

Appropriation Account 2017

Vote 33

Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Introduction

As Accounting Officer for Vote 33, I am required each year to prepare the appropriation account for the Vote, and to submit the account to the Comptroller and Auditor General for audit.

In accordance with this requirement, I have prepared the attached account of the amount expended in the year ended 31 December 2017 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht, including certain services administered by that Office, and for payment of certain subsidies and grants.

The expenditure outturn is compared with the sums:

- a) granted by Dáil Éireann under the Appropriation Act 2017, including the amount that could be used as appropriations-in-aid of expenditure for the year, and
- b) provided for capital supply services in 2017 out of unspent 2016 appropriations, under the deferred surrender arrangement established by section 91 of the Finance Act 2004.

A surplus of €3.15 million is liable for surrender to the Exchequer.

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles and Notes 1 to 7 form part of the account.

Transfer of Functions

The transfer of the regional development and rural affairs functions from the former Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to the newly formed Department of Rural and Community Development came into effect from 27 July 2017. The Department was re-named the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with effect from 1 August 2017. This account has been prepared in accordance with the 2017 Final Revised Estimate for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and in line with guidance from Government Accounting on accounting arrangements to apply in respect of expenditure on functions that transfer between departments by transfer of function orders. Therefore, the full year estimate allocation and full year outturn for 2017 for the Regional Development and Rural Affairs functions are reflected in the appropriation account for Vote 42 Rural and Community Development.

Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles

The standard accounting policies and principles for the production of appropriation accounts have been applied in the preparation of the account except for the following;

Depreciation

Capital assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life commencing in the month the asset is placed in service.

Certain historic properties such as national parks, and heritage assets such as artefacts and manuscripts, have not been valued.

Statement on Internal Financial Control

Responsibility for System of Internal Financial Control

As Accounting Officer, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Department.

This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to me and my other obligations as Secretary General. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

I have fulfilled my responsibilities in relation to the requirements of the Service Management Agreement between the Department and the Financial Shared Service Centre of the Department of Justice and Equality.

I rely on a letter of assurance from the Accounting Officer for the Justice and Equality Vote and the Accounting Officer for Shared Services that the appropriate controls are exercised in the provision of shared services to my Department.

The position in regard to the financial control environment, the framework of administrative procedures, management reporting and internal audit is as follows:

Financial Control Environment

I confirm that a control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability
- reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned
- formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action and
- there is an Audit Committee to advise me in discharging my responsibilities for the internal financial control system
- procedures for all key business processes have been documented
- there are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place, including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability, and, in particular, that

- there is an appropriate budgeting system with an annual budget which is kept under review by senior management
- there are regular reviews by senior management of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts
- a risk management system operates within the Department
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines.

The Department ensures that there is an appropriate focus on good practice in purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant guidelines.

In total, five supply arrangements were reported under Circular 40/02 in 2017 with a total value of €1,044,842. These are broken down as follows:

- four contracts to a value of €980,453 related to contracts where normal tendering procedures were not appropriate as the providers in question were sole suppliers
- one contract to a value of €64,389 was extended beyond the original contract date and steps have been taken to ensure that a new contract was put in place in 2017 for these services.

Internal Audit and Audit Committee

I confirm that the Department has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter which I have approved. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which the Department is exposed and its annual internal audit plans, approved by me, are based on this analysis. These plans aim to cover the key controls on a rolling basis over a reasonable period. The internal audit function is reviewed periodically by me and by the Audit Committee. I have put procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

Risk and Control Framework

The Department has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, to mitigate those risks.

A risk register is in place which identifies the key risks facing the department and these have been identified, evaluated and graded according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Board (MB) on a quarterly basis. The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level.

The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and assigns responsibility for operation of controls to specific staff.

Ongoing Monitoring and Review

Formal procedures have been established for monitoring control processes and control deficiencies are communicated to those responsible for taking corrective action and to management and the MB, where relevant, in a timely way. I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

Review of Effectiveness

I confirm that the department has procedures to monitor the effectiveness of its risk management and control procedures. The Department's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by the work of the internal and external auditors and the senior management within the department responsible for the development and maintenance of the internal financial control framework.

Internal Financial Control Issues

No weaknesses in internal financial control were identified in relation to 2017 that resulted in, or may result in, a material loss.

Katherine Licken

Accounting Officer

Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

19 September 2018

Comptroller and Auditor General

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Vote 33 Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Opinion on the appropriation account

I have audited the appropriation account for Vote 33 Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for the year ended 31 December 2017 under section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.

In my opinion, the appropriation account

- properly presents the receipts and expenditure of Vote 33 Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for the year ended 31 December 2017
- has been prepared in the form prescribed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit of the appropriation account in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the *Preface to the Appropriation Accounts*. I am independent of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Report on the statement on internal financial control, and on other matters

The Accounting Officer has presented a statement on internal financial control together with the appropriation account. My responsibilities to report in relation to the information in the statement, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the *Preface to the Appropriation Accounts*.

I have nothing to report in that regard.

Seamus McCarthy
Comptroller and Auditor General

21 September 2018

Vote 33 Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Appropriation Account 2017

	Estimate provision		2017	2016
			Outturn	Outturn
	€000	€000	€000	€000
Programme expenditure				
A	Arts, Culture and Film			
	<i>Current year provision</i>	158,013		
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	<u>11,548</u>	169,561	158,958
				173,499
B	Heritage			
	<i>Current year provision</i>	45,289		
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	<u>2,000</u>	47,289	51,337
				48,049
C	Irish language, Gaeltacht and islands			
			46,613	47,955
D	North-South co-operation			
			38,493	41,356
—	<i>Regional development and rural affairs</i>			
			—	—
				51,699
Gross expenditure				
	<i>Current year provision</i>	288,408		
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	<u>13,548</u>	301,956	299,606
				368,150
	<i>Deduct</i>			
F	Appropriations-in-aid		3,973	5,468
				8,620
Net expenditure				
	<i>Current year provision</i>	284,435		
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	<u>13,548</u>		
			297,983	294,138
				359,530

Surplus

The surplus of the amount provided over the net amount applied is liable for surrender to the Exchequer. Under section 91 of the Finance Act 2004, all or part of any unspent appropriations for capital supply services may be carried over for spending in the following year.

	2017	2016
	€	€
Surplus	3,844,590	16,667,853
Deferred surrender	(700,000)	(13,548,000)
Surplus to be surrendered	3,144,590	3,119,853

Katherine Licken

Accounting Officer

Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

19 September 2018

Notes to the Appropriation Account

Note 1 Operating Cost Statement 2017

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Programme cost	264,460	331,921
Pay	30,091	31,175
Non pay	5,055	5,054
Gross expenditure	299,606	368,150
<i>Deduct</i>		
Appropriations-in-aid	5,468	8,620
Net expenditure	294,138	359,530
Changes in capital assets		
Purchases cash	(4,438)	
Depreciation	1,562	
Loss on disposals	9	
	(2,867)	(1,430)
Changes in net current assets		
Increase in closing accruals	33,677	
Decrease in stock	5	
	33,682	(37,015)
Direct expenditure	324,953	321,085
Expenditure borne elsewhere		
Net allied services expenditure (Note 1.1)	16,688	14,980
Notional rents	733	733
Net programme cost	342,374	336,798

1.1 Net Allied Services Expenditure

The net allied services expenditure amount is made up of the following estimated amounts in relation to Vote 33 borne elsewhere.

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Vote 9 Office of the Revenue Commissioners	e 30	30
Vote 12 Superannuation and Retired Allowances	e 10,822	8,624
Vote 13 Office of Public Works	e 4,937	5,308
Vote 18 National Shared Service Office	e 121	100
Vote 24 Justice and Equality - Financial Shared Services Centre	e 608	604
Central Fund – Ministerial pensions	e 170	314
	16,688	14,980

^e indicates that the number is an estimated value or an apportioned cost.

Note 2 Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 €000	2016 €000
Capital assets	2.2	59,552	56,656
Current assets			
Bank and cash	2.3	6,183	24,668
Stocks	2.4	322	327
Prepayments		3,122	36,837
Accrued income		94	29
Other debit balances	2.5	383	1,082
Total current assets		10,104	62,943
Less current liabilities			
Accrued expenses		597	570
Other credit balances	2.6	5,027	5,706
Net Exchequer funding due	2.7	1,539	20,044
Total current liabilities		7,163	26,320
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		2,941	36,623
Net assets		62,493	93,279
Represented by:			
State funding account	2.1	62,493	93,279

2.1 State funding account

	Note	2017 €000	2016 €000
Balance at 1 January		93,279	54,774
Disbursements from the Vote			
Estimate provision	Account	297,983	
Deferred surrender	Account	(700)	
Surplus to be surrendered	Account	(3,145)	
Net vote		294,138	359,530
Expenditure (cash) borne elsewhere	1.1	16,688	14,980
Non- cash expenditure – notional rent	1	733	733
– fixed asset adjustment	2.2	29	60
Net programme cost	1	(342,374)	(336,798)
Balance at 31 December		62,493	93,279

2.2 Capital assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Office and IT equipment ^a	Furniture and fittings	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Gross Assets					
Cost or valuation at 1 January 2017	53,435	7,436	10,028	4,209	75,108
Additions	2,701	965	633	139	4,438
Transferred out ^b	—	—	(558)	—	(558)
Adjustments ^c	—	29	13	47	89
Disposals	—	(270)	(165)	(25)	(460)
Cost or valuation at 31 December 2017	56,136	8,160	9,951	4,370	78,617
Accumulated depreciation					
Opening balance at 1 January 2017	1,128	6,181	8,537	2,606	18,452
Depreciation charge for the year	419	259	782	102	1,562
Depreciation on transfers	—	—	(558)	—	(558)
Adjustments	—	27	5	28	60
Depreciation on disposals	—	(263)	(165)	(23)	(451)
Cumulative depreciation at 31 December 2017	1,547	6,204	8,601	2,713	19,065
Net assets at 31 December 2017	54,589	1,956	1,350	1,657	59,552
Net assets at 31 December 2016	52,307	1,255	1,491	1,603	56,656

^a The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government provide an ICT managed service for Heritage Division ICT assets on behalf of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. These are recorded on its asset register. The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has prepared a schedule of assets in the event that the terms of the current ICT managed service is altered or ceases in the future and a transfer of assets is required.

^b Assets transferred to the Department of Rural and Community Development as a result of a transfer of functions.

^c The adjustments of €89,000 arose from an ongoing maintenance of the Department's fixed asset register.

2.3 Bank and cash

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
PMG balances and cash	5,989	24,532
Commercial bank accounts ^a	194	136
	6,183	24,668

^a The commercial bank account balance includes €172,120 in 2017 (2016: €131,179) in respect of a commercial bank account operated by the Department of Justice and Equality – Financial Shared Services.

2.4 Stocks

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Building material and small plant	90	98
Fuels and fertilisers	23	28
Stationery	32	27
Equipment consumables	3	2
Janitorial supplies and first aid	9	25
IT consumables	37	23
Miscellaneous	62	63
Livestock	66	61
	322	327

2.5 Other debit balances

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Environment Fund	256	618
Office of Public Works	69	427
Other debit suspense items	58	37
	383	1,082

2.6 Other credit balances

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Amounts due to the State		
Income Tax	483	612
Pay Related Social Insurance	295	334
Professional Services Withholding Tax	283	207
Relevant Contracts Tax	4	—
Value Added Tax	256	262
Pension deductions	13	11
	1,334	1,426
Crowley Bequest Fund (Note 7.2)	321	377
Aran LIFE ^a	506	247
Kerry LIFE ^a	647	852
Raised Bog LIFE project ^a	2,006	2,246
Other	213	558
	5,027	5,706

^a The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument supporting environment, nature conservation and climate action projects through the EU. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value.

2.7 Net Exchequer funding due

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Surplus to be surrendered	3,144	3,120
Deferred surrender	700	13,548
Exchequer grant undrawn	(2,305)	3,376
Net Exchequer funding due	1,539	20,044
Represented by:		
Debtors		
Bank and cash	6,183	24,668
Debit balances: suspense	383	1,082
	6,566	25,750
Creditors		
Due to State	(1,334)	(1,426)
Credit balances: suspense	(3,693)	(4,280)
	(5,027)	(5,706)
	1,539	20,044

2.8 Commitments

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Turf Compensation Scheme	24,247	25,209
Islands	17,825	9,619
Gaeltacht support schemes	3,192	4,157
ACCESS cultural development grants	6,220	7,107
Irish language support schemes	6,250	8,819
Other arts capital projects	13,573	2,301
Decade of Centenaries 1912 – 1922	—	3,083
Cork Event Centre	11,000	11,000
Natural heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service)	1,198	2,489
Other grants and procured services and goods	1,838	3,569
Total of legally enforceable commitments	85,343	77,353

Significant Variations

An explanation is provided below where a commitment has increased or decreased by more than €500,000 from 2016 to 2017.

Subhead	Amount of increase/(decrease) €000	Explanation
Turf Compensation Scheme	(962)	As this scheme commenced in 2011, the decrease reflects the drop in remaining number of years for which applicants are to be paid is falling year on year.
Islands	8,206	The increase in the commitments figure reflects the awarding of new contracts for the provision of transport services to the islands.
Gaeltacht support schemes	(965)	The reduction in commitments is a result of payments in 2017 in respect of commitment outstanding at the end of 2016.
ACCESS (cultural development grants)	(887)	The reduction in the commitment relates to payments in respect of ACCESS programme commitments which matured in 2017.
Irish Language Support Schemes	(2,569)	The reduction in commitments is a result of payments in 2017.
Other capital arts projects	11,272	The increase in commitments is due to grant awards made in 2017 under Streams 1, 2 and 3 of the new Arts and Culture Capital Scheme.
Decade of Centenaries 1912 – 1922	(3,083)	The commitments at the end of 2016 were fully expended in 2017 except for the Citizens Chapel in Glasnevin which did not proceed.
Natural Heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service)	(1,291)	The majority of the reduction in the commitments is due to projects being finalised in 2017.
Other grants and procured services and goods	(1,731)	The reduction in commitments is a result of payments in 2017 in respect of commitment outstanding at the end of 2016.

2.9 Matured liabilities

at 31 December	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Estimate of matured liabilities not discharged at year end	28	6

Note 3 Vote Expenditure by Subhead

Analysis of administration expenditure

The following note presents an analysis of the administration expenditure of the Vote and outlines the reasons for significant variations (+/- 25% and €100,000). Administration expenditure has been apportioned across the programmes, to present complete programme costings.

		2017		2016
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
i	Salaries, wages and allowances	30,150	30,091	31,175
ii	Travel and subsistence	1,427	1,216	1,196
iii	Training and development and incidental expenses	987	792	845
iv	Postal and telecommunications services	610	491	473
v	Office equipment and external IT services	1,987	1,886	1,811
vi	Office premises expenses	775	670	726
vii	Consultancy services and value for money and policy reviews	100	—	3
		36,036	35,146	36,229

Significant variations

vii *Consultancy services and value for money and policy reviews*

Estimate provision: €100,000, outturn: €Nil

The saving was due to a policy to keep such expenditure to a minimum in the light of budgetary pressures.

Programme A Arts, Culture and Film

		2017		2016	
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn	
		€000	€000	€000	
A.1	Administration – pay		6,226	5,990	5,709
A.2	Administration – non -pay		1,368	1,337	1,063
A.3	Payments to match resources generated by the National Archives		40	32	40
A.4	General expenses of the National Archives and National Archives Advisory Council		1,566	1,162	1,274
A.5	General expenses of the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Chester Beatty Library, National Concert Hall and the Crawford Gallery ^a		11,636	11,711	10,876
A.6	Regional museums, galleries, cultural centres and projects		10,300	10,222	2,925
A.7	Cultural infrastructure and development				
	<i>Original</i>	6,100			
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	6,548	12,648	7,407	15,352
A.8	Culture Ireland		3,500	3,682	5,495
A.9	An Chomhairle Ealaíon (part funded by National Lottery)		65,150	65,150	60,120
A.10	General expenses of the National Museum of Ireland		12,851	12,881	12,120
A.11	General expenses of the National Library of Ireland		7,293	7,293	6,944
A.12	Irish Film Board		16,488	16,987	15,571
A.13	General expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland		9,394	9,394	7,636
A.14	European City of Culture		1	—	—
A.15	Decade of Centenaries 1912 – 1922				
	<i>Original</i>	1,100			
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	5,000	6,100	5,710	28,374
A.16	Cork Event Centre		5,000	—	—
			169,561	158,958	173,499

^a See Note 7.1

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme A was €10.603 million lower than originally provided. The variance of €10.603 million was mainly due to the following:

A.4 General expenses of the National Archives and National Archives Advisory Council

Estimate provision: €1.566 million, outturn: €1.162 million

The saving of €0.404 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the procurement of ICT infrastructure and other equipment not progressing as originally planned.

A.7 Cultural infrastructure and development

Estimate provision: €12.648 million, outturn: €7.407million

The saving of €5.241 million relative to the estimate provision was due to a number of projects not progressing as quickly as originally planned including one project to the value of €2 million.

A.8 Culture Ireland

Estimate provision: €3.5 million, outturn: €3.682 million

Additional funding was secured with the sanction of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to meet emerging pressures on this subhead in 2017.

A.15 Decade of Centenaries 1912 – 1922

Estimate provision: €6.1 million, outturn: €5.71 million

Savings arose due to slower than anticipated progress on a number of projects including the National Archives redevelopment project.

A.16 Cork Event Centre

Estimate provision: €5 million, outturn: €Nil

The saving of €5 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the contracting authority not being in a position to finalise the construction contract during 2017. As a result, no capital funding drawdown was required during the year.

Programme B Heritage

		2017		2016
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
B.1	Administration – pay	19,245	19,748	18,514
B.2	Administration – non pay	2,696	1,839	1,590
B.3	Grant for An Chomhairle Oidhreachta (Heritage Council) (part funded by National Lottery)	6,254	5,904	5,243
B.4	Built heritage	2,538	2,947	2,402
B.5	Natural heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service)			
	<i>Original</i>	11,182		
	<i>Deferred surrender</i>	2,000	13,182	17,104
B.6	Irish Heritage Trust	374	400	324
B.7	Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme	2,000	3,281	2,102
B.8	Peatlands restoration and management	1,000	114	800
		47,289	51,337	48,049

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme B was €4.048 million higher than originally provided. The variance was mainly due to the following:

B.2 Administration – non pay

Estimate provision: €2.696 million, outturn: €1.839 million

The saving of €0.857 million arose from lower than anticipated expenditure in the areas of travel and subsistence, training and IT. Expenditure in these areas is actively monitored to ensure that costs are minimised.

B.3 Grant for An Chomhairle Oidhreachta (Heritage Council, part funded by National Lottery)

Estimate provision: €6.254 million, outturn: €5.904 million

The saving of €0.350 million relative to the estimate provision was due to later than planned initiation of the Historic Towns programme.

B.4 Built heritage

Estimate provision: €2.538 million, outturn: €2.947 million.

The excess of €0.409 million relative to the estimate provision was due to latent demand to address structures at risk, including remedial works to historic structures damaged by severe weather events.

B.5 Natural heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service)

Estimate provision: €13.182 million, outturn: €17.104 million

The excess of €3.922 million relative to the estimate provision was due to costs associated with measures in place to support compliance with the EU Habitats Directive, unanticipated capital works relating to flood and other repairs at national parks and reserves, and the acquisition of a strategically important land bank adjacent to Ballycroy National Park.

B.7 Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme

Estimate provision: €2 million, outturn: €3.281 million

The excess of €1.281 million relative to the estimate provision was due to additional demand under this scheme. Sanction was received from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to increase this provision by up to €1.5 million to meet this increased demand.

B.8 *Peatlands restoration and management*

Estimate provision: €1 million, outturn: €0.114 million

The saving of €0.886 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the fact that while draft restoration plans for 53 raised bog special areas of conservation (SACs) were completed in 2016, further consultation and survey work was required in 2017. As a consequence, the preparatory work required was not achieved until late 2017, leading to an underspend on the allocation.

Programme C Irish language, Gaeltacht and Islands

		2017		2016
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
C.1	Administration – pay	3,731	3,172	2,949
C.2	Administration – non-pay	1,125	1,017	789
C.3	Gaeltacht support schemes	7,812	8,465	8,292
C.4	Irish language support schemes (part funded by National Lottery)	3,795	4,014	3,594
C.5	An Coimisinéir Teanga	730	729	639
C.6	Údarás na Gaeltachta - administration	8,958	8,958	8,823
C.7	Údarás na Gaeltachta - current programme expenditure	3,250	3,250	3,000
C.8	Údarás na Gaeltachta - grants for projects and capital expenditure on premises	6,687	8,957	9,087
C.9	Islands	9,275	7,964	13,274
C.10	20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 – 2030	1,250	1,429	999
—	<i>Decade of Centenaries – Teach an Phiarsaigh</i>	—	—	1,900
		46,613	47,955	53,346

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme C was €1.342 million higher than originally provided. The variance was mainly due to the following:

C.3 Gaeltacht support schemes

Estimate provision: €7.812 million, outturn: €8.465 million

The excess of €0.653 million relative to the estimate provision was due to additional demand under these schemes. Sanction was received from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to increase this provision to meet this increased demand.

C.4 Irish language support schemes (part funded by National Lottery)

Estimates provision: €3.795 million, outturn: €4.014 million

The excess of €0.219 million relative to the estimate provision was due to additional demand under these schemes. Sanction was received from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to increase this provision to meet this increased demand.

C.8 Údarás na Gaeltachta - grants for projects and capital expenditure on premises

Estimates provision: €6.687 million, outturn: €8.957 million

The excess of €2.270 million relative to the estimate provision was due to a number of capital projects coming to fruition earlier than had been anticipated during the year. The additional expenditure was approved in accordance with the sanctions received from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

C.9 Islands

Estimates provision: €9.275 million, outturn: €7.964 million

The saving of €1.311 million relative to the estimate provision was due to delays in the development of Inis Óirr Pier. €0.7 million of this underspend was carried forward to 2018.

C.10 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 – 2030

Estimates provision: €1.250 million, outturn: €1.429 million

The excess of €0.179 million relative to the estimate provision was due to additional demand under these schemes. Sanction was received from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to increase this provision to meet this increased demand.

Programme D North-South Co-Operation

		2017		2016
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
D.1	Administration – pay	948	1,181	1,058
D.2	Administration – non-pay	697	862	683
D.3	An Foras Teanga	13,989	13,508	13,249
D.4	Waterways Ireland	22,859	25,805	26,567
		38,493	41,356	41,557

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme D was €2.863 million higher than originally provided. The variance was mainly due to the following:

D.4 Waterways Ireland

Estimates provision: €22.859 million, outturn: €25.805 million

The excess of €2.946 million was due to provision for critical infrastructure repair including that related to severe weather events.

Note 4 Receipts

4.1 Appropriations-in-aid

	2017		2016
	Estimated	Realised	Realised
	€000	€000	€000
1 National Archives	40	34	46
2 Miscellaneous receipts	872	1,225	1,485
3 Rents (including receipts from lettings of fishing rights etc.)	100	188	121
4 Services and charges at national parks and wildlife sites	445	1,228	1,226
5 Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration	2,516	2,793	3,026
— LEADER- Rural Economy Sub Programme	—	—	2,284
— Dormant accounts programme expenditure	—	—	432
Total	3,973	5,468	8,620

Significant variations

Overall, Appropriations-in-Aid were €1.495 million more than the estimate.

Explanations for variances are set out below:

2 Miscellaneous receipts

Estimate provision: €0.872 million, outturn: €1.225 million

The variance of €0.353 million was due to higher than anticipated pension receipts from agencies.

4 Services and charges at national parks and wildlife sites

Estimate provision: €0.445 million, outturn: €1.228 million

The excess of €0.783 million was due to higher than anticipated level of receipts in the national parks, reflecting good visitor numbers at these amenities.

5 Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration

Estimate provision: €2.516 million, outturn: €2.793 million

The variance of €0.277 million was due to higher than anticipated pension related deduction receipts from agencies.

4.2 Extra Exchequer receipts

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Balance at 1 January	4	9
Receipts from Gaeltacht loans	2	4
Transferred to Exchequer	(4)	(9)
Balance at 31 December	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Note 5 Employee Numbers and Pay

5.1 Employee numbers

	2017	2016
Number of staff at year end (full-time equivalents)		
Department	619	608
Agencies	1,079	1,011
	1,698	1,619

5.2 Pay

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Pay	69,037	68,652
Higher, special or additional duties allowance	56	92
Other allowances	1,011	1,115
Overtime	1,305	1,373
Employer's PRSI	5,929	5,944
Total Pay	77,338	77,176

The Exchequer pay figure as disclosed in the Final Revised Estimates does not represent the totality of pay for the staff numbers disclosed under Note 5. In the case of North/ South implementation bodies, expenditure on pay is funded on an agreed pro-rata basis by the sponsoring departments in the two jurisdictions.

5.3 Allowances and overtime payments

	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Highest individual payment 2017	Highest individual payment 2016
			€	€
Higher, special or additional duties	38	2	12,494	11,559
Other allowances	572	25	19,585	19,585
Overtime	568	24	16,450	24,234
Extra remuneration in more than one category.	378	62	23,437	28,273

The details in relation to allowances and overtime payments relating to staff of bodies/ agencies are based solely on returns submitted by those bodies/ agencies.

5.4 Other remuneration arrangements

One retired civil servant in receipt of a civil service pension was re-engaged in 2017 at a total cost of €1,800. Pension abatement was not deemed applicable in this case.

5.5 Payroll overpayments

Overpayments at the year-end were €44,275 (51 individuals) (2016: €16,583 (15 individuals). Of this, €12,940 had recovery plans in place at 31 December.

Note 6 Miscellaneous

6.1 National Lottery funding

Sub-head	Description	2017		2016
		Estimate €000	Outturn €000	Outturn €000
A.9	An Chomhairle Ealaíon (part funded by National Lottery)	65,150	65,150	60,120
B.3	Grant for An Chomhairle Oidhreachta (Heritage Council) (part funded by National Lottery)	6,254	5,904	5,243
C.4	Irish language support schemes (part funded by National Lottery)	3,795	4,014	3,594
		75,199	75,068	68,957

A full list of grantees under subhead C.4 is available on the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht website <https://www.chg.gov.ie/about/finance-evaluation/national-lottery-funding/>

6.2 Compensation and legal costs

	Number of cases	Legal costs paid by Department €000	Compensation awarded €000	Legal costs awarded €000	2017	2016
					Total €000	Total €000
Claims by:						
employees of the Department	2	11	—	—	11	17
members of the public	10	161	18	47	226	178
		172	18	47	237	195

6.3 Late payment interest

	2017 €000	2016 €000
Total of interest paid	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

6.4 Loss of heritage assets

The investigation commenced in 2012 by An Garda Síochána in relation to the loss of a number of items held in private storage on behalf of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is ongoing. No adjustment has been made to the recorded figures in Note 2.2, pending the completion of the Garda investigation.

6.5 Carryover to 2018

Under section 91 of the Finance Act 2004, €700,000 in unspent allocation in respect of the capital element for subhead C9 Islands was carried forward to 2018.

6.6 Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme

In 2017, the Department made 2,860 payments (2016: 2,975) totalling €4,604,000 (2016: €4,646,000) in respect of the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme.

Note 7 Miscellaneous Accounts

7.1 Payments towards general expenses of the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Chester Beatty Library, National Concert Hall and the Crawford Gallery (Subhead A.5).

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Payments		
Irish Museum of Modern Art	5,143	4,813
Chester Beatty Library	2,521	2,404
National Concert Hall	2,709	2,425
Crawford Gallery, Cork	1,338	1,234
	<u>11,711</u>	<u>10,876</u>

7.2 The Crowley Bequest Fund

The bequest was accepted by the State in 1997, to be used to undertake a project involving the listing, microfilming and publishing of records of the Chief Secretary's Office for the period 1815 – 1853. The charge on the fund represents conservation and salary costs associated with this project.

Accounts of receipts and payments for year ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Balance on 1 January	377	408
Receipts	50	50
Payments	(106)	(81)
Balance at 31 December	<u>321</u>	<u>377</u>

7.3 Statement of loans for Gaeltacht housing

Loans issued towards Gaeltacht housing under the Housing (Gaeltacht) Acts 1929 to 2001 and repayments thereof:

	2017		2016
	€000	€000	€000
Opening balance on 1 January		183	183
Annual penal interest accrued		4	5
Interest written off		—	(1)
Repayments			
Principal	(1)		
Interest	(1)	(2)	(4)
Closing balance on 31 December		<u>185</u>	<u>183</u>

Appendix A State-owned lands and buildings controlled or managed by the Department which do not have valuations

The Department currently manages six national park locations, namely

- Ballycroy National Park
- The Burren National Park
- Connemara National Park
- Glenveagh National Park
- Killarney National Park
- Wicklow Mountains National Park

In 2013, the Department commenced a long-term project aimed at developing an electronic property information database for land and buildings acquired by the Department. This work continued in 2017.

Appendix B Accounts of bodies and funds under the aegis of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The following table lists the bodies under the aegis of the Department and where the Minister has an obligation to present financial statements. It indicates, at the account signing date, the period to which the last audited financial statements relate and when they were presented to the Oireachtas.

Body/ departmental fund	Last accounting period	Date of audit report	Date received by Minister/ Department	Date presented to the Oireachtas
IMMA	2016	7 Nov 2017	16 Nov 2017	24 Apr 2018
Chester Beatty Library	2016	1 Jun 2017	27 Jun 2017	22 Nov 2017
National Concert Hall	2016	30 Jun 2017	23 Oct 2017	18 Jan 2018
Crawford Art Gallery	2016	29 Sep 2017	9 Oct 2017	27 Dec 2017
Arts Council	2016	30 Jun 2017	21 Jul 2017	6 Dec 2017
National Museum of Ireland	2016	29 Nov 2017	22 Dec 2017	19 Apr 2018
National Library of Ireland	2016	20 Dec 2017	29 Jan 2018	26 Apr 2018
Irish Film Board	2016	20 Dec 2017	13 Mar 2018	2 May 2018
National Gallery of Ireland	2016	20 Jul 2017	6 Nov 2017	18 Jan 2018
The Heritage Council	2016	30 Jun 2017	21 Jul 2017	12 Dec 2017
Údarás na Gaeltachta	2016	30 Nov 2017	8 Dec 2017	18 Jan 2018
Foras Teanga	2016	18 Dec 2017	27 Mar 2018	14 Jun 2018
Waterways Ireland	2016	30 Jun 2017	10 Jul 2017	20 Sep 2017
An Coimisiúneir Teanga	2016	14 Dec 2017	27 Dec 2017	12 Feb 2018

