



# Appropriation Account 2022

Public Accounts Committee

VOTE 38 – DEPT. OF HEALTH



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

	<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>Outturn</b>	<b>Less/(More) than provided</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
A1 – Salaries, Wages & Allowances	45,600	45,506	94
<i>Original Estimate</i> 50,200 <i>Supplementary</i> (4,600)			
A2 – Travel and Subsistence	365	384	(19)
<i>Original Estimate</i> 275 <i>Supplementary</i> 90			
A3 – Training, development & incidental expenses	2,533	3,188	(655)
<i>Original Estimate</i> 3,700 <i>Supplementary</i> (1,167)			
A4 – Postal & Telecommunications Services	209	187	22
<i>Original Estimate</i> 180 <i>Supplementary</i> 29			
A5- Office equipment & external IT services	2,579	2,217	362
<i>Original Estimate</i> 2,841 <i>Supplementary</i> (262)			
A6- Office Premises Expenses	500	299	201
<i>Original Estimate</i> 872 <i>Supplementary</i> (372)			
A7 – Consultancy Services & VFM & policy reviews	1,000	735	265
<i>Original Estimate</i> 2,000 <i>Supplementary</i> (1,000)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,786</b>	<b>52,516</b>	<b>270</b>

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

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>45,600</b>
Original Estimate 50,200 Supplementary (4,600)	
<b>Outturn</b>	<b>45,506</b>
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>94</b>

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

The underspend of €4.694 million was due to approximately 60 vacancies in the Department remaining unfilled for longer than anticipated as a result of delays with filling PAS panels.

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Savings surrendered as part of the supplementary estimates process amounted to €4.600 million.

<b>Information from Note 5 to Appropriation Account</b>		<b>Number of recipients</b>	<b>Recipients of €10,000 or more</b>	<b>Max. individual payment</b>
	<b>€,000</b>			<b>€</b>
Higher, special or additional duties	185	19	9	22,755
Other Allowances	2	8	0	1,309
Overtime	104	36	1	19,320
<b>Total extra remuneration</b>	<b>291</b>			

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

**Extra Remuneration: Higher, Special or Additional Duties**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount paid in year</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
	<b>€000</b>	
Allowance for Private Secretary to Minister, Minister of State and Secretary General	156	12
Higher Duties	19	4*
Additional duties other	10	4*
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>20</b>

\* One individual is included in both categories

**Subhead: A2 Travel and Subsistence**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>365</b>
Original Estimate 275 Supplementary 90	
<b>Outturn</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>More than provided</b>	<b>(19)</b>

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

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<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	<b>€,000</b>
Home Travel	163
EU Travel	131
Non-EU Travel	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>

The purpose of a meeting or conference attended abroad determines whether expenditure is classified as EU or Non-EU. Foreign travel for the purposes of a meeting not related to the work of any of the institutions of the European Union is classified as Non-EU regardless of where the meeting is taking place.

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

***“The travel and subsistence budget was reduced by 45% in estimates 2021 and 2022 to reflect the significant reduction in expenditure due to Covid-19 related travel restrictions. The overspend of €109,000 in 2022 was due to travel returning to pre-pandemic levels as restrictions were lifted. An additional €90,000 was allocated as part of the supplementary estimates process.”***

**Subhead: A3 Training and Development, and Incidental Expenses**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>2,533</b>
Original Estimate 3,700 Supplementary (1,167)	
<b>Outturn</b>	<b>3,188</b>
<b>More than provided</b>	<b>(655)</b>

The underspend of €512,000, compared to the original estimate, was due to a later return to the office than originally anticipated. Savings of €1.167 million were surrendered as part of the supplementary estimates process. Expenditure under his subhead increased in the last quarter of the year.

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<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	<b>€,000</b>
Miscellaneous	985
Press Office: Cuttings, Photos, Transcripts, etc.	652
Contract Cleaning	459
Training Courses	286
Refund of Fees for Courses	189
PeoplePoint Service Charge	116
In-House Catering	108
Publications	81
Rent and Furniture	74
Translations	65
Courier Services	59
Annual Memberships	55
Seminars & Conference	54
Recruitment and Other Costs	4
Entertainment: State & Official	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,188</b>

**Subhead:     A4     Postal and Telecommunications Services**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	209
Original Estimate 180	
Supplementary 29	
<b>Outturn</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>22</b>

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	<b>€,000</b>
Telephone Charges	154
Postal Charges	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>

**Subhead: A5 Office Equipment and External IT Services**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	2,579
Original Estimate 2,841 Supplementary (262)	
<b>Outturn</b>	2,217
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>362</b>

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

Analysis of expenditure	€,000
ICT	2,138
Printing and Stationery Supplies	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,217</b>

**Subhead: A6 Office Premises Expenses**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	500
Original Estimate 872 Supplementary (372)	
<b>Outturn</b>	299
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>201</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

*“The underspend of €201,000 was due to a later return to the office than originally anticipated resulting in lower energy costs, maintenance, and furniture costs.”*

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

Analysis of Expenditure	€,000
Electricity	218
Records Management Costs	37
Furniture & Fittings	33
Gas	26
Corporate Accommodation	2
Maintenance	(17)
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>



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

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Original Estimate 2,000 Supplementary (1,000)	
Outturn	735
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>265</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

*“The Department did not receive the same volume of applications that had historically been received pre-pandemic though the volume has grown from 2021. In addition, projects progressed in 2022 at a slower pace than was outlined to us at the application stage for Subhead A7 expenditure, for many different reasons such as delays in running tenders, delay in carrying out the work. These carry-over projects are expected to be reflected in the 2023 spend.”*

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

Payee	Amount	Description
	€,000	
Price Waterhouse Coopers	160	National Taskforce on NCHD workforce; Review of the National Maternity Hospital
Crowe Ireland/Howarth	147	Review of National Physical Activity Plan; Nursing Home Complaints Policy; National Sexual Health Strategy
Archus	142	Review of elective care centres
Manchester Metropolitan University	72	Review the operation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018.
HIQA	55	Economic burden of antimicrobial resistance: An analysis of additional costs associated with resistant infections
Grant Thornton	36	Review of the existing data protection compliance framework in the Department of Health
Alpha Healthcare	31	National Taskforce on NCHD workforce
Eithne Fitzgerald	27	Disability Policy Analysis
Trinity College	25	Palliative Care Policy evaluation
Mazars Consulting	20	Actuarial Services – private health insurance
Other consultancies of less than 15k	20	2 consultancies
<b>Total</b>	<b>735</b>	

**Subhead: B1 Grants to Research Bodies and other research grants**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>45,935</b>
Original Estimate 48,450 Supplementary (2,515)	
Outturn	45,239
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>696</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

*“The Department advances funds to health agencies up to an approved level of expenditure or actual expenditure whichever is the lesser amount. The National Cancer Registry’s expenditure was less than allocation due to delay in filling posts plus pension costs not materialising. Other significant items of underspend, due to the postponement of certain programmes and timing of payments, include: research Covid actions, ESRI research programme, National Research Ethics Committee, Mother and Baby Homes Research and women’s health research.”*

**Subhead: B2 Healthy Ireland Fund**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	<b>12,445</b>
Outturn	14,455
<b>More than provided</b>	<b>2,010</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

*“Due to an error, planned expenditure of €3.195 million on Healthy Ireland was allocated in the estimate to subhead E.1 Developmental consultative, supervisory, regulatory and advisory bodies. The expenditure incurred on the project was charged to this subhead, resulting in an overspend. Net virement of €2.1 million was approved by the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to cover the excess spend.”*

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<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	<b>€ ,000</b>
Pobal	2,766
Sport Ireland	1,460
PHD Media (Ireland) Ltd	1,232
Waterford County Council	890
Javelin Advertising Ltd	681
Ipsos MRBI	678
Child and Family Agency	650
Local Government Management Ag	646
Dublin City Council	519
Health Promotion Research Cent	328
Food Safety Authority of	284
Donegal County Council	277
Department of Tourism Culture	273
CAWLEY NEA /TBWA	253
South Dublin County Council	238
Mayo Education Centre	222
An Bord Bia	204
Royal College of Surgeons	188
Westmeath County Council-DGS	176
Cork City Council	166
Kildare County Council -DSU	163
Tipperary County Council	162
Wicklow Co Council	161
Limerick County Council	158
Longford County Council	142
Mayo County Council	138
Cavan County Council	134
Wexford Co Council	129
Irish Men's Sheds Association	122
Higher Education Authority	100
Pluto Communications Ltd	84
Family Resource Centres	65
Zinc Design Consultants	63
Cumann Luthchleas Gael	50
Bord Bia Bloom in the Park	37
Grant Thornton	30
Agri Aware	30
Chambers Ireland	30
Leitrim County Council	25
Offaly County Council - Drugs	24
Audry Deane	23
Kerry Co Development Board	22
Safefood	21
Meath County Council	20
Mens Health Forum in Ireland	19
Office of Public Works	19
MCCP	19
Men's Development Network	18

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<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	<b>€ ,000</b>
Amarach Research	18
Fingal Co Council	17
Neo Archaic	16
Cork County Council	15
Quest Merchandise	12
Volunteer Ireland	12
Kilkenny County Council	11
Roscommon County Council	10
Galway County Council	10
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	10
Sligo County Council	10
National Irish Safety Assoc.	10
MCO Projects Ltd	10
Monaghan Co Council	10
Digital Revolutionaries	9
Gesundheit Osterreich Gmbh	9
KC Leisure and Marketing LTD	8
Made Personal Ltd	6
Keith Arkins Media	6
Finglas Addiction Support Team	5
Ana Liffey Drug Project	5
Whitefriar Aungier	5
Depaul	5
Focus Ireland	5
Connect Family Resource Centre	5
Bray Area Partnership	5
East Coast Family Resource	5
CIPD Ireland	5
Clondalkin DATF	5
Trim Family Resource Centre	5
Cope Galway	4
Aiseiri Cahir (NDVAS)	4
SDC South Dublin Partnership	4
Laois County Council	3
Print Bureau	3
Poppulo	3
Feed Our Homeless	3
Agorapulse	3
Sundry Suppliers (21) expenditure less than 3k	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,455</b>

**Subhead: B3 Drugs Initiative**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	6,928
Outturn	5,347
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>1,581</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

*“In 2022 €500,000 was set aside for a prevention and education programme that was being designed. This project did not reach implementation stage during 2022 but it is expected to be implemented in 2023. Funding of €245,000 was not drawn down for national family support network due to its closure. Additionally, the projected expenditure in relation to Drug and Alcohol taskforces was not fully spent due to a number of funded roles remaining vacant, difficulty in recruiting new staff and the impact of Covid-19.”*

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	€,000
Local Drugs Taskforce Funding	3,867
Regional Drugs Taskforce Funding	815
Emerging Drugs Needs Funding	350
Drugs Strategy Miscellaneous	306
Incidental Expenses	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,347</b>

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

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	2,659
Original Estimate 2,700 Supplementary (41)	
Outturn	2,586
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>73</b>

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

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	11,156
Original Estimate 10,899 Supplementary 257	
Outturn	6,422
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>4,734</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

*“The underspend of €4.477 million was largely due to substantially lower Medical Defence Union refusal settlements compared with 2021. An additional €257,000 was allocated as part of the supplementary estimates process for the Death in Service scheme.”*

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

	Subhead D Expenditure	Compensation	Costs Awarded	Dept. Legal Costs	Other Costs	No. of Cases
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	
Legal settlements and legal costs (MDU)	2,037	875		1,141	21	8
National HR	1,212			1,202	10	29
Cervical Check	863				863	
Disability Services	775				775	
Covid-19	657	8	17	10	622	4
Miscellaneous	316			314	2	2
Controlled Drugs	223		223			1
Prof. Regulation	200			200		

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	<b>Subhead D Expenditure</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	<b>Costs Awarded</b>	<b>Dept. Legal Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>
Disability Appeals Officer	<b>121</b>			121		4
Thalidomide	<b>18</b>			18		29
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,422</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>77</b>

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

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	84,076
<i>Original Estimate</i> 109,370	
<i>Supplementary</i> (25,294)	
<b>Outturn</b>	78,723
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>5,353</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

***“The following agencies actual expenditure was lower than originally allocated.***

- ***Health Products Regulatory Authority – expenditure was less than allocation mainly due to a delay in filling posts***
- ***Food Safety Authority of Ireland – expenditure was less than allocation mainly due to an underspend on payments to local authority vets.***
- ***Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council – expenditure less than allocation mainly due to a delay in filling posts.***
- ***Mental Health Commission – expenditure was less than allocation mainly due to a delay in filling posts and lower costs associated with Mental Health Tribunals.”***

***Other miscellaneous significant items of underspend under this subhead, due to the postponement of certain programmes and timing of payments, include the Statutory Scheme - Supports for Thalidomide Survivors, Women’s Health Taskforce initiatives, Patient Safety Office initiatives, National Screening Advisory Committee and Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland developmental projects.***

**Subhead E1 2022 expenditure savings**

The department advances funds to health agencies up to an approved level of expenditure or actual expenditure whichever is the lesser amount.

The following agencies actual expenditure was lower than originally allocated as follows:

Health Products Regulatory Authority underspend of €0.3m - expenditure less than allocation mainly due to a delay in filling posts

Food Safety Authority of Ireland underspend of €1.2m - expenditure less than allocation mainly due to an underspend on payments to Local Authority Vets.

Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council underspend of €0.156m - expenditure less than allocation mainly due to a delay in filling posts

Mental Health Commission underspend of €0.382m - expenditure less than allocation mainly due to a delay in filling posts and lower costs associated with Mental Health Tribunals.

Other miscellaneous significant items of underspend under this Subhead, due to the postponement of certain programmes and timing of payments, include:

Statutory Scheme - Supports for Thalidomide survivors (now transferred to DCEDIY)

Patient Safety Office initiatives

National Screening Advisory Committee

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland developmental projects

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

<b>Analysis of Expenditure</b>	<b>€ ,000</b>
Health Information & Quality Authority	21,369
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	18,583
Mental Health Commission	15,550
Other Bodies	7,786
Health and Social Care Professionals (CORU)	5,000
Health Products Regulatory Authority	4,900
Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	2,431
Institute of Public Health in Ireland	1,377
Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI)	600
Irish Blood Transfusion Service	579
Expert Body on Fluorides & Health	297
Intl Society for Quality in Health Care	210



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<b>Analysis of Expenditure</b>	<b>€,000</b>
National Clinical Effectiveness	32
Office of the Disability Appeals Officer	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,723</b>

**Subhead: E2 Food Safety Promotion Board**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	5,560
<i>Original Estimate 5,691</i> <i>Supplementary (131)</i>	
Outturn	5,545
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>15</b>

The underspend relates to the holdback of core funding which is subject to matching funding from Department of Health Northern Ireland not being allocated.

**Subhead: E3 National Treatment Purchase Fund**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	100,022
Outturn	100,000
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>22</b>

**Subhead: E4 Ireland/Northern Ireland INTERREG Programme**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	1,900
<i>Original Estimate</i> <i>5,300</i> <i>Supplementary (3,400)</i>	
Outturn	1,554
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>346</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

***“The underspend is primarily due to the estimated timing of paying projects. Most of these projects will be paid in 2023.”***

The Department is a joint Implementing Authority with the Department of Health, Northern Ireland in relation to Thematic area 4 (Health and Well-being) of the EU INTERREG VA Programme, which is concerned with cross border co-operation.

**Subhead: E5 Covid-19 actions**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	29,500
<i>Original Estimate</i> <i>50,000</i>	
<i>Supplementary (20,500)</i>	
Outturn	38,740
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>11,260</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

***“The underspend of €11.26 million is primarily due to the National Treatment Purchase Fund being behind on commissioning targets and activity in 2022.”***

Calculation of the underspend of €11.26, is based on the original estimate figure of €50 million. Savings of €22.5 million were surrendered as part of the supplementary estimates process. Expenditure under this subhead increased in the last quarter of the year.

**Subhead: F1 Payments in respect of disablement caused by Thalidomide**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	370
Outturn	366
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>4</b>

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

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	16,138
<i>Original Estimate</i> 16,000	
<i>Supplementary</i> 138	
Outturn	16,150
<b>More than provided</b>	<b>(12)</b>

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 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 2022 in respect of the costs of the Hepatitis C & HIV Compensation Tribunal, excluding the Reparation Fund, is set out below:

	Paid in 2022	Cumulative paid to end 2022
	€m	€m
Pay	0.140	4.412
Non-Pay	0.078	6.877
Members & Chairman's fees	0.232	13.896
Tribunal Awards	13.554	867.259
Legal costs of awards	2.146	189.569
<b>Total Special Account</b>	<b>16.150</b>	<b>1,082.013</b>

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

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	3,046
<i>Original Estimate 2,000</i>	
<i>Supplementary 1,046</i>	
<b>Outturn</b>	3,046

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. The increase in expenditure of €1.046 million relative to the estimate provision was due to the value of reparation fund payments being higher than anticipated. A supplementary estimate of €1.046 million was allocated to the subhead resulting in a revised estimate provision of €3.046 million.”***

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 2022** in respect of the costs of the Reparation Fund for the Hepatitis C & HIV Compensation Tribunal are set out below:

	<b>Paid in 2022</b>	<b>Cumulative Paid to end 2022</b>
	<b>€m</b>	<b>€m</b>
Reparation Fund Payments	3.046	171.346

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

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	1,106
<i>Original Estimate</i> 1,550	
<i>Supplementary (444)</i>	
<b>Outturn</b>	1,358
<b>More than provided</b>	<b>(252)</b>

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.

The analysis of expenditure is as follows:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
	€,000	
PHD Media	686	Public information media campaign for Covid-19; Women's Health; Free Contraception
Javelin Advertising Ltd	276	Covid-19 Public Health; Menopause Awareness campaigns
Amarach Research	147	Covid-19 - Surveys
Zinc Design Consultants	103	Design Services for Covid-19 information and the Expert Advisory Group Report
MCO Projects Ltd	43	Covid-19 research and the Antimicrobial Resistance project
IPSOS MRBI	18	Health Information Bill Study
Advertising Standard Authority	15	Alcohol Marketing Communications Monitoring Body compliance activities
Resonate Design	10	Design services for conferences
Media Vest Ireland	10	Dissemination of health information
Sundry Suppliers (23) expenditure less than 10k	50	Services for dissemination of health-related information
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,358</b>	

Subhead: H Sláintecare

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	6,167
<i>Original Estimate</i> 17,829	
<i>Supplementary</i> (11,662)	
Outturn	6,278
<b>More than provided</b>	<b>(111)</b>

<b>Analysis of expenditure</b>	€,000
Integration Fund	5,742
Sláintecare Programme Office	536
	<b>6,278</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

**“The underspend in expenditure on Sláintecare relates to delays in establishing Round 2 of the Sláintecare Integration Innovation Fund (SIIF) occasioned by lack of capacity in the SIIF’s Fund Managers in Pobal arising from their required commitment to the response to the Ukraine crisis. Initial grants under Round 2 were only possible at the end of 2022 where otherwise disbursement of two tranches of funding would have been expected.”**

**HSE Subheads: I, J1, J2, K1-K5, L1-L3, M1-M4**

**Subhead: I Net Pension Costs**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	732,501
<i>Original Estimate</i> 616,400	
<i>Supplementary</i> 116,101	
<b>Outturn</b>	732,501

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

**“The shortfall of €116 million includes: an amount of €89 million reflecting continued fall in pensions income as a result of Single Pensions Scheme members’ contributions going to central government rather than the HSE, as well as a higher level of retirements than anticipated in 2022; an amount of €10 million reflecting the effects of previous pay agreements, namely the Building Momentum increase of 1% taking effect from October 2022 (€2 million) and the sectoral bargaining increase of 1% paid in the final quarter and backdated to February 2022 (€8 million); and an amount of €17 million reflecting the new national pay agreement increase of 3% paid in the final quarter and backdated to February 2022.”**

A supplementary estimate was sought to cover the shortfall in this subhead.

**Subhead: J1 HSE (including Services Development)**

	<b>€,000</b>
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	14,012,009
<i>Original Estimate</i> 13,972,615	
<i>Supplementary</i> 39,394	
<b>Outturn</b>	13,984,051
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>27,958</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

**“Expenditure in these areas was broadly on profile in net terms in 2022, with unfunded measures arising post-Budget 2022 being offset by pay cost savings arising from both underspends where the full level of funded recruitment could not be delivered, as well as where posts were funded on a full year basis but only filled later in the year. Additional expenditure in excess of the estimate provision was further offset by reductions in HSE**

cash balances, giving a net shortfall of €11 million or 0.1% of the total budget. A supplementary estimate of €39.394 million was sought to cover shortfalls in this subhead.”

Subhead: J2 HSE – COVID 19 Actions

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	1,878,259
<i>Original Estimate</i> 697,000	
<i>Supplementary</i> 1,181,259	
<b>Outturn</b>	1,878,259

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

“The shortfall of €1,181.259 million includes: an overspend of €1,161 million in respect of Covid-19 public health responses, as Covid expenditure was heavily impacted by the Omicron variant driving a significant spike in incidence and illness of Covid-19 cases with a corresponding spike in expenditure. A supplementary estimate of €1,181.259 million was sought to cover shortfalls in this subhead.”

Subhead: K1 Health Agencies and other similar organisations (part funded by the National Lottery)

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	4,513
<b>Outturn</b>	4,513

Subhead: K2 Payments to Special Account – Health (Repayment) Act 2006

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	1,700
<b>Outturn</b>	0
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>1,700</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

“The shortfall in expenditure of €1.7 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 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.”

**Subhead: K3 Payment to Special Account established under Section 4 of the Hepatitis C Compensation Tribunal (Amendment) Act 2006 – Insurance Scheme**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	1,000
Outturn	0
<b>Less than provided</b>	<b>1,000</b>

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

“There was no expenditure incurred during 2022 against the provision made in the estimate. This is a quasi-judicial process based on claims lodged and the nature of claims and payments vary significantly from year to year. A payment is anticipated in early 2023 under this subhead.”

**Subhead: K4 Payment to State Claims Agency**

	€,000
<b>Estimate Provision</b>	530,000
<i>Original Estimate</i> 435,000	
<i>Supplementary</i> 95,000	
Outturn	530,000

The State Claims Agency is responsible for managing claims under the Clinical Indemnity Scheme (CIS) covering all clinical negligence claims taken against healthcare enterprises, hospitals and clinical, nursing and allied healthcare practitioners covered by the scheme, as well as the General Indemnity Scheme (GIS) for personal injury and third-party property damage risks and claims relating to certain State authorities, including the HSE.

The State Claims Agency itself is responsible for minimising the costs to the State of these claims; the HSE’s role is simply to reimburse the Agency for Health-related claims that it incurs.

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

“The overspend of €95 million is a result of higher costs than budgeted arising from a small number of high value claims. Based on HSE projections, a supplementary estimate of €95 million was sought to cover shortfalls in this subhead.”

Subhead: K5 Economic and Social Disadvantaged (Dormant Account Funding)

	€,000
Estimate Provision	2,450
Outturn	108
Less than provided	2,342

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

“The underspend of €2.342 million against the estimate provision is as a result of the inherent unpredictability of applications to the Dormant Accounts Fund seeking project approvals and variability in the timing of approvals and expenditure in respect of projects sanctioned.”

Subheads:

- L1 HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Services and Community demand led schemes
- L2 HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Services – COVID-19 Actions
- L3 HSE Long Term Residential Care Schemes

Subhead	L1	L2	L3
	€,000	€,000	€,000
Estimate Provision	3,685,646	-	1,001,529
<i>Original Estimate</i>	<i>3,700,700</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,046,400</i>
<i>Supplementary</i>	<i>(15,054)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(44,871)</i>
Outturn	3,685,646	-	1,001,529

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

L1: “Expenditure was broadly on profile in 2022, with a saving of €15 million. This saving comprised €20 million on funded measures, offset by €5 million additional expenditure on post-Budget decisions.”

L3: “The underspend of €44.871 million against the estimate provision was driven equally by savings on the projected rate per bed being paid under the scheme, as well as a lower number of people entering the scheme as a result of Covid-19 impacts on long-term residential care facilities.”

Subhead: M1 Grants in respect of building, equipping (including ICT)

	€,000
Estimate Provision	14,927
Outturn	14,740
Less than provided	187

## HSE Capital Services

Subheads: M2 Building, equipping and furnishing of health facilities

M3 Information services and related services for health agencies

M4 Capital Covid 19 actions (including ICT)

Subhead	M2	M3	M4
	€,000	€,000	€,000
Estimate Provision	959,500	342,500	140,000
<i>Original Estimate</i>	865,000	333,000	50,000
<i>Deferred surrender/Supplementary</i>	94,500	9,500	90,000
Outturn	944,650	367,500	140,000
Less than (More than) provided	14,850	(25,000)	0

Reason for variance per Appropriation Account:

**M2** *“The underspend of €14.85 million was a result of timing of spend in the delivery of the health capital programme. €10 million was vired to subhead M.2 from subhead J.1 to cover the Energy Inflation Fund –Mental Health capital projects. €150,000 was vired to subhead M.2 from subhead M.1 to optimise overall delivery of the health capital programme. €25 million was vired to subhead M.3 from subhead M.2 to cover ICT capital projects.”*

**M3** *“The overspend of €25 million was a result of the additional requirement for commitments for ICT capital projects.”*

**M4** *“The overspend of €90 million was a result of the additional requirement for commitments and ongoing infrastructural requirements related to the Covid-19 response.”*

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**Subhead: N Appropriations-in-aid**

	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Realised</b>	<b>Less / (More) than estimated</b>
	<b>€,000</b>	<b>€,000</b>	<b>€,000</b>
Recovery of cost of health services provided under regulations of the European Community	255,000	270,000	(15,000)
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	4,000	6,598	(2,598)
Recoupment of certain Dental Treatment Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund	2,500	2,091	409
Miscellaneous receipts	3,750	4,809	(1,059)
Dormant accounts	2,700	108	2,592
Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration	3,900	4,123	(223)
Receipts in respect of Special EU Programmes	1,465	3,074	(1,609)
<b>Total</b>	<b>440,920</b>	<b>458,408</b>	<b>(17,488)</b>

Reasons for variances per Appropriation Account:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Less/(more) than estimated €000</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Recovery of cost of health services provided under regulations of the European Community</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	The amount recovered under the regulations of the European Community was €25 million greater than anticipated. The amount received is negotiated during the year and it is uncertain what the amount to be received will be prior to negotiations being conducted during the year.
<b>Recoupment of certain Ophthalmic Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund</b>	<b>(2,598)</b>	The increase of €2.159 million was due to claims under the ophthalmic services scheme being difficult to predict. There is a time lag in the availability of information from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection on the level of claims arising.

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<b>Description</b>	<b>Less/(more) than estimated €000</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Recoupment of certain Dental Treatment Services Scheme costs from the Social Insurance Fund</b>	<b>409</b>	The decrease of €167,000 was due to claims under the dental services scheme being difficult to predict. There is a time lag in the availability of information from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection on the level of claims arising.
<b>Miscellaneous receipts</b>	<b>(1,059)</b>	The increase of €27.879 million mainly due to receipts from mandatory hotel quarantine and a receipt from the Health Emergency Fund in December 2021. Miscellaneous receipts also consisted of transfers of unused funds from the EU Funding suspense account, receipts for licence fees under the Misuse of Drugs Act and freedom of information fees.
<b>Dormant Accounts</b>	<b>2,592</b>	The receipts from the Dormant Accounts Fund were €2.35 million lower than estimated due to uncertainty over timing of expenditure in respect of projects approved for funding under the dormant accounts action plans 2016, 2017 and 2018.
<b>Receipts from pension-related deduction on public service remuneration</b>	<b>(223)</b>	The amount received from additional superannuation contributions was €184,000 less than estimated due to a decrease in contributions received from agencies under the aegis of the Department.
<b>Receipts in respect of EU Special Programmes</b>	<b>(1,609)</b>	The receipts received in respect of Special EU Programmes were €3.327 million lower than expected due to the nature of the INTERREG programme meaning that the timing of these receipts is unpredictable.

<b>Analysis of Pension Deductions</b>	<b>€,000</b>
Pension Related Deductions: DOHC Staff	1,374
Pension Related Deductions: Health Agencies	2,749
<b>Sub-Total: Pension Related Deduction</b>	<b>4,123</b>