



Northern Ireland Budget Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 3

Year ending 31 March 2023

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 2023.
- (2) In that year, the use of resources by the persons mentioned in subsection (3) is authorised up to the amount of £26,656,975,000.
- (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) £24,242,977,000 is authorised for use for current purposes, and
 - (b) £2,413,998,000 is authorised for use for capital purposes.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 1 coming into force at Royal Assent (with effect in accordance with s. 7)

2 Limits on use of resources

- (1) Schedule 1 contains estimates relating to the persons mentioned in section 1(3) for the year ending 31 March 2023 (“Schedule 1 estimates”).

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- (2) In the year ending 31 March 2023, a person mentioned in section 1(3) may use resources in accordance with subsections (3) to (7) and the Schedule 1 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—
 - (a) by section 6 of the [Budget Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 6 \(N.I.\)\)](#), and
 - (b) under section 7 of the 2001 Act for the year ending 31 March 2023, which total £23,357,015,000.

Commencement Information

I2 S. 2 coming into force at Royal Assent (with effect in accordance with s. 7)

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 2023 the sum of £21,487,341,000.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 3 coming into force at Royal Assent (with effect in accordance with s. 7)

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 2023 in accordance with subsection (2).

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- (2) The sum specified in Part 1 of a Schedule 1 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 the authorisations and appropriations made—
 - (a) by section 4 of the [Budget Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 6 \(N.I.\)\)](#), and
 - (b) under section 59 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 for the year ending 31 March 2023,which total £20,353,974,000.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 4 coming into force at Royal Assent (with effect in accordance with s. 7)

5 Power to borrow

- (1) The Department may borrow on the credit of the sum specified in section 3 any sum or sums not exceeding in total £10,743,671,000.
- (2) Any money so borrowed is to be repaid along with any interest due on it out of the Consolidated Fund not later than 31 March 2023.

Commencement Information

I5 S. 5 coming into force at Royal Assent (with effect in accordance with s. 7)

6 Use of income

- (1) In the year ending 31 March 2023, a person mentioned in section 1(3) may use income from a source specified in Part 3 of the Schedule 1 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 2023, money is received by a person mentioned in section 1(3)—

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- (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.

Commencement Information

I6 S. 6 coming into force at Royal Assent (with effect in accordance with s. 7)

7 Operation from the beginning of the year ending 31 March 2023

Sections 1 to 6 are to be treated as having had effect from the beginning of 1 April 2022.

Commencement Information

I7 S. 7 coming into force at Royal Assent

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