

## **Vote 25: Environment, Heritage and Local Government**

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## Introduction

As Accounting Officer for Vote 25, 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 2010 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, including grants to Local Authorities, grants and other expenses in connection with housing, water services, miscellaneous schemes, subsidies and grants.

The expenditure outturn is compared with the sums

- (a) granted by Dáil Éireann under the Appropriation Act 2010, including the amount that could be used as appropriations-in-aid of expenditure for the year, and
- (b) provided for capital supply services in 2010 out of unspent 2009 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:

#### Multi-Annual Capital Commitments

Legally Enforceable Capital Commitments are reported on at the threshold of €12.697 million. (F7/9/92)

#### Capital Assets

Certain buildings are depreciated at 5% per annum while others as well as land are not depreciated. The value of the latter will be reviewed every 5 years following consultation with the Office of Public Works and revalued where considered necessary. Motor vehicles are depreciated at 20% per year over 5 years, plant and machinery are depreciated over 10 years at 10% per year and radar equipment depreciation is over 15 years. Electronic voting equipment is depreciated at 5% per year over 20 years.

Historic properties such as parks and heritage assets such as artefacts and manuscripts have not been valued.

#### Transfer of Functions

The account has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Estimates for Public Services 2010, which took account of the transfer to the Department of certain foreshore functions from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food with effect from 15 January 2010 (Foreshore and Dumping at Sea (Amendment) Act 2009 (No. 39 of 2009)).

#### Statement on Internal Financial Control

Along with the Account, I have submitted a statement in the standard format on the system of internal financial control that operates in the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

**GERALDINE TALLON**

Accounting Officer

Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

31 March 2011

## Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I have audited the Appropriation Account of Vote 25: Environment, Heritage and Local Government for 2010 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 Environment, Heritage and Local Government. 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 2010.

Chapter 22 of my annual report refer to certain matters which I considered it appropriate to report on in accordance with Section 3 (10) of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act, 1993.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Buckley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**JOHN BUCKLEY**

Comptroller and Auditor General

6 September 2011

## Vote 25 Office of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Appropriation Account 2010

Service	2010 Estimate provision	2010 Outturn	2009 Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
<b>Administration</b>			
A.1. Salaries, wages and allowances	65,412	65,100	73,171
A.2. Travel and subsistence	2,697	2,001	2,194
A.3. Incidental expenses	2,253	1,310	1,764
A.4. Postal and telecommunications services	1,610	1,455	1,733
A.5. Office machinery and other office supplies and related services	9,777	8,369	9,193
A.6. Office premises expenses	1,635	1,228	727
A.7. Consultancy services	260	140	228
A.8. Value for money and policy reviews	1	—	220
<b>Housing</b>			
B.1. Social housing provision and support	829,557	780,930	1,297,434
B.2. Local authority estate regeneration and remedial works	241,375	194,910	94,040
B.3. Private housing adaptation - grants and other supports	94,132	89,440	—
<b>Water Services</b>			
C.1. Water services investment programme			
<i>Original</i>	508,000		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>(22,999)</u>	485,001	495,000
			512,000
<b>Environment</b>			
D.1. Environmental Protection Agency	27,015	27,094	34,308
D.2. Environmental radiation policy	4,585	4,570	5,083
D.3. Subscriptions to international organisations	4,116	4,122	4,165
D.4. Carbon Fund			
<i>Current year provision</i>	33,223		
<i>Deferred surrender</i>	<u>3,277</u>	36,500	36,146
			53,000
D.5. International climate change commitments			
<i>Original</i>	1,300		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>23,000</u>	24,300	23,000
			—
<b>Waste Management</b>			
E.1. Recycling services	—	—	—
E.2. Landfill remediation	4,000	3,526	5,347
<b>Local Government</b>			
F.1. Local Government Fund	226,403	241,403	443,000

Service	2010 Estimate	2010 Outturn	2009 Outturn
€000	€000	€000	€000
<b>Local Government - continued</b>			
F.2. Fire and emergency services	19,250	19,949	21,701
F.3. Local authority library and archive service	8,900	8,832	10,012
F.4. Community and social inclusion	5,655	5,568	5,978
F.5. Disability services	8,200	7,615	11,909
F.6. Economic and social disadvantage (Dormant Accounts Fund)	1,000	719	500
<b>Heritage</b>			
G.1. Grant for An Chomhairle Oidhreachta (Heritage Council) (part funded by National Lottery)	8,482	8,482	10,142
G.2. Built heritage	16,215	15,502	16,764
G.3. Natural heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service)	31,585	26,908	26,363
G.4. Irish Heritage Trust	436	436	484
<b>Planning</b>			
H.1. An Bord Pleanála	13,029	13,565	15,331
H.2. Planning Tribunal	5,984	3,281	5,910
H.3. Urban regeneration	102	—	719
H.4. Tidy Towns Competition	289	289	289
H.5. Planning and development, etc.	237	236	176
H.6. Foreshore	1,012	833	—
<b>Other Services</b>			
I.1. Irish Water Safety Association	539	539	556
I.2. Miscellaneous services	17,217	16,199	9,141
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>			
<i>Original</i>	<b>2,195,483</b>		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<b>1</b>		
<i>Deferred Surrender</i>	<b>3,277</b>		
	<b>2,198,761</b>	<b>2,108,697</b>	<b>2,673,582</b>
<b>Deduct:</b>			
J. Appropriations-in-aid	<b>21,156</b>	<b>30,280</b>	<b>21,688</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>			
<i>Original</i>	<b>2,174,327</b>		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<b>1</b>		
<i>Deferred Surrender</i>	<b>3,277</b>		
	<b>2,177,605</b>	<b>2,078,417</b>	<b>2,651,894</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>€9,187,749</b>	<b>€16,118,276</b>
<b>Deferred surrender</b>		—	<b>€3,277,000</b>
<b>Surplus to be surrendered</b>		<b>€9,187,749</b>	<b>€12,841,276</b>

## Notes to the Appropriation Account

### 1 Operating Cost Statement 2010

	Note	€000	2010 €000	2009 €000
Expenditure on administration			79,603	89,230
Expenditure on services and programmes			2,029,094	2,584,352
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>			<u>2,108,697</u>	<u>2,673,582</u>
Deduct				
<b>Appropriations in Aid</b>			30,280	21,688
<b>Net Expenditure</b>			<u>2,078,417</u>	<u>2,651,894</u>
<b>Changes in Capital Assets</b>				
Purchases cash		(1,936)		
Depreciation		4,869		
Disposals cash		7		
Loss on disposals		32	2,972	2,415
<b>Changes in Assets under Development</b>				
Cash payments			(96)	(524)
<b>Changes in Net Current Assets</b>				
Decrease in closing accruals		(5,504)		
Decrease in stock		7	(5,497)	(3,202)
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>			<u>2,075,796</u>	<u>2,650,583</u>
Net allied services expenditure	1.1		19,959	23,052
Notional rents			3,633	3,324
<b>Total Operating Cost</b>			<u><u>2,099,388</u></u>	<u><u>2,676,959</u></u>

#### 1.1 Net Allied Services

The net allied services expenditure amount is made up of the following estimated amounts in relation to Vote 25 borne elsewhere

Vote		2010 €000	2009 €000
7	Superannuation and Retired Allowances	16,238	18,854
10	Office of Public Works	3,323	3,824
20	Garda Síochána	192	168
	Central Fund - Ministerial etc. pensions	206	206
		<u>19,959</u>	<u>23,052</u>

**2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2010**

	Note	2010 €000	2009 €000
<b>Capital Assets</b>	2.1	66,668	68,466
<b>Capital Assets under Development</b>	2.2	18	1,096
		<b>66,686</b>	<b>69,562</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank and Cash	2.3	3,468	4,651
Stocks	2.4	350	357
Prepayments		8,434	5,137
Accrued income		956	738
Other debit balances	2.5	2,167	2,418
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>15,375</b>	<b>13,301</b>
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Accrued expenses		1,371	3,360
Deferred income		1	1
Other credit balances	2.6	4,807	3,716
Net Liability to the Exchequer	2.7	828	3,353
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>7,007</b>	<b>10,430</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>8,368</b>	<b>2,871</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>75,054</b>	<b>72,433</b>

**2.1 Statement of Capital Assets**

	Land and Buildings	Plant, Machinery and Motor Vehicles	Office and IT Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Total
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
<b>Gross Assets</b>					
Cost or valuation at 1 January 2010	32,811	8,748	76,290	6,435	124,284
Additions	283	550	2,168	109	3,110
Disposals	—	(109)	(238)	(3)	(350)
Cost or valuation at 31 December 2010	33,094	9,189	78,220	6,541	127,044
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>					
Opening balance at 1 January 2010	31	6,195	46,430	3,162	55,818
Depreciation for the year	5	689	3,857	318	4,869
Depreciation on disposals	—	(106)	(202)	(3)	(311)
Cumulative depreciation at 31 December 2010	36	6,778	50,085	3,477	60,376
<b>Net Assets at 31 December 2010</b>	<b>33,058</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>28,135</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>66,668</b>
<b>Net Assets at 31 December 2009</b>	<b>32,780</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>29,860</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>68,466</b>

**Note:** Opening balances have been adjusted to reflect more accurate asset information.

**2.2 Statement of Capital Assets under Development**

	€000
Amounts brought forward at 1 January 2010	1,096
Cash payments for the year	96
Transferred to asset register	(1,174)
Amounts carried forward at 31 December 2010	18

**2.3 Bank and Cash**

	2010	2009
at 31 December	€000	€000
PMG balances and cash	4,684	5,811
Orders outstanding	(1,216)	(1,160)
	3,468	4,651

<b>2.4 Stocks</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
at 31 December	€000	€000
Other (includes consumables in local depots)	140	133
Stationery	58	67
IT consumables	81	94
Meteorological consumables	61	55
Cleaning materials	10	8
	<u>350</u>	<u>357</u>
	<u><u>350</u></u>	<u><u>357</u></u>
<b>2.5 Other Debit Balances</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
at 31 December	€000	€000
Imprests	9	9
Advances to OPW	121	699
Recoupable salary costs	205	169
Recoupable travel costs	40	39
Recoupable travel pass scheme	167	122
Other debit suspense items	1,625	1,380
	<u>2,167</u>	<u>2,418</u>
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<b>2.6 Other Credit Balances</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
at 31 December	€000	€000
<b>Amounts due to the State</b>		
Income Tax	820	969
Pay Related Social Insurance	556	602
Withholding Tax	471	426
Value Added Tax	647	436
Pension Contributions	376	368
	<u>2,870</u>	<u>2,801</u>
Other credit suspense items	1,937	915
	<u>4,807</u>	<u>3,716</u>
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<b>2.7 Net Liability to the Exchequer</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
at 31 December	€000	€000
Surplus to be surrendered	99,188	12,841
Deferred surrender	—	3,277
Exchequer grant undrawn	(98,360)	(12,765)
<b>Net liability to the Exchequer</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>3,353</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Debtors</b>		
Net PMG position and cash	3,468	4,651
Debit balances: suspense	2,167	2,418
	<b>5,635</b>	<b>7,069</b>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Due to State	(2,870)	(2,801)
Credit balances: suspense	(1,937)	(915)
	<b>(4,807)</b>	<b>(3,716)</b>
	<b>828</b>	<b>3,353</b>

<b>2.8 Matured Liabilities</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	€000	€000
Estimate of matured liabilities not discharged at 31 December	18	29

## 2.9 Commitments

### (a) Global Commitments

Global figure for commitments likely to materialise in subsequent year(s) under procurement and grant subheads are €23,233 and €1,350,386,217 respectively.

### (b) Multi-Annual Capital Commitments

(Projects Costing €12,697,380 or more)

<b>1 Water/Sewerage Projects</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditure to 31 December</b>	<b>Expenditure in 2010</b>	<b>Subsequent Years</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Arklow Water Supply Scheme <sup>1,3</sup>	4,156	1,426	11,034	16,616
Balbriggan-Skerries Sewerage <sup>1,3</sup>	22,342	—	6,071	28,413
Ballina Sewerage Scheme <sup>1,3</sup>	17,498	482	748	18,728
Ballycoolen Water Supply Scheme (Storage Reservoirs) <sup>1</sup>	60,338	986	1,944	63,268
Ballymore Eustace Water Treatment Plant Stage 3 <sup>1,3</sup>	58,869	4,096	268	63,233

<b>1 Water/Sewerage Projects</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditure to 31 December</b>	<b>Expenditure in 2010</b>	<b>Subsequent Years</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Ballyshannon Water Supply Scheme <sup>1</sup>	1,776	484	10,859	13,119
Barrow Abstraction Scheme <sup>1,3</sup>	5,934	1,379	18,430	25,743
Boherboy Water Supply Scheme <sup>1</sup>	23,494	6,973	1,487	31,954
Bray Shanaganagh Sewerage Scheme <sup>1</sup>	26,504	28,814	15,110	70,428
Carlow Town Surface Water Drainage (Main Scheme) <sup>1</sup>	610	4,669	12,849	18,128
Carna/Kilkieran Water Supply Scheme <sup>2</sup>	12,448	—	569	13,017
Carrick on Suir Main Drainage	16,132	236	—	16,368
Carrickmacross Sewerage Scheme <sup>2</sup>	11,276	2,003	—	13,279
Castlebar Environs Sewerage Scheme (excl Advance & Outfall) <sup>1</sup>	40,865	464	844	42,173
Castlerea Sewerage Scheme	13,923	—	537	14,460
Clareville Water Treatment Plant <sup>1</sup>	26,578	—	7,692	34,270
Cork Main Drainage Collection	158,673	3,073	3,254	165,000
Cork Main Drainage Treatment Works	122,720	400	—	123,120
Courtown Riverchapel Sewerage <sup>1</sup>	18,869	750	442	20,061
Donegal Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant Group A (DBO Contract - incorporating part of Donegal, Ballyshannon and Rossnowlagh)	26,143	—	1,841	27,984
Dublin Bay Sewerage <sup>1,3</sup>	399,553	34,738	6,972	441,263
Dublin North Fringe Water Supply - Sillogue Storage	26,050	—	396	26,446
Dublin Water Conservation (DRWRP) <sup>1,3</sup>	23,584	10,377	20,304	54,265
Dungarvan Sewerage <sup>1</sup>	31,162	—	1,232	32,394
Dunshaughlin Water Supply Scheme <sup>1</sup>	12,794	450	—	13,244
East Waterford Water Supply Scheme Stage 2 Phase 2 <sup>1</sup>	15,473	400	—	15,873
Four Roscommon Regional Water Supply Scheme <sup>3</sup>	9,147	1,576	29,476	40,199
Galway DBO Bundle No.2	—	6,500	10,200	16,700
Gorey Regional Water Supply Scheme	5,095	6,335	4,949	16,379
Kildare Sludge Treatment Centre	16,080	—	1,004	17,084
Kildare Water Supply Strategy, Phase 1 - Wellfield Contract <sup>1</sup>	14,227	659	—	14,886
Kinsale Sewerage Scheme <sup>2</sup>	10,950	6,570	4,189	21,709
Leitrim Towns & Villages Sewerage Scheme (Dromahair, Kinlough, Kiltyclogher, Tullaghan, Drumkeeran, Rooskey, Jamestown, Cloone, Drumcong, Killargue & Ballinaglera)	14,898	2,449	—	17,347
Letterkenny Sewerage Scheme <sup>2</sup>	8,736	5,717	19,765	34,218
Limerick Main Drainage (Phase 1, 2 & 3) - Collection and Treatment <sup>1,3</sup>	321,378	9,732	280	331,390

<b>1 Water/Sewerage Projects (continued)</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditure to 31 December</b>	<b>Expenditure in 2010</b>	<b>Subsequent Years</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Limerick Water Network (Southern Ring Main - City & County) <sup>2</sup>	12,630	349	488	13,467
Longford Central Regional Water Supply Scheme <sup>1</sup>	243	1,095	11,439	12,777
Lough Mask Regional Water Supply (Knock - Ballyhaunis) <sup>3</sup>	30,421	—	650	31,071
Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme (Treatment Plant & Collection System for Kilcock, Straffan, Celbridge, Maynooth and Leixlip) <sup>2</sup>	10,137	3,824	3,774	17,735
Meath Grouped Towns & Villages Sewerage Scheme (Donore, Duleek, Athboy, Kilmainhamwood, Summerhill, Moynalty, Rathcairn & Rathmolyon) <sup>1</sup>	41,004	5,945	—	46,949
Midleton Sewerage <sup>1</sup>	25,777	443	77	26,297
Mullingar Sewerage Improvement Scheme <sup>3</sup>	35,444	1,597	103	37,144
Navan Mid Meath Water Supply <sup>1,3</sup>	21,263	2,876	429	24,568
Navan Sewerage <sup>3</sup>	32,766	—	491	33,257
New Ross Sewerage Scheme	12,857	—	633	13,490
Portlaoise Sewerage Scheme (incorporating Laois Sludge Management) Stage 3 <sup>1,3</sup>	41,972	3,103	981	46,056
Portrane, Donabate, Rush and Lusk Waste Water Treatment Plant <sup>2</sup>	3,598	18,188	6,483	28,269
Sandyford High Level Water Supply Scheme <sup>1,3</sup>	16,741	2,752	—	19,493
Skibbereen Sewerage Scheme <sup>1</sup>	13,794	2,680	—	16,474
Sligo Wastewater Treatment Plant (DBO Contract) <sup>1</sup>	18,487	155	—	18,642
Tipperary Grouped DBO & Wastewater Treatment Plants <sup>1</sup>	16,809	—	921	17,730
Towns & Villages SS (17 Villages) (Creagh, Cootehall, Tulsk & Lisacul started)	10,621	3,881	1,046	15,548
Tuam Regional Water Supply (Stage 3)	16,815	—	520	17,335
Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme Ext to Headford <sup>3</sup>	14,989	—	228	15,217
Tuam Water & Sewerage Scheme Network Contract <sup>2</sup>	1,498	9,478	7,376	18,352
Tullamore Sewerage Scheme	2,003	6,095	11,188	19,286
Upper Liffey Valley, Sewerage Scheme Stage 3 - Osberstown (inc Advance Works)	3,966	—	22,909	26,875
Waterford Sewerage Scheme Stage 2 <sup>1</sup>	44,863	2,510	501	47,874
Westport Sewerage (Excl. Advance Section)	49,925	—	662	50,587
Wicklow Sewerage Scheme (Wentworth Place Culvert)	22,104	1,329	708	24,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,079,002</b>	<b>208,038</b>	<b>264,353</b>	<b>2,551,393</b>

<b>2 Housing Projects</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditure to 31 December</b>	<b>Expenditure in 2010</b>	<b>Subsequent Years</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
<b>Construction Projects</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Waterford City <sup>1</sup>	12,206	723	—	12,929
Balgaddy, Phase E, Lucan, Co. Dublin <sup>1</sup>	15,473	464	2	15,939
Cathedral Avenue, Shandon, Cork City <sup>1</sup>	10,998	2,117	—	13,115
Farrankelly, Delgany, Co. Wicklow <sup>2</sup>	12,165	96	1,000	13,261
Fortunestown, Phase B1, Tallaght, Dublin 24 <sup>1</sup>	14,089	601	377	15,067
Fortunestown, Phase B2, Tallaght, Dublin 24 <sup>1,3</sup>	19,657	3,380	555	23,592
Gooldshill, Mallow, Co. Cork <sup>1</sup>	16,992	5,154	254	22,400
Knockboy, Ballygunner, Waterford City <sup>1</sup>	13,281	871	12,861	27,013
Mountwood, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin <sup>1</sup>	16,847	—	2,008	18,855
Mullaharlin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth <sup>1</sup>	14,786	108	—	14,894
Parlickstown, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 <sup>1</sup>	13,057	—	426	13,483
Pearse Street, Sallynoggin, Co. Dublin <sup>1</sup>	13,077	722	—	13,799
Rickardstown, Newbridge, Co. Kildare <sup>1</sup>	24,849	—	2,127	26,976
Shankill, Phase 2, Co. Dublin <sup>1,3</sup>	23,352	3,166	—	26,518
Spencer Dock, Dublin <sup>1</sup>	—	—	34,449	34,449
Stag Park, Mitchelstown, Cork <sup>1,3</sup>	13,788	376	—	14,164
<b>Total</b>	<b>234,617</b>	<b>17,778</b>	<b>54,059</b>	<b>306,454</b>
<b>Turnkey Projects</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Carriganarra, Ballincollig, Co.Cork <sup>1</sup>	15,498	—	930	16,428
Tory Top Road, Cork City <sup>1</sup>	5,061	10,041	1,159	16,261
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,559</b>	<b>10,041</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>32,689</b>
<b>Regeneration Projects</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Bunratty Road, Maisonettes, Dublin City <sup>1</sup>	12,417	1,336	724	14,477
Inner City Dublin Flat Complexes <sup>1</sup>	101,330	10,744	8,309	120,383
Knocknaheeny, Cork City <sup>1</sup>	31,465	833	490	32,788
Laurel Avenue, Dun Laoghaire <sup>1</sup>	13,797	1,253	1,073	16,123
Regeneration of Ballymun Flats <sup>1</sup>	645,959	40,001	157,000	842,960
The Glen, Phase 2, Cork City <sup>1</sup>	6,566	1,444	9,516	17,526
<b>Total</b>	<b>811,534</b>	<b>55,611</b>	<b>177,112</b>	<b>1,044,257</b>
<b>3 Carbon Fund</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Purchase of Carbon Credits <sup>1</sup>	76,723	36,146	16,740	129,609

**Notes:**<sup>1</sup>Cost of project updated since 2009.<sup>2</sup>Excluded from 2009 account as the then estimated cost of the scheme was under €12.7m.<sup>3</sup>Cumulative expenditure to 31 December 2009 updated.

**(c) Water Services Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects**

Water services related PPP projects are typically in the form of Design Build Operate (DBO) contracts for a water or waste water treatment plant. The DBO contract is between the local authority and the private sector partner. The Department funds a percentage of the capital cost of the contract by way of a grant payment which is paid to the local authority during the construction period (typically 24-30 months duration) of the treatment plant. The operation and maintenance element of the DBO is paid directly by the local authority to the private sector partner. The Department does not make any unitary payments to the local authority or private sector partner over the term of the contract and there is no capital commitment for the Department beyond the construction stage.

### 3 Variations in Expenditure

An explanation is provided below in the case of each expenditure subhead where the outturn varied from the amount provided by more than €100,000, and by more than 5% (25% in the case of administration subheads).

In the latter part of 2010, based on an analysis of expenditure trends and a full review of 2010 requirements, and following consultation with the Department of Finance, the Department through the established processes of virement/supplementary estimate transferred savings that arose on various subheads to augment other subhead provisions in order to accommodate identified additional requirements in 2010.

Sub-head	Less/(more) than provided €000	Explanation
A.2.	696	Expenditure was lower than expected arising from the Department's policy to reduce travel and subsistence costs.
A.3.	943	Expenditure on staff training and development and costs associated with the transfer to new accommodation in Wexford were less than expected.
A.6.	407	Savings arose through the success of efforts to reduce energy costs and from expenditure on a number of projects being less than anticipated in the year.
A.7.	120	Expenditure related to consultancy work was reduced during 2010.
B.1.	48,627	Progress on the Voluntary Housing Capital Assistance Scheme and the Social Housing Leasing Initiative was less than expected during the year, leading to lower expenditure. In addition, changes in the rental market contributed to savings in the cost of the Rental Accommodation Scheme.
B.2.	46,465	Expenditure was lower than expected as a number of projects did not commence/progress as planned during the year and final accounts were due to be submitted by local authorities on completed works.
B.3.	4,692	Applications for site subsidy have declined as demand for affordable housing has reduced due to significant changes in the housing market, including falling prices in the private housing sector.
D.5.	1,300	This subhead provides for the cost of Ireland's contribution to the Climate Change Funding Mechanism for developing countries. A successor to the Bonn agreement (the funding mechanism up to 2008) has not been agreed at international level and, as a result, expenditure did not arise in 2010.
E.2.	474	Progress on projects was slower than anticipated due mainly to weather related delays.
F.1.	(15,000)	Additional funding was provided to the Local Government Fund to assist local authorities in responding to the severe winter weather related conditions.
F.5.	585	Expenditure was less than expected due to the rate of progress with planning and design of projects at local level.
F.6.	281	This subhead relates to funds allocated by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs from the Dormant Accounts Fund to support proposals which come within the remit of this Department. The time required to complete project selection and contract award resulted in reduced spending in 2010.
G.3.	4,677	Expenditure was lower than anticipated due mainly to the settlement of a compensation claim not being concluded by year end.

Sub-head	Less/(more) than provided €000	Explanation
H.2.	2,703	Expected payments in respect of third party legal costs did not materialise in 2010.
H.3.	102	No urban regeneration projects were approved for funding from this subhead in 2010.
H.6.	179	Spending in respect of legal fees, valuations and contingencies was less than anticipated.
I.2.	1,018	Expenditure under this subhead was less than anticipated due mainly to the rate of progress with planning and design of infrastructure projects at local level.

## 4 Receipts

4.1 Appropriations-in-aid	2010	2010	2009
	Estimated €000	Realised €000	Realised €000
1. Fees payable by Local Authorities, etc., for audit of their accounts	2,040	2,601	2,411
2. Receipt from the Social Insurance Fund in respect of premises occupied in connection with Social Insurance (Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act, 1993)	735	741	726
3. Receipt from EU for FEOGA element of the Programme for Peace and Reconciliation	—	—	—
4. MET Éireann Receipts	9,300	9,506	9,891
5. Rents (including receipts from lettings of fishing rights, etc.)	120	177	148
6. Sales of Property	35	44	55
7. Services and charges at National Parks and Wildlife Sites	550	795	580
8. Miscellaneous Receipts	150	200	895
9. Dormant Accounts Receipts	1,000	719	500
10. Foreshore Receipts	1,180	7,935	—
11. Receipts from Pension-related Deductions on Public Service Remuneration	6,046	7,562	6,482
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,156</b>	<b>30,280</b>	<b>21,688</b>

**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%.

Heading	Less/(more) than estimated €000	Explanation
1.	(561)	Demands for audit fees are issued on an ongoing basis as audits are completed. Income was higher than expected due to the receipt of outstanding fees.
7.	(245)	Visitor numbers were higher than anticipated resulting in increased income.
9.	281	This appropriation-in-aid relates to recoupment from the Dormant Accounts Fund for any expenditure arising under subhead F.6. In the event, expenditure from subhead F.6 was less than anticipated in 2010.
10.	(6,755)	There was a higher level of receipts than anticipated in 2010 due to a number of once-off payments received in respect of new leases/licences.
11.	(1,516)	Income from this source was difficult to predict accurately and was higher than expected in 2010.

**4.2 Extra receipts payable to the Exchequer**

Miscellaneous receipts payable directly to the Exchequer amounted to €149,348. These were mainly in respect of the redemption of a project funded under the Voluntary Housing Capital Assistance Scheme, interest from the bank account used for electronic payments and refunds of purchase monies where acquisitions did not proceed.

**5 Employee Numbers and Pay**

	2010	2009
<b>Number of staff at year end</b> (full time equivalents)	1,177	1,192
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Pay	62,756	70,269
Higher, special or additional duties allowances	410	391
Other allowances	2,526	2,999
Overtime	1,092	1,173
Employer's PRSI	3,540	3,939
<b>Total pay</b>	<b>70,324</b>	<b>78,771</b>

**Note:** The total pay figure is inclusive of pay in subheads A.1., G.2., G.3. and H.2.

### 5.1 Allowances and Overtime Payments

	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Maximum individual payment 2010 €	Maximum individual payment 2009 €
Higher, special or additional duties	113	7	20,634	21,699
Other allowances	649	94	21,911	22,972
Overtime	330	29	21,624	26,510

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

### 5.2 Other Remuneration Arrangements

Eleven retired civil servants in receipt of civil service pensions were re-engaged on a fee basis at a total cost of €55,415.

## 6 Miscellaneous Items

### 6.1 EU Funding

The outturn shown in subheads C.1, G.2. and I.2. includes payments in respect of activities co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. The outturn shown in subhead G.3. includes payments in respect of activities co-financed under EU LIFE. Estimates of expenditure and actual outturns were as follows:

Subhead	Description	2010 Estimate €000	2010 Outturn €000	2009 Outturn €000
C.1.	Water services investment programme	5,000	5,000	10,700
G.2.	Built heritage	950	783	158
G.3.	Natural heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service)	502	502	695
I.2.	Miscellaneous services	5,940	8,140	3,222
		<b>12,392</b>	<b>14,425</b>	<b>14,775</b>

### 6.2 Commissions and Inquiries

	Year of appointment	Cumulative Expenditure to end 2010 €000	2010 Outturn €000	2009 Outturn €000
Tribunal of Inquiry into certain Planning Matters (The Mahon Tribunal (formerly The Flood Tribunal))	1997	93,215	3,281	5,910

**6.3 National Lottery Funding**

Subhead	Description	2010	2010	2009
		Estimate	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
B.1.	Social housing provision and support	3,500	3,500	2,500
B.3.	Private housing adaptation - grants and other supports	6,688	6,688	3,500
G.1.	Grant for An Chomhairle Oidhreachta (Heritage Council) (part funded by National Lottery)	6,742	6,742	8,282
		<b>16,930</b>	<b>16,930</b>	<b>14,282</b>

Details are available on the Department's website at [www.environ.ie](http://www.environ.ie)

**6.4 Legal Costs**

A payment of €378,784 was made in respect of legal costs associated with settlement of a case related to works at the former ISPAT site at Haulbowline (Department of Finance sanction S74/45/00 of 19 October 2010).

Payments totalling €83,330 were made in respect of legal costs in relation to judicial reviews of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 (Department of Finance sanction S74/45/00 of 3 December 2010).

A payment of €93,530 was made in respect of legal costs in relation to judicial review of waste management regulations (Department of Finance sanction S74/45/00 of 9 December 2010).

**6.5 Other Miscellaneous Items**

As agreed with the Department of Finance under the delegated administrative budget scheme, a carryover of €940,000 from the Vote for 2010 was included in the Estimates for 2011.

In addition to voted moneys, sponsorship totalling €318,964 was also expended on the Tidy Towns Competition.

