

Table 1j: Notes to the 2001-02 Estimate

The Estimate provides for grant-in-aid provision for the Law Society of Northern Ireland ♦ (£2,888,277) and grant-in-aid for Queens University ♦ (£25,000).

The Northern Ireland Court Service is committed to the Business in the Community Initiative. As part of this commitment a gift of £2,000 is to be made for the purchase of reading materials for schools participating in the Time to Read Programme.

The total net resource sought for 2001–02 is 27.6% higher than the final net resource sought for 2000–01 of £68.8 million and 27.6% higher than the forecast outturn for that year of £68.8 million.

The DEL for 2001–02 is £88 million.

The Administration Costs Limit for 2001–02 is £37.1 million.

Table 1k: Explanation of Accounting Officer's Responsibilities

The Treasury has appointed the Director General 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 General'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 Glenn Thompson, Principal accounting Officer and Director General of Department

Request for Resources 2: Mr Allan Johnston, Additional Accounting Officer and Chief Executive of the Legal Aid Department

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 Officer's 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.