STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 49

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS

The Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Estimates and Accounts) (Designation of Bodies) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*11th March 2026*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2026*

The Department of Finance (**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8A and 8B of the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (**b**), makes the following Order.

In accordance with section 8A(5) of the Act the Department of Finance have consulted, where they think it appropriate, with the Treasury.

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Estimates and Accounts) (Designation of Bodies) Order 2026 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2026.

Designation of Bodies

2. A body which is listed in a Part of the Schedule to this Order is a designated body for the purposes of sections 8A and 8B of the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001—

(a) in relation to the department named in the heading to that Part, and

(b) for the financial year which ends on 31st March 2027.

(**a**) Formerly the Department of Finance and Personnel renamed the Department of Finance by section 1(4) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 c.5 (NI)

(**b**) 2001 C.6 (NI), sections 8A and 8B were inserted by the Financial Reporting (Department and Public Bodies) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 c.8 (NI)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 11th March 2026



Jeff McGuinness
A senior officer of the
Department of Finance

SCHEDULE

Article 2

DESIGNATED BODIES FOR 2026-2027

PART 1

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland

Loughs Agency of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission

Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority

PART 2

Department for Communities

Armagh Observatory and Planetarium

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Charities Advisory Committee

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland

Historic Buildings Council

Historic Monuments Council

Local Government Boundaries Commission

Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland

Ministerial Advisory Group, Architecture and Built Environment for Northern Ireland

National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland (National Museums NI)

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Northern Ireland Library Authority (Libraries NI)

Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee

Northern Ireland Museums Council

North/South Language Body

Office of the Discretionary Support Commissioner

Rent Assessment Panel

Sports Council for Northern Ireland (Sport NI)

Ulster Supported Employment Limited

PART 3

Department for the Economy

Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)

Construction Industry Training Board (CITBNI) (as established under the Industrial Training Act 1964)

General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland

The Trade and Business Development Body (trading as IntertradeIreland)

Invest Northern Ireland

Labour Relations Agency (LRA)

Northern Ireland Screen Commission

Northern Ireland Tourist Board (trading as Tourism Northern Ireland)

Northern Regional College (NRC)

North West Regional College (NWRC)

South Eastern Regional College (SERC)

Southern Regional College (SRC)

South West College (SWC)

Stranmillis University College

Tourism Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee (trading as Tourism Ireland)

PART 4

Department of Education

Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta

Council for Catholic Maintained Schools

Education Authority

Exceptional Circumstances Body

General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland

Grant Maintained Integrated Schools

Middletown Centre for Autism

Middletown Centre for Autism (Holding) Ltd

Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education

Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

Voluntary Grammar Schools

Youth Council for Northern Ireland

PART 5

Department of Finance

Civil Service Appeals Board (CSAB)

Legal Services Oversight Commissioner (LSOC)

Northern Ireland Building Regulations Advisory Committee (NIBRAC)

Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Board (NICSPB)

Northern Ireland Fiscal Council

Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

Statistics Advisory Committee (SAC)

PART 6

Department of Health

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Charitable trusts the trustees of which are the Health and Social Care Trusts (as established under the Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1972)

Charitable trusts the trustees of which are the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service (as established under the Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1972)

Children's Court Guardian Agency for Northern Ireland

Food Safety Promotion Board (known as safefood)

Health and Social Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board

Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency

Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery

Northern Ireland Social Care Council

Patient and Client Council

Regional Business Services Organisation

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland CLG

Western Health and Social Care Trust

PART 7

Department for Infrastructure

Waterways Ireland

PART 8

Department of Justice

Care Tribunal for Northern Ireland

Commissioner for Hearings under Prison Rule 109B

Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for Northern Ireland

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJINI)

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI)

The Tribunal established under Schedule 11 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

Independent Assessor of Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Recruitment Vetting

Independent Monitoring Board

Lands Tribunal for Northern Ireland

Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland (LSANI)

Charity Tribunal for Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS)

Health and Safety Appeals Tribunal for Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme

Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Board

Northern Ireland Judicial Pension Scheme Advisory Board

Northern Ireland Law Commission

Northern Ireland Police Fund (NIPF)

Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB)

Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS)

Northern Ireland Traffic Penalty Tribunal

Northern Ireland Valuation Tribunal

Parole Commissioners for Northern Ireland

Pension Appeals Commissioners (Northern Ireland)

Pensions Appeal Tribunal for Northern Ireland

Planning and Water Appeals Commissions (PACWAC)

Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust (PRRT)

Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

Prisoner Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)

PSNI Police Pension

Review Tribunal for Northern Ireland

RUC George Cross Foundation

Social Security and Child Support Commissioners for Northern Ireland

Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal for Northern Ireland

State Pathologist's Department

Youth Justice Agency (YJA)

PART 9

The Executive Office

Attorney General for Northern Ireland (AGNI)

Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland (CPANI)

Commissioner for Survivors of Institutional Childhood Abuse (COSICA)

Commissioner for the Ulster Scots and the Ulster British Tradition

Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland (CVS)

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland (ECNI)

Historical Institutional Abuse Redress Board

Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation (MLKDC)

Northern Ireland Climate Commissioner

Northern Ireland Community Relations Council (NICRC)

Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission (NIJAC)

North-South Ministerial Council (NSMC)

Strategic Investment Board Limited (SIB)

The Irish Language Commissioner

The Office of Identity and Cultural Expression

Victims and Survivors Service Limited (VSS)

Victims' Payment Board

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

This Order designates specified central government bodies in relation to named government departments for the purpose of those departments' supply estimates and resource accounts.

The designations have effect for the financial year that ends on 31st March 2027.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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