



## Revenue Receipts: January to July 2019

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This publication provides an overview of recent trends in tax revenue. It is intended as a complement to the Parliamentary Budget Office's Expenditure Analysis Series monthly publication assessing Gross Voted Expenditure. It relies on data published by the Department of Finance in the monthly Fiscal Monitor.

The purpose of this note is to show and comment on the difference between profiled expected revenue and the actual tax receipts collected by the State. It further acts as a supplement to the PBO's Quarterly Economic and Fiscal Commentary.

#### Commentary

Figure 1 illustrates the composition of Revenue outturn against profile (projected revenue for the same period). An Exchequer surplus of €896 million was recorded to end – July 2019.

Tax Revenues were broadly in line with profile, over-performing by just 0.4% or €113 million, with a total revenue outturn of €31,945 million collected to end-July 2019 (see Figure 2). However this is in part due to the over profile performance of Corporation Tax and Capital Gains Tax relative to the under performance of Customs, Income Tax and VAT. This represents a continuation of previous revenue trends in which the above profile performance of Corporation Tax has masked the shortfall in other tax heads.

Figure 1: Cumulative Revenue Receipts (July)- Profile v. Outturn by tax subhead, €m

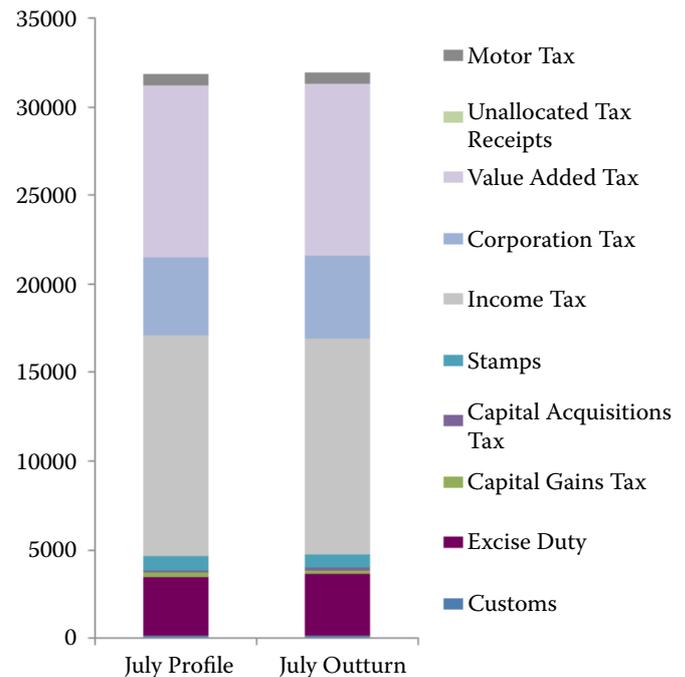
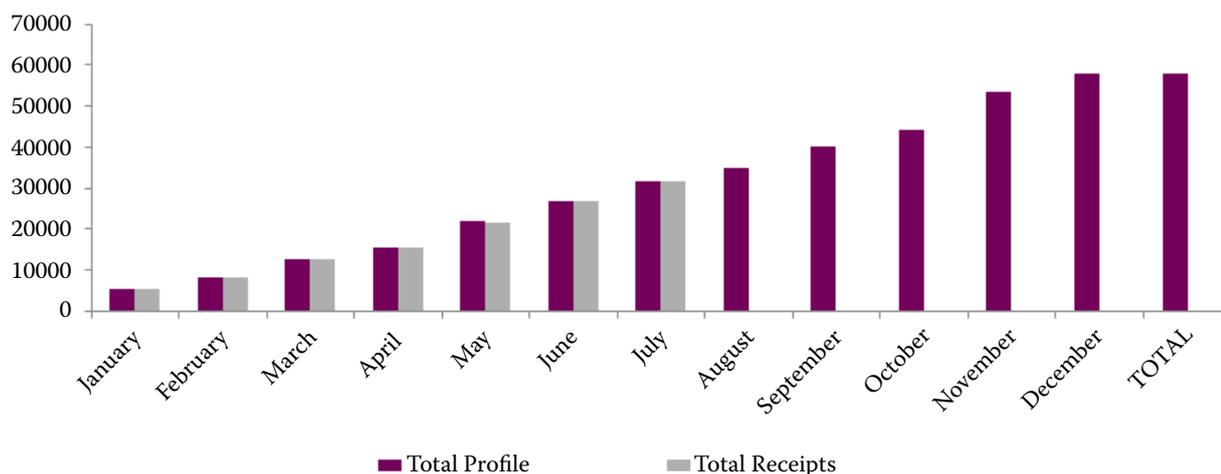


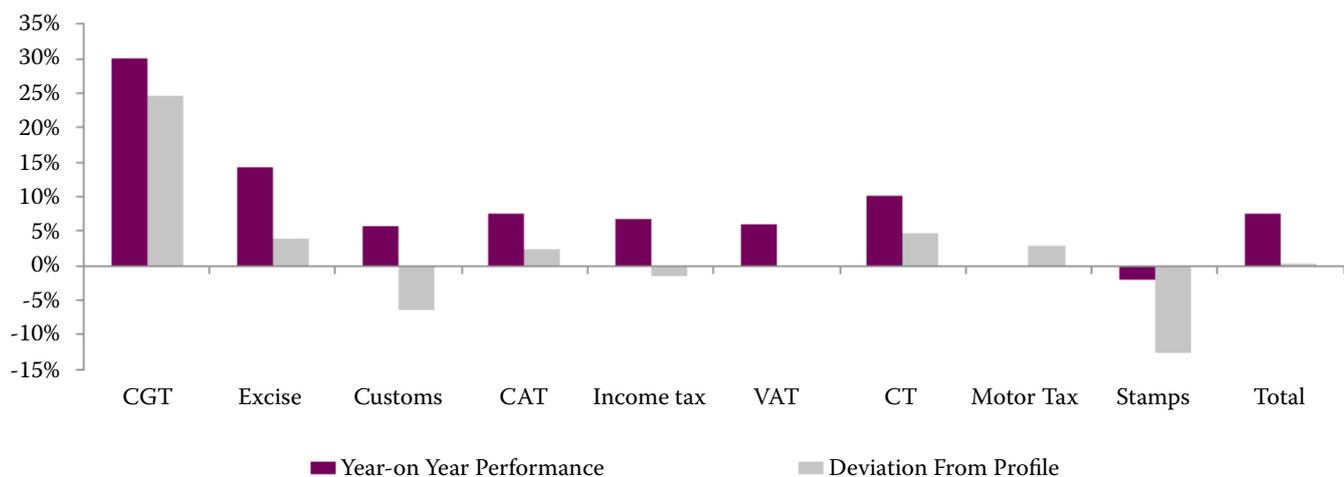
Figure 2: 2019 Revenue Receipts- Cumulative outturn v. Profile, €m



The Cumulative Performance of the various tax heads is shown in Figure 3. It should be noted that some year-on-year changes may be affected by Budget or Finance Bill changes. Of the largest tax heads, the key points to note are the following:

- Income tax receipts, the largest tax head, were 6.7% higher than the same period last year. However, this was 1.5 % below profile.
- Corporation Tax surpassed profile by 4.8% or €210 million in July, with a 10.2% growth in receipts over the same period in 2018.
- Excise duty has continued to perform strongly throughout 2019, 14.3% higher than 2018 outturns for the same period, and 3.9% higher (cumulatively) than profile.
- Stamp Duty is 12.6% below profile and 1.9% below the same period last year, with €142 million collected in July. However, the fiscal monitor does note that receipts for Stamp Duty are tilted towards the later half of the year.
- Capital Gains Tax receipts are significantly higher than forecast, at €3 million or 24.5% above profile.

Figure 3: July Revenue Receipts- Cumulative tax take – Percentage change (%)



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