BUDGET (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2005

S.I. 2005 No. 860 (N.I. 3)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 1: Title and commencement:

Article 2: Interpretation

Article 3: Issue of Sum out of the Consolidated Fund for year ending 31st March 2005 and appropriation of that sum.

Paragraph (1) authorises the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of the revised sum of $\pounds 10,278,252,000$ for 2004-2005.

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

Paragraph (3) provides authority for cash limits set by the Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 and the Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 to be superseded by the amounts specified in column 2 of Schedule 1 of the Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

Article 4: Use of resources (other than accruing resources) in year ending 31^{st} March 2005. This article authorises the use of resources amounting to £11,763,968,000 for 2004-2005, for the purposes specified in column 1 of Schedule 2.

Paragraph (4) provides authority for the resources limits set by the Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 and the Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 to be superseded by the amounts specified in column 2 of Schedule 2 of the Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

Article 5: Revised limits on use of certain accruing resources in year ending 31st March 2005. Paragraph (1) 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.

Paragraph (2) provides authority for the direction of accruing resources as specified in column 3 of Schedule 2 for the purposes specified in the corresponding entries in column 1 of that schedule. Paragraph (3) provides authority for the accruing resources limits set by the Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 to be superseded by the amounts specified in column 3 of Schedule 2 of the Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

Article 6: Issue of sum out of the Consolidated Fund for year ending 31st March 2006 and appropriation of that sum.

Paragraph (1) authorises the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of the sum of $\pounds 4,656,058,000$ for 2005-06.

Paragraph (2) appropriates that sum for the purposes specified in Schedule 3.

Article 7: 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 6 (1). This is a normal safeguard against the possibility of a temporary deficiency arising in the Northern Ireland Consolidated Fund.

This Explanatory Memorandum refers to the Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2005No. 860 (N.I. 3)

Article 8: Use of resources (other than accruing resources) for year ending 31st March 2006. This article authorises the use of resources amounting to £5,498,417,000 for 2005-2006, for the purposes specified in column 1 of Schedule 4.