

Chapter 1 General Matters

1.1 Financial Outturn etc.

The audited accounts are summarised on pages xii and xiii of Volume 2. The amount to be surrendered as shown in the summary is €313.96m arrived at as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Outturn for the year 2003

	€000	€000	€000
<i>Estimated Gross Expenditure</i>			
Original Estimates	33,364,399		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>301,726</u>	33,666,125	
<i>Deduct</i>			
<i>Estimated Appropriations-in-Aid</i>			
Original Estimates	2,572,887		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>52,239</u>	<u>2,625,126</u>	
Estimated Net Expenditure			31,040,999
Actual Gross Expenditure	33,416,678		
Less expenditure requiring Excess Vote			
Civil Service Commission (Vote 16)	81		
Office of the Ombudsman (Vote 17)	<u>25</u>	33,416,572	
<i>Deduct</i>			
Actual Appropriations-in-Aid	2,689,572		
Less excess appropriations-in-aid to be applied, subject to the approval of Dáil Éireann, to meet excess expenditure on the Office of the Ombudsman's Vote (Vote 16)	<u>35</u>	<u>2,289,537</u>	
Net Expenditure			<u>30,727,035</u>
Amount to be surrendered			€313,964

The amount to be surrendered represents 1.01% of the supply grant as compared with 1.56% in 2002.

Excess Votes

Expenditure amounting to €81,560 over and above the gross provision made by the Oireachtas has been incurred on Vote 16 — Civil Service Commission and will require an excess vote. There were surplus receipts of €35,383 under Appropriations-in-Aid realised resulting in a net excess of €46,177. (See also Chapter 5)

Expenditure amounting to €25,103 over and above the gross provision made by the Oireachtas has been incurred on Vote 17 — Office of the Ombudsman and will require an excess vote. (See also Chapter 6)

Extra Exchequer Receipts

Extra Receipts payable to the Exchequer as recorded in the Appropriation Accounts amounted to €215,603,000.

Surrender of Balances of 2002 Votes

The balances due to be surrendered out of Votes for Public Services for the year ended 31 December 2002 amounted to €491.41m. I hereby certify that these balances have been duly surrendered.

Stock and Store Accounts

The stock and store accounts of the Departments have been examined with generally satisfactory results.