

# BUDGET (NO. 2) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

S.I. 2004 No. 1996 (N.I. 18)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### COMMENTARY ON PROVISIONS

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*Article 1: Title and commencement:*

*Article 2: Interpretation*

*Article 3: Issue of sum out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and appropriation of that sum.*

Paragraph (1) authorises the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of the sum of £5,526,201,000 for 2004-05.

Paragraph (2) appropriates that sum for the purposes specified in column 1 of Schedule 1.

*Article 4: Use of resources (other than accruing resources) in year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005*

This Article authorises the use of resources amounting to £6,128,912,000 for 2004-05 for the purposes specified in column 1 of Schedule 2.

*Article 5: Limit on use of accruing resources in year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005*

Paragraph (1) of this Article sets relevant limits on the total amount of accruing resources, including both operating and non-operating accruing resources that may be directed to be used for certain specified purposes as shown separately in the Estimates for 2004-05.

*Article 6: Power of the Department of Finance and Personnel to borrow*

This Article authorises the temporary borrowing by the Department of Finance and Personnel of approximately half the sum covered by Article 3 (1). This is a normal safeguard against the possibility of a temporary deficiency arising in the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund.

*Article 7: Resource excess for year ending 31 March 2002*

This Article, which relates to the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister authorises the use of resources amounting to £1,000 for 2001-02 and increases the relevant limit on accruing resources by £11,844.71 in that year for the purposes specified in its' Request for Resources A (as set out in column 1 of Schedule 2).

*Article 8: Resource excess for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003*

This Article authorises the use of resources by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to the amount of £4,485,817.56 in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003.

An amount of £4,157,656.45 is authorised for use by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the purposes specified in its Request for Resources B (as set out in column 1 of Schedule 2), while an amount of £328,161.11 is authorised for use by the Department of

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Enterprise, Trade and Investment for the purposes specified in its Request for Resources B (as set out in column 1 of schedule 2).

**Article 9: Repeal of spent enactments**

This article removes from the statute book two Budget Acts which are no longer operative.