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### **Explanation of Accounting Officer’s Responsibilities**

The Treasury has appointed the Director of the Northern Ireland Court Service as Principal Accounting Officer for the Department with overall responsibility for preparing the Department’s Estimate.

The Treasury has also appointed an additional Accounting Officer to be accountable for that part of the Department’s accounts relating to a specified request for resources and the associated assets, liabilities and cash flows. This appointment does not detract from the Director’s overall responsibility as Accounting Officer for the Department’s Estimate and overall net cash requirement.

The allocation of Accounting Officer responsibilities in the Northern Ireland Court Service is as follows:

**Request for Resources 1:** Mr David A. Lavery, Principal Accounting Officer and Director of Department.

**Request for Resources 2:** Mr Allan Johnston, Additional Accounting Officer and Chief Executive of the Legal Aid Department of the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

The responsibilities of an Accounting Officer, including responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which an Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding the Department’s assets, are set out in the Accounting Officers’ Memorandum issued by the Treasury and published in Government Accounting. Under the terms of the Accounting Officers’ Memorandum the relationship between the Northern Ireland Court Service’s Principal and Additional Accounting Officers, together with their respective responsibilities, is set out in writing.