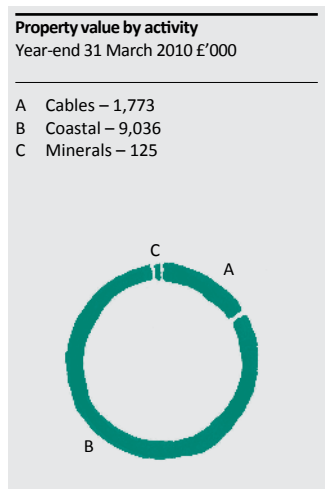
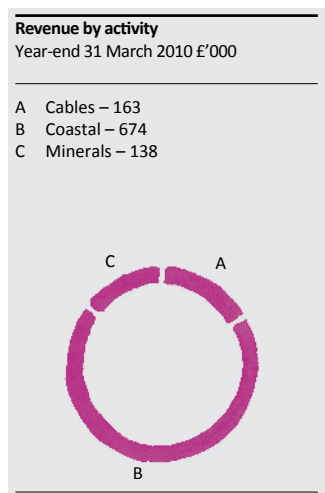




- Revenue from The Crown Estate in Northern Ireland was £1.0 million, level with last year.
- The total property value of The Crown Estate in Northern Ireland was £10.9 million.
- The responsibilities of The Crown Estate are to maintain and enhance the value of the estate and its income over the long term and to do this having regard to good management.
- The surplus earned by The Crown Estate is paid to the UK Government for the benefit of the public as a whole.
- The marine estate in Northern Ireland includes the foreshore and seabed out to 12 nautical miles.
- The Crown Estate is involved in granting leases to a number of shellfish operators, mainly in Strangford and Belfast in close cooperation with the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Throughout Northern Ireland The Crown Estate has 21 current agreements with companies for mineral exploration. Northern Ireland's only gold mine is at Omagh. A gold and silver extraction agreement was issued to Omagh Minerals Limited in 1993, and the company has been operational on the site since 2006.



	The Crown Estate NI 12 months to 31 March 2010 £m	The Crown Estate NI 12 months to 31 March 2009 £m	The Crown Estate total 12 months to 31 March 2010 £m	The Crown Estate total 12 months to 31 March 2009 £m	Increase/ (decrease) from prior year	% of total
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	<b>299.7</b>	304.2	0.0%	0.3%
<b>Gross surplus</b>	<b>0.8</b>	0.9	<b>246.3</b>	243.2	-11.1%	0.3%
<b>Property value</b>	<b>10.9</b>	11.7	<b>598.9</b>	551.3	-6.8%	0.2%

**Highlights of the past year include:**

- Working with DETI (Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment) to introduce an offshore wind, wave and tidal leasing round in late 2010 or early 2011.
- Granting a renewal of a seismic survey licence to Island Magee Storage Ltd for investigations into the creation of caverns for strategic gas storage.
- Providing funding for a number of important stewardship projects across Northern Ireland, as part of its Marine Communities funding programme. One of those receiving funding was a project by RSPB Northern Ireland aimed at raising awareness of the area's marine biodiversity. This year we gave £15,000 and a further £15,000 has been allocated for 2010/11. Funding also enabled The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust to employ a reserve warden to manage Strangford Lough wetland habitats at Castle Espie. This project will receive £44,000 over two years.

