



Question 1 - 2019 Q17 (b) (ii)

Marks: 9

- (ii) Food2Go Ltd pays VAT at the new rate of 13.5% following the increase in VAT rates announced in Budget 2019 for the hospitality sector. Complete the blanks below:

VAT stands for V _____ A _____ T _____
VAT is charged on _____ and _____
VAT is a source of income for _____

Question 2 - 2019 Q13

Marks: 6

**Gardaí to recruit 800 new officers with
€60 million funding increase.**

The Journal, October 2018



The Government will spend €60 million in the Department of Justice and Equality to recruit additional Gardaí in 2019. State **one** example of expenditure in the Government Departments below:

Government Department:	Example of expenditure:
1. Health	
2. Education and Skills	
3. Transport, Tourism and Sport	





The old country: Get ready for an ageing Ireland.



Adapted from the Irish Times

- (i) Name a government department that will be affected by an older Irish population.

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- (ii) Explain **two** ways this change in age profile will increase government expenditure.

1.
2.

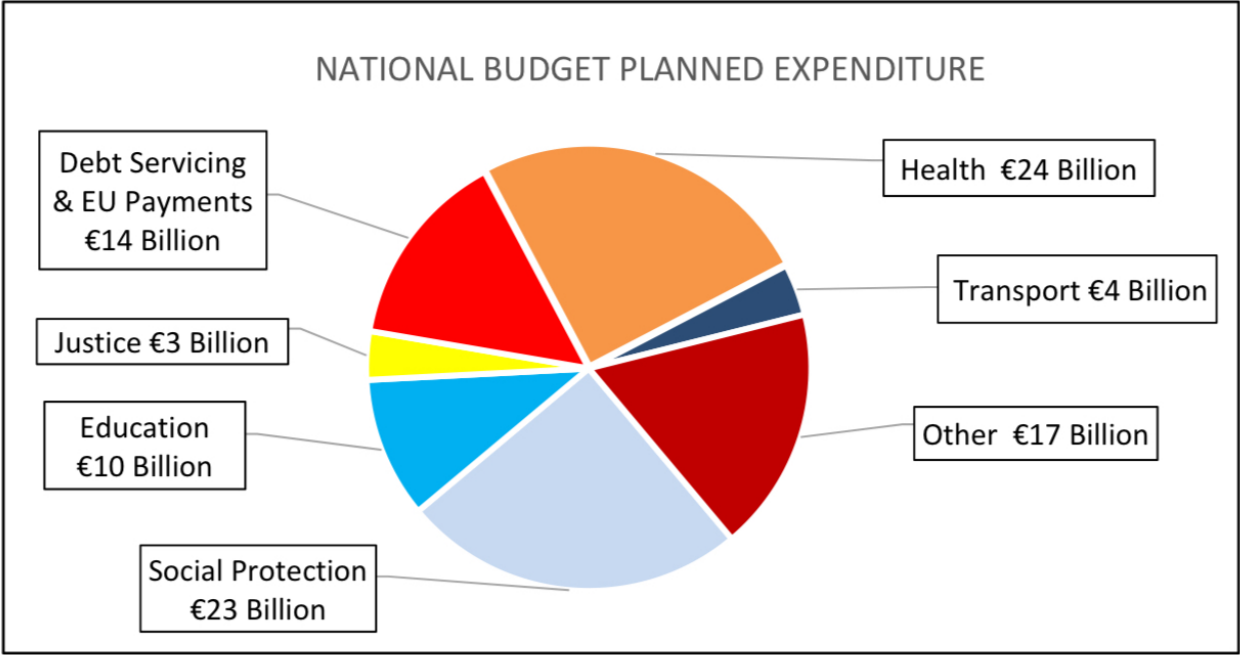




Question 4 - 2023 Q18 (c)(i)

Marks: 11

- (c) The figures below were presented on budget day for a country as projections for the following year.



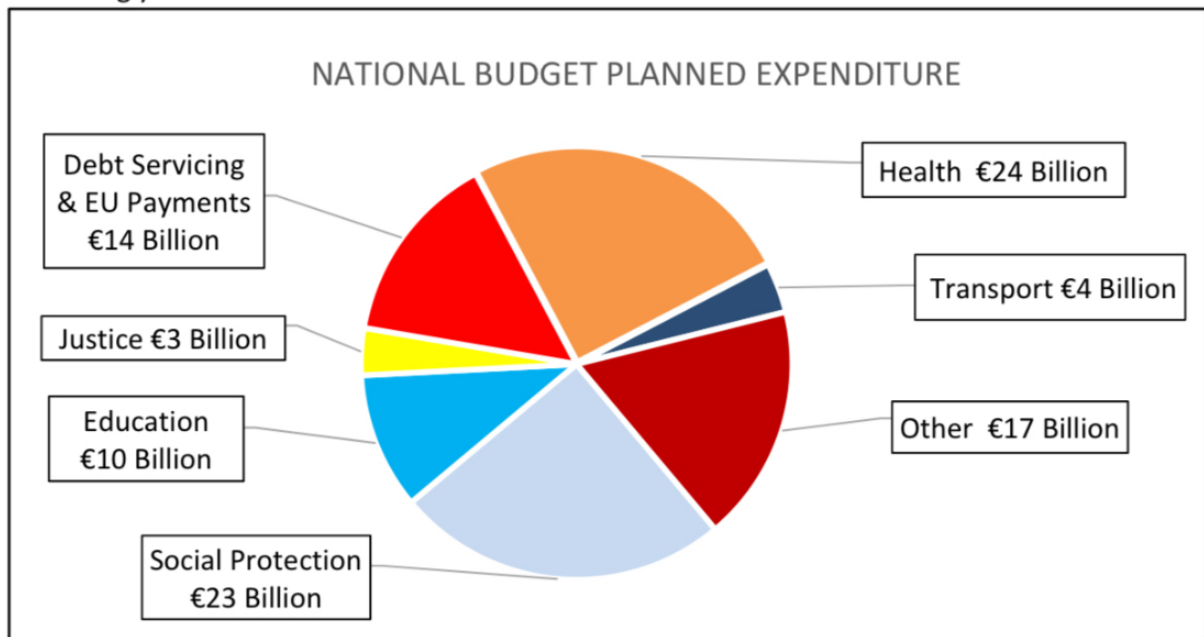
- (i) Using the information from the pie chart above prepare the National Budget for the following year.

National Budget for the year		
	€ Billions	€ Billions
Income		105
Expenditure		
	Answer:	€
Is the government budget for the year a deficit or surplus?		





- (c) The figures below were presented on budget day for a country as projections for the following year.



- (ii) Using the pie chart of National Budget Planned Expenditure, on the previous page, identify the sector the government plans to spend most money on next year.

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- (iii) In the event of a surplus in the National Budget, advise the Minister for Finance what to do with the surplus money?

- (iv) Identify **one** example of capital expenditure and **one** example of current expenditure for the Department of Education.

Capital expenditure:
Current expenditure:



Question 6 - 2026 Q16 (c) (i)

- (c) (i) The Government must have sources of revenue to pay for the expenses involved in running the country.

Indicate whether each of the following is an example of current revenue, capital revenue, current expenditure or capital expenditure by placing a tick (✓) in the relevant box. One has been completed for you.

	Current Revenue	Capital Revenue	Current Expenditure	Capital Expenditure
Income Tax	✓			
Teacher wages				
Building of new hospital				
Privatisation of State-sponsored body				

Question 7 - 2025 Q16 (c)(ii)

Marks: 6

- (ii) Taxation is the main source of income in Ireland’s National Budget.
Apart from taxation explain **two** sources of income for the Irish Government.

1.
2.





Question 8 - 2026 Q16 (c) (ii) & (iii)

- (ii)** The Government expects to have the following revenue and expenditure figures in their upcoming National Budget.
Using these figures, calculate the balance of the National Budget.

Revenue € 6,500 million Expenditure € 7,750 million

Answer: _____	Workings:
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State whether this is a Surplus or a Deficit.

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- (iii)** Based on your answer in (c) (ii), what advice would you give to the Government?





Solution Question 1 - 2019 Q17 (b) (ii)

(ii) Complete the blanks below:

VAT stands for Value Added Tax [3m]
VAT is charged on goods [2m] and services [2m]
VAT is a source of income for government [2m]

Solution Question 2 - 2019 Q13

One example of expenditure in the Government Departments below:

Government Department:	Example of expenditure:
1. Health	Building of hospitals
2. Education and Skills	Teacher's salaries
3. Transport, Tourism and Sport	Promote Ireland abroad

Solution Question 3 - 2022 Q15

The old country: Get ready for an ageing Ireland.



Adapted from the Irish Times

(i) Name a Government Department that will be affected by an older Irish population.

Department of Health/Department of Social Protection/ Department of Finance/Department of Transport/Department of Education/Department of Public Expenditure & Reform/Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

(ii) Explain **two** ways this change in age profile will increase Government expenditure.

The Government will have to invest more in hospitals and medical equipment due to the greater demand on services.

There will be a greater demand for pensions on the Government as people retire there will be an entitled to a state pension either contributory or non-contributory.

Everyone over the age of 66 is entitled to the Free travel scheme. This will mean the Government will have to invest more in Bus Éireann / Irish Rail to cope with extra passengers.

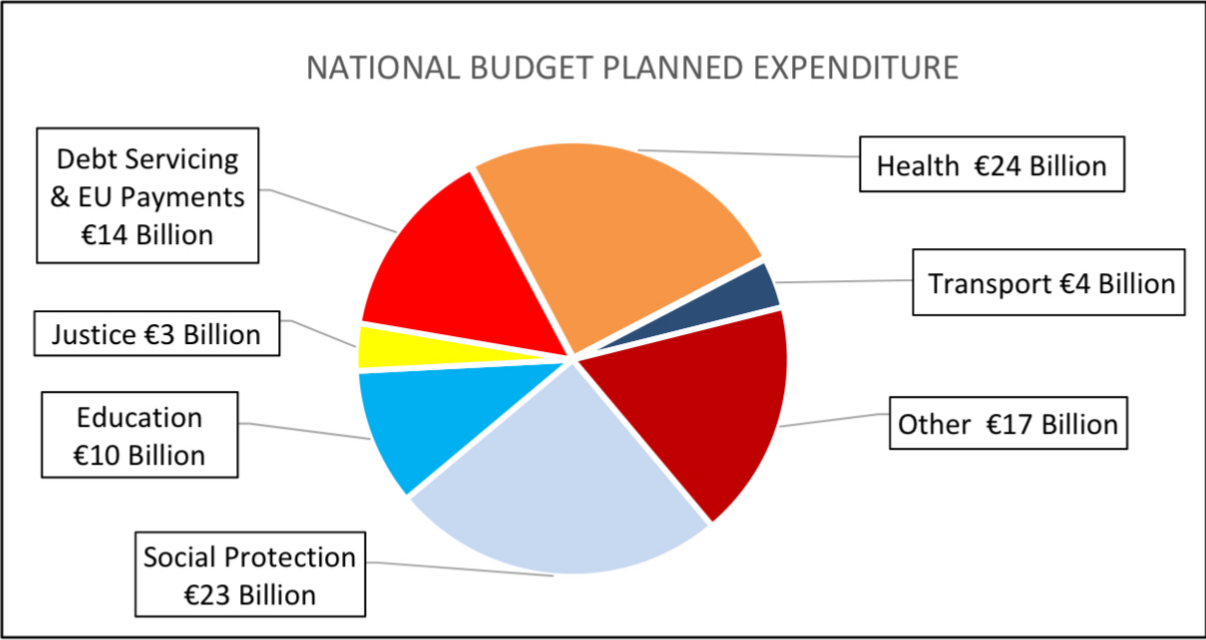
A GP visit card is available to everyone over the age of 70, this will mean the Government will have to increase funding for GPs to meet the demand of an aging population.





Solution Question 4 - 2023 Q18 (c)(i)

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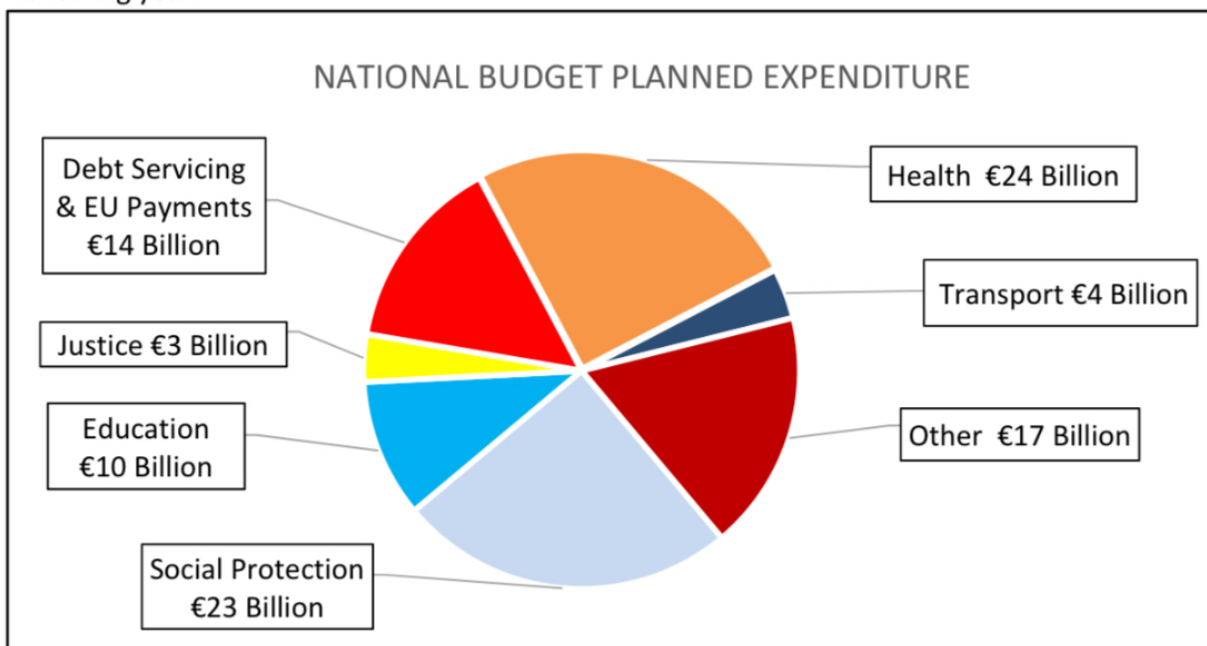
- (i) Using the information from the pie chart above prepare the National Budget for the following year.

National Budget for the year		
	€ Billions	€ Billions
Income		105
Expenditure		
Health	24 1m	
Transport	4 1m	
Other	17 1m	
Social Protection	23 1m	
Education	10 1m	
Justice	3 1m	
Debt Servicing & EU Payments	14 1m	
Total Expenditure		95 1m
	Answer:	€ 10 1m O.F
Is the government budget for the year a deficit or surplus?		Surplus 2m O.F



Solution Question 5 - 2023 Q18 (c)(ii)(iii)(iv)

- (c) The figures below were presented on budget day for a country as projections for the following year.



- (ii) Using the pie chart of National Budget Planned Expenditure, on the previous page, identify the sector the government plans to spend most money on next year. **(4m)**

Health

- (iii) In the event of a surplus in the National Budget, advise the Minister for Finance what to do with the surplus money? **(2m)**

Repay some of the National Debt.

Increase Government spending on any Government Dept. e.g., Education.

Use some of the surplus to improve public services e.g., build more hospitals and employ more doctors

Invest the surplus money.

- (iv) Identify **one** example of capital expenditure and **one** example of current expenditure for the Department of Education. **(4m)**

Capital expenditure: Building schools/colleges/buying school equipment, school chairs/school tables.

Current expenditure: Paying teachers/ staff/ lecturers/SNA's wages.





Solution Question 7 - 2025 Q16 (c)(ii)

(ii) Taxation is the main source of income in Ireland's National Budget.

Apart from Taxation, explain **two** other sources of income for the Irish Government. **6m**

EU Grants, money received from the EU for a specific purpose or conditions attached that does not have to be paid back e.g., Covid, motorways etc.
EU Loans, money received that has to be paid back with interest and the loan may be for a specific purpose e.g., bailout or children's hospital
Fees/Fines charged by State Bodies which helps aid certain Government projects.
The sale of state bodies (Privatisation) is important for the Government as it gives much needed income for certain capital projects.

