



Appropriation Account 2012

Vote 29

Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Introduction

As Accounting Officer for Vote 29, 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 2012 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, including certain services administered by that Office, and for payment of certain grants and sundry grants-in-aid and for the payment of certain grants under cash-limited schemes.

The expenditure outturn is compared with the sums

- (a) granted by Dáil Éireann under the Appropriation Act 2012, including the amount that could be used as appropriations-in-aid of expenditure for the year and
- (b) provided for capital supply services in 2012 out of unspent 2011 appropriations, under the deferred surrender arrangements established by section 91 of the Finance Act 2004.

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles and notes 1 to 6 form part of the account.

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:

Capital Assets

Motor vehicles are depreciated over 5 years at 20% per year. Certain office/IT equipment and specialist equipment assets are depreciated over 10 years at 10% per year, while others are depreciated over 5 years at 20% per year.

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.

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. Detailed monthly reporting to the Management Committee, combining key financial information, is in place. This enables effective management of outputs, efficiency and ensures value for money.
- 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
- there is an Audit Committee to advise me in discharging my responsibilities for the internal financial control system.

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. This is part of the business planning process for all divisions. The purpose of the system is to identify and assess the risks and outline measures to control and manage the risks to which the Department may be exposed. The Risk Management System is reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- 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 is compliant with all relevant guidelines regarding procurement and is complying with all circulars relating to the mandatory use of framework agreements and contracts.

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. During 2012, a total of 11 audits were carried out. I have put procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

Aidan Dunning

Accounting Officer

Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

28 March 2013

Comptroller and Auditor General Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Vote 29 Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

I have audited the appropriation account for Vote 29 Communications, Energy and Natural Resources for the year ended 31 December 2012 under section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993. The account has been prepared in the form prescribed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, in accordance with standard accounting policies and principles for appropriation accounts.

Responsibility of the Accounting Officer

In accordance with Section 22 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1866, the Accounting Officer is required to prepare the appropriation account. By law, the account must be submitted to me by 31 March following the end of the year of account.

The Accounting Officer is also responsible for the safeguarding of public funds and property under his control, for the efficiency and economy of administration in his Department and for the regularity and propriety of all transactions in the appropriation accounts.

Responsibility of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under Section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993 to audit the appropriation accounts of all Votes and to perform such tests as I consider appropriate for the purpose of the audit.

Upon completion of the audit of an appropriation account, I am obliged to provide a certificate stating whether, in my opinion, the account properly presents the receipts and expenditure related to the Vote. I am also required to refer to any material case in which

- a department or office has failed to apply expenditure recorded in the account for the purposes for which the appropriations made by the Oireachtas were intended, or
- transactions recorded in the account do not conform with the authority under which they purport to have been carried out.

Under Section 3 (10) of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993, I am required to prepare each year, a report on any matters that arise from the audits of the appropriation accounts or examinations of accounting controls.

Scope of audit

An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and regularity of financial transactions included in the account and an assessment of whether the accounting provisions of Public Financial Procedures have been complied with.

The audit involves obtaining sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the appropriation account is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. I also seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of the audit. In forming the audit opinion, the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the appropriation account is evaluated.

Opinion on the appropriation account

In my opinion, the appropriation account properly presents the receipts and expenditure of Vote 29 Communications, Energy and Natural Resources for the year ended 31 December 2012.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. The appropriation account is in agreement with the books of account.

Seamus McCarthy
Comptroller and Auditor General

16 August 2013

Vote 29 Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Appropriation Account 2012

	2012		2011
	Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
Programme Expenditure			
A Communications			
<i>Current year provision</i>	28,587		
<i>Deferred surrender</i>	800	29,387	16,710
B Broadcasting		250,692	243,056
C Energy			
<i>Current year provision</i>	94,887		
<i>Deferred surrender</i>	15,000	109,887	90,966
D Natural Resources		30,371	25,049
E Inland Fisheries		32,873	29,781
Gross expenditure			
<i>Current year provision</i>	437,410		
<i>Deferred surrender</i>	15,800	453,210	405,562
<i>Deduct</i>			
F Appropriations-in-aid		243,676	237,320
Net expenditure			
<i>Current year provision</i>	193,734		
<i>Deferred surrender</i>	15,800	209,534	168,242
		209,534	206,696

Surplus for surrender

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.

	2012	2011
	€	€
Surplus	41,291,942	46,776,852
Deferred surrender	10,400,000	15,800,000
Surplus to be surrendered	30,891,942	30,976,852

Analysis of administration expenditure

		2012		2011
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
i	Salaries, wages and allowances	15,949	14,911	15,690
ii	Travel and subsistence	543	438	407
iii	Training and development and incidental expenses	1,127	413	880
iv	Postal and telecommunications services	545	399	426
v	Office equipment and external IT services	3,185	2,898	2,665
vi	Office premises expenses	950	924	763
vii	Consultancy services and value for money and policy reviews	2,045	919	1,364
viii	Equipment, stores and maintenance	119	103	81
ix	EU Presidency	156	80	—
		24,619	21,085	22,276

Notes to the Appropriation Account

1 Operating Cost Statement 2012

	2012	2011
	€000	€000
Programme cost	384,477	424,068
Pay	14,972	15,690
Non pay	6,113	6,586
Gross expenditure	405,562	446,344
<i>Deduct</i>		
Appropriations-in-aid	237,320	239,648
Net expenditure	168,242	206,696
Changes in capital assets		
Purchases cash	(449)	
Depreciation	1,660	
	1,211	1,423
Changes in assets under development		
Cash payments	(9)	(124)
Changes in net current assets		
Increase in closing accruals	1,458	
Decrease in stock	76	
	1,534	489
Direct expenditure	170,978	208,484
Expenditure borne elsewhere		
Net allied services expenditure (note 1.1)	12,695	13,388
Notional rents	3,266	3,257
Net programme cost	186,939	225,129

1.1 Net Allied Services Expenditure

The net allied services expenditure amount is made up of the following estimated amounts in relation to Vote 29 borne elsewhere.

	2012	2011
	€000	€000
Vote 7 Finance	71	132
Vote 9 Office of the Revenue Commissioners	—	325
Vote 12 Superannuation and Retired Allowances	8,831	8,870
Vote 13 Office of Public Works	3,766	3,775
Vote 20 Garda Síochána	—	59
Central Fund - Ministerial pensions	27	227
	12,695	13,388

2 Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 €000	2011 €000
Capital assets	2.3	5,366	6,355
Capital assets under development	2.4	26	239
		5,392	6,594
Current assets			
Bank and cash	2.5	31,194	11,068
Stocks	2.6	234	310
Prepayments		84	373
Accrued income		615	1,586
Other debit balances	2.7	132	289
Total current assets		32,259	13,626
Less current liabilities			
Accrued expenses		276	78
Other credit balances	2.8	1,437	1,461
Net liability to the exchequer	2.9	29,889	9,896
Deferred income		101	101
Total current liabilities		31,703	11,536
Net current assets		556	2,090
Net assets		5,948	8,684
Represented by:			
State funding account	2.1	5,948	8,684

2.1 State Funding Account	Note	2012 €000	2011 €000
Balance at 1 January		8,684	10,472
Funding drawn down	2.2	180,937	220,084
Non cash expenditure – notional rent	1	3,266	3,257
Net programme cost	1	(186,939)	(225,129)
Balance at 31 December		5,948	8,684

2.2 Funding drawn down	Note	2012 €000	2011 €000
Disbursements from the Vote			
Estimate provision	Account	209,534	253,473
Deferred surrender	Account	(10,400)	(15,800)
Surplus to be surrendered	Account	(30,892)	(30,977)
		168,242	206,696
Expenditure (cash) borne elsewhere	1.1	12,695	13,388
Total funding drawn down		180,937	220,084

2.3 Capital Assets

	Land and buildings	Office furniture	Office and IT equipment	Specialist equipment and motor vehicles	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Gross assets					
Cost or valuation at 1 January 2012	859	1,239	20,031	3,811	25,940
Additions	—	14	616	41	671
Disposals	—	—	(82)	—	(82)
Cost or valuation at 31 December 2012	859	1,253	20,565	3,852	26,529
Accumulated depreciation					
Opening balance at 1 January 2012	—	1,112	15,619	2,854	19,585
Depreciation for the year	—	60	1,387	213	1,660
Depreciation on disposals	—	—	(82)	—	(82)
Cumulative depreciation at 31 December 2012	—	1,172	16,924	3,067	21,163
Net assets at 31 December 2012	859	81	3,641	785	5,366
Net assets at 31 December 2011	859	127	4,412	957	6,355

The following fisheries are not included in capital assets but are owned by the Minister and are managed by Inland Fisheries Ireland

- i. Galway
- ii. Owenea/Owentocker, Co. Donegal

Land and buildings relates to the GPO Henry Street Arcade.

The Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources has a beneficial interest in Metropolitan Area Networks (MANS), the construction of which was funded jointly with certain local authorities and the European Regional Development Fund. The Department has contributed a total of €158 million to the MANS up until 31 December 2012. This interest has not been recognised in capital assets because the local authorities are the legal owners of the lands under which the networks have been built. Local authorities are recognising the MANS as assets in their financial statements.

The Exemplar Test-bed is a research facility owned by the Minister which was developed to support research in future communications networks and the services they enable at a cost of €10 million. It has not been recognised as a capital asset as the facility is not income generating and not for use on a continuing basis in the Department's activities. The facility was opened in 2010 and is expected to continue in operation until 2015.

2.4 Capital Assets under Development

at 31 December

	Computer applications and research
	€000
Amounts brought forward at 1 January 2012	239
Cash payments for the year	9
Transferred to the asset register	<u>(222)</u>
Amounts carried forward at 31 December 2012	<u><u>26</u></u>

2.5 Bank and Cash

at 31 December

	2012	2011
	€000	€000
PMG balances and cash	31,499	11,368
Orders outstanding	<u>(305)</u>	<u>(300)</u>
	<u><u>31,194</u></u>	<u><u>11,068</u></u>

2.6 Stocks

at 31 December

	2012	2011
	€000	€000
IT equipment	28	29
Geological Survey of Ireland	198	266
Stationery	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u><u>234</u></u>	<u><u>310</u></u>

2.7 Other Debit Balances

at 31 December

	2012	2011
	€000	€000
Due from the State	1	1
Other	<u>131</u>	<u>288</u>
	<u><u>132</u></u>	<u><u>289</u></u>

2.8 Other Credit Balances	2012	2011
at 31 December	€000	€000
Amounts due to the State		
Withholding Tax	99	181
Relevant Contract Tax	313	—
Value Added Tax	233	137
Contributory Pension Scheme	2	—
Voluntary surrender of pay	4	8
	<u>651</u>	<u>326</u>
Suspense	786	1,135
	<u>1,437</u>	<u>1,461</u>

2.9 Net Liability to the Exchequer	2012	2011
at 31 December	€000	€000
Surplus to be surrendered	30,892	30,977
Deferred surrender	10,400	15,800
Exchequer grant undrawn	(11,403)	(36,881)
Net liability to the Exchequer	<u>29,889</u>	<u>9,896</u>

Represented by:**Debtors**

Bank and cash	31,194	11,068
Debit balances: suspense	131	288
Due from the State	1	1
	<u>31,326</u>	<u>11,357</u>

Creditors

Due to State	(651)	(326)
Credit balances: suspense	(786)	(1,135)
	<u>(1,437)</u>	<u>(1,461)</u>
	<u>29,889</u>	<u>9,896</u>

2.10 Commitments	2012	2011
at 31 December	€000	€000

(a) Global commitments

Total of legally enforceable commitments	1,879	1,291
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(b) Multi-annual capital commitments

	Expenditure to 31 December 2011	Expenditure in 2012	Subsequent years	Total
Project	€000	€000	€000	€000
ICT programmes	251,412	4,416	19,562	275,390
Multimedia developments	24,230	5,604	14,000	43,834
Sustainable energy programmes	97,877	65,534	12,786	176,197
Energy research programmes	13,819	4,282	802	18,903
Mining services	11,189	70	3,000	14,259
Geoscience initiatives	9,842	2,436	3,811	16,089
National Seabed Survey	23,526	3,044	2,400	28,970
TG4	5,310	835	4,130	10,275
	<u>437,205</u>	<u>86,221</u>	<u>60,491</u>	<u>583,917</u>

Expenditure figures for 2012 and prior years relate only to projects with future legally binding commitments.

2.11 Contingent Liabilities

There is potential for financial liabilities to arise in 2013 and subsequent years depending on the outcomes of current, pending and possible future EU and other legal actions. The amounts involved cannot be determined at this point.

3 Programme Expenditure by Subhead

	2012		2011
	Estimate provision		Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
A Communications			
A.1 Administration - pay		3,249	3,020
A.2 Administration - non pay		1,649	1,179
A.3 Information and communications technology programme		14,616	4,826
A.4 Multimedia developments			
<i>Current year provision</i>	7,621		
<i>Deferred surrender</i>	800	8,421	7,415
A.5 Information society		950	270
A.6 Change Management Fund for non-commercial bodies funded by the Department		1	—
A.7 Other services		501	—
		29,387	16,710
			21,691

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme A was €12,677,000 lower than provided. This was mainly due to the following:

Description	Less/ (more) than provided €000	Explanation
Administration - non pay	470	Savings due to some consultancies not proceeding and the Department's efforts to reduce overall administrative expenditure.
Information and communications technology programme	9,790	Savings primarily due to: (a) expenditure on the Schools Broadband Scheme being less than expected, arising from some delay in rollout and a reduction in the original estimated installation costs for the scheme. (b) internet service providers in the rural broadband scheme offering services to applicants without the need for subsidy.
Information society	680	Savings due to lower support and maintenance charges in respect of the communications network laboratory, lower IT expenditure than expected in the National Cyber Security Centre and delay in the commencement of the Emergency Call Answering Service project.
Other services	501	The savings arose as capital contingency funds were not required.

	2012		2011
	Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
B Broadcasting			
B.1 Administration - pay	1,121	1,042	941
B.2 Administration - non pay	476	336	329
B.3 Grant to Radio Telefís Éireann for broadcasting licence fees (grant-in-aid)	185,724	179,200	182,444
B.4 Payment to An Post for collection of broadcasting licence fees	12,457	12,397	12,405
B.5 Deontas i leith Theilifís na Gaeilge (deontas-i-gcabhair)	33,585	33,585	36,260
B.6 Broadcasting Fund	14,704	14,184	14,420
B.7 Grants for digital terrestrial television	2,625	2,312	575
	250,692	243,056	247,374

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme B was €7,636,000 lower than provided. This was mainly due to the following:

Description	Less/ (more) than provided €000	Explanation
Administration - non pay	140	Savings due to some consultancies not proceeding and the Department's efforts to reduce overall administrative expenditure.
Grant to RTÉ	6,524	Grant payments to RTÉ are vote neutral and are dependent on TV licence income which was lower than anticipated.
Grants for digital terrestrial television	313	Savings arose as contingencies in place were not fully utilised.

	2012		2011
	Estimate provision		Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
C Energy			
C.1 Administration - pay		3,599	3,346
C.2 Administration - non pay		2,029	1,461
C.3 Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland - administration and general expenses (grant-in-aid)		8,265	7,359
C.4 Sustainable energy programmes (cash limited)			
	<i>Current Year Provision</i>	72,406	
	<i>Deferred Surrender</i>	15,000	
		87,406	72,698
C.5 Energy research programmes (cash limited)		8,315	5,901
C.6 Strategic energy infrastructure		1	—
C.7 Gas services		32	32
C.8 Subscriptions to international organisations		240	169
		109,887	90,966
			123,017

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme C was €18,921,000 lower than provided. This was mainly due to the following:

Description	Less/ (more) than provided €000	Explanation
Administration - non pay	568	Savings due to some consultancies not proceeding and the Department's efforts to reduce overall administrative expenditure.
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland - administration and general expenses (grant-in-aid)	906	Savings due to the average number employed in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland being less than anticipated and to miscellaneous non-pay savings.
Sustainable energy programmes (cash - limited)	14,708	Savings due to slower than anticipated uptake of the commercial and domestic grant schemes under the Better Energy Programme.
Energy research programmes (cash - limited)	2,414	Savings arose primarily due to research projects not progressing as quickly as expected.

		2012		2011
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
D	Natural Resources			
D.1	Administration - pay	6,854	6,372	6,433
D.2	Administration - non pay	3,826	2,761	3,162
D.3	Petroleum services	1,367	1,119	1,183
D.4	Mining services	4,045	259	1,971
D.5	GSI services	540	466	488
D.6	Geoscience initiatives	2,138	2,436	1,437
D.7	National seabed survey	3,000	3,044	2,944
D.8	Ordnance Survey Ireland (grant-in-aid)	8,466	8,466	7,451
D.9	Subscriptions to international organisations	135	126	135
		30,371	25,049	25,204

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme D was €5,322,000 lower than provided. This was mainly due to the following:

Description	Less/ (more) than provided €000	Explanation
Administration non pay	1,065	Savings due to some consultancies not proceeding and the Department's efforts to reduce overall administrative expenditure.
Petroleum services	248	Savings primarily due to delays in completing a strategic environmental assessment for oil and gas in Ireland's offshore Atlantic basins.
Mining services	3,786	Savings due to delays in the commencement of remedial works at a State owned mine and provision for possible legal cases not yet settled.
Geoscience initiatives	(298)	Overspend due to the Tellus Border Geological Project being ahead of schedule. This resulted in a corresponding increase in income for the project which is shown in Subhead F5.

	2012		2011
	Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
E Inland Fisheries			
E.1 Administration - pay	1,282	1,192	1,098
E.2 Administration - non pay	534	376	395
E.3 Inland fisheries	31,057	28,213	27,565
	32,873	29,781	29,058

Significant variations

Overall, the expenditure in relation to Programme E was €3,092,000 lower than provided. This was mainly due to the following:

Description	Less/ (more) than provided €000	Explanation
Administration - non pay	158	Saving due to some consultancies not proceeding and the Department's efforts to reduce overall administrative expenditure.
Inland fisheries	2,844	Savings due to lower capital expenditure by Inland Fisheries Ireland than anticipated.

4 Receipts

4.1 Appropriations-in-aid	2012		2011
	Estimated	Realised	Realised
	€000	€000	€000
1. Proceeds of fines in respect of fishery offences	50	36	28
2. Receipts under the Minerals Development Act, 1940 and the Petroleum and Other Minerals Act, 1960	12,341	12,376	13,382
3. Petroleum Infrastructure Support Group	1,166	1,104	1,175
4. Broadcasting licence fees	222,130	215,028	217,759
5. Geological Survey Ireland income	1,100	1,344	305
6. Rent on properties in GPO	223	222	192
7. Emergency call answering service	250	250	—
8. Miscellaneous	2,446	2,815	2,506
9. Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration	3,970	4,145	4,301
Total	243,676	237,320	239,648

Miscellaneous	2012	2011
	€000	€000
Pension contribution from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland	224	225
Pension contribution from Broadcasting Authority of Ireland	679	771
Pension contribution from Ordnance Survey Ireland	400	409
Pension contribution from Digital Hub Development Agency	293	—
Costs recovered from other bodies	56	69
Corrib verification process	255	274
Royalties in respect of Metropolitan Area Networks	786	735
Other	122	23
Total	2,815	2,506

Explanation of significant variations

An explanation is provided below in the case of each heading where the outturn varied from the amount estimated by more than €100,000, and by more than 5%.

Description	Less/ (more) than provided €000	Explanation
Broadcasting licence fees	7,102	Broadcasting licence fees are dependent on television licence sales and it is not possible to estimate precisely the level of receipts.
Geological Survey Ireland income	(244)	Receipts higher than anticipated due to the Tellus Border Geological Project being ahead of schedule.
Miscellaneous	(369)	Receipts higher than anticipated mainly due to the late payment of some 2011 pension contributions and an increase in MANS royalties.

4.2 Extra receipts payable to the Exchequer

Other receipts totalling €3,371,531 were transferred to the Exchequer during the year.

A total of €3,351,185 was received from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. Funds generated under the Building Energy Rating (BER) scheme exceeded the cost of operating it and resulted in a surplus of €2,820,465. The BER scheme is a requirement of the EU Directive on the Energy Performance of Buildings. €530,720 relates to the refund of grants from applicants who no longer complied with the relevant scheme conditions.

Voluntary surrender of pay €20,346.

5 Employee Numbers and Pay

	2012	2011
Number of staff at year end (full time equivalents)		
Department	248	259
Agencies	900	—
	1,148	259
	2012	2011
	€000	€000
Pay	27,329	14,715
Higher, special or additional duties allowance	125	105
Other allowances	1,400	80
Overtime	199	47
Employer's PRSI	2,872	743
Total Pay	31,925	15,690

The 2011 staffing levels relate to Department staff only.

The number of staff employed at the end of 2012 includes a number of non-commercial State agencies that are not in direct receipt of exchequer funding.

The remuneration arrangements refer to the pay element of Subheads A1, A4, B1, C1, C3, D1, E1 and E3.

5.1 Allowances and Overtime Payments

	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Maximum individual payment 2012 €	Maximum individual payment 2011 €
Higher, special or additional duties	17	8	20,614	20,614
Other allowances	374	2	12,227	7,098
Overtime	48	3	18,233	9,133

Certain individuals received extra remuneration in more than one category.

The 2011 comparative data relates to Department staff only.

5.2 Other Remuneration Arrangements – Departmental Staff

An ex-gratia payment of €11,936 was made to a former employee in respect of agreed retirement benefits.

6 Miscellaneous

6.1 EU Funding

The outturn shown for Subhead A.3 for 2012 includes expenditure which was co-financed from the European Regional Development Fund.

6.2 Committees and Commissions

€56,267 (2011: €152,264) was paid in respect of various expenses arising out of the Department's involvement in the Moriarty Tribunal.

6.3 Other Miscellaneous

The Department made a €15,000 payment to the Revenue Commissioners as a result of a prompted qualifying disclosure in respect to treatment of relevant contracts tax. There was no additional tax liability arising from the disclosure.

6.4 Petroleum Infrastructure Programme Fund

Statement of the receipts and payments of the Petroleum Infrastructure Programme Fund for the year ended 31 December 2012

	2012	2011
	€000	€000
Balance at 1 January	7,284	6,563
Receipts	1,109	1,104
Payments	(277)	(383)
Balance at 31 December	<u>8,116</u>	<u>7,284</u>

The Petroleum Infrastructure Programme (PIP) was established in 1997 and is funded by oil companies with offshore exploration licences issued by Petroleum Affairs Division. Its aim is to promote hydrocarbon exploration and development activities by strengthening local support structures, funding of research data gatherings and 'land based' research in Irish offshore areas and provides a forum for co-operation amongst explorationists and researchers. Receipts in relation to the PIPF are recorded as appropriations-in-aid and paid into the fund via Subhead D.3.

The fund is administered by the Petroleum Affairs Division of the Department. As the PIP funds are provided by the oil industry they are not included in the Departments balance sheet.

6.5 Carryover of Funding

Under the provisions of Section 91 of the Finance Act 2004, €10.4 million of unspent allocation in respect of the capital elements of Subhead C.4 was carried forward to 2013.