

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Ref Number	Details	Reference
Where DoF approval (in writing) is required:		
1	Liabilities - Extra-contractual and ex-gratia payments to individuals above £100,000.	
2	Compensation - Individual compensation payments made as a result of court decision over £250,000 (excluding claims paid as part of Compensation Service's normal business).	
3	Consolatory Payments over £500.	
6	Numbers, remuneration and conditions of service of Prison Officers.	Section 2(3) of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953
7	Remuneration paid to Ministers appointed to or permitted to visit prisons.	Section 9(6) of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953
8	Remuneration and allowances of an assessor.	Schedule 12(7) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988
9	Make an order varying sum specified in Schedule 6.	Article 75, paragraph (3) of The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004
10	Grants – payment of grants in excess of £500k to the Voluntary and Community Sector only.	
11	Payments of Miscarriage of Justice Assessors Fees above £5,000.	
12	Planning Appeals Commission: - The number of Commissioners additional to Chief and Deputy Chief Commissioners - The remuneration of Commissioners; their allowances; pensions and benefits - Staff remuneration, allowances, pensions and benefits.	Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Part 9: Para 203 (2)(b) Para 203 (4) Para 203 (5)

13	Water Appeals Commission: • The number of Commissioners additional to Chief Commissioner • The remuneration of Commissioners; their allowances; pensions and benefits • Staff remuneration, allowances, pensions and benefits.	The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Part XII Para 292 (2) (b) Para 292 (6) Para 292 (8)
14	Compensation payments without legal advice - Individual compensation claims settled out of court over £15,000. This includes plaintiff legal costs.	MPMNI A4.13.4-10; MPMNI Box A4.13A
15	Capital Projects involving over £15 million of Central Government expenditure. This includes Financial Transactions Capital.	

Delegations which are specific to the Compensation Services:

Ref Number	Details	Reference
12	Compensation Services tariffs for compensation claims.	
13	Compensation Services compensation claims made as a result of Court decision over £1,000,000.	
14	Compensation Services compensation claims made under tariff arrangements approved by DoF over £1,000,000.	
15	Other Compensation Services compensation claims over £500,000.	

Delegations which are specific to the NI Courts and Tribunals Service:

Ref Number	Details	Reference
18	DOJ with the consent of DoF shall determine the allowances payable to witnesses under the Coroners Act (NI) 1959.	Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 (c.15), s.36(2).
19	A rule by The Rules Committee to increase expenditure out of public funds.	Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c.23), s.56(2).
20	Fix the fees to be taken in any Court in NI.	Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c.23), s.116(1);
21	Fix the fees to be taken by commissioners for oaths or notaries public.	Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c.23), s.116(2).
22	Rules which may involve an increase in expenditure out of public funds.	Judgments Enforcement (NI) Order 1981 (SI 1981/226) (Northern Ireland 6), Art.141(4).
23	An order under the Magistrates' Courts (NI) Order 1981.	The Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (SI 1981/1675) (NI 26), Art.86A(6).
24	DOJ with the concurrence of the DoF, may make provision as to the payment of interest on funds in court and may make rules as to the administration and management of funds in court including the deposit, payment, delivery and transfer in and out of any court of funds in court and regulating the evidence of such deposit, payment delivery or transfer.	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s.38(7).
25	Sums paid to the DOJ with the concurrence of DoF in respect of the cost to the Department in that year of administering funds in court (subject to legal advice).	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s.39(2).
26	Remuneration of the investment manager of a fund established by a common investment scheme.	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s 42(10).
27	Remuneration, travelling and other allowances paid to the Lord Chief Justice's Visitors.	The Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (SI 1986/595) (NI 4), Art.104(5).

28	Rates of allowance paid to a person who serves as a juror for travelling & subsistence and payments for financial loss.	The Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (SI 1996/1141) (NI 6), Art.28.
29	Remuneration of assessors of the County Courts.	The Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (SI 1998/3162 (NI 21), Art. 40(7)(b).
30	DoF to direct the manner in which fines imposed by any court are to be paid into or disposed of for the benefit of the Consolidated Fund.	Administration of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c.9), s.20(1).
31	DoF to determine amounts to be deducted from sums received from the National Debt Commissioners to be set aside to provide for depreciation of value of investments.	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s.39(2)(a).
32	DoF to provide from the Consolidated Fund sums due to the Accountant General which the National Debt Commissioners are unable to pay.	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s.39(5).
33	DoF to sanction payment from moneys provided by the Assembly of the salary of an investment fund manager and his officers and other expenses of executing his office.	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s 42(11).
34	DoJ with the concurrence of DoF may determine fees charged in connection with running an investment scheme.	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c.53), s 42(12).
35	DoJ after consulting DoF shall by order prescribe the rate of return on the investment of sums awarded as damages for future pecuniary loss in a personal injury action.	Damages Act 1996 (c.48), s.1(1).
36	DOJ with the concurrence of DoF may determine travel and subsistence allowances paid to justices of the peace.	The Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 (c.21), s.12A(2).
37	DOJ with the concurrence of DoF may determine the remuneration and allowances paid to the Official Solicitor (does not apply to current office holder).	Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c.23), s.75(7).
38	DOJ with the concurrence of DoF may determine the remuneration and allowances paid to a temporary Official Solicitor.	Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c.23), s.75(9).
39	DOJ with the concurrence of DoF may defray expenses of a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) incurred in respect of proceedings brought as a result of the execution of office.	The Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (SI 1981/1675) (NI 26), Art.10(1).

Delegations which are specific to the Legal Services Agency NI:

Ref Number	Details	Reference
40	DOJ with the approval of DoF may make rules which shall in particular prescribe (a) the form of criminal aid certificates; (b) the manner in which counsel and solicitors are assigned in pursuance of such certificates; (bb) the form for the purposes of Article 28A (2)(a); (c) the form for the purposes of Article 32(1); and (d) the rates and scales of payment of any fees, costs or other expenses which are payable under this Part.	Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (SI 1981/228) (NI 8), Art.36(3).
41	The Commission shall pay into the fund established under paragraph (1) – Civil Legal Services. (a) sums received by the DOJ under paragraph (2), (b) sums received by the Commission by virtue of regulations under Articles 17 and 20, (c) sums received by the Commission by virtue of an order by a court under Article 19(7), and (d) such other receipts of the Commission as DOJ may, with the concurrence of DoF, determine.	Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (SI 2003/435) (NI 10), Art.11(6)(d).
42	The Commission shall pay into the fund established under paragraph (1) – Criminal Defence Services. (a) sums received by the DOJ under paragraph (2), (b) sums received by the Commission by virtue of an order by a court under Article 31, (c) sums received by the Commission by virtue of an order by a court under section 4 or 6 of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act (Northern Ireland) 1968, and (d) such other receipts of the Commission as the DOJ may, with the concurrence of DoF, determine.	Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (SI 2003/435) (NI 10), Art.21(5)(d).

Delegations which are specific to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI):

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Delegations which are specific to the Probation Board for NI:

Ref Number	Details	Reference
45	Remuneration and allowances, pensions and gratuities to or in respect of the chairman, deputy chairman and other members of the Probation Board.	Schedule 1, paragraph 4 of the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982
46	Compensation to a board member on termination of the contract prior to expiry of term of office.	Schedule 1, paragraph 13 of the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982
47	Remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of members of the staff of the Board.	Schedule 1, paragraph 5 of the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982
48	Pension, allowances or gratuities to members of the staff of the Board and redundancy payments.	Schedule 1, paragraph 13 of the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982

Delegations which it may be possible to remove subject to legal review:

Ref Number	Details	Reference
49	New or additional courthouse accommodation.	Section 2(1) of the Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 1954
50	Disposal of Courthouse accommodation.	Section (4) of the Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 1954
51	Enlarge, rebuild, repair or alter any prison; and build new prisons.	Section 2(4) & (5) of the Prisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1953
52	Disposal of premises which have ceased to be used as a prison.	Section 2(6) of the Prisons Act (Northern Ireland) 1953
53	Grants to the NI Policing Board.	Schedule 1, Para 15(2) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000
54	Probation Board expenses.	Article 7, Para 1 of the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982
55	Remuneration and expenses for an interpreter	County courts (N9) Order 1980 (SI 1980/397) N.I.3, Art 33