

Administration (i) – Salaries, Wages & Allowances
Subhead A.1.



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Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
A.1. - Salaries, Wages and Allowances	€'000 38,672	€'000 36,460	€'000 2,212	5.72%

BRIEF

This subhead provides for the salaries and allowances of the **civil servants** employed in the Office (General Service, Professional and Technical, Service Officers and Cleaners). The current serving number of staff is 608 (end March 2013).

Administration (ii) – Travel & Subsistence
Subhead A.2.

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
A.2. - Travel and Subsistence	€'000 1,383	€'000 859	€'000 523	37.86

This subhead provides for the travelling and subsistence expenses for civil servants of the office.

	2011 Expenditure	2012 Expenditure	2013 Estimate
(1) Home Travel	€0.760m	€0.798m	€1.316m
(2) Foreign Travel	€0.099m	€0.088m	€0.082

	2011 Expenditure	2012 Estimate	2013
Expenditure	€0.859m	€0.886m	€1.398 m

Administration (iii) – Training & Development & Incidental Expenses

Subhead A.3.

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A.3. – Training & Development and Incidental Expenses	1,125	765	360	32

BRIEF

This subhead covers the cost of general administrative expenses of the Office i.e. staff training, agency services staff, stationery, advertisements, periodicals and books, technical equipment and miscellaneous supplies and services.

2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€0.765m	€0.639m	€0.667

The following is a breakdown of the Outturn by sub -division from 2008 -2012:

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	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Training	€154,691	188,059	240,969	363,322	613,128
Staff Services Memberships	€119,404	159,598	149,690	66,703	
Supplies (incl Clothing etc)	€134,096	146,052	35,944		
Library	€100,505	99,540	113,193	97,803	102,870
Courier & Printing Services	€32,632	52,320	26,373		
Miscellaneous	€31,860	47,186	41,700	84,301	558,458
General	€18,536	32,780	106,022	92,390	7,996
Public Relations (incl Advertising etc)	€38,024	22,507	39,528	56,366	
Entertainment	€9,344	16,882	13,424	13,768	18,305
Equipment		90	5,514	78,690	3,326
Temporary Staff		0	20,871	15,827	697,231
Total	€639,092	765,014	793,228	869,170	2,001,314

Administration (iv) – Postal & Telecommunications Services
Subhead A.4.

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A.4. - Postal & Telecommunications Services	1,569	2,015	(446)	(28.43)

	2011 Expenditure €2.015m	2012 Expenditure €2.087m	2013 Estimate €1.954m
		Expenditure	Estimate
		2011	2013
1. Postal Services		€0.175m	€0.140m
2. Telephones etc.		€1.840m	€1.814m

Administration (v) – Office Equipment & External IT Services
Subhead A.5.

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A.5. - Office Equipment & External IT Services	2,447	2,993	(546)	(22.32)

BRIEF

This subhead covers the purchase and maintenance of computers, office equipment, peripherals, software and other associated services.

It includes:

- Upgrades and replacements of computer hardware, servers and soft ware and peripheral devices such as printers, plotters, scanners and photocopiers
- Management of networking infrastructure and storage
- Computer security
- ICT Helpdesk
- Support of major computer applications (e.g. payroll, financial system, e -mail, Intranet etc.)
- Deployment of new computer applications
- Software licences
- Computer training

The OPW is continuing to explore ways of reducing costs of delivering ICT -related services. The OPW currently avails of centrally-negotiated framework agreements (e.g. ICT consumables, PCs etc.) to ensure best value for money.

Breakdown of expenditure as follows:

	Outturn 2011	Outturn 2012	Estimate 2013
Computer equipment and related items	€2.095m	€1.956m	€1.878m
Photocopying and printing equipment and related supplies	€0.117m	€0.112m	€0.133m
Other office machinery and related supplies	€0.094m		
Computer Training	€0.033m	€0.029m	€0.030m
IT External Service Provision	€0.654m	€0.688m	€0.684m
Total	€2.993m	€2.785m	€2.725m

Administration (vi) – Office Premises Expenses
Subhead A.6.

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A.6. - Office Premises Expenses	1,334	1,307	26	1.98

BRIEF

Subhead (vi) provides for various office expenses arising on various premises occupied by Civil Servants of this Office.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 (estimate)</u>
1. Maintenance	€0.710m	€0.779m	€0.722
2. Heat, Light, Fuel	€0.450m	€0.554m	€0.513
3. Furniture and Fittings	€0.028m	€0.064m	€0.059
4. Misc	<u>€0.119m</u>	<u>€0.027m</u>	<u>€0.025</u>
<u>Total</u>	€1.307m	€1.424m	€1.319

Administration (vii) – Consultancy Services and Value for Money and Policy

Reviews
Subhead A7

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A.7. - Consultancy Services and VFM and Policy Reviews	54	11	43	80.51

2011
Expenditure
€0.011m

2012
Expenditure
€0.009m

2013
Estimate
€0.049m

This subhead provides for the cost of consultancy services for the Office and for expenses of staff involved in value for money reviews in the Office and other costs associated with the reviews.

Note: Consultancy services of a professional or technical nature, which form an integral part of an infrastructural scheme or project e.g. construction work, are provided for in the appropriate functional subhead rather than in the Consultancy Services subhead.

A3 – Purchase of Engineering Plant & Machinery
(Subhead G)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A3 - Purchase of Engineering Plant & Machinery (Subhead G)	800	812	(12)	(1.53)

BRIEF

This subhead provides for the purchase and upgrade of engineering plant and machinery and transport used on arterial drainage and other engineering operations.

Plant is purchased on the basis of a rolling programme aimed at ensuring compliance with Health & Safety standards and optimal operational efficiency. Approximately €0.5m will be spent on plant and machinery acquisition in 2013. Surplus funding on the OPW Vote was used to replace essential machinery in 2012.

2010 Expenditure	2011 Expenditure	2012 Expenditure	2013 Estimate
€2.821m	€0.812m	€0.718m	€0.500m

In 2010, responsibility for the CEW was transferred to the Buildings Maintenance Services unit of the OPW. As part of this process, the financial allocation for the CEW wages and materials was transferred to Subhead C8 Property Maintenance and Supplies (formerly F.1).

Programme A4
(Subhead H1)

Service	Estimate Provision	2011 Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
A4. - Hydrometric and Hydrological Investigation & Monitoring (Subhead H1)	€'000 1,410	€'000 925	€'000 485	34.38

Explanation for saving: The saving was due to ongoing staff vacancies and efficiencies achieved on non-pay costs.

2010 Expenditure	2011 Expenditure	2012 Expenditure	2013 Estimate
€1.305m	€0.925m	€1.011m	€1.020m

BRIEF

This Subhead provides for the provision, operation and maintenance of hydrometric gauges to measure water levels and river flows and to produce hydrometric data and hydrological analysis for flood risk management in Ireland. The OPW presently operates surface water monitoring stations at over 380 river, lake and tidal locations throughout Ireland.

Hydrometric data are required for the design, construction and monitoring of flood risk management infrastructure, and the operation of certain control structures. The data collected are used by the OPW in connection with, for example, investigations into the causes of flooding; design of flood relief schemes; and examination of flood relief proposals from Local Authorities, etc. Such data are essential for the Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme, a core programme within OPW's overall flood risk management programme, and are also important at a national level in environmental and climate monitoring, and water resources management.

The data collected is also made available to external organisations and persons who require this data, either on application or via the Internet at www.opw.ie/hydro and www.waterlevel.ie

Programme A5
(Subhead H2)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
A5 - Flood Risk Management (Subhead H2)	€'000	€'000	€'000	
<i>Current year provision 41,0000</i>	45,000	34,904	10,096	22.43
<i>Deferred Surrender 4,000</i>				

Explanation for saving: The savings arose due to delays in advancing a number of flood relief schemes at Ennis, Fermoy, Bray and Clontarf, and due to CFRAM studies running behind schedule.

BRIEF

This subhead provides for the preparation of flood relief schemes and the completion of flood relief works as well as any compensation costs arising from these works.

<i>Year</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013 (Allocation)</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>€23.115m</i>	<i>€24.879m</i>	<i>€36.461m</i>	<i>€38.633m</i>	<i>€34.9m</i>	<i>€52.015m</i>	<i>€44.5m</i>

Main expenditure items in 2011 included:-

- Ongoing works on **Mallow South & West Scheme** (phase 2 of overall scheme) with expenditure of approximately **€4.2m**.
- Ongoing works on **Clonmel North & East Scheme** (Phase 2 of overall scheme) with expenditure of approximately **€7.9m**.
- Completion of **clonmel West Scheme** (Phase 1) with expenditure of approximately **€3.4M**
- Commencement of **Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Studies (CFRAMS)** as outlined in National Programme with expenditure of approximately **€1m**
- **Minor Floods and Coastal Protection Programme** with OPW providing funding to local authorities of approximately **€5.2m**.
- Construction works continued in **Mornington, Co Meath, Johnstown, Co Kildare** with expenditure on these two schemes of **€2.5m**
- Completion of Phase A works in **Carlow Scheme** with expenditure of approximately **€1m**
- Final Account of **Ennis Upper Scheme** (Phase 1 of overall scheme) of **€2m**.
- Advance works in **Claregalway, Co Galway** amounting to **€1.4m**.

SUBHEAD A6
(Subhead H3)

Service	Estimate Provision	2011 Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
A6 - Drainage Maintenance (Subhead H3)	16,234	15,765	469	2.89

2010 Expenditure	2011 Expenditure	2012 Expenditure	2013 Estimate
€16.807m	€15.765m	€15.455m	€14.983m

BRIEF

The 1945 Arterial Drainage Act requires the OPW to maintain completed drainage or flood defence schemes in proper repair and effective condition. This subhead provides for the ongoing maintenance costs of completed arterial drainage schemes and urban flood relief projects, the construction cost of which is charged to Subhead A.5 (formerly H2).

Urban flood relief schemes completed in the past few years that are now on maintenance include Sixmilebridge, Cappamore, Ballymackeogh, Dunmanway, Hazelhatch, Duleek, Carrick -on-Suir and Kilkenny.

This office currently maintains 11,300 km of channels and 750 km of flood defence embankments. In addition, the maintenance of all structures, sluices, pump stations, etc., forming part of the scheme are included in the annual programme of works.

Where the labour force carries out (small) capital flood relief works the costs are charged to Subhead A.5 (formerly H2). The subhead provides for an average labour force of 249, based in regional offices .

**Programme B3
(Subhead F2)**

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
B3 - Government Publication Services (Subhead F2)	€'000 247	€'000 176	€'000 71	28.61

BRIEF

This subhead covers the costs of;

Iris Oifigiúil

Printing and publishing Iris Oifigiúil, the official journal of the State, twice weekly in hard copy format and on the Iris Oifigiúil website – www.irisoifigiuil.ie.

Government Publications Service

Legislation and a range of reports are sold to the public through a telephone and mail order service. Publications are also sold to annual subscribers. Bound Volumes of Statutory Instruments are provided.

Receipts from sales of Government Publications are brought to account in Subhead J.3 (formerly Y3) Appropriations-in-Aid and amounted to €1.050m in 2011 and €1.006m in 2012. The reduction in receipts is almost entirely due to lower sales of Government Publications. The increased use of web based communication, less publications by Government Departments and State Agencies and the economic situation generally have reduced the level of publications being produced and subsequently sold.

2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€0.176m	€0.197m	€0.221m

**Programme B4
(Subhead F5)**

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
B4 - National Procurement Service	€'000	€'000	€'000	
	715	1,013	(298)	(41.65)

Explanation for Excess: The excess was in the main due to a higher than anticipated spend on the services of an energy consultant in 2011.

2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€1.013m	€1.190m	€2.260m

BRIEF

This subhead covers the OPW element of the operating costs of the new **Office of Government Procurement**. The Government agreed in September 2012 to reform the central procurement function and in December 2012 Mr Paul Quinn was appointed Chief Procurement Officer (CPO).

The National Procurement Service (NPS), was established within the Office of Public Works in March 2009. The procurement functions of the former GSA have been subsumed into the NPS. The supply arrangements that were established by the GSA, including contracts for various markets continue to operate under existing contractual conditions.

The NPS has centralised public sector procurement arrangements for common goods and services including office equipment, stationery and office supplies, electricity, fuel, printing, uniforms and transport. By identifying key markets and analysing procurement trends, the Unit has developed a more integrated approach to procurement across the public sector utilising procurement tools such as aggregation and framework agreements. The unit also facilitates collaboration with clients in markets where savings can be achieved through aggregation of requirements. These strategic approaches have and will continue to help achieve real savings and value for money. The OGP will be a centre of excellence for the provision of procurement advice, and will implement procurement policy in line with best practice and Government initiatives, whilst ensuring compliance with EU Directives and National Legislation.

In pursuance of its role in the provision of advice the NPS maintains a one-stop-shop website www.procurement.ie which seeks to facilitate and upskill both buyers and suppliers. NPS introduced a standardised suite of procurement documentation (tender and contract as well as guidance material) to assist with the preparation of tender documentation. In addition it has developed a targeted education programme for both buyers and SME's.

The NPS manages the public procurement website – www.eTenders.gov.ie. The development of e-procurement strategies in line with the EU Action Plan will continue to ensure standardisation of processes and administrative efficiencies for both public sector buyers and suppliers (e.g. supplier register). In line with these initiatives, continued provision of training will improve the standards of procurement across the public sector.

Programme C3
(Subhead B)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
C3 - President's Household Staff : Wages and Allowances (Subhead B)	€'000 797	€'000 839	€'000 (42)	 (5.25)

2011
Expenditure
€0.839m

2012
Expenditure
€0.779m

2013
Estimate
€0.753

This subhead covers the cost of wages and allowances for the household staff at Áras an Uachtaráin.

The following number of events have been held in the Aras:

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Events	239	250	307	231	244

**Programme C4
(Subhead C1)**

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
C.4 – Grant to Zoological Society of Ireland (Subhead C1)	500	100	400	80

Explanation for saving: Part of the grant was deferred as contractual commitments did not materialise in 2011.

2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€0.100m	€0.400	0

BRIEF

Grants paid by OPW to the Zoo:

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
€000's	2,539	2,539	2,539	2,539	2,539	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	2,500	100	400
Cumulative Total (incl previous years)	18,432	20,971	23,510	26,049	28,588	32,588	36,588	40,588	43,588	46,088	46,188	46,588

Programme C5
(Subhead C2)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
C5 – Grants for Certain Refurbishment Works (Subhead C2)	1,000	1,000	-	-

BRIEF

2011
Expenditure
€1.0m

2012
Expenditure
€0.25m

2013
Estimate
€0.25m

Glasnevin Cemetery Restoration Project

An amount of €940,000 was provided to Glasnevin Cemetery in 2011.

Work carried out in 2011 included: Renovation work to monuments in Dublin and Garden Sections; continuation of road works; crown lifting of trees; renovation work to Prospect Lodge was completed; cleaning, levelling and grassing of St Bridget's section and the Angels Plot; and restoration work to the Donegan Monument and various other monuments in the O'Connell Circle.

Background

A major €25m scheme of restoration of Glasnevin Cemetery commenced in 2007. The Glasnevin Cemeteries Group (GCG) was initially allocated a grant of €2.5m annually to carry out the extensive refurbishment works. The Glasnevin Cemeteries Group is managing the works, with the Office of Public Works acting in an advisory capacity. The project is working towards completion in time for the centenary of the 1916 rising in 2016.

**Programme C.6
(Subhead D)**

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
C.6 - Purchase of Sites and Buildings (Subhead D)	1,000	363	637	63.76

Explanation for Saving: A number of anticipated acquisitions did not proceed in 2011.

BRIEF

2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€0.363m	€1.045m	€0.570m

This subhead funds:

- the strategic purchase of properties
- the perfection of title on existing properties in the state portfolio.
- minor accommodation provision for priority requirements, particularly in relation to D/Social Protection and the Gardai.

Programme C.7
(Subhead E)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
C.7 New Works, Alterations and Additions (Subhead E)	€'000	€'000	€'000	
<i>Current Year Provision 54,500</i>	55,500	55,602	(102)	(0.18)
<i>Deferred Surrender 1,000</i>				

BRIEF

This subhead provides for the erection and improvement of buildings required by the State e.g. Government Offices, Garda Stations, Cultural Institutions, etc.

Subhead E expenditure (€000's) 2003 – 2013										
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 (estimate)
213.638	192.325	122.933	123.847	231.179	257.186	120.591	88,977	55.602	39.452	37.650

Expenditure in 2011 included the following projects;

Tipperary Decentralisation
Chesterfield Ave, Phoenix Park
Energy Conservation,
National Gallery-Variou projects

Garda Building Programme 2011 -€10.07m
 Ballincollig Garda Station- new Garda Station.
 Relocation Fitzgibbon Street to Mountjoy
 Garda Vetting Unit, Thurles- fit out of new accommodation.
 Garda HQ Drainage Works
 Ashtown Gate Block B Fit Out
 Garda National Repository, Santry – Roof Repairs
 Replacement of Garage Roof, GHQ
 Castleisland Garda Station, Co. Kerry – New Station
 Clonark Garda Station, Co Roscommon – Refurbished / reconstructed Garda Station

Programme C.8
(Subhead F.1)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared With Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
C.8 Property Maintenance and Supplies - (Subhead F.1)	36,698	35,833	865	2.36

2011
Expenditure
€35.833m

2012
Expenditure
€36.095m

2013
Estimate
€52.672

The profile of expenditure across the budgetholders is as follows:

	Expenditure 2011 €000s	Expenditure 2012 €000s	Estimate 2013 €000s
BMS/CEW	15,103	14,387	14,821
Historic Properties	10,468	10,637	9,460
M&E	4,164	4,392	4,232
Furniture Branch	1,177		1
General Maintenance	4,921	5,000	5,680
Reactive Maintenance (formerly Q accounts)	N/A	N/A	17,153
Total	35,833	36,095	52,672*

***Circular 1/13 (€17.153m)**

For buildings that are occupied by Government Departments, the Department of Finance Circular 1/94 transferred maintenance liabilities to the occupiers. However, under Circular 1/13 (issued in January 2013), OPW is now responsible for all building maintenance on state property. This requires transfer of funds between Votes. This rationalisation of Circular 1/94 will produce savings both directly in OPW controlling the operation of planned / preventative maintenance and indirectly on staffing in Maintenance and in Departments dealing with the interdepartmental transfer of funds on a monthly basis through the client maintenance accounts.

The monies in the F1 budget are used to maintain the value and condition of the State's property portfolio.

The pay element addresses the direct labour employed by OPW. The non-pay element (€18m) can be subdivided into the following key programmes.

- National Cultural Institutions

- Historic Properties
- Preventative/Reactive Maintenance
- M&E specific works – statutory maintenance contracts (funded by OPW)
- Optimising Power at Work
- Sustainable energy

Maintenance is defined as fixing, repairing or replacing like with like. For the most part, within the current allocation, it is focussed on unplanned, reactive works. Where funding allows, planned maintenance programmes are developed.

If maintenance is not carried out on an ongoing basis, it leads to a larger project to restore a building – in many cases resulting in a large capital outlay. If a member of the public injures themselves on state property, this results in compensation claim against State, also coming from OPW vote if due to defective maintenance issue. In addition, the intrinsic asset value is decreased.

The National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997 made OPW responsible for fabric maintenance and M&E elements of all properties occupied by Cultural Institutions.

The nature of these buildings, age and status means that they are specialist in nature, more expensive to carry out works. A lack of maintenance services could lead to failure to comply with current legislative requirements in terms of H&S and could result in a public building being closed and not being in a position to do business. This has a consequential effect on the tourism industry and results in reputational damage to OPW as the State property holder.

As the budget has been cut in recent years, the expenditure is kept under regular review and an itemised list of potential savings has been identified and is being pursued. In relation to properties occupied by OPW, a working group has identified possible rationalisations in terms of co-locating business units and sharing of resources.

The Office is also considering centralising maintenance support systems to streamline our business model and emphasise the client service function – this would be assisted by the extension of the current helpdesk via the development of an integrated Helpdesk function.

Programme C9
(Subhead F3)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
	€'000	€'000	Less/(More)than Provision	%
C9 - Rents, Rates etc. (Subhead F3)	115,944	117,568	(1,624)	(1.4)

Subhead C.9 – Rent, Rates etc (Formerly F3)

2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€117.568m	€107.092m	€108.352m

A key function of the OPW is to provide accommodation for all Government Departments. In this regard, OPW holds a portfolio of property throughout the country, to meet the various operational needs of the Civil Service and a number of State Bodies. OPW's objective is to achieve optimum use of State property assets through a balance of ownership, leasing and disposal; and to maintain and upkeep the State property portfolio.

Lease Rationalisation & Expenditure Reduction

2009	€130m
2010	€128m
2011	€117m
2012	€107m

Leasehold expenditure has come down from €130m in 2009 to €107m in 2012 – a reduction of almost 21% in the 3 years to end 2012.

Annual Rental Reduction as a result of Lease Surrenders

2008	€5m	44 leases surrendered
2009	€3.6m	38 leases surrendered
2010	€9.7m	50 leases surrendered
2011	€3.8m	31 leases surrendered
2012	€5.5m	45 leases surrendered

Programme C10
(Subhead F4)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
C.10 - Fuel, Electricity, Water, Cleaning Materials etc. (Subhead F4)	€'000 1,323	€'000 1,559	€'000 (236)	(17.84)

Explanation for Excess: Expenditure on this subhead reduced from that incurred in 2010. The estimate provided in 2011 was not sufficient to meet energy costs related to prestige and unallocated buildings.

BRIEF

2010	2011	2012	2013
Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate
€1.706m	€1.559m	€1.614m	€1.623

In accordance with Government Decision S13120 dated 14 January 1987 Departments and Offices bear the cost of energy (fuel and light) on their own Vote effective from 1st January 1988.

Subhead C.10 deals with utility (electricity, gas and water) costs in relation to:

- (a) **Prestigious buildings** such as Dublin Castle Conference Centre, Farmleigh, Áras an Uachtaráin, Castletown House and Kilkenny Castle.
- (b) **Unallocated space** until such time as Departments commence occupancy or prior to disposal / surrender by the OPW.
- (c) **Vacant Space** which comprises properties for which there is no current demand as a result of location/state of repair etc. This category includes a number of vacant Garda Stations which are designated for disposal.

**C11 - Unitary Payments
(Subhead F6)**

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
C.11 - Unitary Payments (Subhead F.6)	50,500	54,200	(3,700)	(7.33)

Explanation for excess: The excess is due to the payment of additional VAT liabilities which could not be determined pre-contract.

This subhead covers payments made in relation to the Public Private Partnership project at the National Conference Centre now known as Convention Centre Dublin (CCD)

	2011 Expenditure	2012 Expenditure	2013 Estimate
Capital	€20.170m	€20.221m	€20.300
Current	€34.029m	€31.437m	€30.300

C.12 Historic Properties
(Subhead I1,I2,I3)

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
I.1. - Historic Properties	13,987	14,416	(429)	(3.07)
I.2. - National Monuments	14,678	14,566	112	0.76
I.3. - Visitor Services	<u>7,467</u>	<u>7,600</u>	<u>(133)</u>	<u>(1.78)</u>
	<u>36,132</u>	<u>36,582</u>	<u>(450)</u>	<u>(1.25)</u>

BRIEF

This Subhead provides for:

Historic Properties

The day to day management, conservation, presentation of 26 Historic Properties, Gardens and Arboreta, including 14 sites that provide a visitor service and/or Visitor Centre. Maintenance works including minor improvements, essential conservation works, repairs and improvements on health and safety grounds are also paid from this Subhead. Policy responsibility for Heritage Services, including National Historic Properties is vested in the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

National Monuments

The National Monuments Service of OPW is responsible for the conservation, maintenance and upkeep of some 780 National Monuments in State care. Of these, approximately 300 are accessible to the public.

A total of 70 sites (comprised of both National Monuments and Historic Properties sites) are actively presented to the public as visitor / tourist destinations and a seasonal or year round guide service is provided. This Subhead relates to the funding for the pay (ie the direct labour force) and non-pay (ie construction materials, supplies, consumables at sites etc) costs associated with the National Monuments portfolio.

Visitor Services

This Subhead relates to the funding for pay (ie Guides) and non-pay (ie publications, advertising, web presence, etc) costs associated with the provision of Visitor and Guide Services at National Monuments and Historic Properties sites nationwide.

	2011 Expenditure	2012 Expenditure	2013 Estimate
I.1. - Historic Properties	€14.416m	€14.222m	€13.502
I.2. - National Monuments	€14.566m	€14.424m	€14.067
I.3. - Visitor Services	<u>€7.600m</u>	<u>€7.631m</u>	<u>€7.059</u>
	<u>€36.582m</u>	<u>€36.277</u>	<u>€34.628</u>

D – Appropriations in Aid

Service	Estimate Provision	Realised	Outturn Compared with Provision	
			Less/(More) than Provision	%
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
D -Appropriations-in-Aid	26,631	26,928	(297)	(1.11)

BRIEF

<i>2011</i> <i>Receipts</i> €26.928m	<i>2012</i> <i>Receipts</i> €26.384m	<i>2013</i> <i>Estimate</i> €26.931m
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4.1 Appropriations-in-aid

	2011 Estimated €000	2011 Realised €000	2010 Realised €000
1. Rents, licence fees, etc.	4,000	4,117	4,206
2. Events and facilities management	1,181	1,197	1,258
3. Receipts for Government publication services	920	1,050	1,242
4. Recoveries for services carried out on repayment or agency basis	8,025	8,060	8,841
5. Sales at National Monuments and Historic Properties visitor centres	642	482	481
6. Admission charges at National Monuments and historic properties	4,677	5,495	4,866
7. Miscellaneous, including fees, interest and disposals etc.	2,186	1,612	1,931
8. Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration <i>Receipts in respect of bank interest, penal interest, etc.</i>	5,000	4,915	5,041
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Total	26,631	26,928	27,965

Explanation of significant variations

An explanation is provided below in the case of each heading where the outturn varied from the amount estimated by more than €100,000, and by more than 5%.

Heading	Less/(more) than estimated	Explanation
	€000	
3	(130)	The excess was due to additional sales of publications and Iris Oifigúil.
5	160	Receipts were in line with previous years sales. The re-categorisation of receipts in 2010 was not reflected in the 2011 estimates.
6	(818)	Admissions were greater than anticipated due to increased visitor numbers at busier sites in 2011.
7	574	The shortfall was due to less than expected receipts in respect of lease surrenders by OPW tenants.