



Social Security Scotland  
Tèarainteachd Shòisealta Alba

# Finance Report June 2023

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Dignity,  
fairness,  
respect.

## 1. Financial Summary Overview – Operating Expenditure, Depreciation Charges and Capital Expenditure

2023-24 Spend to Date and Year End Forecast Position as at 30 June 2023									
	Year to Date - June 2023			Full Year Position - 2023-24			Change in Forecast		
	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under) plan	Forecast	2023-24 Full Year Budget	Over/ (Under) plan	June Forecast	May Forecast	Movement increase/ (decrease)
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Staff Costs	49.1				199.5				
Other Operating Expenditure	11.2				59.5				
DWP Formal Agreements	8.4				33.1				
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>68.7</b>				<b>292.1</b>				
Depreciation Charges	1.4				5.5				
Capital Expenditure	1.0				4.5				
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY SCOTLAND</b>	<b>71.1</b>				<b>302.1</b>				
Transition Items	1.3				0.4				
<b>TOTAL INCLUDING TRANSITION ITEMS</b>	<b>72.4</b>				<b>302.5</b>				

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## 2. Financial Summary Overview – Benefit Expenditure

Summary of Benefit Expenditure								
Form of Assistance	Year To Date June 23			Full Year Forecast 23-24			Forecast Range (Low estimate)	Forecast Range (High estimate)
	Actual	Revised Budget	(Under) / Over plan	Original Budget	Forecast	Variance from Original Budget		
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£ m	£ m
Disability Benefits	971.4			4,159.1				
Low Income and Carer Benefits	233.8			943.3				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,205.2</b>			<b>5,102.4</b>				

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### 3. 2023-24 Financial results – Operating Expenditure

Operating expenditure year to date, at 30 June 2023, is **£68.7 million**. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

#### 3.1 Staff costs

As at 30 June 2023, **£49.1 million** has been spent on Staff costs [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

#### 3.2 Other Operating Costs (excluding Funds Held for Priority Investment and Department for Work and Pensions Formal Agreements)

Expenditure year to date, at 30 June 2023, is **£11.2 million**. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

#### 3.2 Other Operating Costs – Funds Held for Priority Investment

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### 3.3 Other Operating Costs – Department for Work and Pensions Formal Agreements

As at 30 June 2023, our expenditure to date is £8.4 million [ REDACTED ]

### 3.4 Transition Items

[ REDACTED ]

## 4. 2023-24 Financial results – Capital Expenditure and Depreciation Charges

### 4.1 Capital Expenditure

Table 2 shows the latest capital spend. [REDACTED]

Table 2 – 2023-24 Capital Expenditure

	Year to Date - June 2023			Full Year Position - 2023-24			Change in Forecast		
	Actual £m	Budget £m	Over/ (Under) plan £m	Forecast £m	Budget £m	Over/ (Under) plan £m	Current Forecast £m	Prior Forecast £m	Movement increase/ (decrease) £m
<b>Estates Implementation</b>									
Agnes Husband House Catering Fit-out	0.0				0.2				
220 High Street	0.0				0.3				
	<b>0.0</b>				<b>0.5</b>				
<b>IT Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>1.0</b>				<b>3.5</b>				
Held for Prioritised Investment	<b>0.0</b>				<b>0.5</b>				
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1.0</b>				<b>4.5</b>				

### 4.2 Depreciation Charges

Depreciation costs of £1.4 million have been charged to date

[REDACTED]

## 5. Future Year Operating Expenditure Position – 2024-25 and 2025-26

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## 6. Financial results – Benefit Expenditure

**Benefit expenditure** year to date, at 30 June 2023, is **£1,205.2 million** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Table 2. Forecast Comparison (Scottish Fiscal Commission May 2023 revised)

Disability Benefits	Year To Date June 23			Full Year Forecast 23-24					
	Actual	Revised forecast*	(Under) / Over plan	2023-24 Original Budget	Forecast RAG	Forecast Range (Low estimate)	SFC Revised Forecast - May 23	Forecast Range (High estimate)	Variance - Original Budget v SFC Revised Forecast
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m		£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m
Attendance Allowance	155.9			614.1					
Disability Living Allowance	110.3			437.6					
Child Disability Payment	91.7			327.6					
Personal Independence Payment	465.1			1,498.2					
Adult Disability Payment	126.4			1,191.4					
Severe Disablement Allowance	1.5			5.8					
Industrial Injuries Disablement Scheme	20.5			84.4					
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>971.4</b>			<b>4,159.1</b>					
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Low Income and Carer Benefits	Actual	Revised forecast*	(Under) / Over plan	2023-24 Original Budget	Forecast RAG	Forecast Range (Low estimate)	SFC Revised Forecast - May 23	Forecast Range (High estimate)	Variance - Original Budget v SFC Revised Forecast
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m		£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m
Carer's Allowance	86.0			371.8					
Carer's Allowance Supplement	23.6			50.0					
Best Start Grant - Pregnancy & Baby	2.6			7.5					
Best Start Grant - Early Learning	1.9			6.1					
Best Start Grant - School Age	6.3			6.2					
Best Start Grant	10.8			19.8					
Best Start Foods	3.1			17.0					
Young Carer's Grant	0.3			1.0					
Job Start Payment	0.1			1.2					
Scottish Child Payment	106.5			442.1					
Child Winter Heating Assistance	-			4.7					
Funeral Support Payment	3.3			12.1					
Winter Heating Payment	0.1			23.6					
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>233.8</b>			<b>943.3</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,205.2</b>			<b>5,102.4</b>					

\* Profiling is based on Scottish Fiscal Commission's revised May 2023 forecasts

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[REDACTED]

## 6.1 Key Highlights

**Personal Independence Payment and Adult Disability Payment** - Expenditure to 30 June 2023 is **£591.5 million**. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Disability Living Allowance** - Expenditure to 30 June 2023 is **£110.3 million** [REDACTED]

**Child Disability Payment** – Expenditure to 30 June 2023 is **£91.7 million** [REDACTED]

**Scottish Child Payment** - Expenditure to 30 June 2023 is **£106.5 million** [REDACTED]

**Carer's Allowance** - Expenditure to 30 June 2023 is **£86.0 million** [REDACTED]

## 6.2 Forecast Risks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



## Annex A Social Security Scotland Expenditure Position at 30 June 2023

	Year to Date - June 2023			Financial Year 2023-24			Change in Forecast		
	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under) plan	Forecast	Original Budget	Over/ (Under) plan	Current Forecast	Previous Forecast	Movement increase/ (decrease)
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>									
Staff costs (Permanent, Temporary and Contract Staff)	49.1				199.5				
Other staff related costs	0.1				0.4				
Administration costs									
Accommodation	1.4				4.1				
Travel & subsistence	0.3				0.6				
Office Costs	2.3				7.1				
Supplies & services	0.2				1.5				
Training	0.1				1.0				
IT Systems	4.4				11.2				
Held for Priority Investment	0.0				24.4				
	<b>8.7</b>				<b>49.9</b>				
Auditor's remuneration	0.2				0.7				
Scottish Government Shared Service recharges	2.2				8.5				
DWP Formal Agreements	8.4				33.1				
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>68.7</b>				<b>292.1</b>				
<b>NON-CASH ITEMS - Depreciation Costs</b>	<b>1.4</b>				<b>5.5</b>				
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1.0</b>				<b>4.5</b>				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>71.1</b>				<b>302.1</b>				
<b>TRANSITION ITEMS</b>	<b>1.3</b>				<b>0.4</b>				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE INCLUDING TRANSITION ITEMS</b>	<b>72.4</b>				<b>302.5</b>				

**Annex B**

**Social Security Scotland 2023-24 Operating Expenditure position across divisions (Excluding Formal Agreements)**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## **Annex C**

### **2023-24 to 2025-26 Operating Expenditure Budget and Forecasts**

[REDACTED]

### **Detailed breakdown of 2023-24 to 2025-26 Operating Costs forecasts**

[REDACTED]

## Annex D Social Security Scotland 2023-24 Benefit Expenditure Detail and Graphs (Disability Benefits)

Attendance Allowance

[REDACTED]

Disability Living Allowance

[REDACTED]

Child Disability Payment

[REDACTED]

Personal Independence Payment

[REDACTED]

Severe Disablement Allowance

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Annex D (continued)**  
**Social Security Scotland 2023-24 Benefit Expenditure Detail and Graphs**

Industrial Injuries Disablement Scheme

Carer's Allowance

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Carer's Allowance Supplement

Best Start Grant

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Social Security Scotland 2023-24 Benefit Expenditure Detail and Graphs (Low Income and Carer Benefits)

Best Start Food

[REDACTED]

Job Start Payment

[REDACTED]

Scottish Child Payment

[REDACTED]

Funeral Support Payment

[REDACTED]

## Annex D (continued) Social Security Scotland 2023-24 Benefit Expenditure Detail and Graphs

Child Winter Heating Assistance

Young Carer's

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]