

From the Office of the Minister



Department of

**Enterprise, Trade
and Investment**

www.detini.gov.uk

NETHERLEIGH
MASSEY AVENUE
BELFAST
BT4 2JP

Tel: 028 90 529452

Fax: 028 90 529545

Text Relay: 18001 028-9052-9452

E Mail: private.office@detini.gov.uk

Our Ref: DETI SUB 062/2015

Sammy Wilson MP MLA
East Antrim DUP
Constituency Office
116 Main Street
LARNE
BT40 1RG

18 February 2015

Dear Sammy

I refer to the Topical Question (AQT2083/11-15) raised by you in the Northern Ireland Assembly on Tuesday 10 February in relation to the monies made available to BT by my Department to improve broadband and fibre-optic cables across Northern Ireland. I did not have that information available to me at the time and I undertook to write to you with the total amount.

I can confirm that since 2004 my Department has made funding of £35.74m available to BT to upgrade the telecommunications infrastructure to initially make the delivery of first generation broadband services possible and, latterly, to increase the coverage and quality of services in line with market changes.

I will arrange for a copy of this letter to be sent to the Speaker's Office and a copy will also be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

ARLENE FOSTER MLA

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment