

The Directorate of Immigration's budget

The UDI's budget is adopted following the annual debate on the government budget by the Norwegian Parliament. A budget allocation letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development places the budget funds at the disposal of the Directorate. In addition to the budget for the operation of the Directorate, substantial funds are allocated for the running of reception centres, settling refugees and immigrants, and funding certain subsidy schemes.

Overall, the allocation letter put around NOK 4 702 million at the Directorate's disposal in 2004. Together with transfers from 2003, supplementary allocations in the revised national budget, compensation for wage settlement and revisions of the budget, the total budget for 2004 was NOK 5 168 million. This meant a reduction in the expenses covered by the UDI's budget for the first time in several years.

The Directorate of Immigration's accounts

The Directorate of Immigration's accounts are kept in accordance with the accounting principles that apply for public bodies. This means that all expenses, regardless the type, are recognised in the accounts in the year they are incurred (cash flow accounting). This in turn means that no balance sheet is prepared for the undertaking in the normal sense.

Operating expenses

The accounts for 2004 show that NOK 470.8 million was spent on running the UDI. Payroll expenses amounted to NOK 301 million, and include a total of NOK 19.1 million which largely consists of reimbursements for maternity leave and sickness benefits.

The Directorate's operating budget was increased by NOK 3.55 million in the revised national budget due to the expansion of the EU and a greater number of applications for work permits.

To allow better control and documentation of the in-house use of resources in the Directorate, product calculations have been made to price the various external services provided.

Operating expenses for asylum reception centres

The reception centres are voluntary housing provided for asylum seekers. They are run by private or municipal operators. Contracts are awarded following a tender procedure. All operating expenses, subsistence benefits to asylum seekers and other expenses are covered through the Directorate's budget. The total

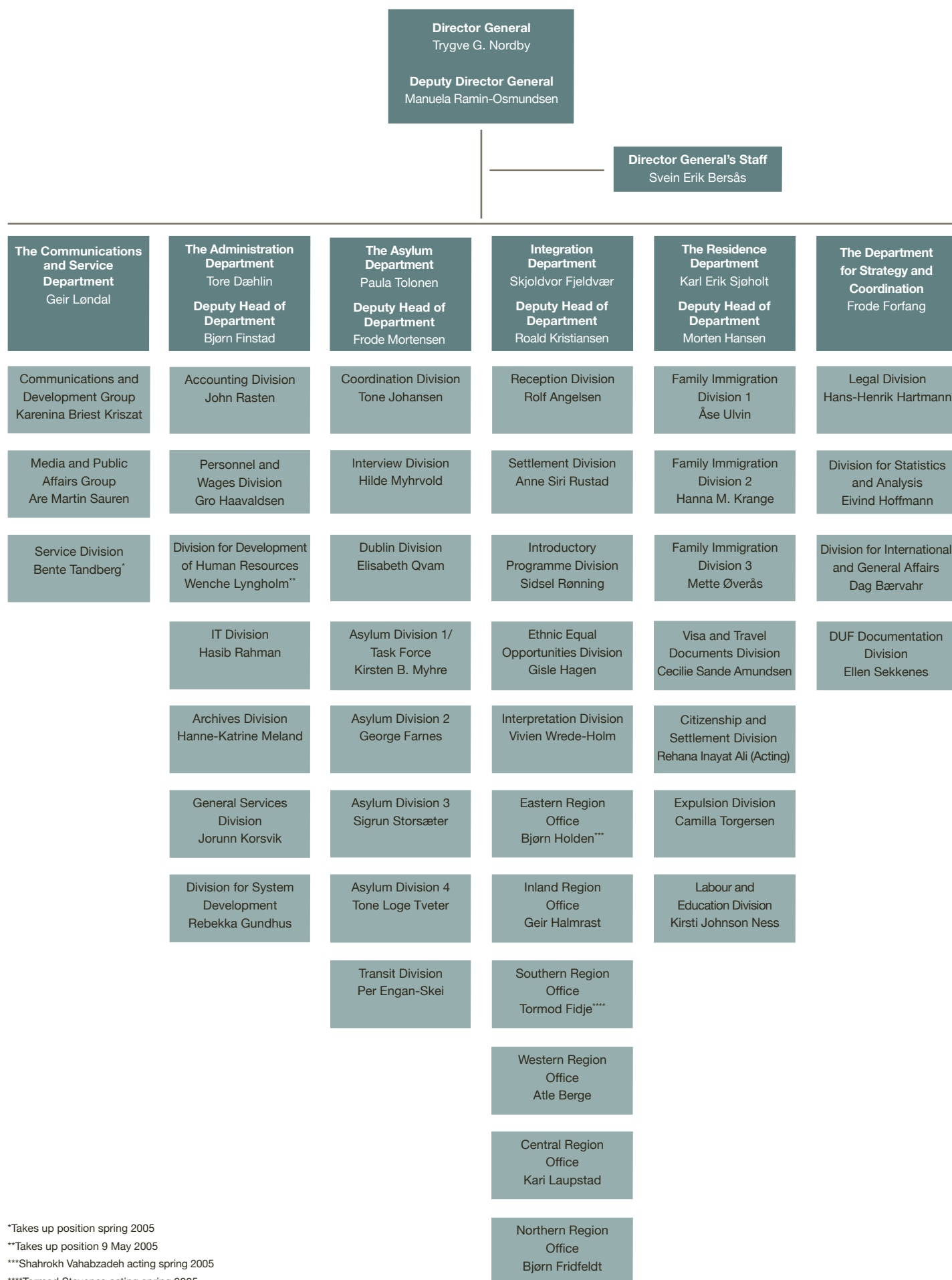
expenses under this item amounted to NOK 1 546 million, compared with NOK 1 770 million in 2003, a reduction of around 13 per cent. The number of residents in reception centres showed a declining trend throughout the year, from around 17 200 at the start of 2004 to around 12 200 at the end of the year. The price of each reception centre place has changed little on average compared with 2003, and remains slightly over NOK 100 000 per year per resident.

Settling refugees and immigrants

The integration subsidy is the financial compensation the local authorities receive from the central authorities for settling refugees and their families. The subsidy is paid over five years from the year of settlement. The rates for the subsidy increased from a total of NOK 376 000 for the five-year period in 2003 to NOK 393 000 in 2004. NOK 2 799 million has been recognised in the accounts in this connection in 2004, an increase of NOK 115 million compared with 2003.

Accounts	2002	2003	2004
Total expenses in the UDI's area of responsibility	4 794 596 744	5 215 020 120	5 095 169 551
Operating expenses UDI, reimbursements deducted	407 267 964	419 583 105	451 644 651
Whereof payroll, reimbursements deducted	247 038 026	274 097 923	281 902 388
Computer register for foreign nationals and refugees (DUF)	13 703 366	24 794 055	20 013 416
Operating expenses state reception centres	1 658 153 881	1 784 277 851	1 545 701 924
Whereof financial assistance to residents	481 557 969	525 600 380	449 654 641
Whereof operating expenses for reception centres	1 173 234 886	1 251 047 864	1 088 079 204
Whereof ordinary operating expenses	3 361 299	7 629 607	8 010 255
Special operating expenses, interpreting and translation	72 670 567	46 107 457	25 364 714
Whereof payroll and remuneration	39 832 640	31 316 878	16 547 589
Settlement of refugees and immigrants	2 427 036 769	2 738 239 369	2 873 199 482
Integration subsidy	2 400 150 779	2 684 152 714	2 798 736 834
Municipal immigration measures	11 664 346	41 346 082	42 959 000
Development of expertise	15 221 644	12 740 573	31 503 648
Subsidies to immigrant organisations and other voluntary activities	24 216 264	24 906 446	25 130 437
Whereof nationwide organisations	9 200 000	9 449 995	9 650 000
Whereof local immigrant organisations/voluntary activities	12 300 000	12 820 000	12 658 325
Whereof administration subsidies	2 716 264	2 636 451	2 822 112
Return of refugees	12 481 957	8 415 170	10 730 958
Whereof individual financial support	7 517 127	644 995	1 270 149
Whereof projects/local support	4 964 830	7 770 175	9 460 809
The state authorisation scheme for interpreters	1 500 000	100 000	100 000
Transport of refugees/travel expenses to and from abroad	19 857 082	20 822 617	10 350 240
On behalf of the Ministry of Children and Family Affairs	142 487 250	147 774 050	150 206 300
On behalf of the Ministry of Justice and the Police			2 740 844

The UDI's organisation and management



*Takes up position spring 2005

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