

**Vote 34 Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation****Briefing on Vote 34 Outturn and Receipts for 2011 by
Administrative / Programme Subheads.**

In line with the requirements as set out under the Public Financial Procedures for the preparation of the Appropriation Account, an explanation for the variation between the estimate and the outturn has been provided where when the variation exceeds €100,000 and where this represents a variation of:

- 5% on Subheads (B.01 to Y) and
- 25% on the administrative budget.

Administrative Expenditure

Subhead: A.1 Salaries, Wages & Allowances

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€33,027,000	€31,268,230	€1,758,770
2011	€27,564,000	€28,107,542	(€543,542)

Subhead: A.2 Travel & Subsistence

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,102,000	€860,166	€241,834
2011	€1,033,000	€816,556	€216,444

Subhead: A.3 Incidental Expenses

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,113,000	€635,243	€477,757
2011	€846,000	€672,797	€173,203

Subhead: A.4 Postal & Telecommunications Services

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€840,000	€913,613	(€73,613)
2011	€863,000	€823,029	€39,971

Subhead: A.5 Office Equipment & External IT Services

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€4,599,000	€4,428,887	€170,113
2011	€4,256,000	€3,418,848	€837,152

Subhead: A.6 Office Premises Expenses

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,400,000	€1,034,618	€365,382
2011	€1,169,000	€1,061,694	€107,306

Subhead: A.7 Consultancy Services and Value for Money & Policy Reviews

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€139,000	€157,650	(€18,650)
2011*	€210,000	€139,067	€70,933

*In 2011 Subheads A07 (Consultancy) and A12 (VFM & Policy Reviews) were amalgamated and are now shown as a single Subhead A07.

Subhead: A.8 Advertising & Information Resources

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€314,000	€142,784	€171,216
2011	€282,000	€153,890	€128,110

Explanation:

Savings were made across the Administrative subheads due the spending controls put in place on Departmental spending.

Programme Expenditure

Subhead: A.9 Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€6,086,000	€3,674,033	€2,411,967
2011	€5,967,000	€3,396,895	€2,570,105

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of this subhead is to provide for the administration costs of the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement (ODCE). The functions of the Director are to encourage compliance with the Companies Acts and to investigate and enforce suspected breaches of those Acts.

Explanation for Variation:

The savings mainly arose on the non-pay side of the ODCE budget. This was principally due to legal costs being significantly less than anticipated, because expected Supreme Court and High Court judgements did not materialise.

Subhead: A.10 Labour Court

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€2,208,000	€2,412,518	(€204,518)
2011	€2,695,000	€2,441,589	€253,411

Purpose of Subhead:

To cover the administrative costs – Pay and Non-Pay – of the Labour Court.

Subhead: A.11 National Employment Rights Authority

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€7,824,000	€6,934,977	€889,023
2011	€6,946,000	€6,642,061	€303,939

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the subhead is to provide funding for the staffing and day-to-day operations and activities of NERA.

NERA's mission is to drive the achievement of a national culture of employment law compliance in order to protect sustainable enterprises and statutory employment rights. The Authority was established on an interim basis in February 2007.

NERA promotes and safeguards the employment rights of workers through the provision of information, the enforcement of employment legislation in the workplace and, where necessary, by bringing legal proceedings in respect of offences against such legislation where non-compliance is detected.

Subhead: B.1 Forfás - Grant for administration and general expenses

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€35,231,000	€35,505,000	(€274,000)
2011	€42,877,000	€34,683,000	€8,194,000

Subhead: B.2 Forfás - Pension payments arising from the Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€7,720,000	€9,046,000	(€1,326,000)
2011	€14,417,000	€9,777,000	€4,640,000

Purpose of Subhead:

To provide funds for Forfás pay and administration costs and the pension costs of retired staff of Forfás, Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Science Foundation Ireland and certain other former agencies, under the Industrial Development Acts 1993 to 2009.

Explanation:

The saving arose on B2 pensions payments primarily due to fewer retirements occurring in 2011 than had been anticipated.

Subhead: B.3 Intertrade Ireland

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€7,848,000	€7,848,001	€1
2011	€8,041,000	€6,637,662	€1,403,338

Purpose of Subhead:

To provide for the operational costs of InterTradeIreland, the Trade and Business Development Body based in Newry, Co. Down, in terms of pay, non-pay and capital expenditure. InterTradeIreland is one of the six North/South Implementation Bodies established under the Good Friday Agreement.

Explanation:

The underspend is as a result of savings of €231,281 on the euro/sterling exchange rate throughout 2011 (InterTrade Ireland operates in sterling) and a reduction by the Department of the cash balance by €1,172,058 (equivalent to £1M) in December thus eliminating the need for the drawdown of these funds in 2011. The reduction was jointly agreed with InterTrade Ireland's co-sponsoring Department in Northern Ireland.

Subhead: C.1 IDA (Ireland) – Administration

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€39,240,000	€39,240,000	€0
2011	€38,577,000	€37,377,000	€1,200,000

Subhead: C.2 IDA (Ireland) - Grants to Industry

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€90,000,000	€90,460,000	(€460,000)
2011	€85,000,000	€84,840,724	€159,276

Subhead: C.3 IDA (Ireland) - Building Operations

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€0
2011	€1,000,000	€11,000,000	(€10,000,000)

Purpose of Subhead:

C.1 This subhead is used to finance IDA Ireland's promotional and administration expenses both here and overseas and includes such items as pay costs, marketing, consultancy, promotion and advertising expenses.

C.2 Monies provided under this subhead are in respect of grants to manufacturing and internationally traded services FDI companies, which relate to projects that have been approved:

- (i) Over the last few years and which reached the production and employment stages, and
- (ii) During the estimate year and which fell due for payment in that year.

Such grants take the form of employment grants, training grants, grants for new skills and technologies, fixed assets and research and development (R & D).

C.3 IDA Ireland's property subhead is mainly funded from own resources arising from the sale of industrial property. This Exchequer funding, down from €3m in 2009, is a continuing contribution to offset losses in the private leasing scheme of the 1980s. Funding is generally drawn down early in the year to cover certain contractual payments due (leases, rates etc.)

Explanation:

The Select Committee at its meeting on the 30th of November 2011, approved the allocation of an additional €10m to Subhead C3 from savings arising within the Department's Vote. The funds were drawn down by IDA Ireland in December and, with the agreement of DJEI, disbursed in the same month.

Subhead: D.1 Enterprise Ireland – Administration

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€86,531,000	€84,420,000	€2,111,000
2011	€84,300,000	€80,600,000	€3,700,000

Subhead: D.2 Enterprise Ireland - Grants to Industry

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€83,423,000	€80,123,000	€3,300,000
2011	€78,923,000	€54,800,000	€24,123,000

Subhead: D.3 Enterprise Ireland - Capital Expenditure

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,500,000	€850,000	€650,000
2011	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€0

Purpose of Subhead:

D.1 The purpose of this subhead is to defray the cost of administration and other expenses incurred by Enterprise Ireland on industrial promotion.

This subhead includes costs for Wages and Salaries, Social Welfare Employer's Contribution, Pension Costs Employer's Contribution, Rent, Rates & Service Charges, Insurance, Travelling Expenses and other General Administration Costs. As well as administering its funding to industry programme, Enterprise Ireland provides a range of advice, promotion and information services to its clients such as organising client participation in Trade Fairs, Outward Missions and Inward Missions and conducting market research through its network of overseas offices. It also provides advice through technical consultancy, R&D and testing services. EI staff also promote and support the development of Ireland's national science, technological and innovation base.

D.2 Monies provided under this subhead relate to indigenous industry projects and are paid out in grants, equity / seed and venture capital investments and contributions to third party agencies. Payments are made following approval and full compliance with conditions associated with the approval.

D.3 The grant under this subhead is in respect of Enterprise Ireland's building operations for the organisation's own use and the purchase of technical / computer equipment.

Explanation:

The D2 Current saving of €1.1m is mainly due to cancellations and postponements of projects under the client management development programmes. The D2 Capital Saving of €23m is mainly due to an under spend on the Innovation Fund and on Financial Supports to Industry and Expansion Projects. During 2011 Enterprise Ireland conducted a detailed examination of the D2 commitments and pipeline and identified an estimated under spend of €8m.

Subhead: E.1 SFADCo – Administration

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€2,000	€0	€2,000
2011	€2,000	€0	€2,000

Subhead: E.2 SFADCo - Grants to Industry

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€5,000,000	€5,272,256	(€272,256)
2011	€3,600,000	€5,600,000	(€2,000,000)

Subhead: E.3 SFADCo - Pension Payments

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€2,930,000	€2,834,508	€95,492
2011	€3,516,000	€2,750,821	€765,179

Purpose of Subhead:

E.1 Grant for administration and general expenses for Shannon Development

E.2 Grants to industry in Shannon Free Zone.

E.3 Pension payments for retired staff of Shannon Development.

Explanation:

The original E2 allocation to SFADCo was insufficient to meet grant commitments that arose during the year. In November 2011 the Department received sanction to allocate €2m, which had arisen in savings on its capital vote, to Subhead E2.

The E3 underspend arose due to the difficulty in predicting the number of expected retirees during 2011. Budget 2011 also reduced pay for pensioners which reduced the E3 drawdown requirement for SFADCo.

Subhead: F.1 Science & Technology Development

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€293,318,000	€292,132,075	€1,185,925
2011	€320,670,000	€302,658,998	€18,011,002

Subhead: F.2 Dublin - City of Science

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€538,000	€370,000	€168,000
2011	€832,000	€932,000	(€100,000)

Subhead: F.3 Programme for Research in Third-Level Institutions (PRTLII)

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€27,500,000	€27,500,000	€0
2011*	€55,563,000	€57,855,955	(€2,292,955)

*With effect from Jan 11, the capital elements (F.4) and the current elements (F.3) of the PRTLII programme are now merged into a single subhead (F.3).

Purpose of Subhead:

F.1 This subhead relates to Science, Technology and Innovation Programmes delivered primarily through EI, SFI and the Tyndall Institute, as well as to a number of smaller programmes such as Discover Science and Engineering and the Irish Universities Association.

F.2 The bid to host the 2012 European City of Science event was led by the Office of the Chief Scientific Adviser. In November 2008, the European Science Open Forum Supervisory Board, selected Dublin to host the 2012 Event.

The event will provide a platform to showcase the best of Irish science and research across all disciplines. It will boost the international standing of Ireland as a leading centre for scientific and research excellence, provide a framework for a coordinated programme of international marketing activities involving IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland and promote science and science careers to students and their parents.

It is planned that significant levels of direct commercial sponsorship and sponsorship-in-kind will be secured for this event. The goal is to match, at a minimum, the amount of Exchequer funding.

F.3 The Programme for Research in Third-Level Institutions (PRTLII) supports the provision of top-class research infrastructure (buildings, laboratories and cutting edge equipment), national shared facilities and structured PhD programmes across Ireland's higher education institutions.

A key aim of the PRTL I is to develop critical mass in key research areas, thereby enhancing collaboration and coherence across Ireland's research system. Effectively the PRTL I is a "primer" and complements other significant research initiatives that subsequently can flow from funding sources such as Science Foundation Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and the Health Research Board.

Explanation:

F.1 had an underspend on Capital grants of €7m. This primarily related to reduced expenditure on existing commitments from SFI grants awarded in previous years. SFI also had to undertake the rescheduling of certain payments on some research projects into 2012. SFI had Pay savings of €395k and Non-Pay savings of €1.105m. The amount drawn down by Enterprise Ireland resulted in a saving of €9.25m i.e. (Capital €9m and Current €0.25m).

An additional allocation of €100,000 for the ESOF/Dublin City of Science 2012 Programme was required under Subhead F.2 as it was decided to open registration for the event in November 2011 rather than in 2012 as originally planned. This required that an advertising campaign be undertaken in 2011. EU Funding for the programme was not made available until 2012. Some funding in 2011 had been anticipated.

There was a PRTL I current underspend of €2.7m under Subhead F.3 due to the slower than anticipated expenditure on a number of projects, primarily on fifteen Cycle 5 Structured PhD Programmes which only commenced in autumn 2011. The PRTL I Capital allocation of €27.007m was fully drawdown. In addition, due to capital savings arising elsewhere and given Exchequer commitments under the PRTL I, sanctioned was received to vire an additional €5m capital for expenditure in 2011. The above factors resulted in a total overall variance of €2.29m excess on initial 2011 PRTL I sanctioned allocation.

Subhead: G.1 County Enterprise Development

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€28,310,000	€31,091,300	(€2,781,300)
2011	€27,242,000	€29,957,248	(€2,715,248)

Purpose of Subhead:

This sub-head funds the activities of the 35 County and City Enterprise Boards (CEBs). The funding is broken down between Capital expenditure and Current expenditure.

Explanation:

A total of €27,242,000 was provided under the Estimates Process for the 35 County and City Enterprise Boards (CEBs). This was supplemented in the fourth quarter of 2011 by an additional €3.3m Capital sourced from savings elsewhere in the Department. The excess was incurred in Capital expenditure and was used to support business start up and job retention in existing businesses.

Subhead: H 1 Monitoring & Evaluation of EU Programmes

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€89,000	€0	€89,000
2011	€89,000	€15,730	€73,270

Purpose of Subhead:

The Productive Sector Operational Programme (PSOP) was one of six operational programmes in the National Development Plan/Community Support Framework (NDP/CSF) for Ireland 2000 – 2006. The purpose of the subhead is to meet costs associated with monitoring, implementation and closure of the PSOP.

Subhead: H2 Interreg Enterprise Development

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€2,152,000	€1,378,692	€773,308
2011	€2,000,000	€1,511,801	€488,199

Purpose of Subhead:

To provide funds to the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), the Managing Authority for the Interreg IVA Programme, to cover costs incurred by projects that have been approved by a Steering Committee under the Enterprise Theme of the Programme. In 2008, the Department and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) in Northern Ireland became Accountable Departments for the Enterprise Theme of the Programme. The ratio of North/South funding is determined by the perceived benefits for each jurisdiction at project level but generally this works out at around 60:40, or 60:30:10 when Scotland is a partner.

The programme is 75% funded by the EU, through the European Regional Development Fund, and the remaining 25% is provided by the participating Member States. Interreg IVA is worth €256 million (EU 192 and 64 from national contributions) over its full period (2007-2013).

Subhead: I.01 National Standards Authority of Ireland

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€7,472,000	€7,337,861	€134,139
2011	€6,836,000	€6,335,837	€500,163

Purpose of Subhead:

This subhead provides the Exchequer funding towards the cost of payroll, administration/general expenses and capital of the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI).

NSAI provides Ireland with part of its trading infrastructure for products and services to be developed, traded, and relied on nationally and around the world. This infrastructure also contributes positively to decisions on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), where organisations rely on a developed standards and conformity assessment infrastructure to achieve their objectives, such as the developing medical devices sector.

Explanation:

NSAI did not require its full allocation in 2011 due to tight cost control leading to lower cash outflow together with its debt collection process which returned greater than anticipated cash flow.

Subhead: L.2 Enterprise Ireland - Temporary Employment Subsidy Scheme - Cash Limited

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€114,500,000	€93,352,871	€21,147,129
2011	€4,250,000	€4,250,000	€0

Purpose of Subhead:

The Employment Subsidy Scheme (Temporary) (ESS) was launched in August 2009, and has been administered by EI. The objective of the scheme was to provide an employment subsidy to vulnerable but viable manufacturing and/or internationally traded services enterprises that are currently engaged in exporting to maintain their full time workforce.

Subhead: N Labour Relations Commission

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€5,641,000	€5,107,946	€533,054
2011	€5,359,000	€4,958,078	€400,922

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the subhead is to meet the running costs of the Labour Relations Commission. The Labour Relations Commission was established in 1991 to promote the improvement of industrial relations.

Explanation:

The saving in pay of €80,922 was due to unfilled staff vacancies. The Labour Relations Commission has been aware that reform of the State Bodies involved in Employment Rights and Industrial Relations would feature in the overarching reform agenda in 2011 and the Minister made such an announcement on July 1st 2011. In anticipation of this development the LRC had delayed certain planned expenditure to improve Case Management Systems, other IT related activity and Research. The saving in Non-Pay was €320,000.

Subhead: O.1 Grant for Trade Union Education & Advisory Services

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,073,000	€804,750	€268,250
2011	€874,000	€874,000	€0

Purpose of Subhead:

An annual grant is paid to assist the Irish Congress of Trade Unions in meeting the cost of providing its "Education, Training and Advisory Service" (ETAS), which provides training for union officials and activists in affiliated unions. The ETAS supports a diverse range of courses including Health & Safety, Pensions, Activist development, conflict resolution and degree courses in Business Studies. The ETAS also involves the provision of all-year-round advisory services to affiliated trade unions. The grants paid by the Department to meet costs incurred by the ICTU in the operation of the Education, Training and Advisory Services may cover up to 80% of expenditure on training and advisory services for union officials and activists. (Expenses covered include salary costs of ICTU officials, administration expenses, SIPTU and ATGWU Training and Education Grant, Peoples College.) The Grant is paid on foot of quarterly requests from ICTU.

Subhead: O.2 Workplace Innovation Fund – Promotion Of Partnership

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€720,000	€307,120	€412,880
2011	€296,000	€254,725	€41,275

Purpose of Subhead:

Towards 2016 outlined the Government commitment to establish a Workplace Innovation Fund. The Fund had two strands administered by this Department:

- Strand I Promotion of Innovation - provided support for companies to develop their strategic capacity for change through participative approaches with employees and their representatives;
- Strand II Promotion of Partnership - enhanced social partner capacity and built a stronger commitment to workplace innovation and change.

The WIF programme is now concluded and no new applications are accepted. The funding provision remains, however, to honour outstanding commitments that may arise in relation to grant applications already approved by EI. These commitments represent an accrued liability of €1,029,491 on the part of EI. All commitments under the scheme will expire at year end 2013.

Subhead: P Trade Union Amalgamations

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€45,000	€14,780	€30,220
2011	€10,000	€0	€10,000

Purpose of Subhead:

The Trade Union Act 1975 is designed to facilitate amalgamations and transfers of undertakings among trade unions by simplifying merger procedures and by making grants available from the Exchequer towards the costs incurred by unions in the process. The payment of grants is governed by Section 15 of the Act, as amended by Section 22 of the Industrial Relations Act 1990.

Subhead: Q Competition Authority

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€4,734,000	€4,550,623	€183,377
2011	€5,116,000	€3,620,944	€1,495,056

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the subhead is to provide the Competition Authority with the necessary resources to carry out its statutory functions of enforcing competition law, promoting compliance with competition law, advocating legislative and administrative changes to promote competition and deciding on mergers notified to it.

Explanation:

The Authority did not draw down any of its €1,008,000 non-pay budget allocation during 2011 due to it having a surplus in its bank account. The surplus arose from the accumulation of funds to cover the contingent liability in a High Court case of an award of legal costs against the Authority, estimated at €1.7m. The liability did not materialise in 2011 as the Authority's appeal to the Supreme Court was not heard. The Authority did not use its full pay budget allocation as additional employer pension contributions budgeted for by the Department did not materialise in 2011.

Subhead: R.1 Part 2: National Consumer Agency - Grant for Admin. & General Expenses

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€7,232,000	€5,578,013	€1,653,987
2011	€6,366,000	€5,498,755	€867,245

Subhead: R.2 National Consumer Agency – Grant for Financial information and Financial Supports*

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2011	€2,000,000	€1,622,201	€377,799

*New Service in 2011

Purpose of Subhead:

R.1 The purpose of this subhead is to provide a grant for the administration and general expenses of the National Consumer Agency.

R.2 Under the Central Bank Reform Act 2010, the consumer information and education functions carried out by the Regulator were formally transferred to the NCA with effect from 1 January 2011. These functions will ultimately form part of the amalgamated NCA and Competition Authority. The Agency's financial services function is funded by a levy on regulated financial service providers. The Central Bank has agreed to collect the levy on the Agency's behalf for administrative reasons which is due for collection in September/October 2011. In the interim, the Department is paying non-pay costs through Subhead R02 and the Central Bank is funding pay costs. The Department and Central Bank will be reimbursed when the levy is collected.

Explanation:

The pay budget under Subhead R.1 was underspent by €426,792 due to the Agency being unable to reach its approved ECF staffing levels during 2011. The non pay budget was underspent by €440,454 due to a reduction in financial outlays in external research, legal and advertising and marketing. An amount of €87,000 was returned to the Exchequer in March and the Agency returned €231,000 in November 2011.

The Department funds the non pay costs of the Agency through Subhead R.2 and the Agency reimburses the Department on recoupment of the levy. An amount of €130,000 was not required as the Central Bank reduced their estimated charge for the collection of the financial services levy on behalf of the NCA During 2011. A further amount of €170,000 for potential proceedings to recover levies from defaulting financial service entities was not required as the collection of 2011 levies is still underway. The balance of the underspend (€77,799) was due to lower than estimated expenditure in the Financial Education, Advertising, Marketing and Distribution Services.

Subhead: R.3 Consumer Support*

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€61,000	€28,954	€32,046
2011	€50,000	nil	€50,000

*This subhead was previously known as R.2

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the grant is to enhance the capacity of the Consumers' Association of Ireland (CAI) to represent consumers, making sure that their needs as consumers of goods and services are given higher priority and the Department provides funding to the CAI to support particular programmes or projects in this regard.

Subhead: S.1 Companies Registration Office (CRO)

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€7,995,000	€7,897,495	€97,505
2011	€7,428,000	€7,462,892	(€34,892)

Purpose of Subhead:

The subhead represents expenditure by the Companies Registration Office (CRO) and the Registry of Friendly Societies (RFS) on the delivery of the following core activities:

- Registration of new companies, societies, co-operatives and trade unions and issuing of certificates of incorporation.
- Enforcement of the Companies Acts to ensure companies file statutory annual returns.
- Provision of public access to company information via CRO website.
- Registration of business names, limited partnerships and all statutory filings required of companies.
- Registration of statutory annual returns of companies and societies.
- Maintenance of the register of mortgages and charges.
- Maintenance of the register of auditors
- Maintenance the integrity of CRO database.

Subhead: S.2 Irish Auditing & Accounting Supervisory Authority

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€1,345,000	€1,281,629	€63,371
2011	€1,598,000	€1,441,984	€156,016

Purpose of Subhead:

To part fund the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA) which was set up on a statutory basis in January 2006. IAASA is funded by way of a 60% levy on the Prescribed Accountancy Bodies ('PABs') and a Grant-in-Aid of 40% funding from the Exchequer. IAASA is set up under the Companies Auditing and Accounting Act 2003. IAASA's principle objectives under the Act include:

- supervision of how the PABs regulate and monitor their members;
- monitoring of the periodic financial reporting of certain entities whose securities have been admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EU;
- promotion of adherence to high professional standards in the auditing and accounting profession; and
- Acting as a specialist source of advice to the Minister on auditing and accounting matters.

Explanation

IAASA has an approved staff complement of 15. At the end of December 2011 the staff complement was 14. This resulted in an under-spend in 2011

Subhead: S.3 Personal Injuries Assessment Board

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€60,000	€57,568	€2,432
2011	€58,000	€55,374	€2,626

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the subhead is to reimburse the Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) in respect of pension payments made to retired staff. Under PIAB's Pension Scheme, contributions are made to the Exchequer, via the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, and the Exchequer provides funding when required for pension benefits. €58,000 has been provided in sub-head S3 of the Department's Vote for PIAB pensions in 2011.

Subhead: T Health and Safety Authority – Grant for Admin and General Expenses

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€21,959,000	€20,059,000	€1,900,000
2011	€20,556,000	€19,828,000	€728,000

Purpose of Subhead:

The subhead represents a grant to the Health and Safety Authority, which operates under the aegis of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. The Authority, which is independent of the Department, is responsible for the administration and enforcement of occupational health and safety legislation in Ireland as well as being responsible for the implementation, within the State, of a number of EU frameworks governing chemicals.

The primary pieces of legislation under which the Authority operates are the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and the Chemicals Acts 2008 and 2010.

Subhead: U Research including Manpower Surveys

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€210,000	€25,039	€184,961
2011	€168,000	€641	€167,359

Purpose of Subhead:

This subhead funds general research, which the Department might commission during the year. Research generally involves the collection of data as opposed to Consultancy, which generally involves the provision of advice.

Explanation:

The Department has made attempts to minimise spend on consultancies in line with previous Government decisions and Department of Finance instructions in recent years, and that approach has been extended to the Research subhead.

Subhead: V National Framework Committee for Work/Life

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€156,000	€53,706	€102,294
2011	€2,000	€0	€2,000

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the subhead is to provide funding for activities of the National Framework Committee for Work Life Balance, which was chaired by the Department, until it was disbanded in late 2010. Following the termination of the programme in 2010, the content of the former dedicated Work Life Balance website was uploaded onto this Department's website where it can be accessed directly.

Subhead: W Subscriptions to International Organisations

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/Excess
2010	€17,401,000	€17,457,037	(€56,037)
2011	€17,184,000	€17,855,344	(€671,344)

Explanation:

The variation arises primarily due to the 2011 and 2012 World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) subscription both paid in 2011 leading to an overspend. As a result the allocation for the WIPO subscription in 2012 estimate will not be required.

Subhead: X.1 Commissions, Committees & Special Enquiries

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/Excess
2010	€541,000	€298,727	€242,273
2011	€425,000	€207,439	€217,561

Explanation:

It is difficult to accurately forecast expenditure which might occur under this subhead. Savings were made across all nominals in this subhead due to cost reduction measures undertaken during the year.

Subhead: X.2 Miscellaneous Payments

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/Excess
2010	€2,533,000	€355,733	€2,177,267
2011	€1,647,000	€78,277	€1,490,446

Explanation:

This estimate in this subhead is provided to cover a range of legal costs which are difficult to accurately forecast. Savings arose mainly due to anticipated legal costs not subsequently arising.

Subhead: X.3 Superannuation & Labour Court Pensions

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/(Excess)
2010	€679,000	€560,810	€118,189
2011	€758,000	€587,401	€170,599

Purpose of Subhead:

The purpose of the subhead is for the payment of pensions and gratuities to retired Members of the Labour Court. It also includes provision for payment of death gratuities and possible Spouse and Children's pension in the event of death in service of a current Member of the Labour Court. In addition, it also provides a contingency for cases of unplanned retirement before maximum retirement age, eg, retirement on grounds of ill-health.

Explanation:

The reason for the variation between estimate and outturn is that in addition to payments in respect of compulsory retirements and pension payments to retired members of the Labour Court, provision was made for potential retirements given the extension of the grace period during which retirements were based on 2009 (pre-cut) salaries. Provisions were also made for contingencies such as ill health retirements or Death in Service. It is necessary to make contingency provisions given their unforeseen nature.

Subhead: X.4 Export Credit Insurance- Refund To The Exchequer

	Estimate	Outturn	Savings/Excess
2010	€33,000	€32,336	€664
2011	€8,000	€7,214	€786

Purpose of Subhead:

As prescribed in the Insurance Act 1953, (the legislation initiating the Export Credit Scheme), the financial operation of the Scheme is unusual in that it is funded by way of advances being drawn down from the Central Fund by the Minister for the purposes of meeting the net cost of claims and certain other expenses incurred by the Department. Such advances are subsequently repaid to the Central Fund from the Vote of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. Therefore, the 2011 estimate refers to expenses drawn down during 2010. The State Export Credit Insurance Scheme has not operated since 1998 and most Departmental activities ceased in September 2003 on settlement of the Goodman High Court case. Since then, residual issues are being finalised, principally pursuing debt recovery on policies in respect of which the Department paid out in the past. At this stage, only two outstanding debt recovery issues remain, and, as a result, costs incurred have been generally decreasing over recent years and expenses (mainly legal) of only €8,000 were incurred during 2010 and are due to be paid out of the Vote in 2011.

Subhead: Y Appropriations in Aid

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€78,641,000	€81,724,274	(€3,083,274)
2011	€55,629,000	€56,085,398	(€456,398)

Purpose of Subhead:

This subhead records Departmental receipts which are retained to defray the expenses of the Vote. The main type of receipts received by the Department in 2011, are as follows:

Receipts from the Social Insurance Fund

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€2,929,000	€4,485,707	(€1,556,707)
2011	€2,020,000	€3,152,140	(€1,132,140)

Purpose of Subhead Item:

The subhead item provides for the recoupments of payroll costs of the EAT as well as the Redundancy and Insolvency Payment Units and the staff of Finance Unit that are dedicated to scheme payments.

Explanation:

Responsibility for the administration of the Redundancy and Insolvency Schemes transferred to the Department of Social Protection with effect from 1 January 2011, with a corresponding transfer of core staff and associated budgets. However, significant staff resources were still assigned to the work until the formal handover of the administration which took place at the end of September which accounts for the higher than estimated recoupment associated with these schemes.

Work Permit Fees

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€5,000,000	€3,816,299	€1,183,701
2011	€5,500,000	€2,867,550	€2,632,450

Purpose of Subhead Item:

Under Irish legislation an employment permit must be obtained in advance from the Department in respect of a non-EEA national who is to be employed in the State (except Swiss Nationals in accordance with the terms of the European Communities and Swiss Confederation Act, 2001). The EEA (European Economic Area) comprises

the Member States of the European Union plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. The policy in this area is to ensure that, as far as possible, job opportunities that arise in the State are filled by Irish or other EEA nationals.

A scale of fees ranging from €500 to €2,250 currently applies depending on the duration of the employment permit, whether new or renewal or whether first permit was issued after the 1st June 2009. These are detailed in the additional briefing attached. A fee is charged in respect of certain employment permit types, other than to employers registered with charitable status. This is a processing fee and is non-refundable once the employment permit has issued. However, fees may be refunded to the applicant if the application is refused or withdrawn prior to the issuing of the permit.

A number of categories of permit are excluded from the requirement to pay a fee:

Unlimited Work Permits, applicant employers who have charitable status with the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Spousal/Dependant Permits for applicants whose spouses are employment permit holders or EU Nationals.

Explanation:

The reduction in receipts can be attributed in the most part to the €2m which was originally included in the 2011 Estimate to account for the possibility that fee income could arise as a result of the establishment, in conjunction with the Department of Justice and Equality, of a framework to address the issue of timed-out students and also to the continued downturn in the economy leading to a decrease in demand for permits.

Companies Registration Office

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€18,000,000	€20,253,998	(€2,253,998)
2011	€18,000,000	€20,603,469	(€2,603,469)

Purpose of Subhead Item:

The purpose of the subhead item is to receive filing fees and late filing penalties paid to the Companies Registration Office (CRO)

Explanation:

Income in the CRO is dominated by late filing penalties and it is difficult to forecast from year to year how many companies will be late in filing their annual returns. There has been a downward trend in CRO income in recent years and as a result, an estimate of €18m was considered prudent for 2011. However, income was higher than expected in 2011, due mainly to an increase in late filing penalties compared to 2010.

Receipts under the Trade Marks Act, 1963 and Patents Act 1964

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€8,600,000	€8,978,085	(€378,085)
2011	€9,000,000	€8,271,432	€728,568

Purpose of Subhead Item:

The purpose of the subhead item is to show the Patent's Office income from statutory fees. A large proportion of Patent's Office receipts derive from fees payable in connection with the filing, examination, granting or registration and renewal of patents and trademarks. Design fees, copyright fees and other miscellaneous fees account for a relatively small portion of income.

The Office also receives fees due in respect of International Trade Mark applications seeking protection in Ireland from the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). This arises as a consequence of Ireland's ratification of the protocol relating to the Madrid agreement concerning the International Registration of Marks (the Madrid Protocol) on 19 July 2001.

Explanation:

A contraction in business activity in Ireland caused by the recession impacted negatively on the Office's fee receipts to a greater degree than had been anticipated. In addition, some receipts from WIPO in the amount of €109,134, which were due to be paid in December 2011 were not received until January 2012.

NCA – Grant for Financial Information and Education Functions*

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2011	€2,000,000	€1,563,411	€436,589

*New subhead item in 2011

Purpose of Subhead Item:

The financial information and education functions of the NCA are funded by means of a levy on regulated financial service entities. The Department funds the non pay costs through Subhead R02 and the Agency reimburses the Department on recoupment of this levy, which is an exchequer neutral arrangement.

Explanation:

The variance arose as the Agency did not receive all of the monies owed to it from the levy in 2011 and the balance was refunded to the Department in 2012.

PIAB Pay and Superannuation

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€1,719,000	€1,233,369	€485,631
2011	€1,909,000	€1,908,888	€112

Purpose of Subhead Item:

The purpose of the subhead item is the receipt of payment by the Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) of pension contributions in respect of serving staff. Under PIAB's Pension Scheme, contributions are made to the Exchequer, via the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, and the Exchequer provides funding as required for pension benefits.

IDA Ireland – Pension Receipts arising from the Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€2,580,000	€2,586,020	(€6,020)
2011	€2,290,000	€2,370,962	(€80,962)

Purpose of Subhead Item:

Under the Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, the assets of certain funded pension schemes were transferred to the National Pension Reserve Fund on 31/12/2009. The Pension schemes associated with these funds continue in force for existing members. Employer and employee contributions for these schemes are remitted to the Exchequer and pension costs at retirement are now paid by Oireachtas Grant (in this case Subhead B2).

SFADCo - Pension Receipts arising from the Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€1,270,000	€1,143,454	€126,546
2011	€1,040,000	€1,138,403	€98,403

Purpose of Subhead Item:

Under the Financial Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, the assets of certain funded pension schemes were transferred to the National Pension Reserve Fund on 31/12/2009. The Pension schemes associated with these funds continue in force for existing members. Employer and employee contributions for these schemes are remitted to the Exchequer and pension costs at retirement are now paid by Oireachtas Grant (in this case Subhead E3).

Receipts from Pension-related deductions on Public Service Remuneration

	Estimate	Income	(Excess)/Shortfall
2010	€13,710,000	€13,554,604	€155,396
2011	€11,477,000	€11,418,734	€58,266

Purpose of Subhead Item:

This item was set up to collect monies under the Pension Related Deduction for civil servants in the Department and its offices, which was introduced from 1 March 2009.

