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Dear Alban

In the course of Topical Question Time on 16 February 2016 I committed to provide you with information regarding the level of economic inactivity in North Belfast.

Official estimates of economic inactivity are sourced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) in line with international standards. Table 1 provides estimates of economic inactivity rates for North Belfast from 2010 to 2014.

**Table 1: Economic inactivity in North Belfast, 2010 – 2014**

	Number of persons	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>
2010	28,000	50.3
2011	38,000	53.9
2012	30,000	44.2
2013	26,000	41.7
2014	28,000	47.4

**Source:** NISRA Labour Force Survey, January – December 2010 - 2014

<sup>1</sup>The economic inactivity rate is defined as the number of persons who are neither employed or unemployed as a percentage of the working age population (16-64).

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Assembly Library for the information of all Members.

Yours sincerely



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