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1. Key Messages

1.1. Overview

- The Shared Island Initiative is intended to promote cooperation, connection and mutual understanding on a whole-island basis, underpinned by the Good Friday Agreement. It was initially set out to 2025; however, the Government through the Programme for Government in 2025 has affirmed supporting it to 2035.
- The Shared Island Initiative supports a wide range of projects. Some, but not all of which, are funded primarily by the Shared Island Fund.
- In Budget 2021, €500 million was initially committed to the Shared Island Fund (2021-2025); in the revised National Development Plan (2021-2030) the Government affirmed a commitment to the Shared Island Fund out to 2030 of €1 billion,¹ as reflected in resourcing to the Fund to date over 2021-2026;² and a further €1 billion was committed to the Shared Island Fund in the Programme for Government (out to 2035) to be incorporated in the review of the National Development Plan this year.
- The Shared Island Fund is intended to provide additionality to other funding sources for cross-border investment and cooperation, supporting Departments in delivering projects through all-island partnerships and providing for multi-annual funding.³

1.2. Funding

- Over €550 million has been committed to by Government to date for multi-annual projects; however, the amount allocated via the annual Budget process to date is not clearly set out in one document. As such it is unclear how much of this ~€550 million has been allocated to Votes to date, and

¹ Department of the Taoiseach, '[Announcement of revised NDP Shared Island commitments and NDP allocations to Shared Island Fund](#)'(4 October 2021) p.44.

² [Revised NDP capital allocations for 2025 and 2026](#) (27 March 2024) p.3.

³ It should be noted that pre Brexit, EU funding was available for cross border projects via InterReg and Peace Programmes.

how much remains to be phased in over the lifetime of the Shared Island Initiative.

- There are also other funding commitments and provision for cross-border investment and cooperation projects, including to the A5 road upgrade and to the work of the North South Implementation Bodies.

1.3. Reporting

- There is significant scope to enhance transparency through presentation of project allocations (by Vote and subhead) as well as to report on outturn spending to date, within the annual reports of the Shared Island initiative. This would support parliamentary scrutiny.
- This would address the currently disjointed approach to reporting on the Shared Island Fund, which instead needs to be extracted from sources including the Estimates Volume (EV) and Revised Estimates Volume for Public Services (REV) each year, Parliamentary Question responses, and the annual reports of the Shared Island Initiative. The complexity derives from the whole of Government basis of the initiative and line Departments' responsibility for managing their Vote allocations.
- Of the €500 million funding ceiling (per the NDP) for the period 2021-2025, so far €136.6 million has been phased in to specific Votes through the EV and the REV.
- Also, only a small fraction of this €136.6 million can be attributed to specific subheads, totalling just €17.43 million indicating that the balance has been allocated under existing subheads.
- Due to this lack of detail over how allocations are phased into Departmental Votes each year for the delivery of Shared Island projects there is a clear scope to enhance reporting in terms of the initiative's progress to date.
- Delivery Departments are responsible for the use of the funds provided. It would seem reasonable that they should provide reports to the Department of the Taoiseach (in its coordination role) detailing the

allocation of funds to specific projects, the associated subheads, and end-year spending to facilitate the provision of information in one place in the annual Shared Island Initiative report or some other coordinated format.

1.4. Terminology

- **Votes:** A Vote is a “coherent area of Government expenditure which is the responsibility of a single Government Department or Office, which is, in turn, accountable to the Dáil for the expenditure shown.”⁴
- **Subheads:** Individual categories of expenditure within a Vote.

⁴ Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [Public Financial Procedures booklet](#) (Accessed 21 February 2025).

2. Introduction

This paper is primarily focused on the understanding of the Shared Island Fund that can be garnered from the core annual budgetary documents, the Estimates Volume (EV) and Revised Estimates Volume (REV) for Public Services. Various supplementary data sources in the public domain provide additional detail that allow for a more complete understanding of the Fund, funding and spending to date, and the sectoral breakdown of same.

However, the PBO notes that the annual reports of the Shared Island Initiative or some other coordinated format should provide this comprehensive overview, and it should not be incumbent upon Parliamentarians, and others, to piece together data from multiple sources.

2.1. Acknowledgement

The PBO wish to acknowledge the proactive engagement of the Department of the Taoiseach in relation to this body of work. Responses to queries were provided promptly and staff of the Department made themselves available for meetings and consultation on the content of the paper.

The PBO is grateful for peer input from the Research and Information Service of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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3. What is the Shared Island Initiative?

The Government's Shared Island initiative is intended to foster "cooperation, connection and mutual understanding on the island".⁵ The Shared Island initiative is a whole of Government initiative, with projects detailed across a wide range of Departments and Agencies (e.g., Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland). This initiative is coordinated by a unit within the Department of the Taoiseach.

The Shared Island Initiative is intended to support Departments to deliver a range of projects that otherwise may have been difficult or impossible to progress without Government decisions providing funding on a multi-annual basis. It is important to note also that projects are often co-funded by Departments, with additional funding provided by the Shared Island Fund, and potentially contributions from the Northern Ireland Executive and/or the United Kingdom Government.⁶

Individual Departments are responsible for progressing their projects and have ultimate responsibility to account for the use of funds allocated to them.

The fund was initially announced as part of Budget 2021 with a capital allocation of €500 million for the period 2021-2025.⁷ Subsequently this was revised upwards to €1 billion to 2030.⁸ The Programme for Government commits to "increasing the resources available to the Fund by a further €1 billion up to 2035".⁹

Assuming that later commitments do not overrule or amend prior commitments, the Shared Island Initiative has funding commitments of €2 billion over the period 2021-2035.

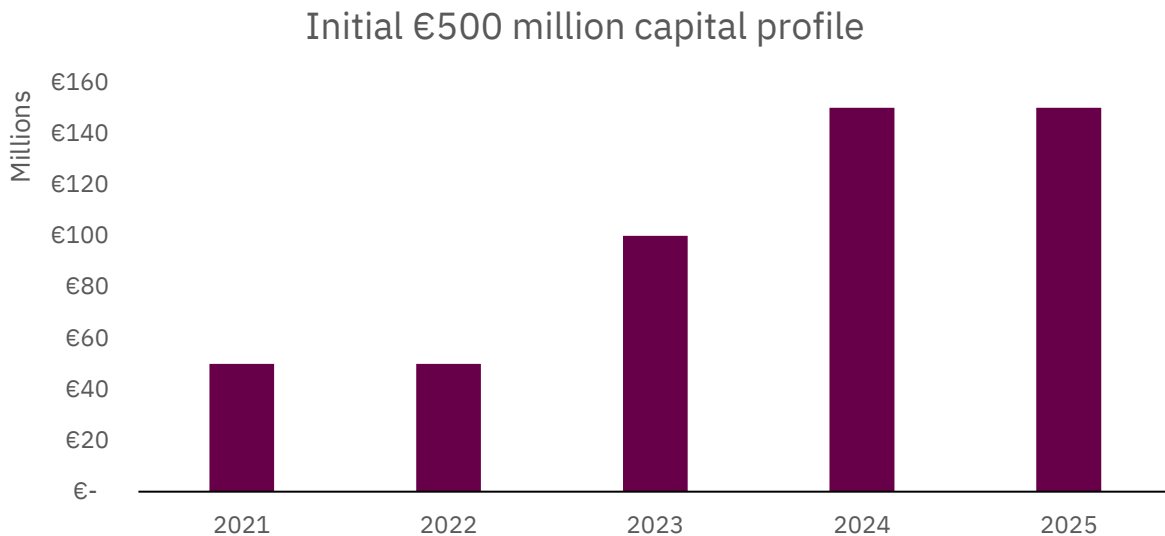
⁵ Department of the Taoiseach, '[Shared Island Initiative](#)' (January 2025).

⁶ In short, projects under the Shared Island Initiative are not universally funded by the Shared Island Fund.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Department of the Taoiseach, [Shared Island Initiative Report: Action on a Shared Future](#) (2024) p.7.

⁹ [Programme for Government: Our Shared Future](#) (2025).

Figure 1: Capital Investment in the Shared Island Fund (Capital Ceilings)

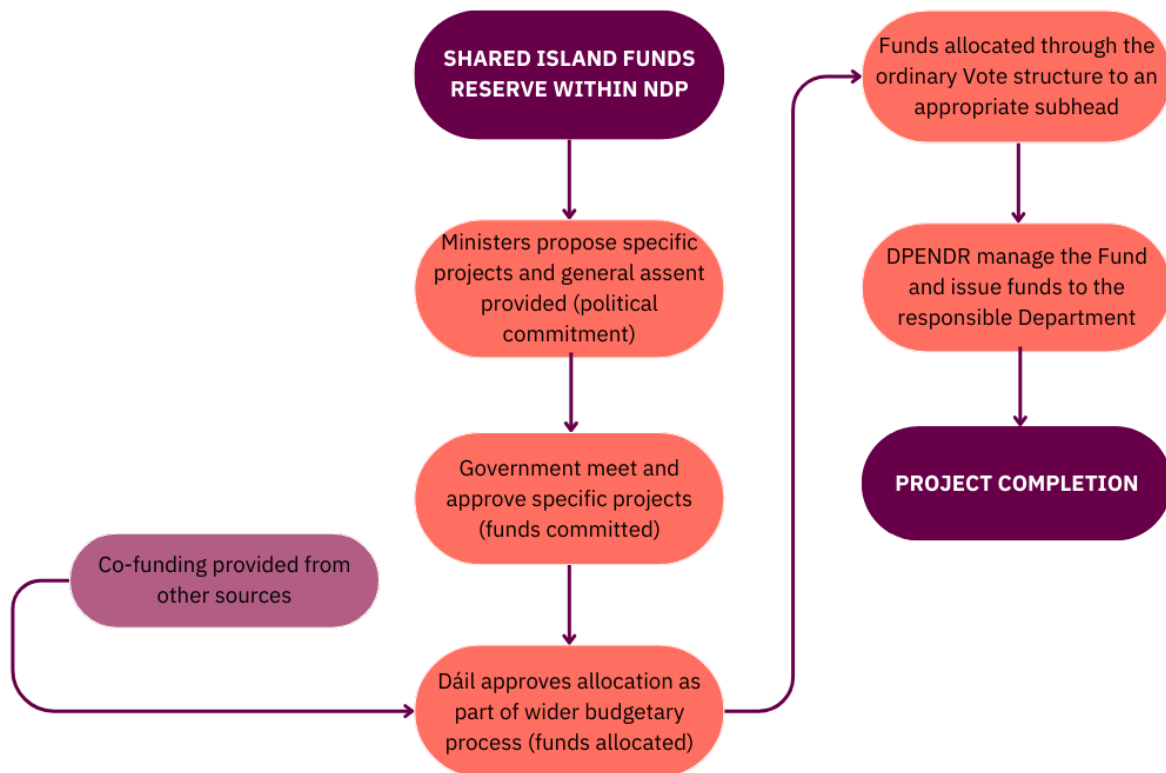
Source: Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [National Development Plan 2021-2030](#) (2021) p.44.

Importantly, the funds committed by the Government of Ireland must be voted (approved by Dáil Éireann) as part of the annual budget process. Therefore, commitments to future spending are non-binding and subject to change.

Figure 2, below, shows the fund model for Shared Island Fund projects, with funds held under a capital reserve of the NDP, before ultimately being issued to Departments Votes (alongside any co-funding from other sources) subject to Dáil approval, and then being spent in line with ordinary financial procedures.

Importantly, the ceilings set out in the NDP confirm the overall level of funding available through the Fund, and are not annual spending targets.

Figure 2: Funding Model of Shared Island Fund Projects



Source: PBO based on correspondence with Department of the Taoiseach (March 2025).

3.1. Funding Structure

The Shared Island Initiative has a relatively complex funding structure given that funds are committed on a multi-annual basis, while the budget process provides for funding on an annual basis.

First, following assessment and recommendation by the relevant line Department projects are approved by a Government decision. This commits funds on a multi-annual basis for a set time period, and is binding upon the relevant delivery Department.

Secondly, funding is provided for through the annual budgetary process. Dáil Éireann approves these multi annual funding commitments a single year at a time. This allocates funds to the relevant Department (or Vote) for spending and are subject to annual audits by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

As these funds are allocated each year (as part of the larger multi-annual commitments), they are referred to as being ‘phased in’ by the Department of the Taoiseach.

A consequence of this structure is that the amount ‘allocated’ is larger than the amount ‘phased-in’, as it includes funds that are planned to be allocated in future budgets.

The multi-annual nature of funding commitments for projects versus the annual budgetary process provides some certainty to project managers that funding will be forthcoming over the project timeframe; however, in the event of a change of Government (or major unforeseen events), there remains some risk that funding for projects could be discontinued. As such, there is a distinction in practical terms between funding that is committed, ‘phased in’, and funds actually allocated and appropriated to a Vote.

4. What funding has been committed to date?

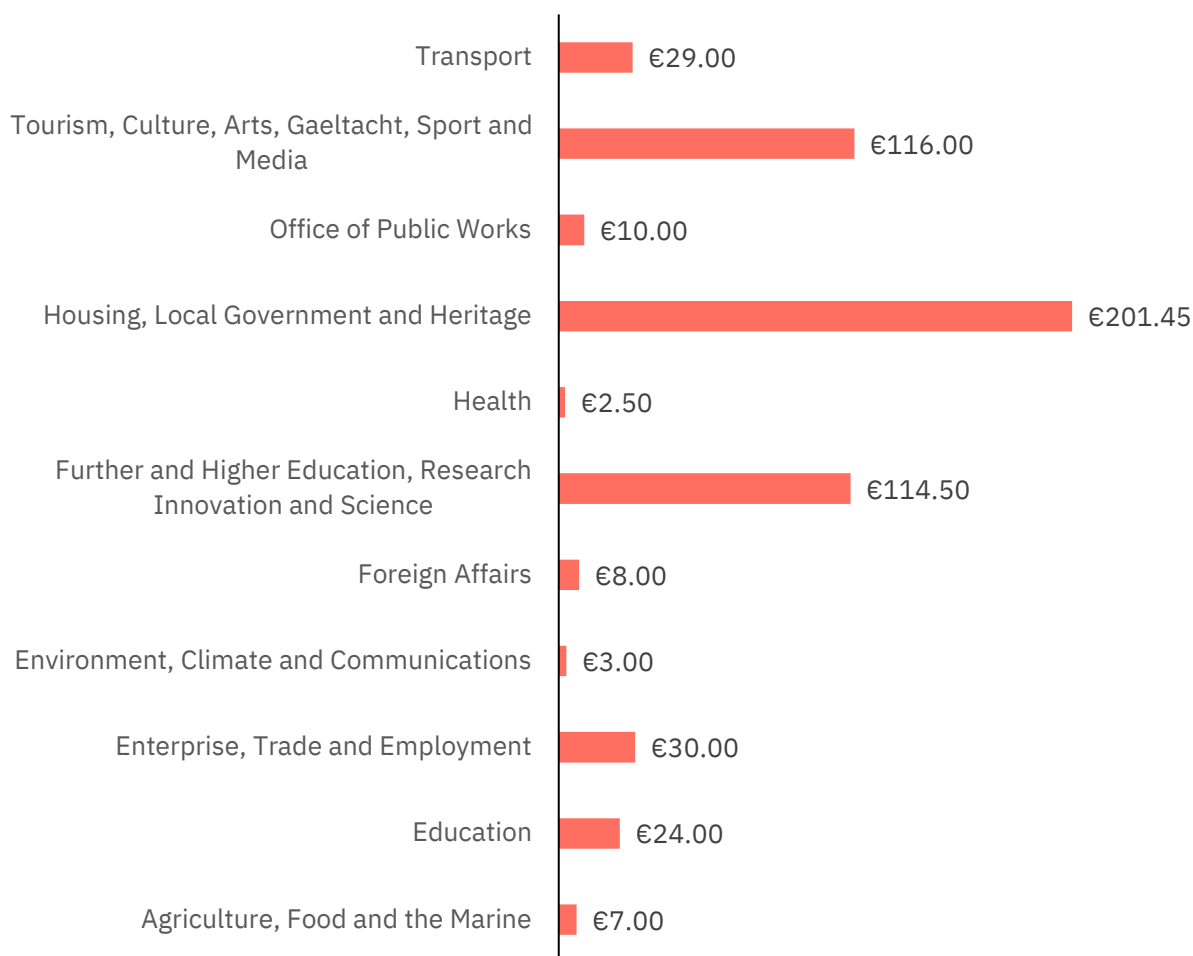
At various points in time Government announcements have been made for various projects to be funded from the Shared Island Fund. To note, some funding announcements require some calculations (Narrow Water Bridge), while others set out funding ceilings, and yet others state the full value of the investment from multiple partners (Research Co-Centres on Food Sustainability and Climate Change).

The PBO has tried to control for these factors and to exclude potential duplication of announcements. Cumulatively, project funding announced to date from the Shared Island Fund amounts to c.€550 million with additional to funding for all-island investment from other Exchequer sources.

Figure 3 shows the Votes under which funding has been allocated from the Shared Island Fund for projects as of March 2025. Cumulatively, this is some €550 million in funding; however, the envisaged annual phasing in of this into Departmental Votes is not confirmed. As such, it is not clearly set out in one place how much of the €550 million has already been phased in to Votes, and how much is to be phased in the coming years.

Figure 3: Project Values (Phased in) (March 2025) (€ millions)

Projects (in terms of value) are highly concentrated



Source: PBO based on [written response to Parliamentary Question 1529 of 2025](#) (22 January 2025), and Department of the Taoiseach, '[Taoiseach and Tánaiste announce funding of over €50 million for new Shared Island projects](#)' (March 2025).

4.1. Spending to date

Figure 1 (p.8) shows the NDP capital allocations for the first five years of the Shared Island Fund. The Shared Island Fund is a central budget line which is held as a revenue reserve within the National Development Plan. Table 4.2 of the [National Development Plan 2021](#) (page 44) details how resourcing for the Shared Island Fund is broken out from 2021 to 2025. Allocations from the Fund are made by Government Decision and then assigned to and managed by the relevant line Department through their Vote.

It provided that overall resourcing available under the Fund would ramp up over the period 2021-2025, from:

- €50 million (2021 and 2022), to
- €100 million (2023), and to
- €150 million (2024 and 2025).

Figure 4 shows the outcome of an analysis of the [Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021 to 2025](#). This analysis compares the profile of resourcing per the National Development Plan (€500 million from the Shared Island Fund) to allocations that are identifiable and attributable to the Shared Island Fund in the Estimates Volume (EV) or Revised Estimates (REV) publications covering the same period.

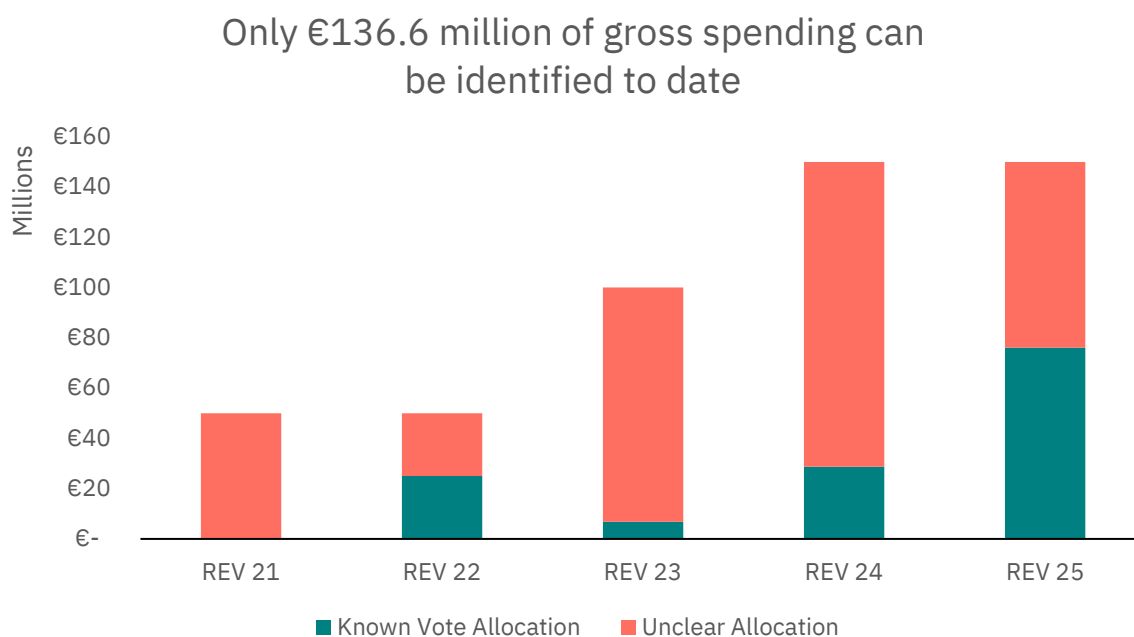
Four further points are worth mentioning:

- Other budgetary provision may be allocated, but is not readily identifiable, as it is subsumed within existing subheads of spending.
- Just because allocated funds are phased in to a Departmental Vote does not mean they are fully spent. Through this period capital carryover was observed in several areas where Shared Island Fund allocations have been made.¹⁰ This indicates some challenges in utilising funds in a single budgetary year.

¹⁰ For a discussion and explanation of Capital Carryover (Deferred Surrender) see PBO, [Capital Carryover and Surrendered Funds](#) (2024).

- Figure 4 shows the allocations per the Estimates and Revised Estimates (which are both forward looking) and does not reflect the amount actually spent (outturn).
- €293 million remains to be phased into Departmental Votes as of REV 2025. This represents allocations from the Shared Island Fund which may be allocated in 2025 or subsequent years, as required for progressing specific projects.

Figure 4: Known Vote Allocations (Gross) for Shared Island Funding 2021-2025



Source: PBO based on analysis of Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [National Development Plan 2021-2030](#) (2021) p.44, and Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021-2025](#) (2020 to 2024).

Importantly, while some €136.6 million in Shared Island Fund allocations has been phased into Departmental Votes to date, there is considerably less detail as to stage of delivery of individual projects. The vast majority of the budgetary provision is described narratively within the Revised Estimates, and few projects are attributed to specific subheads. For example, under the Revised Estimates for 2025 it was noted that Shared Island Fund allocations of €88 million will be phased into Departmental Votes that year across:¹¹

¹¹ Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [Revised Estimates for Public Services 2025](#) (2024) p.1.

- Education (€9m);
- Enterprise, Trade and Employment (€3m);
- Environment, Climate and Communications (€0.3m);
- Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (€13.5m);
and
- Housing, Local Government and Heritage (€49m) for a variety of projects.

While the narrative component of REV 2025 describes some €88 million being allocated under the Shared Island Fund, the specific sums detailed fall short of that figure by ~€13.2 million. When further analysed, only €1.85 million in gross spending is attributed to specific subheads. The PBO’s analysis in this regard is set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Shared Island Fund allocations in REV 2025 (€ millions)

Vote	Narrative Allocation	Allocation (Subhead)
Education	€9.0	
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	€3.0	€0.25 (A.19)
Environment, Climate and Communications	€0.3	€1.6 (A.8)
Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	€13.5	
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	€49.0	
Total Detailed	€74.8	€1.85
Total Described	€88.0	

Source: PBO based on Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [Revised Estimates for Public Services 2025](#) (2024).

There are clear challenges in relation to tracking Shared Island projects in the Revised Estimates for Public Services. First these projects sometimes have a funding mix. The REV cannot show the full resourcing of such projects given its exclusive focus on Government expenditure (as defined in the [Ministers and Secretaries \(Amendment\) Act 2013](#)).

Further, it is generally deemed poor practice to introduce temporary subheads into the Revised Estimates for Public Services, particularly where provision would

appropriately be categorised alongside existing provision under one or more subheads.¹²

However, given the scale of investment proposed (to date ~€556 million, see Shared Island Projects, p.19) and the timeline of the Shared Island initiative, other approaches could be taken to ensure clarity as to where, and how much, is being allocated at a project level in respect of the Fund.

As it stands, a limited number of clearly identified ‘Shared Island’ subheads exist, but these account for a tiny fraction of the claimed annual allocations. Rather than an expanded number of subheads within the REV or the introduction of another appendix to an already swollen document, transparency over allocations and spending associated with the Shared Island initiative would best be provided within the progress reports for the initiative (the most recent being Shared Island Initiative Report 2024).¹³ These reports provide an opportunity for delivery Departments, coordinated by the Department of the Taoiseach, to provide clarity as to:

- How much was allocated to each Vote, in respect of the Shared Island Fund, for the period 2021-2025,
- Under which subhead(s) those allocations were made,
- The value and sources of any confirmed additional co-funding.

4.1.1. Capital Carryover

Capital carryover (the application of Deferred Surrender) can occur where capital allocations are unspent (in the year of allocation) and subject to a process, can be carried over for use in the subsequent budget year.

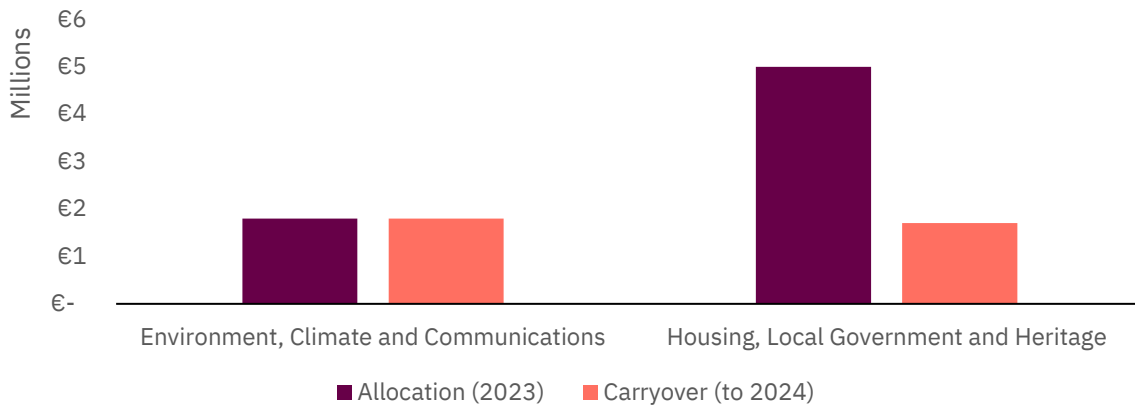
As regards funding clearly attributable to the Shared Island Fund, carryover was identified in two cases, both relating to funds allocated in 2023.

¹² During the pandemic a range of temporary subheads were introduced. These provided some clarity as to spending that was directly and solely attributed to the pandemic response.

¹³ Department of the Taoiseach, [Shared Island Initiative Report 2024: Action on a Shared Future](#) (April 2025).

Figure 5: Capital Carryover of Shared Island Allocations

Two instances of capital carryover (deferred surrender) have been identified



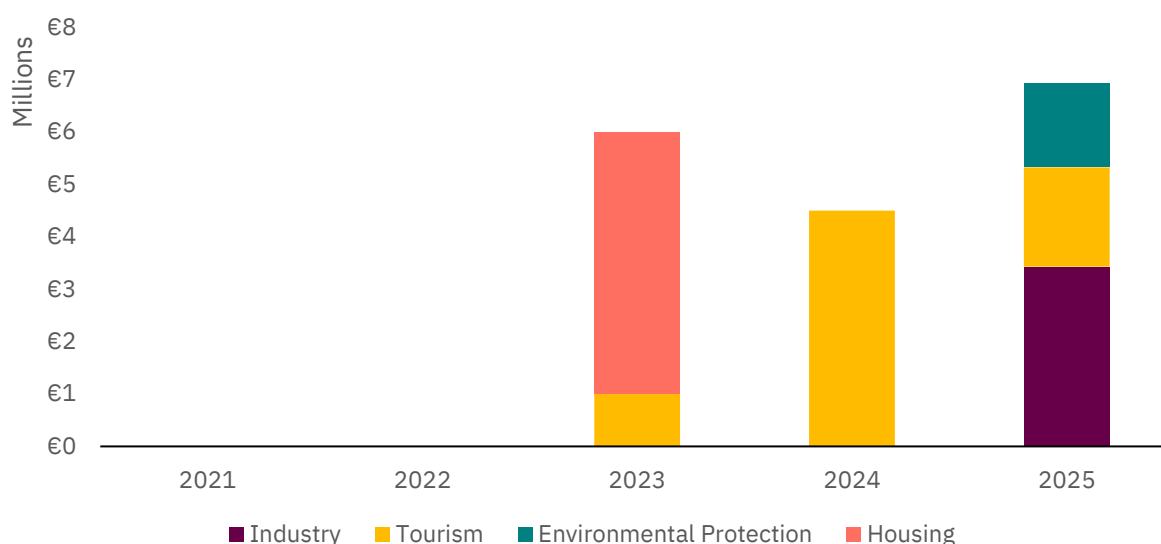
Source: PBO based on Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021-2025](#) (2020 to 2024).

In 2023 a combined allocation of €6.8 million in Shared Island funds were made to the Departments of Environment, Climate and Communications, and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Of this, €3.5 million was carried over to 2024, including the entire €1.8 million allocated to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

4.1.2. Sectoral Distribution

The Revised Estimates have included some sectoral identification of Shared Island Fund allocations. These sectoral allocations can only be found for the period 2023-2025 for which budgets are confirmed and are set out in Figure 6.

Figure 6: Sectoral Investment



Source: PBO based on Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, [Revised Estimates for Public Services 2021-2025](#) (2020 to 2024).

Placed in the broader context of the investment ceilings (see Figure 1, p.8), it becomes apparent that Shared Island Fund projects are not and could not be fully and effectively traced through the Revised Estimates for Public Services.

While the Revised Estimates for Public Services do not provide clarity as to the sectoral breakdowns of the identifiable Shared Island allocations, some details are published in response to parliamentary questions. Figure 3 (p.12) shows the ‘phased in’ funding announced to date by Vote, in effect showing the sectoral breakdown, albeit not on a year-by-year basis.

5. Shared Island Projects

5.1. Summary

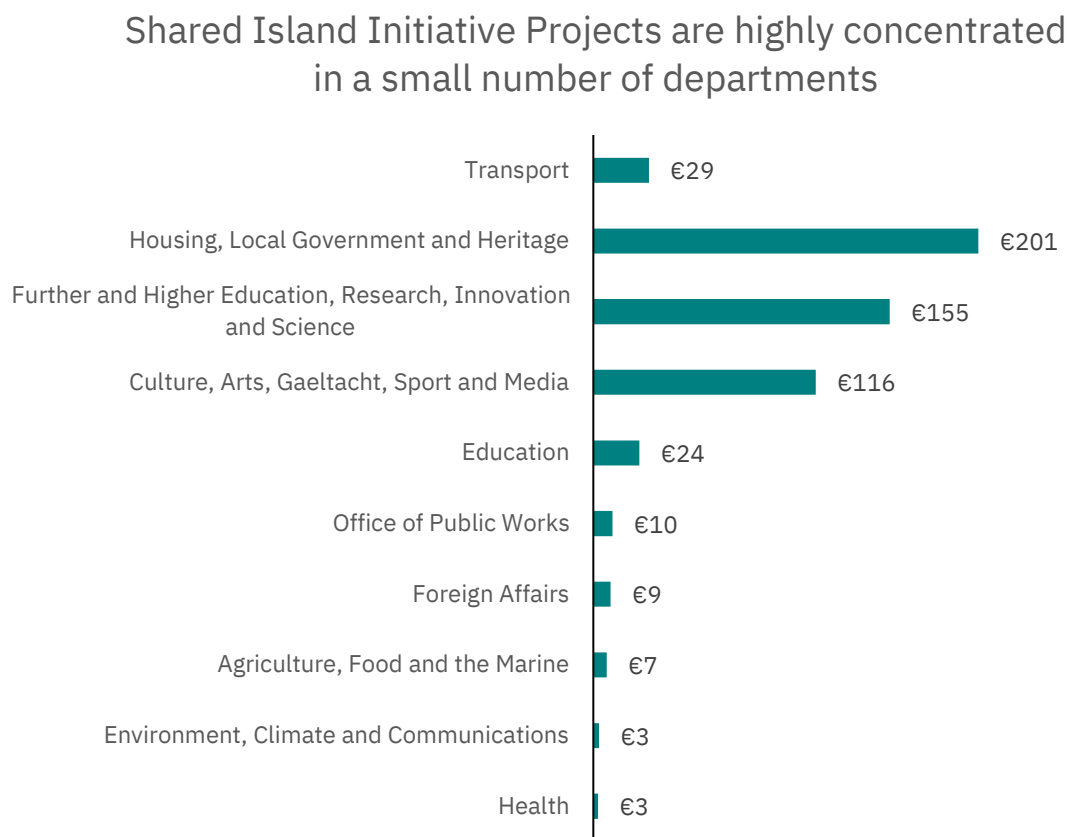
Over the lifetime of the Shared Island Initiative to date, the cumulative value of funding commitments to date is ~€555.77 million. However, this reflects the total amount to date excluding known stated co-funding from the UK and Northern Ireland (a further £20 million).¹⁴

Departmental Breakdown (p.21) provides the PBO's analysis of Shared Island Initiative projects announced to date, the associated value of the project, whether it is funded (to any degree) from the Shared Island Fund, any associated co-funding, broken down by the managing Government Department. Figure 7 summarises the subsequent more detailed breakdowns, highlighting the high degree of concentration (in value terms) of projects under three primary Departments, albeit with wide policy remits. These four Departments are managing the vast majority of project values announced to date:

- **Housing, Local Government and Heritage:** €200.77 million (36%),
- **Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science:** €154.5 million (28%),
- **Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media:** €116 million (21%), and
- **Other:** €55.5 million (15%).

¹⁴ As noted in 1.2 Funding above there are also other funding commitments and provision for cross-border investment and cooperation projects, including to the A5 road upgrade and to the work of the North South Implementation Bodies.

Figure 7: Shared Island Projects by Sponsoring Department



5.2. Departmental Breakdown

Table 2: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Development of two new all-island bioeconomy demonstrator facilities	€7m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€7m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024).

Table 3: Department of Education

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Two-year pilot programme to deepen cooperation on educational underachievement	€24m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€24m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024).

Table 4: Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Shared Island dimension to Community Climate Action Programme	€3m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€3m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024).

Table 5: Department of Foreign Affairs

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Civic Society Fund	€9m	<input type="checkbox"/>	€3 million from the Department of Foreign Affairs
Total	€9m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024), and Department of the Taoiseach, ['Taoiseach and Tánaiste announce funding of over €50 million for new Shared Island projects'](#) (March 2025).

Table 6: Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
North South Research Programme contribution (funding rounds 1 and 2, 2022-2027)	€50m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ulster University - new teaching and student services building in Derry	€44.5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All-Island Co-Centres for Research and Innovation contribution	€20m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
New research centres on climate and sustainable food	£60m (€40m from Ireland)	<input type="checkbox"/>	£17 million from the NI Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and up to £12 million through UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), and is co-funded by industry.
Total	€154.5m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024), and Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, [‘£60 million joint Irish government, UK government and Northern Ireland Executive funding announced for two new research centres on climate and sustainable food’](#) (November 2023).

Table 7: Department of Health

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Construction of respite and therapeutic centre for children diagnosed with cancer from across the island	€2.5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€2.5m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024).

Table 8: Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Narrow Water Bridge*	€115.77m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phases 2 and 3 of the Ulster Canal restoration contribution	€47m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cross-border innovation hub	€12m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All-island biodiversity actions on peatlands restoration and biosecurity	€11m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shared Island Local Authority development funding scheme	€5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nature restoration and biodiversity (2025-2030)	€10m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€200.77m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024), Department of the Taoiseach, '[Government announces commencement of construction of the Narrow Water Bridge](#)' (October 2024), and Department of the Taoiseach, '[Taoiseach and Tánaiste announce funding of over €50 million for new Shared Island projects](#)' (March 2025).

Note: The stated allocation is €102 million + VAT. The PBO has used the 13.5% rate to calculate the overall allocation.

Table 9: Shared Island Initiative Projects: Office of Public Works*

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Renewed visitor experience at the Battle of the Boyne site	€10m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€10m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024).

* Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery And Reform

Table 10: Shared Island Initiative Projects: Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Redevelopment of Casement Park	€50m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shared Island dimension to Creative Ireland and cultural heritage projects	€8m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cross-border tourism brand collaboration and marketing initiative	€7.6m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All-Island arts capital investment projects	€7.4m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Arts and Cultural Heritage	€20m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tourism Shared Destinations (2025-2030)	€23m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€116m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024), and Department of the Taoiseach, [Taoiseach and Tánaiste announce funding of over €50 million for new Shared Island projects](#) (March 2025).

Table 11: Shared Island Initiative Projects: Transport

Project	Total Commitment	Commitment from Shared Island Fund	Commitments from other Sources
Electric Vehicle charging point scheme for Sports Clubs across the island	€15m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Introduction of an hourly rail service between Dublin and Belfast	€12.5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Completion of the cross-border Carlingford Lough Greenway	€1.5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total	€29m		

Source: Department of the Taoiseach, [Briefing for the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement Update on Shared Island Initiative](#) (March 2024),

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