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# **MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS ALL DEPARTMENTS**

**2007 TO DATE**

The lists contained in this document reflect those Ministerial Directions which have been made by all Departments, have been notified to the Comptroller and Auditor General and discussed by the Public Accounts Committee.

This document will be updated on a regular basis.

Further information on the Ministerial Directions made from 2011 may be available within individual Departments' Annual Reports and Accounts.

From 1 April 2021, requests to Ministers from Accounting Officers seeking a Ministerial Direction, and the subsequent Ministerial Direction will also be published once notified to the Comptroller and Auditor General and discussed by the Public Accounts Committee.

**Ministerial Directions: 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
May 2025	Department of Health	2025/26 Pay Award for HSC Staff
October 2025	Department for Infrastructure	Additional Payment to A5 Landowners
October 2025	Department for the Economy	FIFA Women's World Cup 2035
December 2025	Department of Education	2025-26 Teachers' Pay Award
December 2025	Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Financial Support Scheme for Bluetongue Pre-Movement Testing

**Ministerial Directions: 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

No Ministerial Directions were issued in this period

**Ministerial Directions: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
February 2024	Department for Economy	Enhanced Flood Relief Scheme

## **Ministerial Directions: 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
October 2022	Department of Justice	Legal Aid" <i>(Subsequently not required as funding made available in the budget)</i>
October 2022	Department of Education	Funding for the Engage Programme and Healthy Happy Minds Pilot for 2022-23 to end March 2023
October 2022	Department for Communities	Discretionary Support Scheme <sup>^</sup> <i>(Subsequently not required as funding made available in the budget)</i>
October 2022	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Pig Sector Support Programme
September 2022	Department of Health	2022-23 Expenditure Q3 <sup>^</sup>
July 2022	Department of Health	2022-23 Expenditure <sup>^</sup>
June 2022	Department of Education	Funding for the Engage Programme and Healthy Happy Minds Pilot for 2022-23 to December 2022

<sup>^</sup>Directions not approved by Finance Minister/Executive.

"Finance Minister's approval not sought.

## **Ministerial Directions: 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
March 2022	Department for Communities	Establishment of a Child Funeral Fund
March 2022	Department for Communities	Funding Increase for the Covid Recovery Programme - Employment and Skills Initiative
March 2022	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Pig Sector Support Scheme
March 2022	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Support Scheme for Northern Ireland Agricultural Shows
March 2022	Department of Health	Increasing the number of GP Training Places by 10, on a one-off basis
March 2022	Department for Infrastructure	Funding to Derry City and Strabane District Council for City of Derry Airport
March 2022	Department for Infrastructure	Belfast Distillery Company Limited and Crumlin Road Gaol
January 2022	Department for Communities	Covid Recovery Programme Employment and Skills Initiative
January 2022	Department of Health	Additional Funding for Mental Health Support Fund
January 2022	Department of Health	HSC Statutory Sector – Additionality to Pay Recommendations
January 2022	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Support scheme for NI Search and Rescue Services
January 2022	Department of Finance	Omicron Hospitality Payment
September 2021	Department for Communities	Creative Individuals Recovery Fund
July 2021	Department of Education	Strule Shared Education Campus (SSEC) Programme
June 2021	Department for Economy	Northern Ireland Domestic Aviation Kickstart Scheme (NIDAKS)

June 2021	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Revised Ministerial Direction - A support scheme to all eligible farmers severely impacted by flooding in the Glenelly and Owenkillew river catchment areas.
June 2021	Department for Communities	Recognition Payment For Supporting People And Homelessness Sector Frontline Staff – revised for gross payments
April 2021	Department for Economy	High Street Stimulus Scheme (HSSS)
April 2021	Department of Health	HSC Staff Recognition Payment: (Bonus Scheme) Application of Gross Award
April 2021	Department for Economy	Covid Restrictions Business Support Scheme Extension to 23 May 2021
April 2021	Department for Economy	Extension of Large Tourism and Hospitality Business Support Scheme (LTHBSS) - beyond 23 May 2021

## **Ministerial Directions: January 2020 to 31 March 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
March 2021	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	A support scheme to all eligible farmers severely impacted by flooding in the Glenelly and Owenkillew river catchment areas.
March 2021	Department for Economy	Large Tourism and Hospitality Scheme (LTHBSS) - Extension beyond 31/3/201
March 2021	Department for Economy	Covid Restrictions Business Support Scheme Extension beyond 31 March 2021
March 2021	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	A Covid 19 Disruption Payment of £60 To Higher Education and Further Education Students at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) to Address Digital Poverty
March 2021	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	A scheme to compensate eligible wool producers for losses incurred due to the impact of the pandemic.
March 2021	Department of Health	Issue a payment to Hospices in 2020 – 21- £1.3m
March 2021	Department of Health	Establish a Grant Scheme to support Cancer Services in 2020 – 21- £10m
March 2021	Department of Health	Establish a Grant Scheme to support Mental Health Services in 2020 – 21- £10m
March 2021	Department of Health	One off payment to HSC Charitable Trust Funds 20-21- £15m
March 2021	Department for Communities	Funding for Parkanaur College from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
March 2021	Department for Communities	Recognition payment for supporting people and homelessness sector frontline staff
March 2021	Department of Finance	Additional Financial Assistance Schemes to make use of the remaining 2020/21 COVID-19 Funding
March 2021	Department of Health	Proceed to establish a grant scheme to support carers
March 2021	The Executive Office	To implement a COVID - Travel Agent Support Scheme

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March 2021	Department for Economy	COVID Restrictions Business Support Scheme Extension to 31 March 2021
March 2021	Department for Economy	City of Derry Airport (CoDA) Public Service Obligation 2021-23
March 2021	Department for Economy	Extension of Large Tourism and Hospitality Scheme (LTHBSS) to 31 March 21
February 2021	Department of Health	Proceed to make payment of £1 million to support the provision of Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS)
February 2021	Department of Health	Extend Eligibility of HSC Staff Recognition Payment to Longer-Term Agency Workers
February 2021	Department for Economy	COVID - Provide all full time higher education students with a Covid-19 disruption payment of £500
February 2021	Department of Education	Direct Payments in lieu of Free School Meals for Pupils of Special Schools
February 2021	Department of Health	COVID - Additional Financial Support to DoH Core Grant Funded Organisations 2020/21
January 2021	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Short term financial support to inland fishermen on Lough Neagh who have been adversely impacted as a result of not being able to fish due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
January 2021	Department for Economy	COVID - Large Tourism and Hospitality Scheme
January 2021	Department for Economy	Bed & Breakfast, Guest House and Guest Accommodation Providers Support Scheme
January 2021	Department of Health	Bonus scheme of up to £500 for all Health and Social Care Staff
January 2021	Department of Health	A Special Recognition Payment to Healthcare Students
January 2021	Department for Economy	COVID - Limited Company Director Support Scheme
January 2021	Department of Education	Pilot scheme to address Period Poverty in schools.

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January 2021	Department for Economy	Extension of Covid Restrictions Business Support Scheme for 26 December Restrictions
December 2020	Department for Economy	Wet Pubs Business Support Scheme
December 2020	Department of Finance	COVID - Temporary time limited financial support for Belfast International Airport and Belfast City Airport
December 2020	Department of Health	Reimbursement of lost Wages to Health Care Workers due to strike action for the period November 2019 to January 2020
December 2020	Department for Economy	COVID - Newly Self-Employed Support Scheme
November 2020	Department for Infrastructure	COVID - Funding for City of Derry Airport
October 2020	Department for Economy	COVID Restrictions Business Support Scheme
October 2020	Department of Finance	Extension of the Financial Assistance Scheme originally for Derry City and Strabane District to all Council areas
August 2020	Department of Health	Infected Blood Payment Scheme
May 2020	Department for Economy	COVID Microbusiness hardship Scheme
April 2020	Department for Economy	COVID £25k Business Support Grant Scheme for Retail, Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure
March 2020	Department for Economy	COVID £10k Business Grant Scheme

## **Ministerial Directions: 2007-2019**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
January 2017	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Implementation of an Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme 2018
August 2016	Department for Economy	Provision of Financial Assistance to United Airlines
August 2015	Department for Regional Development	Breach of Budget Control – additional funding for TransportNI skeleton maintenance services, including winter service costs based on the need to safeguard public safety.
May 2015	Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister	Disposal of Shackleton Site in Ballykelly without a business case process.
May 2015	Department for Regional Development	Phase 2 of the Coleraine to Londonderry Track Renewal Project.
February 2015	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	Provision of temporary funding for new Tier 2 Family Support Services in Greater Belfast and West Belfast (the Integrated Services for Children and Young People Project (ISCYP)).
January 2015	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Revised Direction - Transitional Support for Farmers in Disadvantaged Areas.
January 2015	Department for Regional Development	Street light repairs and road maintenance
September 2014	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	DARD Headquarters move to Ballykelly.
August 2014	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Areas of Natural Constraint Scheme.
August 2014	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Transitional Support for Farmers in Disadvantaged Areas. (Direction revised January 2015).

<b>Year</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Subject</b>
July 2014	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and Department for Social Development (joint Direction)	Provision of Temporary Funding for Tier 2 Family Support Services in Greater Shankill and West Belfast (the Integrated Services for Children and Young People Project (ISCYP)).
April 2014	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Test and Vaccinate or Remove (TVR) Wildlife Intervention Research Project.
March 2014	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Financial support to the fishing industry following severe adverse weather conditions that prevented fishing.
October 2013	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	Provision of grant assistance to Delta Print and Packaging Ltd.
July 2013	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	Northern Ireland Hospice and Mencap relating to capital funding to support emerging projects.
July 2013	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Financial support for the fishing industry to help it adapt to new challenges arising from the introduction of the Common Fisheries Policy.
May 2013	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Imported Fodder Scheme
May 2013	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Hardship Payments to farmers affected by the Spring blizzard 22-24 March 2013.
March 2013	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Winter Hardship Support
March 2013	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	Newry and Lisburn Health Care Centres.
October 2012	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	Integrated Services for Children and Young People.

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September 2012	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Prepare HQ Business case with limited options
September 2011	Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister	To accept an MOD gift of Shackleton Site in Ballykelly.
May 2011	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	Titanic Studio.
February 2011	Department for Regional Development	City of Derry Airport – Runway safety works
December 2009	Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment	Grant assistance to Seagate Technology
March 2009	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Fishing Hardship
February 2009	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Assistance to Farmers for Crop Losses due to Flooding
January 2009	Department for Social Development	Ligoniel Improvement Association and Lower North Belfast Community Council
February 2008	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Bluetongue – Import Controls
January 2007	Department for Regional Development	City of Derry Airport – Runway safety works