

Written Ministerial Statement

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Department of Finance

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE: 2025-26 FURTHER ALLOCATIONS

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Mr O'Dowd (The Minister of Finance): I wish to update Members on the Executive's agreement to further allocations in 2025-26.

Following December Monitoring, the January In-Year Technical Exercise was commissioned to allow departments to provide details of additional easements identified since December Monitoring and to process technical adjustments.

Departments were also asked to confirm whether they could utilise any further capital funding, in order to help reduce the risk of capital underspend exceeding the amount that can be carried forward to 2026-27 through the Budget Exchange Scheme.

Funding Available

The funding being allocated is as a result of additional Barnett consequentials and reduced requirements from departments.

The Treasury has provided additional Barnett consequentials of £13.4 million Resource DEL and £15.6 million Capital DEL, along with a reduction of £3.4 million in Financial Transactions Capital (FTC).

Departments declared reduced requirements of £10.5 million Resource DEL and £16.8 million Capital DEL. Of these, £0.1 million Resource DEL and £2.7 million Capital DEL relate to Treasury-earmarked funding and are therefore not available for reallocation.

Full details of the reduced requirements are provided in the tables accompanying this statement.

Taking account of Barnett consequentials, reduced requirements, a Treasury cash management rebate, and an increase in forecast regional rate income, the Executive had £25.2 million Resource DEL and £29.7 million Capital DEL available for allocation.

Further Allocations

Resource DEL

At December Monitoring, I committed that if any further Barnett consequentials became available, I would move quickly to allocate these towards public sector pay pressures.

As an Executive we remain fully committed to supporting public sector pay. We have therefore agreed to allocate £25 million in additional resource funding towards meeting health service and teacher pay costs.

The Department of Health will receive £18.3 million for health service pay costs.

The Department of Education will receive £6.8 million for teachers' pay costs.

The NI Authority for Utility Regulation will receive £0.2 million to meet an IT assist charge pressure that cannot be funded from license fee income.

Capital DEL

The Department for Infrastructure will receive a general allocation of £16.8 million to meet a range of pressures including Translink, water, and local transport safety measures. This includes vital funding towards fixing our road network.

The Department for Communities will receive £6.5 million for Disabled Adaptations. This funding will help people with disabilities adapt their homes ensuring their living spaces truly meet their needs and support greater independence.

Recognising the pressures facing education, the Department of Education will receive £6.4 million of funding for general capital pressures.

Ring-fenced Resource DEL

The Treasury has also provided sufficient Ring-fenced Resource DEL to meet in full the bids submitted by departments in December Monitoring.

Details of all allocations are provided in the tables provided with this statement.

Technical Adjustments

To support transparency, this statement is accompanied by tables setting out the adjustments to departmental budgets, including technical adjustments. Technical adjustments include budget cover transfers with Whitehall departments, Treasury earmarked funding for private schools VAT compensation, and Treasury funding for Student Loan impairments costs.

Conclusion

While additional funding from Barnett consequentials is welcome it is nowhere on the scale required to meet the challenges facing departments. Our public finances remain extremely constrained this year and going into next year.

I remain committed to working in partnership with my Ministerial colleagues to find a way forward on the multi-year budget.

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Table 1: Reduced Requirements
(£millions)

Department	Description	Resource DEL	Capital DEL
DAERA	NI Boundary Regulatory Inspection Capability ¹		-2.7
DfE	DNA Museum (NIE IFF)		-1.1
DE	Strule		-6.4
DoF	Delays in projects and recruitment Integr8 Project Delays	-2.5 -1.5	
Total DoF		4.0	
DoH	Trusts - NI Protocol - Regional Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (RPhPS) ¹	-0.1	
DfI	A4 Enniskillen Southern Bypass CFER	-0.1	-6.6
TEO	Earmarked Victims Pool	-6.0	
FSA	Meat Hygiene Inspection	-0.2	
NIA	Project Slippage	-0.1	
NIAUR	Dilapidations		-0.1
Total Reduced Requirements		-10.5	-16.8

Totals may not add due to rounding

¹ Treasury earmarked funding

Table 2: Allocations

(£millions)

Department	Description	Resource DEL	Capital DEL
DfC	Disabled Adaptations		6.5
DE	Pay	6.8	
	General Capital pressures		6.4
DoH	Pay	18.3	
DfI	General Allocation		16.8
NIAUR	IT Assist pressure	0.2	
Total Allocations		25.2	29.7

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Table 3: Departmental Outcome – Resource DEL
(£millions)

Department	December Monitoring Position	Reduced Requirements	Executive Allocations	Technical Adjustments	January Position
DAERA	657.1				657.1
DfC	931.6			-1.5	930.2
DfE	842.7			-0.4	842.4
DE	3,360.8		6.8	1.6	3,369.2
DoF	235.7	-4.0		2.5	234.1
DoH	8,642.2	-0.1	18.3	52.6	8,713.0
DfI	661.2	-0.1		0.1	661.2
DOJ	1,436.7				1,436.7
TEO	198.2	-6.0		-2.8	189.4
FSA	17.5	-0.2			17.3
NIA	57.5	-0.1			57.4
NIAO	10.8				10.8
NIAUR	0.1		0.2		0.3
NIPSO	5.1				5.1
PPS	43.8				43.8
Total	17,101.1	-10.5	25.2	52.1	17,168.0

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Table 4: Departmental Outcome – Capital DEL
(£millions)

Department	December Monitoring Position	Reduced Requirements	Executive Allocations	Technical Adjustments	January Position
DAERA	130.3	-2.7			127.6
DfC	275.2		6.5	-8.8	272.9
DfE	229.7	-1.1		5.4	234.0
DE	402.8	-6.4	6.4	-0.1	402.8
DoF	33.9				33.9
DoH	377.7				377.7
DfI	841.8	-6.6	16.8	0.3	852.3
DOJ	101.5				101.5
TEO	14.9				14.9
FSA	0.2				0.2
NIA	2.6				2.6
NIAO	0.0				0.0
NIAUR	3.0	-0.1			2.9
PPS	0.8				0.8
Total	2,414.5	-16.8	29.7	-3.1	2,424.2

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Table 5: Departmental Outcome – Ring-fenced Resource DEL including Student Loans impairment
(£millions)

Department	December Monitoring Position	Executive Allocations	Technical Adjustments	January Position
DAERA	39.2	0.5	3.1	42.9
DfC	31.2	2.4		33.6
DfE	224.3	4.3	1,467.6	1,696.2
DE	3.0			3.0
DoF	49.0	2.2		51.2
DoH	255.2	10.0		265.2
DfI	164.9			164.9
DOJ	109.9	1.0	0.4	111.3
TEO	2.4	0.1		2.5
FSA	0.2	0.0		0.2
NIA	4.8	0.1		4.8
NIAO	0.2			0.2
NIAUR	0.3			0.3
NIPSO	0.1			0.1
PPS	3.5			3.5
Total	888.2	20.6	1,471.1	2,379.9

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