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The surplus for 2017 was \in 2,369,157 which compares to a surplus in 2016 of \in 2,221,193. The surplus for 2017 arose from savings as follows:

Estimate Provision compared to outturn for 2017:

	Original Estimate Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	Outturn	Less / (More) than provided	Variance
	€,000		€,000	€,000	%
Admin Budget (Subheads A1-A7)	36,769		31,900	4,869	13
Health Agencies (Subheads B1, E1, E2, E3)	121,157		118,060	3,097	3
Other Subheads (B2, B3, C, D, E4, F1, F2, & G)	20,485		20,949	(464)	(2)
Special Accounts for Hep C & HIV Compensation Tribunal (Subheads F3 & F4)	25,635		17,678	7,957	31
Pension Lump Sum Payments (Subhead H)	96,000		108,570	(12,570)	(13)
HSE Regions and Other Health Agencies (Subheads I1 – I5)	9,704,342	105,000	9,874,783	(65,441)	(1)
Other HSE Services (Subheads J1 – J6)	297,713	90,000	317,599	70,114	18
HSE Care Programme (Subheads K1 & K2)	3,747,202		3,751,555	(4,353)	0
Capital Services (Subheads L1 – L4)	557,227		557,222	5	0
Gross Total	14,606,530	195,000	14,798,316	3,214	0
Less Appropriations- in-Aid (Subhead M)	460,221		459,376	(845)	0
Net Total / Surrender	14,146,309	195,000	14,338,940	2,369	0

The main elements of the 2017 surrender are

- **€4.869m saving** on **Admin Budget** subheads, including **€3.83m** on salaries.
- **€0.907m saving** on **Subhead B1** (Grants to Research Bodies and other research grants)
- **€1.129m saving on Subheads B2 C** (Healthy Ireland, Drugs Initiative, WHO & International Body Subscriptions)
- **€2.256m excess** on **Subhead D** (Statutory and non-statutory inquiries and miscellaneous legal fees and settlements)
- **€4.35m saving** on **Subhead E1** (Developmental, Consultative, Supervisory, Regulatory and Advisory Bodies.
- **€2.5m excess** on **Subhead E3** (National Treatment Purchase Fund)
- €7.957m saving on Subheads F3 (Hep C Special Account) & F4 (Hep C Reparation Fund)
- **€12.25m excess on Subheads H K2** (HSE Non-Capital)

Admin Budget Subheads: A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6 & A7

	€,000
Estimate Provision	36,769
Outturn	31,900
Less than provided	4,869

	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Less/(More) than provided
	€000	€000	€000
A1 – Salaries, Wages & Allowances	29,962	26,133	3,829
A2 – Travel and Subsistence	654	427	227
A3 – Training, development & incidental expenses	1,150	1,046	104
A4 – Postal & Telecommunications Services	730	353	377
A5- Office equipment & external IT services	2,323	2,160	163
A6- Office Premises Expenses	700	440	260
A7 – Consultancy Services & VFM & policy reviews	1,250	1,341	(91)
Total	36,769	31,900	4,869

Subhead: A1 Salaries, Wages and Allowances [incl. Note 5]

	€,000
Estimate Provision	29,962
Outturn	26,133
Less than provided	3,829

This subhead provides for the salaries, wages and allowances of staff working in the Department.

Information from Note 5 to Appropriation Account	1000 E	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Max. individual payment
	€,000			€
Higher, special or additional duties Other Allowances (child &	199	20	7	20,584
footwear)	1	5	-	338
Overtime	102	43	3	14,560
Total extra remuneration	302			

Overall eight individuals received extra remuneration in more than one category across all allowances.

Extra Remuneration: Higher, Special or Additional Duties

Category	Amount paid in year	Number of recipients	
	€000		
Allowance for Private Secretary to Minister, Minister of State and Secretary General	154	12	
Higher Duties	34	4	
Additional duties other	11	6	
Total	199		

Note: There were two individuals who received additional allowance payments under the headings in the above table.

Subhead: A2 Travel and Subsistence

	€,000
Estimate Provision	654
Outturn	427
Less than provided	227

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The underspend of €0.227 million on expenditure on travel and subsistence was due to spending on official travel being less than anticipated. This was due in part to staff vacancies and delays in recruiting personnel."

Analysis of expenditure	€,000
Home Travel	148
EU Travel	159
Non EU Travel	120
Total	427

Subhead: A3 Training and Development and Incidental Expenses

	€,000
Estimate Provision	1,150
Outturn	1,046
Less than provided	104

Analysis of expenditure	€,000
Training Courses	324
Contract Cleaning	261
Seminars & Conference Fees	103
PeoplePoint Service Charge	74
Publications	65
Press Office: Cuttings, Photos, Transcripts, etc.	38
Refreshments & catering for meetings	37
Annual Memberships	25
Security services	23
Brussels Office	17
Translations	17
Entertainment: State and Official	9
Refund of Fees for Courses	8
Courier Services	6
Miscellaneous	39
Total	1,046

Subhead: A4 Postal and Telecommunications Services

	€,000
Estimate Provision	730
Outturn	353
Less than provided	377

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The underspend of €0.377 million on expenditure on postal and telecommunications services was due to savings on telephone charges and the relocation of the Department being re-scheduled to 2018."

Analysis of expenditure	€,000	
Telephonist Charges	146	
Telephone Charges	142	
Telephone maintenance/equipment	51	
Postal Charges	14	
Total	353	

Subhead: A5 Office Equipment and External IT Services

	€,000
Estimate Provision	2,323
Outturn	2,160
Less than provided	163

Analysis of expenditure	€,000	
ICT	1,990	
Printing and Stationery Supplies	133	
Photocopying & other office machinery	37	
Total	2,160	

Subhead: A6 Office Premises Expenses

	€,000
Estimate Provision	700
Outturn	440
Less than provided	260

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The underspend of €0.260 million on office premises expenses was due to reduced spending on building maintenance pending the relocation of the Department."

Analysis of Expenditure	€,000	
Maintenance	165	
Electricity	152	
Gas	78	
Furniture & Fittings	39	
Records Management Costs	6	
Total	440	

Subhead: A7 Consultancy Services and Value for Money and Policy Reviews

	€,000
Estimate Provision	1,250
Outturn	1,341
More than provided	91

Payee	Amount	Description
	€,000	
Health Research Board	265	Taskforce on staffing and skills mix
PA Consulting	229	Health Service Capacity Review
Hume Brophy	114	Communications Support for the bid for the relocation of the European Medicines Agency.
RPS Group Ltd.	110	National Drugs Strategy Consultation Services
Prospectus	72	Trauma Policy Consultation and Healthy Ireland Framework
Alpha Healthcare Ltd.	61	Taskforce on Personalised Budgets and Evaluation of Physician Associates Pilot
Trutz Haase	59	Framework for Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce
Millman Ltd	49	Actuarial Consulting Services
NUI Galway	48	This work was commissioned by the Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU), to support and inform the development, implementation and update of National Clinical Guidelines.
University College Cork	47	National Clinical Effectiveness Committee Guidelines
Mazars	39	Tobacco Products Directive Consultation
Treacy Consulting Ltd.	36	Organisational & Team Development
Work Research Centre Ltd.	33	Review of HSE Mental Health Services Strategy 'A Vision For Change'
Dublin City University	32	Public & Patient Involvement Framework
Crowe Horwath	28	Review of Public Health Physicians
Indecon	26	Regulatory Impact Assessment on Patient Safety
Aurion	25	Development of National Maternity Strategy
Other consultancies of less than €15k	68	11 sundry consultancies
Total	1,341	

Subhead: B1 Grants to Research Bodies and Other Research Grants

	€,000
Estimate Provision	38,000
Outturn	37,093
Less than provided	907

Analysis of expenditure	€,000	
Health Research Board	32,054	
National Cancer Registry Board	2,833	
Other Research Programmes	2,206	
Total	37,093	

Subhead: B2 Healthy Ireland Fund

	€,000
Estimate Provision	5,000
Outturn	5,000
Excess/Saving	0

Payments to POBAL for Healthy Ireland	€,000
Department of Health	5,000
DCYA	560
Department of Rural and Community Development	240
Total	5,800
Grants Paid by POBAL	5,500
Fees Paid to POBAL	300

Strand II - National			
Contracted Organisation Sport Ireland	Projects	Subtotal €	Amount €
Sport Irolana	Special Olympics Young		738,505
	Athletes Programme	54,221	
	Great Dublin Bike Ride	105,915	
	Operation Transformation	38,369	
	National Fitness Day	40,000	
	Get Ireland Swimming	150,000	
	Get Ireland Walking	100,000	
	Get Ireland Cycling	30,000	
	Cycle Right	150,000	
	Children Sport Participation and Physical Activity follow up study		
	2017-2018	<u>70,000</u>	
Mayo Education Centre Local Government	Active School Flag		213,290
Management Agency	Healthy Ireland at Your Library		400,000

Strand I - Local

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Ireland CLG Leitrim County Council Roscommon Integrated	Laois/Offaly CYPSC Leitrim LCDC	76,000 100,000
Development CLG	Roscommon CYPSC	36,154
Cavan Monaghan ETB	Cavan CYPSC	38,000
Cavan County Council Northside Community	Cavan LCDC	100,000
Health Initiative ltd. Northside Partnership	Cork City CYPSC	37,260
CLG	Dublin City North CPYSC	38,000
Dublin City Council	Dublin City LCDC	100,000
Dún Laoghaire-	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC	100,000
Rathdown County	& Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	
Council	CYPSC	137,860
Fingal County Council	Fingal LCDC & CYPSC	138,400
Kerry County Childcare	9	may control with the part of the control of the con
Committee	Kerry CYPSC	38,360
Kildare County Council Limerick City & County	Kildare LCDC / CYPSC	138,400
Council	Limerick LCDC	100,000
Sligo Social Services		•
Council CLG	Sligo Leitrim CYPSC	38,400
SDC South Dublin		
County Partnership		
Company Limited By	Caralla D. Lis. GVDGG	
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Limited	Dublin City South CYPSC	30 000
Wexford County Council	Wexford LCDC	38,000
Gorey Youth Needs	WEXIDIU LCDC	100,000
Group CLG	Wexford CYPSC	37,978
Overall Total		E 400 200
Overall Total		5,499,208

Subhead: B3 Drugs Initiative

	€,000
Estimate Provision	6,026
Outturn	5,673
Less than provided	354

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

Analysis of expenditure	€,000
Local Drugs Taskforce Funding	3,674
Regional Drugs Taskforce Funding	1,066
Drugs Strategy Miscellaneous	457
Emerging Drugs Needs Funding	392
Research	80
National Advisory Committee on Drugs and Alcohol Chair	4
TOTAL TOTAL	5,673

Subhead: C Expenses in connection with the World Health Organisation and other international bodies

	€,000
Estimate Provision	3,100
Outturn	2,324
Less than provided	776

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €0.776 million relative to the estimate provision was due to an additional provision in the subhead for potential currency fluctuations in relation to the payment of the annual subscription to the World Health Organisation. In the event these fluctuations did not arise to the extent provided for."

Analysis of expenditure	€,000
World Health Organisation: Annual Contribution	1,443
World Health Organisation: IARC	636
World Health Organisation: Tobacco Control	32
World Health Organisation: European Observatory	200
Sub Total	2,311
Misc	13
TOTAL	2,324

Subhead: D Statutory and Non-Statutory Inquiries and Miscellaneous Legal Fees and Settlements

	€,000
Estimate Provision	4,000
Outturn	6,256
More than provided	2,256

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"Expenditure was €2.256 million higher than provided for in the estimate. Expenditure in relation to claims was €1.5 million higher than projected due to finalisation of a small number of large claims during 2017. In addition, during 2017, the Department incurred expenditure of €0.522 million in relation to the commission of investigation (certain matters relative to a disability service in the south east) and related matters during 2017. This investigation was set up in March 2017 and therefore the estimate did not include any provision in that regard."

Analysis of expenditure	Subhead D	No	te 6.2	
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THE PARTY OF THE P	€,000	€,000	€,000	
Legal settlements and legal costs (MDU)	4,555	3,138	1,417	33
Farrelly Commission	522	-	-	-
Long Stay Charges	420	269	144	9
National HR	342	-	337	1
Legal settlements and legal costs (Thalidomide)	199	199	-	19
Lourdes Hospital Payments Scheme	60	60	-	1
Mental Health	45	45	-	1
Primary Care	38	32	-	5
Bioethics	30	30	-	1
Intellectual/Physical (Mediation Services)	28	-	28	-
Miscellaneous Departmental Legal Costs	16	-	-	-
Symphysiotomy Payment Scheme	1	-	=	-
TOTAL	6,256	3,773	1,926	70

Subhead: E1 Developmental, Consultative, Supervisory, Regulatory and Advisory bodies

	€,000
Estimate Provision	57,366
Outturn	53,015
Less than provided	4,351

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"Overall, expenditure in this area was €4.35 million less than provided in the estimate. The department advances funds to health agencies up to an approved level of expenditure or actual expenditure whichever is the lesser amount. Actual expenditure was €2.28 million lower than budgeted in a number of agencies largely related to delays in filling staff vacancies during 2017.

The main agencies affected were the Mental Health commission €1.274 million, the Health Information and Quality Authority €0.823 million and the Irish Blood Transfusion Service €0.158 million. In addition the estimate made provision for expenditure of €2 million to fund once-off developmental costs associated with additional work by the Nursing and Midwifery Board in relation to full implementation of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011. This funding was not drawn down as planned capital projects were deferred until 2018."

Analysis of expenditure	€,000
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	15,424
Mental Health Commission	13,000
Health Information & Quality Authority	12,300
Health and Social Care Professionals Council (CORU)	3,107
Health Products Regulatory Authority	2,941
Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	2,797
Institute of Public Health	1,377
Irish Blood Transfusion Service	682
Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland	600
Other Bodies	291
Expert Body on Flourides	288
International Society for Quality in Health Care	142
Commission on Patient Safety	37
Healthy Ireland	28
Office of the Disability Appeals Commissioner	1
TOTAL	53,015

Subhead: E2 Food Safety Promotion Board

	€,000
Estimate Provision	5,691
Outturn	5,351
Less than provided	340

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €0.34 million relative to the estimate provision was because funding is subject to appropriate matched funding being provided by the Department of Health Northern Ireland (DOHNI). It was not possible for DOHNI to confirm the last part of this matched funding before the end of the year so the remaining funding was held back."

Subhead: E3 National Treatment Purchase Fund Board

	€,000	
Estimate Provision	20,100	
Outturn	22,600	
More than provided	2,500	

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The increase in expenditure of €2.5 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the provision of procedures for an additional 213 patients on waiting lists for cardiothoracic, spinal and orthopaedic treatments. This increase was met through virement. A supplementary estimate of €40 million was voted to J.4 for the Winter Initiative. €2.5 million of the supplementary estimate was vired to E.3."

Subhead: E4 Ireland/Northern Ireland INTERREG Programme

	€,000
Estimate Provision	100
Outturn	153
More than provided	53

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The increase in expenditure of €0.053 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the fact that payments under this subhead are requested by the Special EU Programmes Body and based on actual payments made to projects under the scheme. The nature of the INTERREG programme is such that the timing of project funding requests may be unpredictable particularly if there are queries to be resolved in the verification process."

The Department is a joint Implementing Authority with the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland in relation to Measure 3.2 (Health and Wellbeing) of the EU Interreg IIIA Programme, which is concerned with cross border co-operation. Funds for the 2014 – 2020 scheme were drawn down for the first time in 2017.

Subhead: F1 Payments in respect of disablement caused by Thalidomide

	€,000
Estimate Provision	745
Outturn	381
Less than provided	364

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall was because the mediation process has not concluded and costs of €0.364 million which had been provided for in the estimate did not occur."

This subhead covers the payment of monthly allowances to adults who suffered from severe congenital deformities as a result of their mothers taking the drug Thalidomide during the early stages of pregnancy.

Subhead: F2 Payments in respect of persons claiming to have been damaged by Vaccination

	€,000	
Estimate Provision	1	
Outturn	0	
Less than provided	1	

This subhead covers the payment of compensation to persons who have been permanently damaged by whooping cough vaccination, as decided by an Expert Group established by the Minister in 1977.

No funding was required in 2017. The previous payment made from this subhead was in 2000.

Subhead: F3 Payments to a Special Account established under Section 10 of the Hepatitis C Compensation Tribunal Act 1997 and 2002

	€,000	
Estimate Provision	21,786	
Outturn	15,299	
Less than provided	6,487	

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €6.487 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the average value of awards by the Tribunal decreasing in 2017 and the Department not being in aposition to precisely forecast the number or value of awards made by the Hepatitis C and HIV Compensation Tribunal which is independent of the Department."

This subhead covers the cost of payments in relation to the compensation of women who have been diagnosed positive for Hepatitis C antibodies and/or virus resulting from the use of human immunoglobulin Anti-D and also to provide compensation for children and partners of such women and to provide compensation to individuals who contracted Hepatitis C from a blood transfusion or blood product. The subhead also covers the cost of administering this scheme of compensation.

The total paid to end 2017 in respect of the costs of the Hepatitis C & HIV Compensation Tribunal, excluding the Reparation Fund, is set out below:

	Paid in 2017	Cumulative paid to end 2017	
	€m	€m	
Pay	0.083	3.676	
Non-Pay	0.126	6.509	
Members & Chairman's fees	0.259	12.927	
Tribunal Awards	14.620	819.078	
Legal costs of awards	3.751	173.616	
Total Special Account	18.839	1,015.806	

Subhead: F4 Payments to a Reparation Fund established under Section 11 of the Hepatitis C Compensation Tribunal Act 1997 and 2002

	€,000
Estimate Provision	3,849
Outturn	2,379
Less than provided	1,470

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"Section 11 of the Act provides for the payment of amounts in lieu to claimants who had accepted an award from the Tribunal or an offer of settlement. As set out in F.3, awards by the tribunal in 2017 were lower than budgeted and as a result payments from the reparation fund were lower than budgeted."

This subhead covers the payments made from the Reparation Fund established under the Hepatitis C Compensation Tribunal Acts, 1997 and 2002. Any claimant who has accepted an award from the Compensation Tribunal can apply for an additional amount from the Reparation Fund.

The amounts paid to end 2017 in respect of the costs of the Reparation Fund for the Hepatitis C & HIV Compensation Tribunal are set out below:

- 4	Paid in 2017	Cumulative Paid to end 2017	
	€m	€m	
Reparation Fund Payments	3.000	161.049	

Subhead: G Dissemination of Information, conferences and publications in respect of health and health services

	€,000
Estimate Provision	1,513
Outturn	1,162
Less than provided	351

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €0.351 million relative to the estimate provision was due to a number of projects associated with Healthy Ireland and other health promotion and protection projects not concluding in 2017."

This subhead covers the cost of the dissemination of health information and general information issued by the Department in relation to the health services including certain health promotion related costs.

Payee	Amount	Description		
-	€,000			
Ipsos MRBI	692	Healthy Ireland Survey		
Health Promotion Research Centre	60	Health Behaviour Survey		
Sport Ireland	31	Support for a number of Healthy Ireland initiatives		
Mayo Education Centre	28	Sponsorship of primary school 10@10 initiative		
AL B. III	25	Chairing and Facilitating Code of Practice working		
Alan Reilly	25	group		
	24	Provision of Services for National Patient Safety		
Knights		Conference		
Advertising Standards Authority	23	Monitoring Alcohol Advertising		
Media Vest Ireland	22	Provision of advertisements for the Dept.		
National Institute for Health and	21	Assistance in provision of clinical effectiveness		
Care Excellence	21	guidelines		
Dual Printing	20	Healthy Food for Life information packs		
Alcohol Marketing	17	Analysis of Alcohol Marketing		
Zinc Design Consultants	17	Work on Food Pyramid Design & Launch		
Other contracts of less than €15k	182	56 sundry payees		
Total	1,162			

Subhead: H Pension Lump Sum Payments

	€,000
Estimate Provision	96,000
Outturn	108,570
More than provided	12,570

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The increase in expenditure of €12.57 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the scale of pension lump sums and number of retirements being difficult to predict with certainty."

Subheads: I1 – I5 HSE Regions and Other Health Agencies

Subhead	I1	I2	13	14	I 5
	€,000	€,000	€,000	€,000	€,000
Estimate Provision	1,528,973	1,366,929	2,121,779	2,350,599	2,441,062
Outturn	1,523,537	1,362,203	2,114,444	2,342,474	2,532,125
Less than (More than) provided	5,436	4,726	7,335	8,125	(91,063)

I1 to I4 subheads fund both community and acutes services by the HSE directly, with I5 funding these services which are provided through the voluntary sector. The funding predominantly relates to existing level of service delivery.

J4 subhead is the funding for new service developments.

Drawdown by the HSE against relevant subheads during the year was poor and resulted in funding for new developments being drawn-down against the existing level of service subheads. As a result, surplus in the J4 subhead needs to be taken into consideration when reviewing performance under the I1 to I5 subheads.

Total I1 to I5 Variance (65,441)

J4 Service Developments <u>€69,990</u>

Net Variance €4,549

Subhead: J1 Health Agencies and other similar organisation (part funded by the National Lottery)

	€,000
Estimate Provision	7,513
Outturn	2,700
Less than provided	4,813

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €4.813 million relative to the estimate provision was due to grants not being paid until the conditions of the grant are fulfilled. Delays occur due to outstanding information requirements such as tax clearance certificates and quotations."

Subhead: J2 Payments to Special Account - Health (Repayment) Act 2006

	€,000
Estimate Provision	2,000
Outturn	0
Less than provided	2,000

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €2 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the nature of payments under this subhead being such that the timing of funding requests may be unpredictable, particularly if there are queries to be resolved in the verification process, and therefore the timing of payments can be subject to change. Because of the statutory nature of the Scheme, the liabilities arising under the Scheme must be met by the State and therefore it is important to ensure that funding for the Scheme remains in the relevant Subhead to meet final liabilities."

The Health (Repayment Scheme) Act, 2006 (the Act) was enacted in June 2006 to provide a legal basis for the repayment of long-stay charges which had been imposed on persons with full eligibility since 1976 i.e. those persons who had a medical card or who were entitled to a medical card.

The deadline for submitting claims under the Health Repayment Scheme was 31st December 2007. Therefore, no new applications can be accepted by the Health Service Executive.

There are a few complex cases that are still being processed. The timing of funding requests in relation to these can be unpredictable, particularly if there are queries to be resolved in the verification process. As a result, timing of payments can be subject to change.

Subhead: J3 Payment to Special Account established under Section 4 of the Hepatitis C Compensation Tribunal (Amendment) Act 2006 – Insurance Scheme

	€,000
Estimate Provision	1,500
Outturn	785
More than provided	715

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €0.715 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the fact that this is a quasi judicial process based on claims lodged and the nature of claims and awards vary significantly from year to year."

Subhead: J4 Service Developments and Innovative Service Delivery Projects

	€,000
Estimate Provision	100,000
Outturn	30,010
Less than provided	69,990

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The original estimate of €60 million was for the enhancement of mental health services and facilities in 2017. A supplementary estimate of €40 million was voted for the Winter Initiative to manage increased demand for health services during the winter. In the event, €30 million was drawn down under J.4. The balance of €70 million was vired as follows:

- €67.5 million to HSE subhead I.5 for additional services carried out by voluntary hospitals and joint hospital boards

Subhead: J5 Payment to State Claims Agency

	€,000
Estimate Provision	274,000
Outturn	283,221
More than provided	9,221

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The provision for the payments to the State Claims Agency (SCA) in 2017 was €224 million. The variance reflects the nature of the SCA scheme with large single payments being difficult to predict. The overspend of €59.2 million was met through a supplementary estimate of €50 million and virement of €9.2 million."

Subhead: J6 Economic and Social Disadvantaged (Dormant Account Funding)

	€,000
Estimate Provision	2,700
Outturn	883
Less than provided	1,817

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €1.817 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the funding for projects under the 2016 Action Plan being drawn down over a number of years until 2019 and projects under the 2017 Action Plan not commencing the draw down of funding until 2018 due to the timing of the approval of the 2017 Action Plan by the Department of Rural and Community Development."

Subheads: K1 HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Services and Community demand led schemes

K2 HSE Long Term Residential Care Schemes

Subhead	K1	K2	
	€,000	€,000	
Estimate Provision	2,807,300	939,902	
Outturn	2,809,033	942,522	
More than provided	1,733	2,620	

Subhead: L1 Grants in respect of building, equipping (including ICT)

	€,000
Estimate Provision	14,527
Outturn	13,608
Less than provided	919

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

"The shortfall in expenditure of €0.919 million relative to the estimate provision was due largely to the Health and Social Care Professionals Council (CORU) not requiring funding for the fit out of new offices (€0.911 million) until 2018."

(HSE Capital Services)

Subheads: L2 Building, equipping and furnishing of health facilities and of higher education facilities

L3 Building, equipping and furnishing of health facilities (part funded by the National Lottery)

L4 Information services and related services for health agencies

Subhead	L2	L3	L4
and Social Care Professionals	€,000	€,000	€,000
Estimate Provision	381,461	2,539	158,700
Outturn	382,380	2,539	158,695
Less than (More than) provided	(919)	0	5

Subhead: M Appropriations-in-aid

	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Less / (More) than provided
	€,000	€,000	€,000
Recovery of cost of health services provided under regulations of the European Community	280,000	277,655	2,345
Receipts from certain excise duties on tobacco products	167,605	167,605	0
Recoupment of certain Ophthalmic Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund	3,000	2,690	310
Recoupment of certain Dental Treatment Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund	3,000	5,814	(2,814)
Miscellaneous receipts	1	105	(104)
Dormant accounts	2,700	883	1,817
Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration	3,915	4,624	(709)
Total	460,221	459,376	845

Reasons for variances per Appropriation Account:

Description	Less/(more) than estimated €000	Explanation
Recoupment of certain Ophthalmic Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund	310	The ophthalmic benefit reimbursement from the Social Insurance Fund was less than the initial estimate.
Recoupment of certain Dental Treatment Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund	(2,814)	The dental benefit reimbursement from the Social Insurance Fund increased due to an increase in the number of recipients.

Miscellaneous receipts	(104)	As amounts due in any year are difficult to predict, a nominal amount of €1,000 is included in the estimate. Receipts in 2017 comprised of receipts for licence fees under the Misuse of Drugs Act, refunds of unspent Drugs Initiative funding and pension scheme remittances.
Dormant accounts	1,817	The funding received from Dormant Accounts is based on the amount paid from Subhead J6 during the year.
Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration	(709)	The amount due to the Department from health agencies in respect of the pension related deduction on public service remuneration is difficult to estimate as it is dependent on the number of public sector employees and the pay due to these employees by the agencies, both of which can vary.

	€,000
Pension Related Deductions: DOHC Staff	1,092
Pension Related Deductions: Health Agencies	3,532
Sub-Total: Pension Related Deduction	4,624
Misuse of Drugs Act	104
FOI Requests	1
Miscellaneous	0
Sub-total: miscellaneous	105