PPS PUBLISHES ITS ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOURCE ACCOUNTS
2010-11

The Public Prosecution Service (PPS) today published its Annual Report and Resource Accounts for the financial year 2010-11.

The document represents a landmark for the PPS in that it incorporates the first annual resource accounts to be produced by the Service since becoming a non-ministerial department on the devolution of policing and justice in April 2010. It includes forewords by both the Attorney General for Northern Ireland, John Larkin QC, and the Advocate General for Northern Ireland Dominic Grieve MP QC.

The report gives an overview of the Service’s work during the financial year, as well as an account of performance against the objectives set out in the PPS Annual Business Plan for 2010-11. This presented a very challenging programme and included twenty-eight performance milestones, spanning its five strategic priorities. Nineteen of these milestones were achieved and a further five were achieved in part.

While there was a small reduction in overall caseload compared with 2009-10, there has been a significant increase in the most serious categories of case. During the year nearly 59,000 cases were submitted to the Service by police and other statutory authorities. Just under 73,000 persons were subject to a prosecutorial decision and of these, more than seven-tenths were issued with a decision for prosecution or for diversion from the courts.
This is within the context of a total operating cost for the Service of £32,297k against an Estimate of £33,354k.

Other key developments during 2010-11 included:

- The opening of Newry Chambers which became fully operational in June 2010. All six of the regional offices originally planned for the Service have now been opened;
- The release of a number of final policy documents, including policies for prosecuting cases involving Hate Crime, cases of rape and those involving road traffic offences;
- The establishment of the PPS Victim Care Working Group which has commenced a review of all aspects of PPS services to victims and witnesses;
- The implementation of a Higher Court Advocacy Scheme, on a pilot basis, to examine the use of PPS prosecutors as advocates in Crown Court cases; and
- Publication of a new PPS External Communication Strategy.

**Notes to Editors**

A copy of the Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2010-11 can be obtained at [www.ppsni.gov.uk](http://www.ppsni.gov.uk)