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Due to the volume of detail required to AQW 1231/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

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ANNEX A

The number of individuals taking part in employment programmes funded by the Department is set out below. Only the information relating to Steps to Success, European Social Fund and Neighbourhood Renewal is available at constituency level. The remaining data is broken down by council area.

JobStart Scheme - 2 April 2021 to 31 May 2022

This Scheme provides employment opportunities for young people aged 16-24 who are at risk of long term unemployment. At 31 May 2022, 1,427 young people had started the Scheme. **(Please see table at Annex 1)**

Steps 2 Success (S2S) - October 2017 to March 2021 The aim of S2S was to help eligible benefit recipients find and sustain work thereby supporting the needs of employers and the economy. By March 2021, 22,481 people had participated in S2S. **(Please see table at Annex 2).**

Work Ready Employment Service (WRES) - 13 April 2021 to 17 May 2022

WRES offers short, modular-based employability training for all 'work-ready' customers who have made a claim to a relevant benefit. At 31 May 2022, 1,827 customers had been referred to at least one module. **(Please see table at Annex 3).**

Adviser Discretion Fund (ADF) - 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022

ADF provides financial support in the form of grant payments to eligible customers to purchase essential goods or services to remove a barrier to employment. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022, out of 1327 ADF applications 1,308 awards have been made for training purposes. **(Please see table at Annex 4, this information is not held at constituency or council level).**

Work Experience Programme (WEP) – 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022

WEP provides quality work experience placements to participants who are job ready. The Opportunity Guarantee strand of the programme provides opportunities which must be linked to the guarantee of an interview for either a job or apprenticeship. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022, 325 people have participated in the Work Experience Programme (including Opportunity Guarantee). **(Please see table at Annex 5, this information is not held at constituency or council level).**

European Social Fund (ESF) – Match Funding

DfC provided public match funding to 18 projects in ESF Call 2 (2018 to 2022). These projects aim to raise employment levels amongst people with disabilities and assist participants into the labour market thus contributing to a strong, growing and sustainable economy in Northern Ireland. Over the 5 year period 2017 to 2022 12,009 people enrolled on these projects. **(Please see table at Annex 6).**

TBUC Young Leaders Training & Ambassadors Programme

This programme targets young people aged between 16 and 24 years, challenging them through a training package to become the next generation of community leaders. **(Please see table at Annex 7).**

Neighbourhood Renewal

Under the People & Place Strategy opportunities are provided for people who previously disengaged from full time education and/or are economically inactive, to gain accredited qualifications enabling people to find employment. **(Please see table at Annex 8).**

I am unable to provide you with Apprenticeships and Training data as this is the responsibility of the Economy Minister.

JobStart Scheme

Participants by council area from 2 April 2021 to 31 May 2022

Borough / District Council	Participants
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	195
Ards and North Down Borough Council	105
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	95
Belfast City Council	348
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	118
Derry City and Strabane District Council	176
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	45
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	75
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	76
Mid Ulster District Council	59
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	132
Other (Companies based outside NI)	3
Total	1,427

Steps 2 Success

Participants by Constituency area 2017 to 2021. There were no starts in 2021 as scheme ceased.

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Assembly Area	Starts	Starts	Starts	Starts
Belfast East	68	256	282	453
Belfast North	153	581	594	865
Belfast South	75	305	343	444
Belfast West	116	538	597	873
East Antrim	70	294	252	321
East Londonderry	133	240	350	519
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	40	205	316	331
Foyle	230	745	549	1375
Lagan Valley	62	187	247	302
Mid Ulster	55	211	258	253
Newry and Armagh	80	298	388	416
North Antrim	98	316	320	380
North Down	63	273	239	329
South Antrim	76	185	221	255
South Down	61	250	272	396
Strangford	75	244	365	422
Upper Bann	87	267	359	384
West Tyrone	55	289	332	510
Unassigned	9	33	13	33
Total	1606	5717	6297	8861

Work Ready Employment Service (WRES)

WRES participation figures by Council area for 2021/2022.

Contract Lot	Total Participants
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	154
Ards & North Down Borough Council	107
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	322
Belfast City Council	142
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council	71
Derry City & Strabane District Council	125
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	70
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	22
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council	99
Mid Ulster District Council	198
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	363
Grand Total	1672

Adviser Discretion Fund (ADF)

Awards for training purposes only from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022

YEAR	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
TOTAL	107	222	279	175	544

Annex 5

Work Experience Programme

Participants from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022

YEAR	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
TOTAL	114	40	20	1	154

European Social Fund Participants (ESF)

ESF participation figures by Constituency area for 2017 to 2022.

<u>Parliamentary Constituency (Located / Based in)</u>	<u>Participants enrolled 2017/18</u>	<u>Participants enrolled 2018/19</u>	<u>Participants enrolled 2019/20</u>	<u>Participants enrolled 2020/21</u>	<u>Participants enrolled 2021/22</u>	<u>Total</u>
Belfast East	308	232	232	149	162	1,083
Belfast North	140	215	211	142	211	919
Belfast South	579	1,682	993	404	789	4,447
East Antrim	11	39	36	14	26	126
Fermanagh & S Tyrone	-	282	264	77	204	827
Foyle	82	298	236	205	218	1,039
Lagan Valley	22	175	216	136	187	736
Newry & Armagh	49	-	112	61	110	332
Strangford	393	1,089	449	178	391	2,500
TOTAL	1,584	4,012	2,749	1,366	2,298	12,009

Annex 7**TBUC Young Leaders Training & Ambassadors Programme**

Constituency/Programme	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Belfast North/Ardoyne and Ballysillan			17	17	
Belfast West/Colin and Eastside		18	18		
Fermanagh & South Tyrone/Erne East	30	30			
West Tyrone/Derg			13	13	

Neighbourhood Renewal

Constituency	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
East Londonderry	0	0	0	0	4
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	27	34	39	38	38
Foyle	676	758	812	601	662
Mid Ulster	162	114	90	71	81
Newry & Armagh	202	254	235	280	208
North Antrim	274	95	85	0	114
North Down	341	56	58	58	58
South Down	30	25	26	24	24
Strangford	0	0	0	0	96
Upper Bann	166	161	215	139	215
West Tyrone	82	114	100	86	106

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