

HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS SERVICE

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS
COMMISSION**

[January – December 2015]



Three Year Overview

3 Year Budget 2013-2015 fixed by 2012 Act =	€324m	
	Outturn €m	Variance on budget
2013 - Outturn	101	10%
2014 – Outturn	102.6	5.5%
2015 – Outturn (Provisional)	107.4	4.4%
Total 3 year projected expenditure	311	4%
Balance remaining on 3 year Budget	€13m	

Summary Position to end December 2015

Budget	€112.3m
Expenditure	€107.4m
	€4.9m (4.4%) Underspend

1.1 Appropriation Account Variance

The breakdown below shows the direct costs (pay and non-pay) of running the Dáil, Seanad and Oireachtas Committees and the other non-direct costs.

	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Variance	
	€000	€000	€000	%
Dáil Éireann				
Pay	32,171	32,235	64	0%
Non-pay	8,826	7,873	-953	-11%
	40,997	40,108	-889	-2%
Seanad Éireann				
Pay	6,681	6,614	-67	-1%
Non-pay	2,163	1,807	-356	-16%
	8,844	8,421	-423	-5%
Oireachtas Committees	297	146	-151	-51%
MEPs	771	773	2	0%
Administration & Other Services				
Pay	28,389	27,813	-576	-2%
Non-pay	20,935	18,458	-2,477	-12%
Pensions and Redundancy	12,064	11,699	-364	-3%
	61,388	57,970	-3,418	-6%
Gross Expenditure	112,297	107,418	-4,879	-4%

1.1.1. Dáil Éireann

Expenditure was €40.1m which was €889k under budget. Members' staff pay is overspent by €105k. Allowances are underspent by €953k, of this PSA by €386k and other allowances by €567k mainly due to the special secretarial allowance.

1.1.2. Seanad Éireann

Expenditure was €8.4m which was €423k under budget. Members' staff pay is underspent by €48k. PSA is underspent by €191k and other allowances by €165k

1.1.3. Oireachtas Committees

Expenditure was €146k which is an underspend of €151k or 51% on budget mainly due to underspends in travel, consultancy and legal advice.

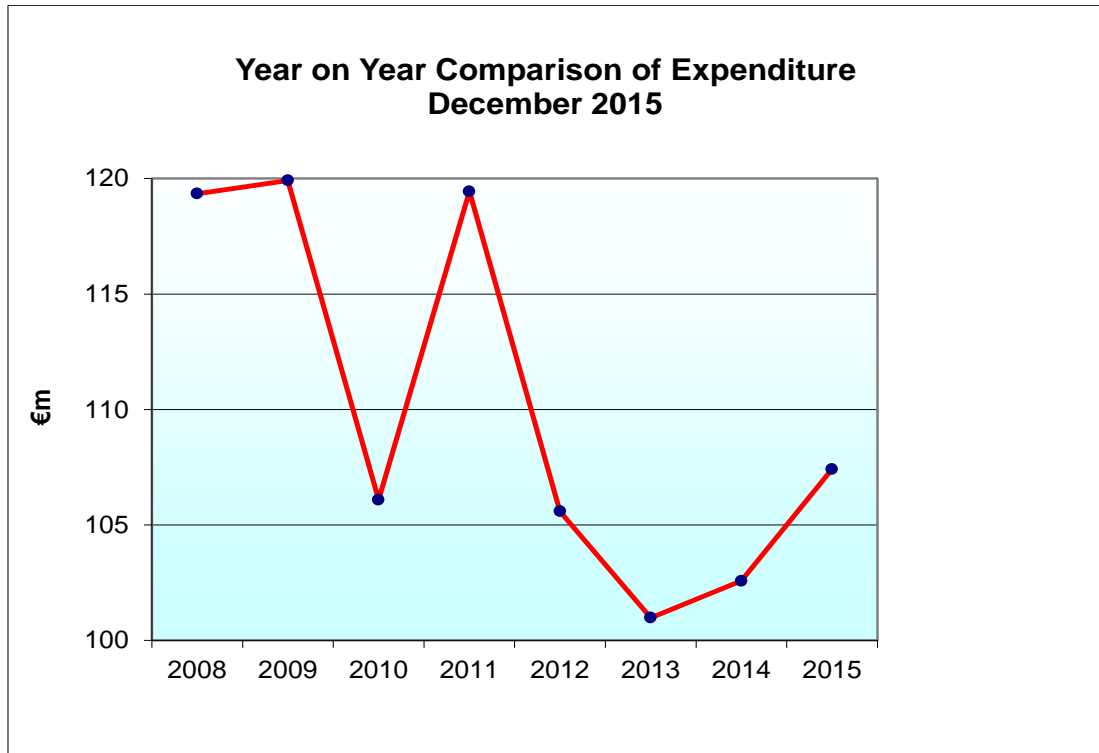
1.2. Compared to 2014

	Actual 2015 €000	Actual 2014 €000	Variance	
			€000	%
Dáil Éireann				
Pay	32,235	31,819	415	1%
Non-pay	7,873	7,806	67	1%
	40,108	39,626	482	1%
Seanad Éireann				
Pay	6,614	6,655	-41	-1%
Non-pay	1,807	1,720	86	5%
	8,421	8,375	46	1%
Oireachtas Committees	146	122	24	16%
MEPs	773	731	42	5%
Administration & Other Services				
Pay	27,813	24,873	2,940	11%
Non-pay	18,458	16,786	1,672	9%
Pensions and Redundancy	11,699	12,063	-364	-3%
	57,970	53,723	4,247	7%
Gross Expenditure	107,418	102,577	4,840	4.5%

- Total spend has increased by €4.8m or 4.5%
- Staff pay spend increased by €2.9m (+11.8%) due to staff taken on for the Banking Inquiry.
- Administrative non-pay spend increased by €1.67m (+10%) due to ICT expenditure on the storage area network in 2015 and banking inquiry expenditure.

Non-Financial Information:

- Total Sitting hours recorded in 2015 were 2,996 an increase of 12% over the same period in 2014. Total sitting days decreased by 1% on 2014.



Appendix 1 – Subhead Expenditure Analysis

		Budget Dec 2015	Outturn Dec 2015	Total Variance
		€000	€000	€000
1	ADMINISTRATION			
(a)	Salaries, Wages and Allowances in Respect of Members of Staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas	26,754	26,303	-451
(b)	Travel and Subsistence	334	251	-83
(c)	Training and Development and Incidental Expenses	3,497	1,819	-1,678
(d)	Postal and Telecommunications Services	877	747	-130
(e)	Office Equipment and External IT Services	7,070	8,419	1,350
(f)	Office Premises Expenses	3,217	2,842	-375
(g)	Consultancy Services and Value for Money and Policy Review	813	420	-394
(h)	Parliamentary Printing	1,400	695	-705
(i)	Library & Research Services	727	550	-176
(j)	Public Relations and Communications	141	115	-26
		44,829	42,161	
2	OTHER SERVICES			
(a)	Payment in Respect of Catering and Bar Staff	1,635	1,509	-126
(b)	Expenses of Delegates to Other Parliamentary Assemblies	141	125	-16
(c)	Televising of Proceedings of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann and Other Services	2,325	2,217	-107
(d)	Grant in Aid in Respect of Inter-Parliamentary Activities	210	146	-64
(e)	Grant in Aid to British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly	125	95	-30
(f)	North/South Inter-Parliamentary Association	50	6	-44
(g)	Termination Allowances to or in respect of Former Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas	58	21	-38
(h)	Grant to Irish Parliamentary (former members) Society	10	10	-0
(i)	Grant in Aid in Respect of "Ciste Pinsean Thithe an Oireachtais"	11,114	10,709	-405
(j)	Pension Scheme for Secretarial Assistants	892	970	78
3	DÁIL ÉIREANN			
(a)	Salaries of Members (including Office Holders and Chairpersons of Committees)	14,840	14,798	-42
(b)	Payments in respect of secretarial assistance for non-office holding Members	17,331	17,437	105
(c)	Travel and Accommodation Allowance	3,328	3,180	-149
(d)	Public Representation Allowance	3,248	3,010	-237
(e)	Other Allowances	2,250	1,683	-567
4	SEANAD ÉIREANN			
(a)	Salaries of Members (including Office Holders and Chairpersons of Committees)	4,016	3,998	-18
(b)	Payments in respect of secretarial assistance for non-office holding Members	2,665	2,616	-48
(c)	Travel and Accommodation Allowance	1,218	1,180	-38
(d)	Public Representation Allowance	734	580	-153
(e)	Other Allowances	211	46	-165
5	OIREACTHAS COMMITTEES			
(a)	Expenses relating to Committees	130	87	-43
(b)	Travel	167	58	-108
6	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT			
(a)	Salaries of Members of the European Parliament	87	87	-
(b)	Pensions of former Members of the European Parliament	684	686	2
	Gross Expenditure	112,297	107,418	-4,879