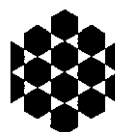


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Dear Colum,

You asked the following questions in the Assembly, which were due for answer during April 2015:

- *AQW 44960/11-15 - the financial assistance provided by Invest NI to companies during the 2014/15 financial year, broken down by constituency; and what each amount represents as a percentage of the total financial assistance provided by Invest NI during this period.*
- *AQW 44961/11-15 - the number of new jobs created from inward investment projects supported by Invest NI during the 2014/15 financial year, broken down by constituency; and what each figure represents as a percentage of the total amount of new jobs created by inward investment projects during that period.*
- *AQW 44962/11-15 - the number of new jobs created from first time international investors that were supported by Invest NI during the 2014/15 financial year, broken down by constituency; and what each figure represents as a percentage of the total amount of new jobs created by first time international investors during that period.*
- *AQW 44963/11-15 - how many of the jobs created by Invest NI in each constituency during the 2014/15 financial year offer a salary of (i) above, but less than 25 percent above the average private sector wage; and (ii) 25 percent or more above the average private sector wage, expressed as a number and a percentage of all the new jobs created by inward investment projects during this period.*

In the response, my predecessor indicated that the information would be made available to you following a data verification exercise. This exercise has now been completed and the outstanding information is attached at Annex A.

I have also placed a copy of this letter in the Assembly library.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

AQW 44960/11-15 - Answer:

The table below shows the amount of financial assistance offered by Invest NI to businesses during 2014/15, broken down by constituency area; and what each represents as a percentage of the total.

Invest NI Assistance Offered by Parliamentary Constituency Area (2014-15)

PCA	Assistance Offered £m	% of Total
BELFAST EAST	13.09	6.8%
BELFAST NORTH	7.84	4.1%
BELFAST SOUTH	63.35	32.7%
BELFAST WEST	2.22	1.1%
EAST ANTRIM	4.38	2.3%
EAST LONDONDERRY	1.55	0.8%
FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE	10.67	5.5%
FOYLE	11.41	5.9%
LAGAN VALLEY	3.81	2.0%
MID ULSTER	10.17	5.3%
NEWRY & ARMAGH	8.23	4.3%
NORTH ANTRIM	5.61	2.9%
NORTH DOWN	1.60	0.8%
SOUTH ANTRIM	12.01	6.2%
SOUTH DOWN	5.12	2.6%
STRANGFORD	2.28	1.2%
UPPER BANN	22.97	11.9%
WEST TYRONE	3.67	1.9%
NOT LOCATED	3.55	1.8%

Notes

1. Not Located refers to those businesses that have not yet confirmed a location.
2. Invest NI revises performance data on a regular basis to ensure that it reflects implemented projects; therefore, the data above may differ to previously published information.

AQW 44961/11-15 - Answer:

In order to protect the commercial interests of its customers, Invest NI applies statistical disclosure controls to the release of commercially sensitive information during the lifetime of projects.

This means that information cannot be disaggregated if there are less than 5 businesses included in the results.

The only areas that do not breach this rule for the timeframe requested are Belfast East, North and South and Fermanagh & South Tyrone, details of which are presented in the table below.

Invest NI New Jobs Created from inward investment projects supported by Invest NI during the 2014/15 financial year

PCA	Jobs Created	% of total
BELFAST EAST	690	23.2%
BELFAST NORTH	132	4.4%
BELFAST SOUTH	554	18.7%
FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE	16	0.5%

Notes

1. Invest NI revises performance data on a regular basis to ensure that it reflects implemented projects; therefore, the data above may differ to previously published information.

Invest NI monitors individual projects on an ongoing basis to ensure that they comply with the conditions of the Letter of Offer and deliver the economic benefits envisaged. Any payment against jobs created is made retrospectively once they have been validated.

AQW 44962/11-15 - Answer:

In order to protect the commercial interests of its customers, Invest NI applies statistical disclosure controls to the release of commercially sensitive information during the lifetime of projects.

This means that information cannot be disaggregated if there are less than 5 businesses included in the results.

The only areas that do not breach this rule for the timeframe requested are Belfast East and South, details of which are presented in the table below.

Invest NI New Jobs Created from first time inward investors supported by Invest NI in 2014-15

PCA	Jobs Created	% of total
BELFAST EAST	76	10.6%
BELFAST SOUTH	268	37.6%

Notes

1. Invest NI revises performance data on a regular basis to ensure that it reflects implemented projects; therefore, the data above may differ to previously published information.

AQW 44963/11-15 - Answer

Invest NI monitors projects on an ongoing basis to ensure that they comply with the conditions of the Letter of Offer and deliver the economic benefits envisaged. Payment against jobs created is made retrospectively once they have been validated.

Invest NI does not record information on the number of jobs created paying (i) above, but less than 25 percent above the average private sector wage; and (ii) 25 percent or more above the average private sector wage.