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FOREWORD BY THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

I am pleased to present for consultation the Executive's proposals for public expenditure in Northern Ireland over the next three financial years. This document sets out the economic, social and environmental context for our public expenditure proposals and explains how the Executive's priorities, as set out in the draft Programme for Government and the draft Investment Strategy, will be reflected in the financial allocations to individual Departments.

This draft Budget marks a clear break from the days when direct rule Ministers decided how much we should pay in local taxes and how the available resources should be spent. Instead we can now make our own decisions about our own priorities and decide how best to allocate resources accordingly.

These new opportunities bring with them new challenges for the Executive and the Assembly. We face the challenge of building a stronger, more vibrant economy that offers a better and more secure future for everyone in Northern Ireland. We need to use our public resources wisely to deliver high quality public services, especially to the young, the old and other vulnerable members of our community. That will mean not just spending more, but ensuring that we get value for money from every pound we spend.

These proposals are being published for consultation today. We look forward to hearing the views of the Assembly, other elected representatives, business organisations, the trade unions, social and economic partners, the community and voluntary sector and indeed any other organisations and individuals who may wish to comment.

**Rt Hon Peter D Robinson MP MLA
Minister for Finance and Personnel**

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ANNEX B

Table 3: Total Planned Allocations (DEL AND AME)

	Plans							
	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	
	Current Expenditure £m	Capital Investment £m	Current Expenditure £m	Capital Investment £m	Current Expenditure £m	Capital Investment £m	Current Expenditure £m	Capital Investment £m
Agriculture and Rural Development		83.0	256.9	83.6	260.3	28.6	268.3	-171.1
Culture, Arts and Leisure	137.5	43.0	130.4	64.5	132.1	74.1	140.1	79.9
Education	2,403.8	279.8	2,460.1	213.6	2,611.0	252.3	2,757.2	200.1
Employment and Learning Enterprise, Trade and Investment	731.5	212.1	734.4	207.7	771.2	223.5	818.8	235.3
Finance and Personnel	199.6	77.5	214.2	48.0	223.9	87.9	229.8	78.2
Health, Social Services and Public Safety	450.4	51.1	506.5	-145.0	508.4	22.7	525.5	16.0
Environment	4,651.6	177.8	4,860.5	202.6	5,065.4	203.7	5,340.4	213.2
Regional Development	134.7	9.8	137.2	10.7	136.2	22.5	135.1	171.2
Social Development	1,533.4	373.1	1,894.7	568.7	2,246.4	416.0	2,508.6	419.9
Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister	4,843.5	238.4	4,959.1	160.7	5,131.0	149.0	5,313.3	227.0
Northern Ireland Assembly	71.6	11.7	74.9	12.4	81.2	23.2	86.7	17.3
Other Departments	47.6	2.0	47.6	0.3	47.6	0.3	47.6	0.3
	19.6	0.4	18.9	0.4	19.4	0.4	19.8	0.4
Total Allocations	15,472.0	1,559.7	16,295.3	1,428.2	17,234.1	1,504.0	18,191.3	1,487.7

