

**ANNUAL REPORT ABOUT SPECIAL ADVISERS EMPLOYED FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015**

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(Northern Ireland) 2013

By the Department of Finance and Personnel

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30th June 2015

SPECIAL ADVISERS EMPLOYED DURING THE PERIOD

1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015 (DF1/15/508272)

Numbers of Special Advisers

There were 25 Special Advisers in post for all or part of the 2014-15 financial year as set out in the table below.

The Appointing Minister	Number of Special Advisers in Post (part & full year)	Pay Band
First Minister	5 ^[1]	B
Deputy First Minister	5 ^[2]	B
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development	2 ^[3]	B
Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure	2 ^[4]	B
Minister of Education	2 ^[5]	B
Minister Employment and Learning	1	B
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	1	B
Minister of Environment	2 ^[6]	B & A
Minister of Finance and Personnel	1	B
Minister of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	1	B
Minister of Justice	1	B
Minister of Regional Development	1 ^[7]	B
Minister of Social Development	1	B

Notes:

^[1] One in post from 1st April 2014 to 30th November 2014 and the other in post from 1st December 2014 to 31st March 2015

^[2] One in post from 1st April 2014 to 10th October 2014 and other in post from 15th October 2014 to 31st March 2015.

^[3] One in post from 1st April 2014 to 7th April 2014 and other in post from 9th April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

^[4] One in post from 1st April 2014 to 4th April 2014 and other in post from 8th April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

^[5] One in post from 1st April 2014 to 10th October 2014 and other in post from 17th October 2014 to 31st March 2015.

^[6] One in post from 1st April 2014 to 2nd June 2014 at pay band B and other in post from 3rd July 2014 to 31st March 2015 at pay band A.

^[7] One in post 1st April 2014 to 13th March 2015. (Post vacant from 13th March 2015 to date)

COSTS

SPECIAL ADVISERS SALARY BANDS 1

SPECIAL ADVISERS SALARY BANDS 1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 JULY 2014

Pay Band A - £37,050 to £52,816

Pay Band B - £58,452 to £91,809

SPECIAL ADVISERS SALARY BANDS 1 AUGUST 2014 TO 31 JULY 2015

Pay Band A - £ 37,420 to £52,816

Pay Band B - £ 59,037 to £91,809

The total pay bill for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 was **£2,016,362.31**. This includes salary, employers' national insurance contributions, pension contributions and severance.