

# Northern Ireland Budget Bill

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**[The Speaker of the House of Commons has certified this Bill as a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.]**

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Northern Ireland Office, are published separately as HL Bill 72 – EN.

## EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Lord Duncan of Springbank has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Northern Ireland Budget Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.



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Authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of certain sums for the service of the year ending 31 March 2018; to appropriate those sums for specified purposes; to authorise the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland to borrow on the credit of the appropriated sums; to authorise the use for the public service of certain resources (including accruing resources) for the year ending 31 March 2018; and to repeal certain spent provisions.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Issue of sum out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending 31 March 2018 and appropriation of that sum**

- (1) The Department may issue out of the Consolidated Fund and apply to the service of the year ending 31 March 2018 the sum of £16,116,048,000.
- (2) That sum is appropriated for the purposes specified in Schedule 1. 5
- (3) The authorisation and appropriations in this section supersede those made under section 59 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 for that year (which total £12,272,909,000).

**2 Power of the Department of Finance to borrow**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Department may borrow on the credit of the sum specified in section 1(1) any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole £8,058,024,000. 10
- (2) Any money so borrowed is to be repaid, with any interest due on it, out of the Consolidated Fund not later than 31 March 2018.

### **3 Use of resources (other than accruing resources) in the year ending 31 March 2018**

- (1) For the purposes of section 6(1) of the 2001 Act, this section authorises the use of resources in the year ending 31 March 2018.
- (2) The use of resources by – 5
- (a) the Northern Ireland departments;
  - (b) the Food Standards Agency;
  - (c) the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission;
  - (d) the Northern Ireland Audit Office;
  - (e) the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation; 10
  - (f) the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman;
  - (g) the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland,
- in that year is authorised to the amount of £18,007,637,000.
- (3) In that year, resources may be used by a Northern Ireland department or a body or person mentioned in subsection (2) for the purposes specified in relation to that department, body or person in column 1 of Schedule 2 up to the amounts specified in the corresponding entries in column 2 of that Schedule. 15
- (4) The authorisations in this section supersede those made under section 7 of the 2001 Act for that year (which total £14,935,660,000).
- (5) In this section “resources” does not include accruing resources within the meaning of section 8(1) of the 2001 Act. 20

### **4 Limits on use of certain accruing resources in the year ending 31 March 2018**

- (1) For the purposes of section 8(1) of the 2001 Act, this section sets the relevant limits on the accruing resources that may be directed to be used for certain purposes in the year ending 31 March 2018 in addition to resources authorised by this Act or any other statutory provision to be used for those purposes in that year. 25
- (2) In that year accruing resources not exceeding the amount specified in column 3 of Schedule 2 may be directed to be used for the purposes specified in the corresponding entries in column 1 of that Schedule. 30

### **5 Act to take effect as if it were a Budget Act of the Assembly etc**

- (1) The authorisations and appropriations in this Act, and the limits set by it, are to take effect as if they were authorisations and appropriations in, and limits set by, an Act of the Assembly; and accordingly any reference in any statutory provision to a Budget Act of the Assembly is to be regarded as including a reference to this Act. 35
- (2) The 2001 Act applies in respect of the year ending 31 March 2018 with the following modifications –
- (a) section 6(4) has effect as if for “if an estimate is approved by the Assembly for that body or person in respect of each financial year” there were substituted “if an estimate is laid before Parliament for that body or person in respect of the year ending 31 March 2018”; 40
  - (b) section 9(1) has effect as if for “for which an estimate is approved by the Assembly in respect of a financial year” there were substituted “for

- which an estimate is laid before Parliament in respect of the year ending 31 March 2018”;
- (c) section 13(1) has effect as if for “where an estimate is approved by the Assembly for any body or person in respect of any financial year” there were substituted “where an estimate is laid before Parliament for any body or person in respect of the year ending 31 March 2018”. 5
- (3) For the purposes of preparing accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 for –
- (a) the Northern Ireland Audit Office (as required by Article 6(3) of the Audit (Northern Ireland) Order 1987), or
- (b) the office of the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman (as required by paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016), 10
- any estimate of the use of resources for that year that is laid before Parliament is to be treated as if it had been laid before the Assembly under Article 6(2) of that Order or (as the case may be) under paragraph 18 of Schedule 1 to that Act. 15
- 6 Repeal of spent provisions**
- The following Acts (which are spent) are repealed –
- Budget Act (Northern Ireland) 2014;
- Budget (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.
- 7 Interpretation** 20
- In this Act –
- “the 2001 Act” means the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001;
- “the Consolidated Fund” means the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland; 25
- “the Department” means the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland;
- “Northern Ireland department” has the same meaning as in the Northern Ireland Act 1998;
- “statutory provision” has the same meaning as in section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954. 30
- 8 Short title**
- This Act may be cited as the Northern Ireland Budget Act 2017.

## SCHEDULES

## SCHEDULE 1

Section 1

## SUMS GRANTED FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS</p> <p>For expenditure by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the provision of agricultural and educational services, research and development and grants to societies, associations, institutions and clubs for agri-food purposes and rural development; provision of veterinary services including animal health and welfare, contingency planning and exercising, veterinary public health, international veterinary certification of live animals and animal products, payments of compensation to farmers for animals culled in disease control programmes; developing expertise in wildlife interventions; provision of policy support and legislation for the agri-food and equine industries, veterinary medicines, dog control and rural needs; protection for all aspects of animal, bee and plant health and welfare; protection and conservation of sea fisheries, inland fisheries and aquaculture; grants and grants-in-aid for the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, the Loughs Agency of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission, the Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority, the Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland and the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland; grants for scientific services by other bodies; providing hardship assistance; conservation; natural heritage; environmental legislation and protection; operation of the carrier bag levy; payments for Coastal Communities Fund projects; regulation, maintenance, protection, development and conservation of forests and preparation for wind-farm development; payments under European Union Programmes and Funds including the Common Agricultural Policy and disallowance; payments to</p>	255,176,000

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>district councils and other approved delivery bodies; administration costs and severance payments.</p>	
<p>DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES</p>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department for Communities on social security administration; payment of social security benefits, other benefits and National Insurance credits to people of working age, to pensioners and customers abroad and to people with disabilities and their carers, provision of grants, compensation, discretionary grants and loans and repayment of loans; Independent Living Fund; provision of youth and adult employment services programmes and skills training programmes; sums payable into the Social Fund for expenditure on grants, loans and payments; sums payable to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for associated statutory payments; payment of the cash value of European Commission officials transferable state pension rights to the pension scheme of the European Union Institution; employment schemes and services, including those for people with disabilities, and career information, advice and guidance services; promoting and protecting the interests of children, older people, people with disabilities, and other socially excluded groups; Financial Assistance Scheme; child maintenance service; housing services, including discretionary payments, loans and subsidies; housing led regeneration; regulation of the NI Housing Association sector; arts, creativity, museums, libraries, linguistic and cultural diversity, sport and other services; historic environment; acquisition and preservation of, and provision of access to, archival heritage; residual payments in relation to the wind up of the Northern Ireland Events Company; urban regeneration including services such as property maintenance and events; community and voluntary sector; the cost of services provided to the Syrian Vulnerable Person Relocation Scheme; grants to district councils in support of local services and transferred functions; payments to Local Government Staff Commission Northern Ireland; emergency financial assistance; built heritage; North/South Language Body; payments under European Union Structural Funds Programmes; sums payable under the Fresh Start Agreement; delivering the Programme for Government;</p>	<p>4,281,732,000</p>

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>the costs of administering services provided to the Department for Work and Pensions, other departments and partner organisations; administration costs, including developmental work on systems; grants and grants-in-aid and severance payments.</p>	
<p><b>DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY</b></p>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department for the Economy on economic development; Innovation, Research and Development policy including policy evaluation and departmental research; assistance to aircraft and shipbuilding industries (including the residual costs in connection with the privatisation of aircraft and shipbuilding companies); economic infrastructure in support of economic development including regulatory reform, mineral and petroleum licensing, geological research and safeguarding abandoned mines; sustainable energy, including energy efficiency measures; assistance to the gas and electricity industries; Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme; investment in telecommunications infrastructure with a view to facilitating improvements in networks or access to services; grant-in-aid to InterTradeIreland and Invest Northern Ireland including hardship payments to industry; grant-in-aid to Northern Ireland Screen; development of tourism including grant-in-aid to the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (trading as Tourism Northern Ireland) and Tourism Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee (trading as Tourism Ireland); grant-in-aid to the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland and the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland; business regulation including company law, Insolvency Service, trading standards and consumer affairs services; Registry of Credit Unions and Industrial and Provident Societies and repayment of funds made available to the Presbyterian Mutual Society to make payments to eligible persons; social economy; higher education (including universities and colleges of education); further education; youth and adult skills training; management and enterprise training; student support and other matters relating to tertiary education, including grants-in-aid to certain bodies, grants in respect of Education Maintenance Allowances and certain payments to the Department of Education, Northern Ireland, the Department for Education in</p>	<p>1,239,505,000</p>

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>England, the Department of Business, Energy and Industry Strategy and the British Council; repayment of loans; labour market services including employment law, tribunals, labour relations and employer support; employment schemes and services, including those for people with disabilities, and career information, advice and guidance services; payments under European Union Structural Funds Programmes; preparations pertaining to the economy for the UK exiting the European Union; administration costs including redundancy payments, severance payments and other related services.</p>	
<p>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</p>	
<p><i>General</i></p>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Education on pre-school education, schools (including library and support services for schools and pupils), and other related services; certain services for children, young people and families; associated departmental administration and services, including settlement of NICS equal pay claims; grants and grants-in-aid to the Education Authority for certain services (including for core and school-related administration); grants and grants-in-aid to certain other bodies; payments by the Department in respect of certain teachers' salaries; repayment of loans; payments under the European Union Programme for Peace and Reconciliation; severance payments; the youth service, children's services, childcare services, community relations measures for young people and other related services; grants and grants-in-aid to the Education Authority for youth service and community relations provision and directly associated administration.</p>	<p>2,274,175,000</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</p>	
<p><i>Teachers' superannuation</i></p>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Education on pensions, allowances, gratuities etc; certain payments to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund; certain payments in respect of premature retirement compensation made to members of the scheme and on behalf of their employers.</p>	<p>196,509,000</p>

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
<i>General</i>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Finance on finance and personnel policy including Public Sector Reform; Business Consultancy Services; the Central Procurement Directorate and the Departmental Solicitor’s Office; Internal Audit Services; NICS shared services for personnel, finance, ICT, training, digital transformation and service related administration costs; NICS Accommodation Services; grant-in-aid payments; receipt of grants; the administration of centralised funds; services provided by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and Land and Property Services; grants to district councils; operational and programme costs of the Special European Union Programmes Body; payment and income under European Union structural fund programmes; the sponsorship and provision of secretariats in respect of other independent bodies; other common services; settlement of NICS equal pay claims and severance payments.</p>	205,757,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
<i>Superannuation and other allowances</i>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Finance on pensions, lump sums, transfers out, refunds, injury benefit, compensation, tax and gratuities to or in respect of persons covered by the NICS Pension Arrangements, the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (NI) and the Civil Service Injury Benefit Scheme (NI).</p>	135,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
<i>General</i>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Health on hospital and paramedic services; community health services; family health services; social care services; public health and wellbeing programmes; training; European Union programmes; fire fighting, rescue and fire safety services; severance payments; administration and related services.</p>	5,121,088,000

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
<i>Health and Social Care Pension Scheme</i>	
For expenditure by the Department of Health on pension scheme benefits to or in respect of persons engaged in health and social care or other approved employment.	-
<b>DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
For expenditure by the Department for Infrastructure on design, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, walking and cycling infrastructure, footpaths, street lighting and car parks; purchase of land, property, vehicles, ferries, plant, computer software, equipment and stores; public liability claims; costs associated with the decriminalisation of parking enforcement; costs associated with the enforcement of moving traffic offences; maintenance of designated watercourses and sea defences, construction of drainage and flood defence structures, protection of drainage function of all watercourses, implementation of European Union Floods Directive, enhancing community resilience to flooding, development of reservoir safety legislation and support for Drainage Council for Northern Ireland; road safety services; driver licensing, driver and vehicle testing, transport licensing and enforcement; issue of Commercial Bus Service Permits; operation and maintenance of the Strangford Ferry; support for and grants in respect of the Rathlin Island ferry service and works to Ballycastle and Rathlin Harbours; support for air and sea ports; support for transport services including grants in respect of rail and road passenger services including fare concessions, fuel duty rebate, transport for people with disabilities, rural transport, provision and maintenance of bus shelters, purchase of buses and rolling stock and capital works; sustainable transport; Active School Travel Programme; Ultra Low Emission Vehicle strategies; energy matters; planning services, support for regional planning, transport planning and visioning; the management and disposal of legacy sites; payments under European Union Programmes; grants in respect of certain inland waterways; grant-in-aid to Waterways Ireland; payment of income subsidies, equity injections, grants and net lending to Northern Ireland	845,246,000

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>Water Limited; the shareholder and water, flooding, drainage and reservoirs policy functions; repayment of loans; consultants' and other fees; administration costs; severance payments; related services including services to other departments.</p>	
<p>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</p>	
<p><i>General</i></p>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Justice on policy development and service improvement; Access to Justice services; forensic science services; crime and public protection services; civil and criminal justice including youth justice services; reducing offending; probation and after-care; state pathology; compensation schemes; Safer Communities including policing and police pensions; historical investigations and other legacy costs; implementation of the Stormont House Agreement and Fresh Start Agreement; search and rescue costs; payments in relation to proceeds of crime; security costs; expenditure arising from the Northern Ireland Act 2009; expenditure arising from the Justice Act (NI) 2011; the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland; the Northern Ireland Policing Board; Access Northern Ireland; the Northern Ireland Police Fund; Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust; RUC George Cross Foundation; Independent Assessor of PSNI Recruitment Vetting; prisons, the Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland, the Independent Monitoring Boards and the Prisoner Ombudsman; the Northern Ireland Law Commission; the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service including the administration of Tribunals and other functions managed under Service Level Agreements; the Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland; Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland; other grants; administration costs; settlement of equal pay claims, severance payments, pension scheme payments and related services.</p>	<p>1,268,995,000</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</p>	
<p><i>Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme</i></p>	
<p>For expenditure by the Department of Justice on pension</p>	<p>350,000</p>

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>scheme benefits to or in respect of persons covered by the Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme.</p>	
<p><b>THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE</b></p>	
<p>For expenditure by The Executive Office on support for the Executive; the North-South Ministerial Council; the British-Irish Council; civil contingencies; the Reinvestment and Reform Initiative; delivery of a Programme for Government, including strategic delivery of NICS of the Future; promotion of human rights, equality of opportunity and social inclusion and the alleviation of disadvantage including in situations of severe stress, crisis or emergency; actions associated with the preparation and implementation of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry Report and Findings; the actions and commitments contained in the Executive’s Good Relations Strategy Together: Building a United Community including the Racial Equality Strategy; the European Union Programme for Peace and Reconciliation; district council programmes; delivering social change including the associated Executive Funds; victims and survivors; implementation of the Stormont House Agreement and the Fresh Start Agreement; North West Development Fund; grant-in-aid to the Strategic Investment Board Limited, Ilex Urban Regeneration Company Limited, the Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation, the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission, the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, the Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council, the Victims and Survivors Service Limited; expenses of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland and the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland; Public appointments including the appointment of the Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland and the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland; support for the Compact Civic Advisory Panel; the Commission on Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition; administration and other services including the European Taskforce Working Group, supporting the region’s interests in Europe; policy development in respect of EU future relations; International Relations for devolved issues; settlement of NICS equal pay claims and</p>	<p>196,012,000</p>

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
severance payments.	
<b>FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY</b>	
For expenditure by the Food Standards Agency on food safety inspection and enforcement; incident management; consumer awareness of food safety, choice and healthy eating options; research; training and education; administration and related services.	8,889,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY COMMISSION</b>	
For expenditure by the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission on remunerating and supporting Members of the Assembly in discharging their duties in the Assembly, constituencies and elsewhere; enhancing public awareness and involvement in the working of the Assembly; hosting events; severance payments; administration and related services.	36,583,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE</b>	
For expenditure by the Northern Ireland Audit Office on providing audit and assurance services; promoting economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public funds and resources; conducting exercises to assist in fraud prevention and detection; severance payments; administration and related services.	8,002,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION</b>	
For expenditure by the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation on developing and regulating the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries and markets; promoting competition; protecting consumers; administration and related services.	2,895,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN</b>	
For expenditure by the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman on investigating complaints of injustice suffered through maladministration by government departments, statutory agencies, public bodies, local government and health and social care bodies, general	2,538,000

Purpose	Sums Granted (£)
<p>and independent health care providers, colleges, universities and boards of governors of grant-aided schools; investigating and adjudicating on complaints on local government ethical standards against councillors; severance payments; administration and related services.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND</b></p> <p>For expenditure by the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland on the prosecution of offences; legal services; employment of independent counsel; court costs and costs awarded; payments and services to other departments and public sector bodies; trainee grants; payments under the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme; staffing; administration costs; settlement of other claims; other related services and severance payments.</p>	<p>37,596,000</p>
<p><b>TOTAL</b></p>	<p>16,116,048,000</p>

SCHEDULE 2

Sections 3 and 4.

AMOUNTS OF RESOURCES AUTHORISED FOR USE AND AMOUNTS  
 OF ACCRUING RESOURCES WHICH MAY BE USED IN YEAR ENDING  
 31ST MARCH 2018

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,                      ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL                      AFFAIRS</p> <p>A. For use by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the provision of agricultural and educational services, research and development and grants to societies, associations, institutions and clubs for agri-food purposes and rural development; provision of veterinary services including animal health and welfare, contingency planning and exercising, veterinary public health, international veterinary certification of live animals and animal products, payments of compensation to farmers for animals culled in disease control programmes; developing expertise in wildlife interventions; provision of policy support and legislation for the agri-food and equine industries; veterinary medicines, dog control and rural needs; protection for all aspects of animal, bee and plant health and welfare; protection and conservation of sea fisheries, inland fisheries and aquaculture; grants and grants-in-aid for the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, the Loughs Agency of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission, the Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority, the Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland and the Agricultural Wages Board</p>	272,571,000	398,059,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
for Northern Ireland; grants for scientific services by other bodies; providing hardship assistance; conservation; natural heritage; environmental legislation and protection; operation of the carrier bag levy; payments for Coastal Communities Fund projects; regulation, maintenance, protection, development and conservation of forests and preparation for wind-farm development; payments under European Union Programmes and funds including the Common Agricultural Policy and disallowance; payments to district councils and other approved delivery bodies; administration costs; severance payments and associated non-cash items.		
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES		
A. For use by the Department for Communities on social security administration; payment of social security benefits, other benefits and National Insurance credits to people of working age, to pensioners and customers abroad and to people with disabilities and their carers, provision of grants, compensation, discretionary grants and loans and repayment of loans; Independent Living Fund; provision of youth and adult employment services programmes and skills training programmes; sums payable into the Social Fund for expenditure on grants, loans and payments; sums payable to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for associated statutory payments; payment of the cash value of European Commission officials transferable state pension rights to the pension scheme of the European Union Institution; employment schemes and services, including those for people with	4,386,339,000	163,210,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>disabilities, and career information, advice and guidance services; promoting and protecting the interests of children, older people, people with disabilities, and other socially excluded groups; Financial Assistance Scheme; child maintenance service; housing services, including discretionary payments, loans and subsidies; housing led regeneration; regulation of the NI Housing Association sector; arts, creativity, museums, libraries, linguistic and cultural diversity, sport and other services; historic environment; acquisition and preservation of, and provision of access to, archival heritage; residual payments in relation to the wind up of the Northern Ireland Events Company; urban regeneration including services such as property maintenance and events; community and voluntary sector; the cost of services provided to the Syrian Vulnerable Person Relocation Scheme; grants to district councils in support of local services and transferred functions; payments to Local Government Staff Commission Northern Ireland; emergency financial assistance; built heritage; North/South Language Body; payments under European Union Structural Funds programmes; sums payable under the Fresh Start Agreement; delivering the Programme for Government; the costs of administering services provided to the Department for Work and Pensions, other departments and partner organisations; administration costs, including developmental work on systems; grants and grants-in-aid; severance payments and associated non-cash items.</p>		

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<b>DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY</b>		
A. For use by the Department for the Economy on economic development; Innovation, Research and Development policy including policy evaluation and departmental research; assistance to aircraft and shipbuilding industries (including the residual costs in connection with the privatisation of aircraft and shipbuilding companies); economic infrastructure in support of economic development including regulatory reform, mineral and petroleum licensing, geological research and safeguarding abandoned mines; sustainable energy including energy efficiency measures; assistance to the gas and electricity industries; Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme; investment in telecommunications infrastructure with a view to facilitating improvements in networks or access to services; grant-in-aid to InterTradeIreland and Invest Northern Ireland including hardship payments to industry; grant-in-aid to Northern Ireland Screen; development of tourism including grant-in-aid to the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (trading as Tourism Northern Ireland) and Tourism Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee (trading as Tourism Ireland); grant-in-aid to the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland and the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland; business regulation including company law, Insolvency Service, trading standards and consumer affairs services; Registry of Credit Unions and Industrial and Provident Societies and repayment of funds made available to the Presbyterian Mutual Society to make payments to eligible persons; social economy; higher	951,225,000	163,051,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>education (including universities and colleges of education); further education; youth and adult skills training; management and enterprise training; student support and other matters relating to tertiary education, including grants-in-aid to certain bodies, grants in respect of Education Maintenance Allowances and certain payments to the Department of Education, Northern Ireland, the Department for Education in England, the Department of Business, Energy and Industry Strategy and the British Council; repayment of loans; labour market services including employment law, tribunals, labour relations and employer support; employment schemes and services, including those for people with disabilities, and career information, advice and guidance services; payments under European Union Structural Funds Programmes; preparations pertaining to the economy for the UK exiting the European Union; administration costs, including redundancy payments, severance payments; associated non-cash items and other related services.</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</p> <p><i>General</i></p> <p>A. For use by the Department of Education on pre-school education, schools (including library and support services for schools and pupils), and other related services; certain services for children, young people and families; associated departmental administration and services, including settlement of NICS equal pay claims; grants and grants-in-aid to the Education Authority</p>	2,192,777,000	23,023,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>for certain services (including for core and school-related administration); grants and grants-in-aid to certain other bodies; payments by the Department in respect of certain teachers' salaries; repayment of loans; payments under the European Union Programme for Peace and Reconciliation; severance payments and associated non-cash items.</p>		
<p>B. For use by the Department of Education on the youth service, children's services, childcare services, community relations measures for young people, other related services; associated departmental administration and services, including settlement of NICS equal pay claims; grants and grants-in-aid to the Education Authority for youth service and community relations provision and directly associated administration; grants and grants-in-aid to certain other bodies; payments under the European Union Programme for Peace and Reconciliation; severance payments and associated non-cash items.</p>	50,409,000	-
<p>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</p>		
<p><i>Teachers' superannuation</i></p>		
<p>A. For use by the Department of Education on pensions, allowances, gratuities etc; certain payments to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund; certain payments in respect of premature retirement compensation made to members of the scheme and on behalf of their employers; and associated non-cash items.</p>	616,777,000	253,723,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE		
<i>General</i>		
A. For use by the Department of Finance on finance and personnel policy including Public Sector Reform; Business Consultancy Services; the Central Procurement Directorate and the Departmental Solicitor's Office; Internal Audit Services; NICS shared services for personnel, finance, ICT, training, digital transformation and service related administration costs; NICS Accommodation Services; grant-in-aid payments; receipt of grants; the administration of centralised funds; services provided by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and Land and Property Services; grants to district councils; operational and programme costs of the Special European Union Programmes Body; payment and income under the European Union structural funds programmes; the sponsorship and provision of secretariats in respect of other independent bodies; other common services; settlement of NICS equal pay claims; severance payments and associated non-cash items.	218,061,000	108,324,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE <i>Superannuation and other allowances</i>		
A. For use by the Department of Finance on pensions, lump sums, transfers out, refunds, injury benefit, compensation, tax and gratuities to or in respect of persons covered by the NICS Pension Arrangements, the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (NI), the Civil Service Injury Benefit Scheme (NI) and associated non-cash items.	618,000,000	254,000,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>		
<i>General</i>		
A. For use by the Department of Health on hospital and paramedic services; community health services; family health services; social care services; public health and wellbeing programmes; training; European Union programmes; severance payments; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.	5,015,848,000	578,491,000
B. For use by the Department of Health on fire fighting, rescue and fire safety services; severance payments; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.	97,849,000	-
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>		
<i>Health and Social Care Pension Scheme</i>		
A. For use by the Department of Health on pension scheme benefits to or in respect of persons engaged in health and social care or other approved employment and associated non-cash items.	1,141,550,000	465,950,000
<b>DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
A. For use by the Department for Infrastructure on design, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, walking and cycling infrastructure, footpaths, street lighting and car parks; purchase of land, property, vehicles, ferries, plant, computer software, equipment and stores; public liability claims; costs associated with decriminalisation of parking enforcement; costs associated with the	786,738,000	132,941,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>enforcement of moving traffic offences; maintenance of designated watercourses and sea defences, construction of drainage and flood defence structures, protection of drainage function of all watercourses, implementation of European Union Floods Directive, enhancing community resilience to flooding, development of reservoir safety legislation and support for Drainage Council for Northern Ireland; road safety services; driver licensing, driver and vehicle testing, transport licensing and enforcement; issue of Commercial Bus Service Permits; operation and maintenance of the Strangford Ferry; support for and grants in respect of the Rathlin Island ferry service and works to Ballycastle and Rathlin Harbours; support for air and sea ports; support for transport services including grants in respect of rail and road passenger services including fare concessions, fuel duty rebate, transport for people with disabilities, rural transport, provision and maintenance of bus shelters, purchase of buses and rolling stock and capital works; sustainable transport; Active School Travel Programme; Ultra Low Emission Vehicle strategies; energy matters; planning services, support for regional planning, transport planning and visioning; the management and disposal of legacy sites; payments under European Union Programmes; grants in respect of certain inland waterways; grant-in-aid to Waterways Ireland; payment of income subsidies, equity injections, grants and net lending to Northern Ireland Water Limited; the shareholder and water, flooding, drainage and reservoirs policy functions; repayment of loans; consultants' and other fees;</p>		

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
administration costs; severance payments; related services including services to other departments; and associated non-cash items.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>		
<i>General</i>		
A. For use by the Department of Justice on policy development and service improvement; Access to Justice services; forensic science services; crime and public protection services; civil and criminal justice including youth justice services; reducing offending; probation and after-care; state pathology; compensation schemes; Safer Communities including policing and police pensions; historical investigations and other legacy costs; implementation of the Stormont House Agreement and Fresh Start Agreement; search and rescue costs; payments in relation to proceeds of crime; security costs; expenditure arising from the Northern Ireland Act 2009; expenditure arising from the Justice Act (NI) 2011; the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland; the Northern Ireland Policing Board; Access Northern Ireland; the Northern Ireland Police Fund; Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust; RUC George Cross Foundation; Independent Assessor of PSNI Recruitment Vetting; prisons, the Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland, the Independent Monitoring Boards and the Prisoner Ombudsman; the Northern Ireland Law Commission; the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service including the administration of Tribunals and other functions managed under Service Level Agreements; the Legal Services Agency	1,362,968,000	51,749,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
Northern Ireland; Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland; other grants; administration costs; settlement of equal pay claims, severance payments, pension scheme payments, related services and associated non-cash items.		
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
<i>Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme</i>		
A. For use by the Department of Justice on pension scheme benefits to or in respect of persons covered by the Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme and associated non-cash items.	500,000	700,000
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE		
A. For use by The Executive Office on support for the Executive; the North-South Ministerial Council; the British-Irish Council; civil contingencies; the Reinvestment and Reform Initiative; delivery of a Programme for Government, including strategic delivery of NICS of the Future; promotion of human rights, equality of opportunity and social inclusion and the alleviation of disadvantage including in situations of severe stress, crisis or emergency; actions associated with the preparation and implementation of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry Report and Findings; the actions and commitments contained in the Executive's Good Relations Strategy Together: Building a United Community including the Racial Equality Strategy; the European Union Programme for Peace and Reconciliation; district council programmes; delivering social change including the associated	199,013,000	5,146,000

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>Executive Funds; victims and survivors; implementation of the Stormont House Agreement and the Fresh Start Agreement; North West Development Fund: grant-in-aid to the Strategic Investment Board Limited, Ilex Urban Regeneration Company Limited, the Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation, the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission, the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, the Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council, the Victims and Survivors Service Limited; expenses of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland and the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland; Public appointments including the appointment of the Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland and the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland; support for the Compact Civic Advisory Panel; the Commission on Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition; administration and other services including the European Taskforce Working Group, supporting the region's interest in Europe; policy development in respect of EU future relations; International Relations for devolved issues; settlement of NICS equal pay claims; severance payments and associated non-cash items.</p>		
<p><b>FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY</b></p>		
<p>A. For use by the Food Standards Agency on food safety inspection and enforcement; incident management; consumer awareness of food safety, choice and healthy eating options;</p>	<p>8,301,000</p>	<p>3,943,000</p>

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>research; training and education; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.</p> <p><b>NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY COMMISSION</b></p> <p>A. For use by the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission on remunerating and supporting Members of the Assembly in discharging their duties in the Assembly, constituencies and elsewhere; enhancing public awareness and involvement in the working of the Assembly; hosting events; severance payments; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.</p> <p><b>NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE</b></p> <p>A. For use by the Northern Ireland Audit Office on providing audit and assurance services; promoting economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public funds and resources; conducting exercises to assist in fraud prevention and detection; severance payments; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.</p> <p><b>NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION</b></p> <p>A. For use by the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation on developing and regulating the electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries and markets; promoting competition; protecting consumers; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.</p>	<p>41,054,000</p> <p>7,778,000</p> <p>316,000</p>	<p>90,000</p> <p>2,446,000</p> <p>11,839,000</p>

Purpose	Resources authorised for use (£)	Total Accruing Resources (£)
<p>NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN</p>		
<p>A. For use by the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman on investigating complaints of injustice suffered through maladministration by government departments, statutory agencies, public bodies, local government and health and social care bodies, general and independent health care providers, colleges, universities and boards of governors of grant-aided schools; investigating and adjudicating on complaints on local government ethical standards against councillors; severance payments; administration; related services and associated non-cash items.</p>	2,586,000	-
<p>PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND</p>		
<p>A. For use by the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland on the prosecution of offences; legal services; employment of independent counsel; court costs and costs awarded; payments and services to other departments and public sector bodies; trainee grants; payments under the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme; staffing; administration costs; settlement of other claims; other related services; severance payments and associated non-cash items.</p>	36,977,000	806,000
<p>TOTAL</p>	18,007,637,000	2,617,491,000

# Northern Ireland Budget Bill

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To authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of certain sums for the service of the year ending 31 March 2018; to appropriate those sums for specified purposes; to authorise the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland to borrow on the credit of the appropriated sums; to authorise the use for the public service of certain resources (including accruing resources) for the year ending 31 March 2018; and to repeal certain spent provisions.

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