



Northern Ireland Budget (No. 2) Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 43

Authorisation for year ending 31 March 2024

1 Use of resources

- (1) For the purposes of section 6(1) of the 2001 Act, [this section](#) and [section 2](#) authorise the use of resources in the year ending 31 March 2024.
- (2) In that year, the use of resources by the persons mentioned in [subsection \(3\)](#) is authorised up to the amount of £27,403,514,000.
- (3) The persons are—
 - (a) the Northern Ireland departments;
 - (b) the Food Standards Agency;
 - (c) the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission;
 - (d) the Northern Ireland Audit Office;
 - (e) the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation;
 - (f) the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman;
 - (g) the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland.
- (4) Of the amount authorised by [subsection \(2\)](#)—
 - (a) £24,818,772,000 is authorised for use for current purposes, and
 - (b) £2,584,742,000 is authorised for use for capital purposes.

Commencement Information

II S. 1 in force at Royal Assent

2 Limits on use of resources

- (1) The Schedule contains estimates relating to the persons mentioned in [section 1\(3\)](#) for the year ending 31 March 2024 (“Schedule estimates”).

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- (2) In the year ending 31 March 2024, a person mentioned in [section 1\(3\)](#) may use resources in accordance with [subsections \(3\) to \(7\)](#) and the Schedule estimate relating to that person.
- (3) The person may use resources for the purposes specified in Part 2 of the estimate; but this is subject to [subsections \(4\) to \(7\)](#).
- (4) Where Part 1 of the estimate authorises the use of net resources for current purposes, the person—
 - (a) may use resources up to the amount so authorised for current purposes;
 - (b) must not use those resources for capital purposes.
- (5) Where Part 1 of the estimate authorises the use of net resources for capital purposes, the person—
 - (a) may use resources up to the amount so authorised for capital purposes;
 - (b) must not use those resources for current purposes.
- (6) Where Part 1 of the estimate authorises the use of net resources in relation to a category of expenditure, the person—
 - (a) may use resources up to the amount so authorised for a purpose identified in the estimate as falling within that category of expenditure;
 - (b) must not use those resources for any other purpose.
- (7) The categories of expenditure are—
 - (a) expenditure subject to a departmental expenditure limit;
 - (b) annually managed expenditure;
 - (c) non-budget expenditure.
- (8) The authorisations in [this section](#) and in [section 1](#) supersede those made by sections 8 and 9 of the Northern Ireland Budget Act 2023, which total £17,404,266,000.

Commencement Information**I2** S. 2 in force at Royal Assent**3 Issue of sum out of the Consolidated Fund**

The Department may issue out of the Consolidated Fund and apply to the service of the year ending 31 March 2024 the sum of £22,790,893,000.

Commencement Information**I3** S. 3 in force at Royal Assent**4 Use of sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund**

- (1) The sum that the Department may issue out of the Consolidated Fund under [section 3](#) may be used for the year ending 31 March 2024 in accordance with [subsection \(2\)](#).

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- (2) The sum specified in Part 1 of a Schedule estimate as a money requirement may be used by the person to whom the estimate relates for the purposes specified in Part 2 of the estimate.
- (3) The authorisations in [this section](#) and in [section 3](#) supersede those made by sections 10 and 11 of the Northern Ireland Budget Act 2023, which total £14,154,737,000.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 4 in force at Royal Assent

F15 Power to borrow

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 5 omitted (N.I.) (14.3.2024) by virtue of [Budget Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2024 \(c. 1\)](#), s. [5\(3\)](#)

6 Use of income

- (1) In the year ending 31 March 2024, a person mentioned in [section 1\(3\)](#) may use income from a source specified in Part 3 of the Schedule estimate relating to that person for a purpose specified in Part 2 of the estimate; but this is subject to [subsections \(2\) to \(5\)](#).
- (2) Where the income is received in connection with current purposes, the person—
 - (a) may use the income for current purposes;
 - (b) must not use the income for capital purposes.
- (3) Where the income is received in connection with capital purposes, the person—
 - (a) may use the income for capital purposes;
 - (b) must not use the income for current purposes.
- (4) Where the source of income is identified in the estimate as relating to a category of expenditure, the person—
 - (a) may use income from that source for a purpose identified in the estimate as falling within that category;
 - (b) must not use income from that source for any other purpose.
- (5) The categories of expenditure are the categories set out in [section 2\(7\)](#).
- (6) Where, in the year ending 31 March 2024, money is received by a person mentioned in [section 1\(3\)](#)—
 - (a) the money may be used in accordance with [this section](#) or with any other statutory provision that provides for the person to deal with income in a particular manner, and
 - (b) in so far as not so used, it must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

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