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Mr Kelly has asked:

To ask the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail the level of funding that his Department and its arm's-length bodies has allocated to each project in the Belfast area since 2007, broken down by constituency.

ANSWER

This response has been delayed due to the need to seek clarification on the question, the volume of information required to answer it and IT problems at a participating arm's length body.

The total amount of funding spent on projects in the Belfast area since 2007 is summarised in the tables below, divided between resource and capital:

RESOURCE

Constituency	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
North Belfast	2,541	3,605	3,561	3,145	3,592
South Belfast	4,720	5,351	6,882	6,542	7,592
East Belfast	91	248	491	793	887
West Belfast	1,933	2,286	3,274	1,998	2,972
Total	9,285	11,490	14,208	12,478	15,050

CAPITAL

Constituency	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
North Belfast	170	550	1,036	871	386
South Belfast	15,832	2,289	2,568	341	410
East Belfast	0	0	1,519	234	4
West Belfast	602	824	558	1,284	241
Total	16,604	3,663	5,681	2,730	1,041

Detailed breakdowns by project are provided in **Annex A**

I should make the following observations. First, the costs of ongoing service provision have not been included in the answer (eg the running costs of individual libraries in the constituencies) as these are not considered to meet the definition of a project.

Second, certain spend has been excluded on the grounds that, while it is possible to associate it with a constituency, its primary objective is not to benefit any particular constituency but to promote and provide benefits generally for the north of Ireland. For instance, spend by World Police and Fire Games falls into this category.

Third, in comparing allocations across constituencies, it is important to appreciate that my Department sometimes provides funding through intermediary parties and does not, therefore, hold information on subsequent allocations across constituencies. For example, Sport NI provides funding to Belfast City Council (BCC) under its Active Communities programme. For the purposes of your question and in the absence of more detailed information, this funding has been allocated in total to the South Belfast constituency (the physical location of BCC HQ).

Fourth, it should be appreciated that, in the case of Arts funding, the pattern of allocation reflects the fact that a number of major venues and organisations are located in the South Belfast constituency (Lyric Theatre, Grand Opera House, Crescent Arts Centre and the Ulster Orchestra). This is particularly evident in 07/08 when, of the total capital spent in that year of £16,604k, £9,237k was attributable to the Lyric Theatre and £4,500k to the Crescent Arts Centre both of which are situated in the South Belfast constituency.

I hope these comments contribute to your understanding of the data.

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RESOURCE SPEND BY ALBS

Branch/ALB	Project Name	2007/08			2008/09			2009/10			2010/11			2011/12			
		North £000	South £000	East £000	West £000	North £000	South £000	East £000	West £000	North £000	South £000	East £000	West £000	North £000	South £000	East £000	West £000
ACNI - ASOP	ADAPT NI	63				70				70				70			
ACNI - ASOP	Craft Northern Ireland	79				130				130				125			
ACNI - ASOP	Golden Thread Gallery	65				107				107				107			
ACNI - ASOP	Prison Arts Foundation	71				71				71				50			
ACNI - ASOP	Arts and Disability Forum	76				76				76				76			
ACNI - ASOP	Belfast Community Circus School	89				148				148				148			
ACNI - ASOP	Belfast Exposed Photography	65				100				100				100			
ACNI - ASOP	Belfast Print Workshop	71				89				89				89			
ACNI - ASOP	Cahoots NI Ltd	55				80				80				80			
ACNI - ASOP	Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival	69				100				100				100			
ACNI - ASOP	Community Arts Forum	82				115				110				39			
ACNI - ASOP	Flaxart Studios	38				39				39				39			
ACNI - ASOP	Kabosh Theatre Ltd	80				82				82				82			
ACNI - ASOP	Moving on Music	104				109				114				114			
ACNI - ASOP	Play Resource Warehouse	55				65				65				65			
ACNI - ASOP	Prime Cut Productions Ltd	101				101				101				101			
ACNI - ASOP	The Old Museum Arts Centre (OMAC)	233				243				243				0			
ACNI - ASOP	Tinderbox Theatre Company	101				104				139				139			
ACNI - ASOP	Young at Art	64				85				85				85			
ACNI - ASOP	Belfast Trad (Traditional Music and Dance Society)		19				20				20				20		
ACNI - ASOP	Ormeau Avenue Gallery Ltd		330				300				300				300		
ACNI - ASOP	Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA)		32				45				35				0		
ACNI - ASOP	The Francis McPeake School of Music		50				0				0				0		
ACNI - ASOP	The Jigtime Programme of Irish Music		25				25				0				0		
ACNI - ASOP	Arts Care		45				45				45				45		
ACNI - ASOP	Audiences Northern Ireland		175				212				212				212		
ACNI - ASOP	Belfast Festival at Queen's		70				100				100				100		
ACNI - ASOP	Crescent Arts Centre		130				147				147				201		
ACNI - ASOP	Open Arts		70				70				70				70		
ACNI - ASOP	Streetwise Community Circus Workshops		34				34				34				34		
ACNI - ASOP	The Grand Opera House Trust		493				493				583				613		
ACNI - ASOP	The Lyric Theatre (NI)		607				607				650				1000		
ACNI - ASOP	Ulster Orchestra Society Ltd		1,925				2050				2050				2197		
ACNI - ASOP	Wheelworks		60				60				60				60		
ACNI - ASOP	Blackstaff Press Limited			69				79			79					79	
ACNI - ASOP	Aisling Gearh Theatre Company				67				67								67
ACNI - ASOP	Andersonstown Traditional & Contemporary Music School			50					50						50		50
ACNI - ASOP	Queen Street Studios			33					31						31		31
ACNI - ASOP	Ulster Association of Youth Drama			35					35						35		35
ACNI - ASOP	Culturlann McAdam O'Flaich			156					161						161		161
ACNI - ASOP	Feile an Phoibail			99					123						123		123
ACNI - ASOP	Lagan Press Ltd			40					50						50		50
ACNI - ASOP	Replay Theatre Company			113					116						116		116
ACNI - ASOP	The Beat Initiative			75					100						110		110
ACNI - ASOP	Creative Writers Network (NI) Ltd					60											0
ACNI - ASOP	DU Dance					24								35			
ACNI - ASOP	Factotum					17								3			
ACNI - ASOP	Maiden Voyage (NI) Ltd					20								33			
ACNI - ASOP	New Belfast Community Arts Partnership					38								38			94
ACNI - ASOP	Northern Ireland Music Industry Commission					20								0			0
ACNI - ASOP	Open House Festival					60								60			60
ACNI - ASOP	Orchid Studios Association					15								15			15
ACNI - ASOP	Paragon Studios					24								24			20
ACNI - ASOP	Ransom Productions Ltd					20								20			20

