

FOI DOF/2025-0534

Request

1. The total expenditure on external consultants and contractors by all Northern Ireland Executive departments between 1 April 2025 and 31 August 2025.
2. A departmental breakdown of this expenditure.
3. Where available, a description of the project or purpose for which consultants/contractors were engaged.

DoF response

I confirm that the Department holds some of the information requested. Information is held for the Department of Finance. Information relating to other Northern Ireland Executive departments is held by each individual relevant department.

1. The total expenditure on external consultants and contractors by the Department of Finance between 1 April 2025 and 31 August 2025 was £1,992,832.
2. The total expenditure stated is for the Department of Finance only.
3. Please see the following descriptions of the projects where consultants were engaged:

Integr8

The Integr8 programme is responsible for designing and delivering a new end to end system which will modernise and integrate NICS Finance and HR services to ensure they are streamlined, adaptable and customer focused.

LPS Revenue & Benefits Delivery Partner, LPS Land Registration Delivery Partner, LPS Valuation Project

These transformation projects will improve the online customer experience by introducing a modern system which is easy to use for staff and citizens, businesses, local councils and other government departments. It will be stable, secure and integrated across the organisation. Specialist legal and commercial advice was required to provide assistance to the authority around contractual arrangements, as the specialist skill and capacity required was not available inhouse.

LPS Risk Management Review – ICT Operations

Consultants were engaged in relation to the GovAssure process.