departmental Spending Limits. This is the funding the Executive has control over and can decide how to use. It is split into RDEL – Resource DEL which is day to day spending (wages, utility bills etc) and CDEL – Capital DEL which is investment in assets (buildings vehicles etc).

Capital DEL includes money we use for loans to the private sector. We call this category Financial Transactions Capital or FTC. AME is the part of the budget provided by HMT that is spent on things like pensions, welfare, and debt interest payments. These are areas where demand can vary, so budgets are not set in advance.



# THE NI EXECUTIVE'S BUDGET

The NI Executive has made decisions on a budget of £19.3bn for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Almost 95% of this funding comes from Treasury and is called the Block Grant. Smaller amounts come from Regional Rates (almost 4%), Borrowing (just over 1%) and from the Irish Government towards the A5 (less than 1%). This funding is used to deliver public services and capital investment across Northern Ireland. The ‘Money Out ’ in the chart below is what we will spend as part of the Final Budget.

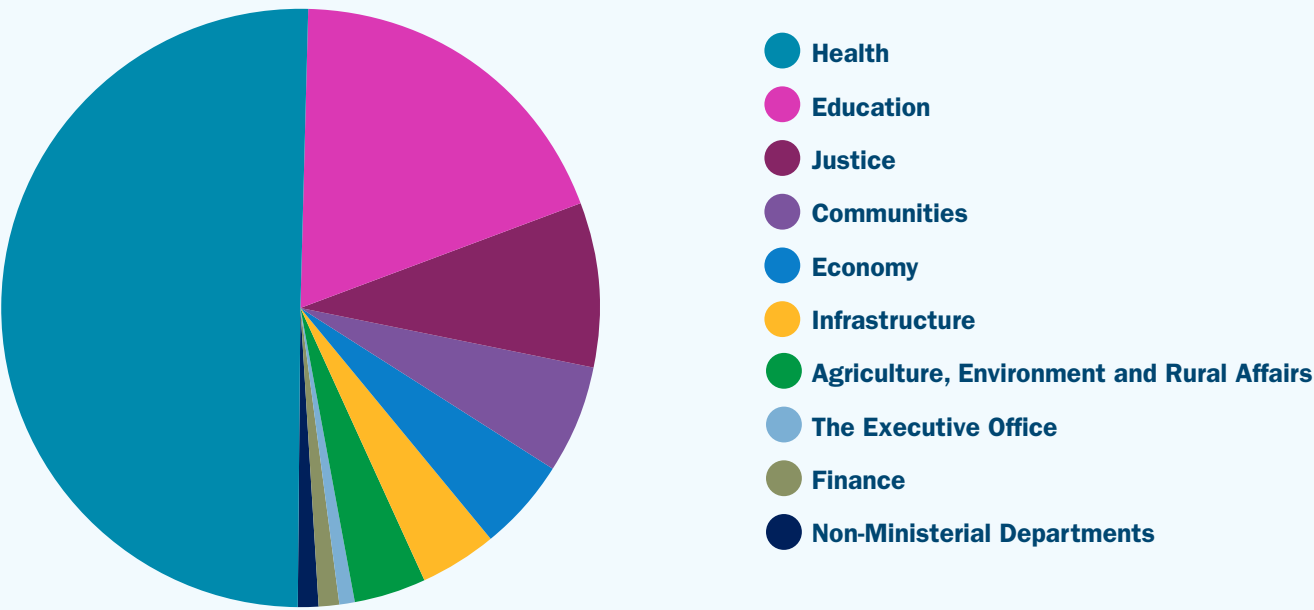


Notes:  
\* This is net of income received directly by departments e.g. from fees and charges

# HOW ARE WE PLANNING TO SPEND MONEY OVER THE NEXT YEAR?

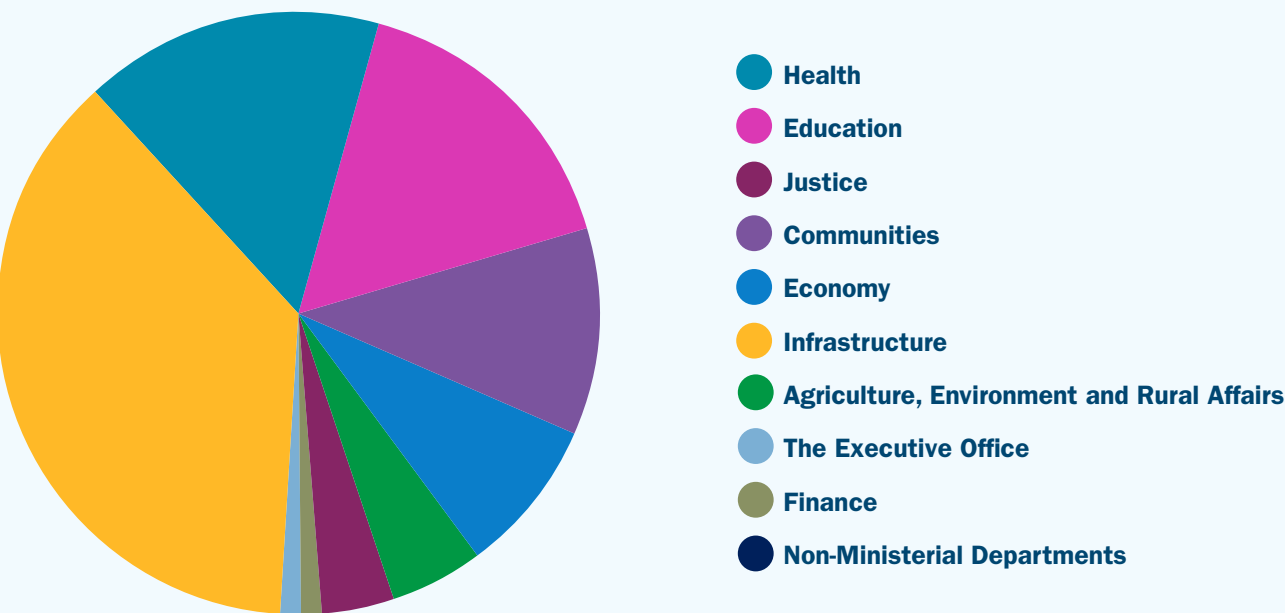
## Resource DEL

‘Resource’ funding is money we can use to pay people’s wages, to run schools and hospitals, to help businesses and charities, or to look after our environment.



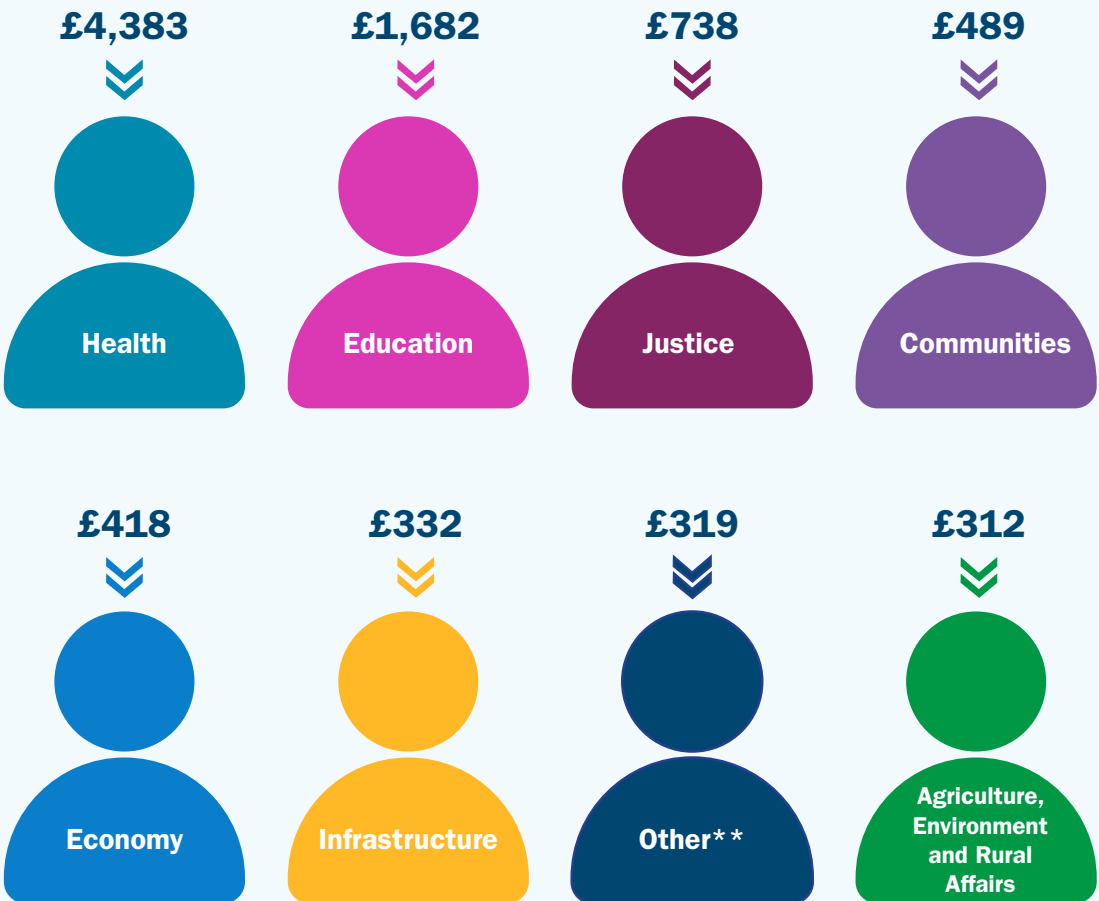
## Capital DEL

‘Capital’ funding is money we can use to spend on buildings, houses, roads, hospitals and schools and other assets.



# HOW MUCH DOES GOVERNMENT SPEND PER PERSON?

TOTAL RESOURCE SPEND PER HEAD\* £8,673



We will spend £4,383 on day to day spending on Health – that is the equivalent of everyone paying £12 per day

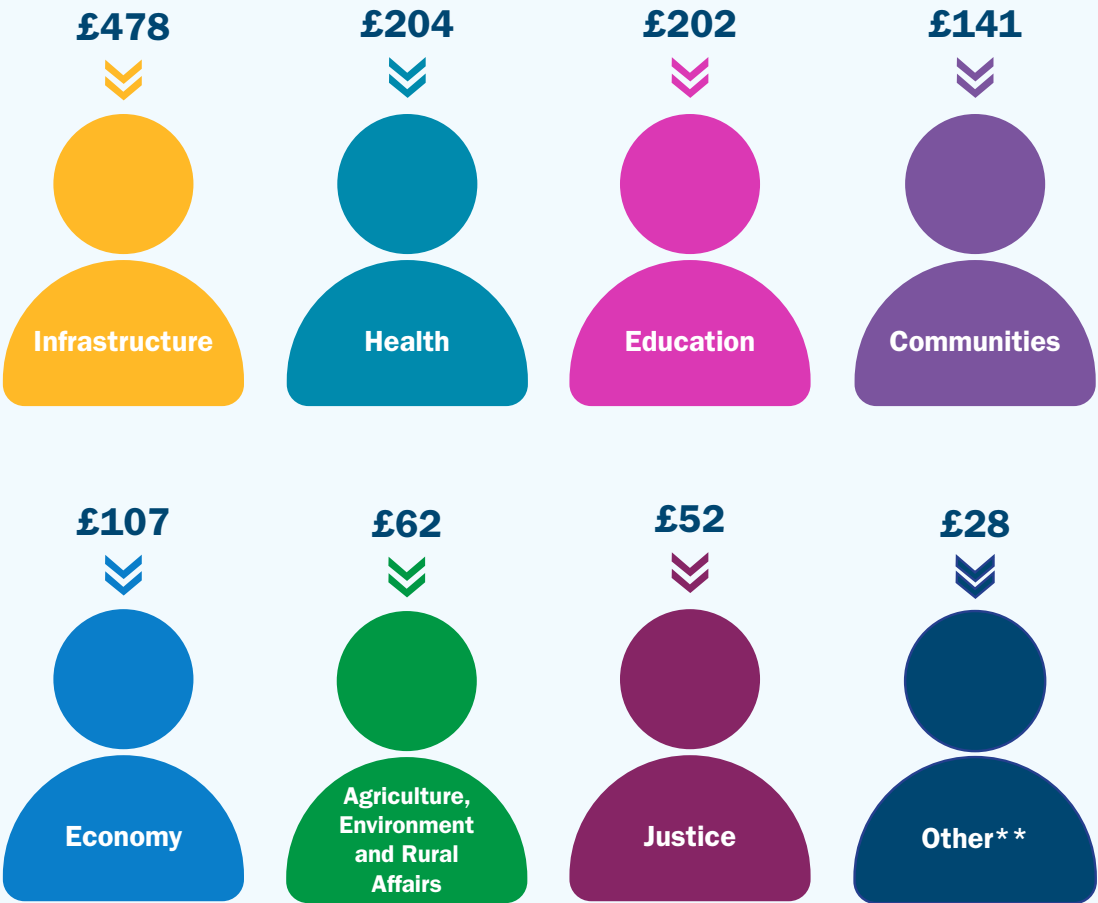
We will spend £1,682 per head delivering our education services.

\*per head of population based on national population projections - Office for National Statistics

\*\*Finance, The Executive Office and non-Ministerial Departments

# HOW MUCH DOES GOVERNMENT SPEND PER PERSON?

**TOTAL CAPITAL SPEND PER HEAD\* £1,275**



We will spend £478 per head investing in and maintaining our critical infrastructure.

We will spend £204 and £202 per head respectively on our health and schools infrastructure.

\*per head of population based on national population projections - Office for National Statistics

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## INCREASE IN DAY TO DAY SPEND PER HEAD SINCE BUDGET 2024-25 (£'s)

DAY TO DAY SPENDING	2024-25	2025-26	INCREASE
<b>Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	301	312	11
<b>Communities</b>	447	489	42
<b>Economy</b>	400	418	18
<b>Education</b>	1,500	1,682	182
<b>Finance</b>	109	126	17
<b>Health</b>	4,049	4,383	335
<b>Infrastructure</b>	292	332	40
<b>Justice</b>	659	738	79
<b>The Executive Office</b>	96	125	30
<b>Non-Ministerial departments</b>	63	68	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,914</b>	<b>8,673</b>	<b>759</b>

\*Totals may not add due to roundings.

Spend per head of population, based on 2024-25 Budget outcome and 2025-26 Final Budget outcomes, includes earmarked items.

# WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE DRAFT BUDGET

## Consultation



**111**

**email responses  
received**



**56**

**online responses  
received**

## How has the overall funding changed?

There has been no change to the overall Final Budget funding envelope from Treasury from the Draft Budget position. Additional funding of £160.1 million has been confirmed but cannot be allocated until the June Monitoring round.



## HAVE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS CHANGED SINCE DRAFT BUDGET?



**£26 million** held centrally has been allocated to departments following NICS pay negotiations.



**£21.3 million** of the centrally held Transformation Fund has been agreed for allocation to the first tranche of projects.

**£15.7 million** Executive earmarked capital was no longer required by Infrastructure. This was reallocated to:



**£8 million**  
Infrastructure



**£7.7 million**  
Education

**£8.4 million** of Financial Transactions Capital held centrally was allocated to:



**£6.1 million**  
Economy



**£2.3 million**  
The Executive Office

### Future allocations

The Executive also agreed further allocations to be made later in 2025-26.



# FUNDING FOR PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Following the Executive's agreement of the Programme for Government the Budget earmarks funding for the 9 priorities. Further earmarked allocations are also planned for the June Monitoring round. Taken together these will amount to:

		£million
	Grow a globally competitive and sustainable economy	15
	Deliver more affordable childcare	50
	Cut health waiting times	215
	Ending violence against women and girls	2
	Better support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs	15
	More social, affordable and sustainable housing	100
	Safer communities	5
	Protecting Lough Neagh and the Environment	17*
	Reform and transformation of public services	21

**Note: The amounts noted above reflect Executive earmarked funding only. Other departmental allocations may also contribute to these priorities.**

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\*Includes £12m for Just Transition programme which helps ensure a fair transition to a low carbon society and economy

