

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE

Account of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 December 2008, compared with the sum granted and of the sum which may be applied as appropriations-in-aid in addition thereto,

- for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Finance, including the Paymaster General's Office, for certain services administered by the Office of the Minister and for payment of certain grants and grants-in-aid
- for deferred surrender of unspent appropriations for capital supply services under Section 91 of the Finance Act 2004.

Service	Estimate Provision €000	Outturn €000	Closing Accruals €000
ADMINISTRATION			
A.1. SALARIES, WAGES AND ALLOWANCES	40,500	40,433	—
A.2. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	1,000	693	30
A.3. INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	2,000	1,578	—
A.4. POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	1,500	1,411	65
A.5. OFFICE MACHINERY AND OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES	3,200	2,379	(365)
A.6. OFFICE PREMISES EXPENSES			
<i>Current Year Provision</i>	1,350		
<i>Deferred Surrender</i>	800	2,150	1,972
A.7. CONSULTANCY SERVICES	20	52	—
A.8. VALUE FOR MONEY AND POLICY REVIEWS	1,400	960	1
OTHER SERVICES			
B. EXPENSES ARISING FROM THE SALE OF ACC BANK	5	—	—
C. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE - ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL EXPENSES (GRANT-IN-AID)	5,500	5,500	—
D. INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (GRANT-IN-AID)	3,900	3,900	—
E. GAELEAGRAS NA SEIRBHÍSE POIBLÍ	460	413	—
F. CIVIL SERVICE ARBITRATION AND APPEALS PROCEDURES	70	58	—
G.1. REVIEW BODY ON HIGHER REMUNERATION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE	175	191	—
G.2. PUBLIC SERVICE BENCHMARKING BODY	100	44	—
G.3. COMMITTEE FOR PERFORMANCE AWARDS	60	61	—
H. CENTRE FOR MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT	10,730	6,122	(185)
I.1. STRUCTURAL FUNDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER COSTS	2,100	1,409	(8)
I.2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COSTS OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES (GRANT-IN-AID)	1,500	1,356	—
J. COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS	850	670	1
K. PAYMENTS TO THE PROMOTERS OF CERTAIN CHARITABLE LOTTERIES (NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED)	8,618	8,618	—
L. CHANGE MANAGEMENT FUND	1,500	1,072	—

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	€000	Estimate Provision €000	Outturn €000	Closing Accruals €000
OTHER SERVICES (cont'd)				
M.1. PEACE PROGRAMME/NORTHERN IRELAND INTERREG		12,000	10,641	—
M.2. SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY		1,835	1,102	—
N. IRELAND/WALES AND TRANSNATIONAL INTERREG		300	344	(8)
O. CIVIL SERVICE CHILDCARE INITIATIVE		2,237	1,560	(2)
P. PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT REFORM		1,500	872	16
Q. CONSULTANCY SERVICES		500	1,945	(18)
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Gross Total				
<i>Current Year Provision</i>	104,910			
<i>Deferred Surrender</i>	800			
	<hr/>	105,710	95,356	(335)
Deduct:				
R. APPROPRIATIONS-IN-AID		8,550	8,208	18
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Net Total				
<i>Current Year Provision</i>	96,360			
<i>Deferred Surrender</i>	800			
	<hr/>	97,160	87,148	(353)
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Surplus to be surrendered**€10,011,748**

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles and Notes 1 to 16 form part of this Account.

NOTES**1 OPERATING COST STATEMENT FOR 2008**

	€000	€000	€000
Net Outturn			87,148
Changes in Capital Assets			
Purchases Cash	(1,390)		
Depreciation	4,265		
Disposals Cash	—		
Loss on Disposals	3	2,878	
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Assets under Development			
Cash Payments (Note 4)		(567)	
Changes in Net Current Assets			
Increase in Closing Accruals	(6)		
Decrease in Stock	8	2	2,313
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Direct Expenditure			<hr/> 89,461
Expenditure Borne Elsewhere			
Net Allied Services Expenditure (Note 11)		18,000	
Notional Rents		5,626	23,626
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Operating Cost			<hr/> <hr/> 113,087

2 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	€000	€000	€000
Capital Assets (Note 3)			8,751
Assets under Development (Note 4)			<u>231</u>
			8,982
Current Assets			
Stocks (Note 15)		49	
Prepayments		736	
Accrued Income		18	
Other Debit Balances:			
Advances to OPW	31		
Recoupable Salaries	264		
Recoupment of Travel Expenditure	37		
Recoupment of Travel Pass Scheme	117		
Other Debit Suspense Items	<u>26</u>	475	
PMG Balance and Cash	1,817		
Orders Outstanding	<u>(82)</u>	1,735	
		<u>3,013</u>	
Total Current Assets			<u>3,013</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expenses		402	
Other Credit Balances:			
Payroll deductions	317		
Due to State (Note 16)	1,391		
Other Credit Suspense Items	<u>119</u>	1,827	
Net Liability to the Exchequer (Note 5)		<u>383</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2,612</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>401</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>9,383</u></u>

3 STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ASSETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	IT Equipment €000	Furniture and Fittings €000	Office Equipment €000	Totals €000
Cost or Valuation at 1 January 2008	16,609	3,427	2,126	22,162
Transfers ¹	5,035	—	—	5,035
Additions ²	1,922	1,793	88	3,803
Disposals	(193)	(2)	—	(195)
Gross Assets at 31 December 2008	<u>23,373</u>	<u>5,218</u>	<u>2,214</u>	<u>30,805</u>
Accumulated Depreciation				
Opening Balance at 1 January 2008	13,083	2,982	1,892	17,957
Transfers	24	—	—	24
Depreciation for the year	3,700	461	104	4,265
Depreciation on Disposals	(191)	(1)	—	(192)
Cumulative Depreciation at 31 December 2008	<u>16,616</u>	<u>3,442</u>	<u>1,996</u>	<u>22,054</u>
Net Assets at 31 December 2008	<u><u>6,757</u></u>	<u><u>1,776</u></u>	<u><u>218</u></u>	<u><u>8,751</u></u>

¹ In implementing the recommendations contained in a review of the Reach and Public Service Broker projects, the Government transferred management of the Broker from the Department of Social and Family Affairs to the Department of Finance in April 2008. As part of the review and implementation process, the Department of Finance considered the accumulated development capital costs (€32m) and determined that significant elements of the project could be provided using alternative and cheaper means. Consequently, and in accordance with prudent accounting practice, it has been decided to recognise €5m of these accumulated costs in the Statement of Capital Assets.

² Additions to furniture and fittings in the year include assets with a net book value of €613,000 which had not been included heretofore.

4 STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ASSETS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER

	In-House Computer Applications €000
Amounts brought forward at 1 January 2008	1,199
Cash Payments for the year	567
Transferred to Assets Register	<u>(1,535)</u>
Amounts carried forward at 31 December 2008	<u><u>231</u></u>

5 NET LIABILITY TO THE EXCHEQUER

Reconciliation of the Surplus to be Surrendered at year end to Debtor and Creditor Balances held at 31 December 2008

	€000	€000
Surplus for the Year		
Surplus to be surrendered		10,012
Exchequer Grant Undrawn		<u>(9,629)</u>
Net Liability to the Exchequer		<u><u>383</u></u>
Represented by:		
Debtors		
Net PMG Position and Cash	1,735	
Debit Balances: Suspense	<u>475</u>	2,210
Creditors		
Credit Balances: Suspense	(436)	
Due to State	<u>(1,391)</u>	<u>(1,827)</u>
		<u><u>383</u></u>

6 EXTRA RECEIPTS PAYABLE TO THE EXCHEQUER

Receipts totalling €178,847 were transferred to the Exchequer during the year.

7 EXPLANATION OF THE CAUSES OF VARIATION BETWEEN OUTTURN AND ESTIMATE PROVISION

Sub-head	Less/(More) than provided €000	Explanation
A.2.	307	Savings arose due to less travel than anticipated being undertaken.
A.5.	821	Savings arose mainly due to printing, hardware, software and external IT service provider costs being less than anticipated.
A.7.	(32)	Excess arose due to increased expenditure in respect of the Capacity Review.
A.8.	440	Savings were due to lower staff costs than expected and an anticipated consultancy did not arise.
H.	4,608	Savings arose due to termination of contracts and reductions in maintenance and operation costs as recommended by the REACH review.
I.1.	691	Savings arose due to reduction and/or suspension of programmes.
I.2.	144	Costs were less than anticipated due to a delay in submission of claims by Regional Assemblies.
J.	180	Savings arose due to lower than anticipated costs associated with the establishment of the Commission on Taxation.
L.	428	The drawdown of funds by Departments was less than anticipated.
M.1.	1,359	The savings arose due to timing issues in spending across the Peace III and Interreg IVA programmes.
M.2.	733	Savings arose due to favourable exchange rates and a deferred move of premises.

Sub-head	Less/(More) than provided €000	Explanation
O.	677	Savings arose due to timing issues in making payments.
P.	628	Savings arose due to lower than expected cost levels on e-tenders and delayed work on other projects.
Q.	(1,445)	Excess arose due to consultancy costs in respect of the Credit Institutions (Financial Support) Scheme.

8 APPROPRIATIONS-IN-AID

	Estimated €	Realised €
1. Receipts from computer services rendered by the Centre for Management and Organisation Development	250,000	114,095
2. Receipts from Departments in respect of Foreign Language Classes	100,000	89,660
3. EU Programmes	8,100,000	7,350,000
4. Miscellaneous	100,000	653,883
Total	8,550,000	8,207,638

Explanation of Variation

- Variance arose due to an initial over estimation of the anticipated receipts.
- It is difficult to estimate accurately as the timings of reimbursements are decided by the EU Commission.
- Receipts under this heading fluctuate and are difficult to estimate accurately.

9 COMMITMENTS

Commitments at year end totalled €815,172.

10 DETAILS OF EXTRA REMUNERATION

	Total amount paid €	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Max. individual payment of €10,000 or more €
Higher, special or additional duties	327,305	88	11	18,878
Overtime and extra attendance	688,761	174	22	33,374
Miscellaneous	543,402	321	11	46,233
Total extra remuneration	1,559,468			

Note: Certain individuals received extra remuneration in more than one category.

11 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

This account includes expenditure of €387,540 in respect of 5 officers who were serving outside the Department for all or part of 2008 and whose salaries were paid from the main salary subhead of the Department.

A total of €65,546 was spent on merit awards. This comprised 209 individual awards and 9 group awards. The payments, which were in respect of 2007, ranged from €100 to €2,000.

Two officers received a total of €9,200 in *ex-gratia* payments in recognition of exceptional performance. The individual payments were for €7,500 and €1,700.

A total of 14 officers received €37,378 in respect of Special Service Payments under the terms of the AHCPs 1% PCW restructuring agreement. A further 45 officers received €115,176 in respect of Seniority Allowances under the same agreement.

Three retired civil servants in receipt of civil service pensions were re-engaged on a fee basis at a total cost of €69,878.

Sanction was received for the write off in 2008 of various Suspense Account balances. The sanction was for an amount of €342,445 and the sum was written off against Subheads A. 1 (€308,775), A.2 (€15,832) and A.3 (€17,838).

The Net Allied Services Expenditure of €18,000,000 included in the Operating Cost Statement is made up of the following estimated amounts borne on other Votes:

Vote		€000
7	Superannuation and Retired Allowances	13,180
10	Office of Public Works	4,379
20	Garda Síochána	189
	Central Fund - Ministerial etc. pensions (No. 38 of 1938, etc.)	252
		<u>18,000</u>

12 EU FUNDING

The Outturn shown in Subheads I.1., I.2 and M.1 includes payments in respect of activities which are co-financed from the ERDF. Estimates of expenditure and actual outturns were as follows:

Subhead	Description	Estimate €000	Outturn €000
I.1.	Structural Funds Technical Assistance and Other Costs	1,012	971
I.2.	Technical Assistance Costs of Regional Assemblies (Grant-in-Aid)	1,500	1,356
M.1.	Peace Programme/Northern Ireland INTERREG	12,000	10,641
		<u>14,512</u>	<u>12,968</u>

13 COMMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES, ETC.

Commission, Committee or Special Inquiry	Year of Appointment	Expenditure in 2008 €	Cumulative expenditure to 31 Dec 2008 €
Civil Service Arbitration Board	1950/51	48,823	812,533
Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector	1969/70	190,561	2,932,674
Civil Service Appeals Board	1993	8,711	79,312
Public Service Benchmarking Body	2000	43,785	8,096,444
Disabled Drivers Appeals Board	1989	320,323	1,162,034
Credit Union Advisory Committee	1967	36,558	214,271
Commission on Taxation	2008	313,300	313,300
		<u>962,061</u>	<u>13,610,568</u>

14 NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING

Subhead	Estimate Provision €000	Outturn €000
K. Payment to the promoters of certain charitable lotteries	8,618	8,618

Detailed Breakdown

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Associated Charities Trust	39,113
Asthma Society of Ireland	643,316
Cappoquin Community Development Company Ltd.	16,897
Drogheda Community Services Centre	105,947
Gael Linn	610,414
Irish Cancer Society	429,747
Irish Lung Foundation Ltd.	172,891
Irish M.E. Trust	96,854
Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	232,049
Irish Wheelchair Association	5,417
Longford Cathedral Circle	61,162
Lyreacrompane Community Development Ltd.	26,777
Mulranny Day Centre Housing Company Ltd.	14,200
Polio Fellowship of Ireland	429,747
Rehab Group	5,185,164
Slieve-Ardagh Rural Development	22,708
The Hanly Centre	166,104
West of Ireland Alzheimer Foundation	121,469
Friedreichs Ataxia Society Ireland	198,949
St Kieran's Community Centre	39,075
	<u>8,618,000</u>

15 STOCKS

	€000
Stocks at 31 December 2008 comprised:	
Stationery	24
IT Consumables	25
	<u>49</u>

16 DUE TO THE STATE

	€000
The amount due to the State at 31 December 2008 consisted of:	
Income Tax	713
Pay Related Social Insurance	234
Professional Services Withholding Tax	303
Value Added Tax	56
Pensions	85
	<u>1,391</u>

DAVID DOYLE
Accounting Officer
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
26 March 2009

Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I have audited the Appropriation Account of the Vote for the Office of the Minister for Finance for 2008 under Section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act, 1993. The Account has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles. The duties of the Accounting Officer and of the Comptroller and Auditor General in relation to the Appropriation Accounts, and the basis of the audit opinion, are set out in Part 1 to this volume.

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 Finance. The Appropriation Account is in agreement with the books of account.

In my opinion, the Appropriation Account properly presents the receipts and expenditure of the Vote for the year ended 31 December 2008.



JOHN BUCKLEY
Comptroller and Auditor General
4 September 2009