

**LANGUAGE SECTOR**  
**THE NORTH/SOUTH LANGUAGE BODY**  
**(IRISH LANGUAGE AGENCY AND ULSTER-SCOTS AGENCY)**  
**ULSTER-SCOTS AGENCY IN-YEAR BID FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING**  
**RECORD OF DECISION IP/LAN 28**

Pursuant to the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing a North/South Ministerial Council done at Dublin on 8 March 1999, the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing Implementation Bodies done at Dublin on 8 March 1999 and to the supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituted by the exchange of letters dated 18 June 1999, as amended by the supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituted by the exchange of notes dated 19 November 2002, Mr David Hanson, M.P., Minister of State and Mr. Eamon Ó Cuív, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs have given consent to the decision in paper **IP/LAN 28** set out below. The effective date of this decision is 2 August 2005.

**Decision Sought in Paper IP/LAN 28**

Ministers are invited, subject to the approval of Finance Ministers, to agree a revised budget of £1.809m sterling for the Ulster-Scots Agency in 2005. This additional in-year funding of £40,000 to the Ulster-Scots Agency will meet the projected shortfall in its cultural programme budget and enable it to lift its self-imposed moratorium.