The Department is currently employing two Civil Servants in professional roles within its Planning Directorate on zero-hours contracts. These individuals joined the Department on 31st October 2013 and 10th December 2013 respectively and arrangements for both are due to end no later than 31st March 2014.

The expertise and professional experience of both is required on a short-term basis to ensure that the Department meets one of its key priorities and ministerial objectives to improve Planning coverage and quality.