

Chapter 1

General Matters

1.1 Financial Outturn

The publication *Audited Appropriation Accounts of Departments and Offices for 2004* (Prn.A5/0039) includes a summary which shows the amount to be surrendered as €568.04m. This is arrived at as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Outturn for the year 2004

	€000	€000	€000
<i>Estimated Gross Expenditure</i>			
Original Estimates	35,806,828		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>166,919</u>	35,973,747	
<i>Deduct:-</i>			
<i>Estimated Appropriations-in-Aid</i>			
Original Estimates	2,865,678		
Supplementary Estimates	<u>33,966</u>	<u>2,899,644</u>	
Estimated Net Expenditure			33,074,103
Actual Gross Expenditure		35,322,512	
<i>Deduct: -</i>			
Actual Appropriations-in-Aid		<u>3,053,378</u>	
Net Expenditure			<u>32,269,134</u>
Surplus for the Year			804,969
Deferred Surrender			236,967
Amount to be Surrendered			€568,002

The amount to be surrendered represents 1.72% of the supply grant as compared with 1.01% in 2003.

Extra Exchequer Receipts

Extra Receipts payable to the Exchequer as recorded in the Appropriation Accounts amounted to €211,646,246.

Surrender of Balances of 2003 Votes

The balances due to be surrendered out of Votes for Public Services for the year ended 31 December 2003 amounted to €313.96m. 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.