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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 721 (N.I. 4)**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - - *13th March 1996*  
*Coming into Operation* *13th March 1996*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of March 1996  
Present,  
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**Title and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and shall come into operation forthwith.

**Interpretation**

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for years ending 31st March 1996 and 1997**

3.—(1) The Department of Finance and Personnel may issue out of the Consolidated Fund and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on 31st March 1996 the sum of ninety-five million, nine hundred and sixty-one thousand pounds.

(2) The Department of Finance and Personnel may issue out of the Consolidated Fund and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on 31st March 1997 the sum of two thousand eight hundred and twenty-one million, two hundred and twenty-one thousand pounds.

#### **Power for Department of Finance and Personnel to borrow**

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Department of Finance and Personnel may borrow on the credit of the aforesaid sums, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one thousand four hundred and fifty-nine million pounds.

(2) Any money so borrowed shall be repaid, with any interest due thereon, out of the Consolidated Fund at any date not later than 31st March 1997.

#### **Appropriation of grants**

5.—(1) The sum granted by Article 3(1) out of the Consolidated Fund is appropriated for the several services and purposes expressed in Part I of the Schedule.

(2) In addition to the sum granted by Article 3(1) out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums specified in the third column of Part I of the Schedule may be applied as appropriations in aid of the grants for the services in connection with which those sums are specified.

(3) The sums already authorised to be appropriated in aid for the year ending on 31st March 1996 shall be decreased by the sums specified in the fourth column of Part I of the Schedule for the services in connection with which those sums are specified.

(4) The sum granted by Article 3(2) out of the Consolidated Fund is appropriated for the several services and purposes expressed in Part II of the Schedule.

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

Article 5.

## PART I

SCHEDULE of supplementary sums granted, and of increases or decreases of the sums which may be applied as appropriations in aid in addition thereto, to defray the charges of the several services herein particularly mentioned, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1996 viz:—

	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
	£	Increase £	Decrease £
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Department of Agriculture on market support, grants for capital and other improvements, certain alternative land uses, support for agriculture in special areas, assistance to production, marketing and processing, and assistance for the fishing industry.	1,120,000	—	—
2. For expenditure by the Department of Agriculture on development of the agriculture and agricultural products industries, scientific and veterinary services, regional measures for farm support and enhancement of the countryside, fisheries and forestry services and for central administration and rural development.	1,121,000	375,000	—
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Department of Economic	1,000	9,561,000	—

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
		Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£
Development on the administrative costs of the Executive of the Industrial Development Board, provision and maintenance of land and buildings, industrial development promotion, selective assistance and other services related to industry, and aircraft and shipbuilding.			
2. For expenditure by the Department of Economic Development on local enterprise, the Industrial Research and Technology Unit, labour market services, development of tourism, energy efficiency, assistance to the gas and electricity industries (including residual costs in connection with the privatisation of the electricity industry in Northern Ireland), mineral exploration and other miscellaneous services, administrative costs of the Department of Economic Development Headquarters, and other miscellaneous services.	1,000	10,621,000	—
3. For expenditure by the Department of Economic Development on the Training and Employment Agency for administrative	1,632,000	—	33,000

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
	£	Increase £	Decrease £
costs, youth and adult training, training in skills, management and enterprise training, community projects, training to improve company competitiveness, and employment schemes and services including those for people with disabilities.			
<b>OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY REGULATION NORTHERN IRELAND</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Office of Electricity Regulation Northern Ireland.	28,000	—	—
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on roads and certain associated services including lighting, parking, ferry services, road safety, the Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland, transport services and harbour services.	6,457,000	241,000	—
2. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on housing services, including certain grants in aid.	2,963,000	500,000	—
3. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on	2,120,000	—	—

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
	£	Increase £	Decrease £
water, sewerage and related services.			
4. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on the environment service, urban affairs and lands, planning, administration and miscellaneous services, the Rate Collection Agency, the Ordnance Survey Agency, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Consolidated Fund contributions to local revenues, certain grants in aid: and promotional activities and events.	195,000	7,820,000	—
5. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on certain public building work, accommodation and certain other services.	8,185,000	1,121,000	—
6. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on fire and other protective services.	894,000	—	—
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Department of Education on schools, further education, libraries and certain miscellaneous services (including some minor grants in aid); on grants and grants in aid to education and library boards for certain services; and payments by the Department on	8,272,000	495,000	—

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
	£	Increase £	Decrease £
behalf of the boards in respect of teachers' salaries.			
2. For expenditure by the Department of Education on higher education, teacher training, arts, museums, youth, sport, community services, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, and administration, including grants in aid and grants to education and library boards for mandatory student awards.	289,000	—	34,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on hospital, community health, personal social services, Health and Social Services trusts, family health services and certain other services.	17,617,000	5,912,000	—
3. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on administration, on agency charges, and on certain other services including grants to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the administration costs of the Housing Benefit and Transitional Payments Schemes; on the	5,324,000	—	6,786,000

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
		Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£
administration of agency services for the Department of Social Security and for the provision, including purchase, of accommodation and related works and other accommodation services and costs, and on centrally financed miscellaneous health and personal social services.			
4. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on non-contributory retirement pensions, Christmas bonus payments to pensioners, attendance allowance, invalid care allowance, severe disablement allowance, disability living allowance, disability working allowance; industrial injuries benefits, income support, child benefit, one parent benefit and family credit and compensation payments for disability working allowance and family credit recipients who were financially disadvantaged as a result of changes to the Child Support Regulations introduced from April 1995.	28,974,000	872,000	—
5. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on a grant in aid to the Independent Living Funds, a grant	5,268,000	—	—

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
		Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£
to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the payment of housing benefit (rent rebate, rent allowance and rates rebate), transitional payments to help certain housing benefit claimants significantly affected by the change to the housing benefit scheme and certain supplementary benefit claimants not entitled to benefit under the income support scheme, for sums payable into the Social Fund for expenditure on community care grants, budgeting and crisis loans, maternity payments, funeral payments and cold weather payments and for sums payable to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund to increase its income and in respect of statutory sick and statutory maternity pay.			
<b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL</b>			
1. For expenditure by the Department of Finance and Personnel on financial administration, central management of the Civil Service, involvement in wider public sector personnel issues, the Valuation and Lands Agency and other services, including certain	5,443,000	1,363,000	—

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	Sums Granted	Appropriations in Aid	
	£	Increase £	Decrease £
miscellaneous expenses and grants in aid and computer and other common services.			
3. For expenditure by the Department of Finance and Personnel on community relations, cultural traditions, district council programmes and the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.	57,000	—	—
<b>TOTAL £</b>	<b>95,961,000</b>	<b>38,881,000</b>	<b>6,853,000</b>

## PART II

SCHEDULE of sums granted on account of or towards defraying the charges of the several services for which Sums on Account are required for the year ending on 31st March 1997 viz:—

	Sums Granted on Account £
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Department of Agriculture on market support, grants for capital and other improvements, certain alternative land uses, support for agriculture in special areas, assistance to production, marketing and processing and assistance for the fishing industry.	10,100,000
2. For expenditure by the Department of Agriculture on development of the agriculture and agricultural products industries, scientific and veterinary services, regional measures for farm support and enhancement of the countryside, fisheries and forestry services and for central administration and rural development.	60,562,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Department of Economic Development on the administrative costs of the Executive of the Industrial Development Board, provision and maintenance	59,868,000

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	Sums Granted on Account
	£
of land and buildings, industrial development promotion, selective assistance and other services related to industry, and aircraft and shipbuilding.	
2. For expenditure by the Department of Economic Development on local enterprise, the Industrial Research and Technology Unit, labour market services, development of tourism, energy efficiency, assistance to the gas and electricity industries (including residual costs in connection with the privatisation of the electricity industry in Northern Ireland), mineral exploration and other miscellaneous services, administrative costs of the Department of Economic Development Headquarters, and other miscellaneous services.	57,305,000
3. For expenditure by the Department of Economic Development on the Training and Employment Agency for administrative costs, youth and adult training, training in skills, management and enterprise training, community projects, training to improve company competitiveness, and employment schemes and services including those for people with disabilities.	90,433,000
<b>OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY REGULATION NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Office of Electricity Regulation Northern Ireland.	435,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on the Roads Service, ferry services, road safety, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland, the Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency, transport services and harbour services.	84,029,000
2. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on housing services, including certain grants in aid.	92,502,000
3. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on the Water Service and related services.	20,000,000
4. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on the Environment and Heritage Service, urban affairs and lands, the Planning Service, the Public	88,994,000

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	Sums Granted on Account
	£
Record Office of Northern Ireland, the Land Registers of Northern Ireland, the Rate Collection Agency, the Ordnance Survey Agency, Consolidated Fund contributions to local revenues, central administration, accommodation and miscellaneous services, the Construction Service, certain grants in aid; and promotional activities and events.	
5. For expenditure by the Department of the Environment on fire and related services.	18,963,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Department of Education on schools, further education, higher education, teacher training, libraries, arts, museums, youth, sport, community relations, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, and administration, certain miscellaneous services (including some minor grants in aid): on grants and grants in aid to education and library boards for certain services and for mandatory student awards; and payments by the Department on behalf of the boards in respect of teachers' salaries.	613,000,000
2. For expenditure by the Department of Education on pensions, allowances, gratuities etc., certain payments to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund and certain payments on behalf of the education and library boards in respect of premature retirement compensation.	11,676,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on hospital, community health, personal social services, Health and Social Services trusts, family health services and certain other services.	628,966,000
2. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on superannuation benefits etc., to or in respect of persons engaged in the health and personal social services or in other approved employment.	17,834,000
3. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on grants to voluntary bodies, research, welfare foods and certain other services.	10,625,000
4. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on administration,	58,267,000

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	Sums Granted on Account
	£
on agency charges, and on certain other services including grants to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the administration costs of the Housing Benefit Scheme; on the administration of agency services for the Department of Social Security and for the provision, including purchase, of accommodation and related works and other accommodation services and costs.	
5. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on non-contributory retirement pensions, Christmas bonus payments to pensioners, attendance allowance, invalid care allowance, severe disablement allowance, disability living allowance, disability working allowance; on pensions, gratuities and sundry allowances for disablement and specified deaths arising from industrial causes; on income support, payments of spousal and child maintenance, child benefit, one parent benefit, family credit, jobseekers allowance (contribution based), jobseekers allowance (income based) and on back to work bonus.	671,377,000
6. For expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Services on grant in aid to the Independent Living Funds, a grant to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the payment of housing benefit (rent rebate, rent allowance, discretionary payments of rent allowance and on rates rebate), for sums payable into the Social Fund for expenditure on community care grants, budgeting and crisis loans, maternity payments, funeral payments and cold weather payments and for sums payable to the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund to increase its income and as compensation for the employers' national insurance remission in respect of employing the long term unemployed and for statutory sick pay and statutory maternity pay.	185,043,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Department of Finance and Personnel on financial administration, central management of the Civil Service, involvement in wider public sector personnel issues, the Valuation and Lands Agency, the Business Development Service, the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, the Government Purchasing	21,953,000

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	Sums Granted on Account
	£
Service and other services, including certain miscellaneous expenses and grants in aid and computer and other common services.	
2. For expenditure by the Department of Finance and Personnel on pensions, lump sums and gratuities to former civil servants, pensions to widows, widowers, children and dependants and civil pensions and gratuities.	15,000,000
3. For expenditure by the Department of Finance and Personnel on community relations, cultural traditions, district council programmes and the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.	2,414,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY</b>	
1. For expenditure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.	163,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE</b>	
1. For expenditure of the Northern Ireland Audit Office.	1,514,000
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND NORTHERN IRELAND COMMISSIONER FOR COMPLAINTS</b>	
1. For expenditure by the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints.	198,000
<b>TOTAL £</b>	<b>2,821,221,000</b>

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order authorises the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of a further sum for the year ending on 31st March 1996 and of sums on account for the year ending on 31st March 1997 and appropriates those sums for specified services in Northern Ireland. It also authorises the application of certain further sums as appropriations in aid for the year ending on 31st March 1996 and reduces certain sums already authorised to be applied as appropriations in aid.