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Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister

Social Investment Funds Steering Groups

Mr Eastwood asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether they issued guidance that lead or managing agencies for projects should only come from representatives on Social Investment Funds steering groups; and whether such guidance was equality proofed, given that members of steering groups were appointed as individuals and not organisations.

(AQW 20347/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness (The First Minister and deputy First Minister): Guidance was issued to Steering Groups to assist them during the area planning process and included advice on the identification of lead partner organisations coming from within the Steering Groups. That advice did not state that lead or managing agencies should only come from within the steering group. Decisions on lead partners will take into account which organisations are best placed to manage and oversee individual project delivery.

Steering Groups have now identified preferred lead partner organisations on their final plans and these are under consideration within the economic appraisals submitted to the Department for assessment

Ten Year Children and Young People's Strategy

Mr Agnew asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister when a further action plan will be developed for the ten year children and young people's strategy; and when work will begin on a further children and young people's strategy.

(AQW 21793/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: The current Ten Year Strategy for Children and Young People is due to continue until 2016. Work to further the aims of the Strategy is now being taken forward through the Delivering Social Change framework which seeks to address the linked issues of poverty and improving children's lives. Through Delivering Social Change, we are moving away from plans with long lists of existing activities towards smaller numbers of cross-cutting and strategic objectives which can really make a difference and which are additional to existing work across government.

The Children and Young People's Strategy is the key mechanism for the implementation of our obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the outcome of the forthcoming Periodic Review of the Convention will be critical in informing our assessment of how we can best deliver for children and young people post 2016.

In particular, as part of the Periodic Review of the UNCRC, a series of direct engagements with children and young people is currently underway. Account will be taken of the views expressed to help inform how best the needs of children and young people can be met. The recommendations of the UN Committee in their Concluding Observations at the end of the process will help us to identify those areas where further progress is needed.

The outworking of this process taken alongside the ongoing development of the Child Rights Indicator Framework, represents an excellent basis to review the effectiveness of the existing strategy and inform a clear strategic direction for co-ordinated Government action in the future to ensure that all of our children and young people have the best possible start in their lives.

Freedom of Information Request

Mr Copeland asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister when the Freedom of Information Request, OFMDFM/2012-0027, will be answered.

(AQW 22812/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: This request was answered on 28 June 2013.

Public Consultations

Mr Nesbitt asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister to detail (i) the number of public consultations undertaken by their Department, in each year since 2007; (ii) the type of consultation; and (iii) the total cost of each consultation.

(AQW 23308/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: The consultations undertaken by OFMDFM since 2007 are as follows:

Year	Type of consultation	Details	Total cost of each consultation
2007	Workshops with groups of marginalised, hard to reach children	Collating the views of Children and Young People	Costs not readily available.*
Jul - Sep 2007	Public	Consultation on implementing EU equality obligations under the Gender Goods and Services Directive	Approx £400 plus press advertising costs which are not readily available.
2007	Public	Public Authorities Reform	£2067.98
2007/2008	Public	Programme for Government	Approx £17,000
2008	Public	Draft equality impact assessment carried out at a strategic level on the Programme for Government and the Budget and Investment Strategy	Approx £17,000
Dec 2008	Public	Disability Discrimination (Transport Vehicles Regulations)	£2133
May – Aug 2008	Public	Review of Civic Forum	£4780.00
2009	Workshops, Conference and On-line Questionnaire all aimed at Children and Young People	Review of 2008-11 Action Plan taking account of UN 2008 Concluding Observations	£18,840.29

Year	Type of consultation	Details	Total cost of each consultation
2009	Open Public & Invitational	Sustainable Development Strategy	£6,197
Aug 2009	Public	Consultation on a Victims and Survivors Service	Costs not readily available.
Aug 2008	Public	Consultation on Strategy for Victims and Survivors	Costs not readily available.
2009	Open public consultation	Consultation on establishing an Older Peoples Commissioner	£17,000
2010	Interested Parties / Public	Consultation on Budget 2010	Approx £1000
2010	Public	Public Assembly, Parades and Protests	Costs not readily available.
June 2010	Sectoral	“World Cafe” Discussion for Women's Groups and Organisations	Approx £670
2010	Links inserted on OFMDFM website and organisations here invited to submit evidence	Review of the Default Retirement Age – Call to Business for Evidence (Department of Business, Innovation & Skills consultation) –	No costs for this department
2010	Open Public, Invitational and Sectoral	Sustainable Development Implementation Plan	£1,497
2010	Public and Sectoral	Consultation on the Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration	£93,185.70
Dec 2010 to Feb 2011	Public	Consultation on the Child Poverty Strategy 2010	£14,772
Dec 2010 – Feb 2011	Online at OFMDFM website. Four focus groups with children and young people.	Consultation on the Play and Leisure Implementation Plan	£2,194.80
2011	Public	OFMDFM Equality Scheme	Approx £1000
Mar 2011	Public and sectoral meetings	Historical Institutional Abuse taskforce consultation	£4,483.29
2011/2012	Strategic Investment Fund Consultation	Consultation on proposals for Social Investment Fund	£8,807
2011/2012	Open Public, Invitational and Sectoral	Programme for Government 2011-15	£17,930
April - Aug 2012	Public	Consultation on Disability Strategy	£13,384

Year	Type of consultation	Details	Total cost of each consultation
June and Oct 2012	Two half-day Public Consultation events	Key Stakeholder Workshops	£1,270
Oct – Dec 2012	Sectoral	Consultation on implementation of the European Court of Justice judgement on gender neutrality in the pricing of insurance premiums and benefits	approx £100
2012/13	Sectoral	Minority Ethnic Development Fund	NIL
Dec 2012 to March 2013	Public	Consultation on “Towards a Childcare Strategy”	Approx £7,000
May 2013	Public	Consultation on the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse Rules	£1,311.77
2013	Workshops with organisations working with children and young people	Review of Draft Child Rights Indicator Framework	£3,821.40

* Where costs are not readily available, disproportionate costs are associated with retrieval.

Extension to the Current Assembly Mandate

Mr Elliott asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister for their assessment of an extension to the current Assembly mandate.

(AQO 4064/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: The proposal to extend the current Assembly term to 2016 will bring us into line with the arrangements for Scotland and Wales and will avoid the poll being held on the same day as the next scheduled Westminster election.

Delivering Social Change

Mr Agnew asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether their Department had any role in determining whether signature projects, under the Delivering Social Change Framework, would be advanced.

(AQW 23430/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: On 10 October 2012 we announced six significant Signature Programmes under the Framework. Our Department is leading on the Delivering Social Change Framework, with lead departments now taking these programmes forward.

Delivering Social Change

Mr Agnew asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister who was responsible for deciding whether funding would be allocated to each of the Delivering Social Change signature projects.

(AQW 23431/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: On 10 October 2012 we announced six significant Signature Programmes under the Framework. Our Department is leading on the Delivering Social Change Framework, with lead departments now taking these programmes forward.

Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Centre

Mr Nesbitt asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister to outline (i) the annual government subvention required for the proposed Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Centre, as set out in the business case; and (ii) any additional funding streams identified in the development of a business plan.
(AQW 23802/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: Any information relating to the business case is commercial in confidence.

Limiting the Availability of Indecent Images of Children Online

Mrs Overend asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister what action they have taken to limit the availability of indecent images of children online.
(AQW 23915/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: Article 3 of the Protection of Children (NI) Order 1978 prohibits the possession, distribution and publication of indecent images of children under 18 years.

OFMDFM co-ordinates the work of relevant Departments through the Delivering Social Change Ministerial Sub-Committee on Children and Young People.

Similarly, we work on a cross-departmental basis with other relevant departments and agencies which have a remit for policing, regulating and raising public awareness around internet use in order to protect children and young people online.

The actions led by the Department include working with the UK Safer Internet Centre to raise awareness of safer internet issues through participating in Safer Internet Day held in February this year; networking with the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland to identify potential areas for collaborative working; commissioning a survey of internet use among P7 pupils across the region; taking forward a gap analysis to identify further actions to promote better internet safety for children and young people and liaising with external organisations such as NSPCC and the National Children's Bureau in Northern Ireland.

Magdalene Laundry

Ms S Ramsey asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister for an update on their inquiries into Magdalene Laundry type institutions.
(AQO 4235/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: The recent reports regarding the Magdalene Laundry institutions in the Republic of Ireland have raised the question of how those who were resident in similar institutions here may address concerns.

Anyone who experienced abuse as a child within such institutions will be covered by the remit of the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse. They will be able to talk in private about their experiences to two members of the Inquiry's Acknowledgement Forum. Contact details for the Inquiry are available on its website.

However, we are conscious that there may be a group that would not be covered as they were over the age of 18 during their residency.

We had appointed a senior civil servant to draw up a scoping report on the Magdalene Laundry type institutions here to see what further action could be taken. We received that report and we intend to give serious consideration to the options that have been laid out. We will consider the advice and options in the paper very carefully before deciding the way forward.

Answers to Written Questions

Mr Swann asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether, in answers to written questions, they give an answer that would be consistent if the same question was asked under a Freedom of Information request.

(AQW 24793/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the Department is only required to provide information already held in recorded form. It does not have to create new information. However, in responding to Assembly Questions, the Department may create new information.

Branded Apparel for Non-Frontline Staff

Mr Allister asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister how much their Department has spent on branded apparel for non-frontline staff, in each of the last three years.

(AQW 24800/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: OFMDFM has incurred no expenditure on branded apparel in each of the last three years.

European Funding

Mr McElduff asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether the Programme for Government commitment to increase the draw down of European funding by 20 per cent is on target.

(AQO 4420/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: The revalidation of competitive EU funding drawdown by departments is now complete. A new baseline of £13.4m has been determined for 2010-11, giving rise to a four-year drawdown value of £64.4m.

Drawdown was £22.9m in Year 1 (2011-12) and £17.9m in Year 2 (2012-13).

Departments have secured competitive EU funds worth £40.8m at the mid-point of the Budget Period, representing 63% of the four-year drawdown value. We remain on target to meet this Programme for Government commitment.

Together: Building a United Community Strategy

Mrs Cochrane asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister to outline the financial implications of the Together: Building a United Community Strategy.

(AQO 4427/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: Funding implications for the delivery of the actions and targets contained in Together: Building a United Community will be assessed by the design groups that we have established for each of the seven headline actions. The design groups will produce implementation plans with indicative costs.

Decisions on the proposals for funding for the delivery of the actions and targets contained in Together: Building a United Community will be made in due course.

Strategic Investment Board: Communication with Special Advisers

Mr Allister asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether there is a protocol governing the Strategic Investment Board's communications with Special Advisers; and if not, whether they have any plans to introduce a protocol.

(AQW 24987/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: There is no protocol governing the Strategic Investment Board's communication with Special Advisers and there are no plans to introduce such a protocol.

Together: Building a United Community

Mr Allister asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister how the Director of Equality and Strategy in their Department was involved in drafting the Together - Building a United Community strategy; and who has the lead in the design of the programmes contained in the it.

(AQW 24989/11-15)

Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness: The Director of Equality and Strategy oversees all the work carried out in the Directorate. The role of the Directorate is to deliver high quality and timely support to us and the institutions of government. The involvement of the Directorate, and therefore the Director, in the Together: Building a United Community Strategy was fully in line with this role.

Initial design and delivery arrangements for all the Together: Building a United Community programmes are being taken forward by OFMDFM and other key departments.

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Information Service

Mr Allister asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development how many staff are employed in her Department's Information Service; and what is the annual cost of this service.

(AQW 24991/11-15)

Mrs O'Neill (The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development): The current number of staff employed in the Department Information Service is 7.4 (FTE) and the annual cost of theses staff is £214,581.00.

Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Community Benefit

Mr McDevitt asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) how her Department is managing the community benefit aspect of the stadia at Casement Park, Ravenhill and Windsor Park; (ii) the process for defining the community benefit from each stadium; (iii) the community consultation that has taken place about the community benefit from each stadium; and (iv) the amount that has been set aside for community benefit from the three stadia.

(AQW 22143/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín (The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure): It is a matter for each of the Governing Bodies to deliver the community returns of each of the Stadiums.

My Department will review the Governing Body proposals to ensure that the maximum community returns are being delivered within the overall stadium programme.

Funding Allocation for Boxing

Mr Allister asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for an update on the funding allocation for boxing and to detail the successful applications and the amounts awarded.

(AQW 22178/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: Sport NI has identified an indicative funding package within its sports lottery funding of up to £3.27M to assist with the development of boxing. Following an expression of interest exercise a total of 94 boxing clubs have been identified as meeting the agreed eligibility criteria to receive boxing

equipment under the first strand of the Boxing Investment Programme. Details of which clubs will receive equipment are attached. Sport NI, in association with the governing body for boxing, the Irish Amateur Boxing Association, is now progressing a procurement exercise for this equipment which will be distributed to successful clubs in due course.

Boxing Clubs Allocated to Receive Boxing Equipment under the Boxing Investment Programme

1	Abbey	41	Immaculata (Strabane)
2	Albert Foundry	42	Irvinestown
3	All Saints	43	John Mc Coy
4	Antrim Abc	44	Keady (Sean Doran)
5	Ardoyne Holy Cross	45	Kildress Abc (Mark Heagney)
6	Ards	46	Kilmegan
7	Ballysillian Abc	47	Larne
8	Belfast Kronk	48	Ligoneil
9	Bishop Kelly	49	Lisburn
10	Braid Abc	50	Lisnafin
11	Cairn Lodge	51	Midland
12	Camlough	52	Moneyglass
13	Canal Boxing Academy	53	Moneymore / Springhill
14	Carrickfergus	54	Moat
15	Carrickmore	55	Mourne All Blacks
16	Carryduff	56	Mourne Golden Gloves
17	Castlereagh Abc	57	Murlough Abc
18	Churchlands	58	Newington (Patsy Quinn)
19	Clonard	59	North Down
20	Clonoe A.B.C.	60	Oakleaf
21	Coleraine	61	Oliver Plunkett
22	Cookstown	62	Omagh Boys & Girls Club
23	Corpus Christi	63	Phoenix
24	Craigavon	64	Poleglass
25	Derrylin Abc	65	Red Triangle
26	Dockers	66	Ring
27	Downpatrick Abc	67	Sacred Heart (Newry - Cuan Mhurie)
28	Dungannon	68	Sacred Heart (Omagh)
29	East Down	69	Saints
30	Eastside	70	Scorpion
31	Ederny	71	Silverbridge

32	Eglington	72	Skerries
33	Emerald	73	Spartans
34	Enniskillen	74	Springtown
35	Errigal	75	St Canices
36	Gilford	76	St Jarlaths
37	Gleann	77	St Johns Derry
38	Hillview	78	St Josephs
39	Holy Family Golden Gloves	79	St Marys (Derry)
40	Immaculata (Belfast)	80	St Pauls

Boxing Clubs Allocated to Receive Boxing Equipment under the Boxing Investment Programme

81	St. Agnes	88	St. Marys (Portadown)
82	St. Brigids	89	St. Patricks (Newry)
83	St. Bronaghs	90	Star
84	St. Georges	91	The Loup
85	St. John Bosco (Belfast)	92	Toome
86	St. John Bosco (Newry)	93	Townland
87	St. Malachys	94	Two Castles

Community Benefit

Mr McDevitt asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) her Department's definition of community benefit; (ii) whether the definition includes amenities and/or improvements to the local community or neighbourhood; (iii) examples of community benefit; (iv) whether community benefit has to be within each stadium at Casement Park, Ravenhill and Windsor Park; and (v) whether the funds for community benefit come from the optimum bias for each stadium.

(AQW 22207/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: My Department considers community returns to include any initiative which promotes and positively impacts the well being of the overall community.

These returns can include amenities and improvements such as stadiums, pitches, projects which promote equality, tackling poverty and social exclusion etc.

It is a matter for each of the governing bodies to deliver the community returns of each stadium, which my Department will review to ensure that the maximum community returns are delivered within the overall stadium programme budget.

Together: Building a United Community

Mr Hussey asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure what discussions she has had with the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister in relation to the proposals included in "Together: Building a United Community."

(AQW 22924/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: Following the announcement of "Together: Building a United Community", a Departmental official attended a briefing session hosted by OFMDFM officials to set out the way

forward for the design and implementation of each of the identified programmes included in “Together: Building a United Community”.

A specific programme was announced to be led by DCAL which was the “Creation of a significant Cross-Community Sports Programme”. The programme will initially be piloted at urban and rural interfaces and contested spaces with a view to rolling it out across communities.

Business Cases

Mrs D Kelly asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) the business cases that are with her for decision; (ii) the value of each of the proposed investments; and (iii) the date on which each of business case was received/referred.

(AQW 23101/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: I am currently considering one business case.

The business case is yet to be formally approved. Until it is approved, the conclusions reached may be subject to change. Therefore it is not appropriate to release the details of the project at this stage.

Funding for GAA Clubs

Mr Elliott asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, following her predecessor’s comments on 29 September 2009 about funding for GAA clubs named after terrorists, whether she is aware of any changes made to the grant-making arrangements for Sport Northern Ireland.

(AQW 23735/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: I am not aware of any sports organisations that are named after any deceased person whom all sections of the community label as having been a so-called terrorist.

Commonwealth Games

Mr Allister asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure why her Department is not planning to promote and mark the arrival of the Queen’s baton as part of the Commonwealth Games celebrations.

(AQW 23749/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: Responsibility for making plans to promote and mark the arrival of the Queen’s Baton to the north of Ireland as part of the 2014 Commonwealth Games celebrations rests with the NI Commonwealth Games Council (NICGC), the lead body for Commonwealth sport here.

Together: Building a United Community

Mr Allister asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure whether she was consulted in advance of the announcement by the First Minister and deputy First Minister on Together: Building a United Community, in respect of issues relevant to her Department and, if so, how and when.

(AQW 23811/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: Issues such as cohesion, sharing and integration; good relations; reconciliation; economic pact; etc have long been under discussion at Executive level. Together: Building a United Community is part of that overall process. Following the announcement of “Together: Building a United Community”, a Departmental official attended a briefing session hosted by OFMDFM officials to set out the way forward for the design and implementation of each of the identified programmes included in the initiative.

A specific programme was announced to be led by DCAL which was the “Creation of a significant Cross-Community Sports Programme”.

2013 City of Culture

Mr Durkan asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure what action her Department has taken to ensure that the venue in Derry's Ebrington Square is secured as a permanent arena after the 2013 City of Culture year.

(AQW 24016/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: I recognise that The Venue 2013, funded primarily by DSD, is an essential space for hosting medium and large scale events included in the City of Culture Cultural Programme during 2013. My main focus in terms of the City of Culture is to deliver a lasting legacy for local people. The continued need for The Venue will be considered as part of this legacy planning.

It is worth noting that my Department has invested significantly in the development of arts infrastructure in Derry over the last ten years with the refurbishment of the Playhouse, Waterside Theatre, Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin and the Gasyard Centre. The Millennium Theatre is also one of the largest theatres in Ireland.

Optimism Bias

Mr McDevitt asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) for what Optimism Bias can be used; (ii) the amount of the Optimism Bias being held by her Department for the redevelopment of (a) Casement Park; (b) Windsor Park; and (c) Ravenhill Stadium; and (iii) the projects which may be funded by the Optimism Bias.

(AQW 24136/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín:

- (i) Optimism Bias is the term used to describe the process whereby an additional allowance is allocated to the capital budget of a project to ensure that any tendency for project appraisers to be overly optimistic about project costs, duration and benefits at the outline stage of the project is accounted for.

Therefore optimism bias can be used to cover any deficiencies in project costs, duration and / or benefits which were not fully considered or understood at initial budget development stage.

- (ii) An overall Optimism Bias budget of £8,710,000 has been identified within the £110 million stadium programme budget. DCAL is responsible for the management of the stadium programme Optimism Bias budget.

The following Optimism Bias amounts are currently being held by DCAL for the redevelopment of each stadium:

- £6,008,000 for the redevelopment of Casement Park
- £1,835,000 for the redevelopment of Windsor Park
- £867,000 for the redevelopment of Ravenhill

- (iii) Optimism Bias may be used to fund the project identified within the FBC for each of the Stadiums.

A Report on the Socio-Economic Impact of the Traditional Protestant Parading Sector in Northern Ireland

Mr Copeland asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, pursuant to AQW 23497/11-15, when she will be in a position to make a substantive comment on the report.

(AQW 24262/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: I am aware of the research findings in the DSD funded report but I note that the figures quoted do not take account of the negative impacts on both tourism and potential investment caused by the disruption and trouble linked to contentious parades.

My Department, through the Arts Council and the Ulster Scots Agency currently provides funding to marching bands from all communities to maintain and develop the level of music making within the sector.

Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute

Mr Swann asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for her assessment of the impact on scientific research following the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute's decision to replace experienced staff with contract staff at the Bushmills Research Station.

(AQW 24353/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) has recently recruited two contract workers to provide temporary cover for two vacant Assistant Scientific Officer posts at the Bushmills Salmon Station, pending the recruitment of permanent staff to these posts.

My Department is satisfied that this temporary arrangement will provide continuity for the important scientific research undertaken by the AFBI at the Bushmills Salmon Research Station.

Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute

Mr Swann asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure whether she, or her Department, were consulted by the Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute prior to the significant staff changes at the Bushmills Research Station.

(AQW 24354/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The staffing complement deployed by the Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute (AFBI) to undertake the agreed works is specified in a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between DCAL and AFBI.

DCAL officials regularly meet with AFBI management to discuss the progress of works detailed in the SLA and this would include staffing issues.

Football Tournaments

Mr Weir asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to list the football tournaments for which her Department has provided funding in each of the last three years; and the amount of funding provided in each instance.

(AQW 24517/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: My Department, through Sport NI, has provided funding to two football tournaments in each of the last three years, up to 31 March 2013. The details are as follows: -

Foyle Cup

- 2012/2013 - £7,000

Milk Cup

- 2012/13 - £7,000
- 2011/12 - £15,000
- 2010/11 - £20,000

During this current financial year (2013/14), the Foyle Cup received £20,000 through the Culture Company and the 2013 City of Culture programme. In addition, following a successful bid in the June Monitoring Round, an additional £10,000 each has been provided for the 2013 Foyle Cup and 2013 Milk Cup tournaments.

Netsmen Licences

Mr Swann asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, pursuant to AQW 22086/11-15, whether the other netsmen who had held licences in the previous season received any compensation or did they not reapply for their licences.

(AQW 24526/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The other netsmen who held licences in 2012 have not received compensation to date, nor have they applied for licences for the 2013 fishing season.

Anglers with Disabilities

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure what progress has been made on securing a stand for anglers with disabilities in Dungiven.

(AQW 24637/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: As Dungiven is located within the Loughs Agency jurisdiction it would be the Agency rather than DCAL that would consider any angling related development proposals.

Disabled facilities are available at the Public Angling Estate waters of Binevenagh Lake and Moor Lough which are the closest to the town of Dungiven.

The Department is planning to construct a new angling stand which will be suitable for disabled anglers at Binevenagh Lake

Tree and Hedge Cutting Contracts

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure how many tree and hedge cutting contracts her Department, and its arm's-length bodies, awarded between 1 March and 31 August, in each of the last three years.

(AQW 24638/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The number of contracts for tree and hedge cutting awarded by the Department and its arm's-length bodies in these periods are detailed in the table below.

Period	Number of Contracts Awarded
1 March to 31 August 2010	1
1 March to 31 August 2011	5
1 March to 31 August 2012	1

Lough Neagh Dollaghan

Mr Ó hOisín asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for her assessment of the work being carried out by Queen's University Belfast on the establishment of a genetic baseline for the Lough Neagh Dollaghan; and whether she will provide assistance to the project.

(AQW 24649/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The work being carried out by Queen's University Belfast on the establishment of a genetic baseline for the Lough Neagh dollaghan will help inform the Department's future policy in relation to the conservation and protection of dollaghan stocks.

My officials will meet with those involved in the work to consider how DCAL can contribute to the work to establish this genetic baseline.

Cultural Programme for the World Police and Fire Games 2013

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail the application process and criteria for groups wishing to access funding to deliver content for the Cultural Programme for the World Police and Fire Games 2013.

(AQW 24670/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: There was not an open call to make applications for funding to deliver DCAL's summer cultural programme which aims to complement the World Police and Fire Games. The cultural programme was an extension of activities already on offer by my Department's Arms Length Bodies and PRONI. It also incorporated additional cultural events from two established Belfast Festivals which coincide with the Games, namely Féile and the McCracken Summer School. Further activities were delivered by the Belfast Film Festival, again an established festival which had a highly successful run in April of this year.

My Department was keen to enhance the experience of international visitors and local people in supporting the Games and welcomes the Assembly's support in showcasing our culture during this important summer to increase the potential for a positive legacy from the Games for local people.

Cultural Programme for the World Police and Fire Games 2013

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail how the £500,000 bid for the Cultural Programme for the World Police and Fire Games 2013 will be spent.

(AQW 24671/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The DCAL Cultural Programme to complement the World Police and Fire Games was supported by a business case which identified the need to maximise the significant opportunity afforded by the Games to promote and showcase local culture, arts and leisure to local people and international visitors during the summer period.

Spend under the business case has been directed at a diverse range of arts and cultural events coinciding with the Games and therefore increasing the potential for a positive legacy for local people.

Cultural Programme for the World Police and Fire Games 2013

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to outline the content of the business cases provided by the (i) Belfast Film Festival; (ii) West Belfast Festival; and (iii) McCracken Summer School, for the Cultural Programme of the World Police and Fire Games 2013.

(AQW 24673/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The business cases identified how each organisation could complement the World Police and Fire Games and achieve the overall aim of the cultural programme, which was to enhance the experience of international visitors and local people and showcase the culture and artistic talent of the north.

Board of Sport Northern Ireland

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for a timescale of the appointment of the Vice Chairperson to the Board of Sport Northern Ireland.

(AQW 24675/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: It is currently anticipated that the appointment of a Vice Chairperson to the Board of Sport NI will take place in December 2013, subject to a suitable candidate being found from an open competition.

Board of Sport Northern Ireland Vacancies

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for a timescale for the filling of vacancies to the Board of Sport Northern Ireland and to detail the appointments process and whether such appointments will create religious and gender balance.

(AQW 24684/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: It is currently anticipated that the vacancies on the Board of Sport NI will be filled by December 2013, subject to suitable candidates being found from an open competition.

The process for appointing individuals to the Board of Sport NI will be carried out in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments NI 'Code of Practice for Ministerial Public Appointments in NI'. Public appointments are made on the basis of merit and only those judged to best meet the requirements of the post are appointed, whilst ensuring that the Board is balanced in terms of skills and experience. Factors such as gender and religious background do not play any part in the decision of who to appoint or who not to appoint. The Department is aware of its responsibility to ensure equality of opportunity and equal treatment of all applicants at every stage of the appointment process, as required by the Code of Practice. The Department will also seek to encourage applications from individuals from a wide range of groups, including women, people with a disability and people from ethnic minorities.

Properties Not In Use

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to provide details of all the properties in the ownership of her Department which are not in use; and the length of time that this has been the case.

(AQW 24712/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The table below provides details of properties that are not in use and the length of time this has been the case.

Each of the properties has been made available for disposal or is being considered for alternative use.

Owner	Unused Properties	Unused since
Libraries NI	Ligoniel Library	2010
Libraries NI	Ballynahinch Regional Administration Centre	2011
Libraries NI	Braniel Library	2010
Libraries NI	Gilnahirk library	2010
Libraries NI	Dunmurry library	2010
Libraries NI	Belvoir library	2010
Libraries NI	Gilford library	2012
Libraries NI	Oldpark library	2010
DCAL	PRONI Building, Balmoral Ave.	2011
National Museums NI	Malone Buildings, Belfast	2007
National Museums NI	Landseer Street, Belfast	2005

Funding for Marching Bands

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) the funding that is available to marching bands; and (ii) when applications for funding open.

(AQW 24741/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: The Arts Council provides funding to bands through the Musical Instruments for Bands Scheme which opens on an annual basis, generally in April. The dates for the 2014 programme are not yet set. Their Small Grants Programme, to which Marching Bands may apply for tuition or other project costs, is open on a rolling basis.

The Ulster-Scots Agency run a Music and Dance Tuition Programme and Marching Bands may apply to this for support. The programme is currently closed but is due to reopen in Autumn 2013.

Funding for Marching Band Uniforms

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail the funding that is available to marching bands for uniforms.

(AQW 24742/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: My Department does not fund the provision of uniforms for marching bands.

The Arts Council provides funding to bands through the Musical Instruments for Bands Scheme and the Small Grants Programme. The Ulster-Scots Agency also provides funding for musical tuition through its Financial Assistance Scheme.

These schemes, however, do not provide funding to assist with the costs of new band uniforms.

Sign Language

Mr McCarthy asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure what assistance is provided to the parents of deaf children who wish to learn sign language.

(AQW 24744/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: My Department provides secretariat support and funding for the Sign Language Partnership Group which brings together organisations representing the Deaf Community and 11 government departments to improve access to public services for British and Irish Sign Language users.

There is a clear distinction between my Department's remit to promote British Sign Language and Irish Sign Language as indigenous languages and the provision of services to provide sign language classes for deaf individuals and their families which may be the responsibility of other Departments such as the Departments of Education, Employment and Learning and Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Notwithstanding this, in 2012/13 my Department provided a grant of £8,810 to the National Deaf Children Society (NDCS) for its Family Sign Language Courses project which was directed at families in the Portadown and Newtownabbey areas. The project provided early intervention to help families of young deaf children who want to use BSL to learn some signs and phrases needed for nursery rhymes, stories, playing make-believe games as well as the tools for practical communication about food, sleeping and nappy changing, for example. This contributed to DCAL's remit by promoting sign language to the families of deaf children as the emphasis in education for deaf children is 'oralism' ie teaching the child to speak where possible despite hearing loss.

Snooker and Billiards Funding

Mr Weir asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail the level of funding provided to (i) snooker; and (ii) billiards, in each of the last five years.

(AQW 24861/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: Within the last five years, up to 31 March 2013, Sport NI, an arms length body of my Department, provided exchequer funding of £25,832 to both snooker and billiards. The funding was provided to purchase snooker tables on which both snooker and billiards can be played and, as such, the level of funding between the two sports cannot be differentiated. The detail of funding provided is outlined below: -

Financial Year	Organisation	Purpose	Amount
2010/11	Stadium Youth and Community Centre, Belfast	Purchase of eight full size snooker tables	£25,832

Woodstock Rhythm and Blues Festival

Mr Douglas asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure whether the Woodstock Rhythm and Blues Festival will be included in the cultural programme associated with the World Police and Fire Games 2013. **(AQW 24864/11-15)**

Ms Ní Chuilín: The cultural programme which aims to complement the World Police and Fire Games is an extension of activities already on offer by my Department's Arms Length Bodies and PRONI. It also incorporates additional cultural events from three established Belfast Festivals two of which coincide with the Games.

The Woodstock Rhythm and Blues Festival is supported by the Arts Council and, as such, will be reflected in my Department's summer Cultural Programme.

Salmon Nets

Mr Swann asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) the number of nets licensed to take salmon from Lough Neagh; (ii) the number of salmon recorded as being taken, by legal nets, from Lough Neagh; (iii) the number of tags issued to Lough Neagh nets men; and (iv) the number of salmon found in illegal nets in Lough Neagh, in each of the last five years.

(AQW 25038/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín:

- (i) Number of draft nets licensed to take salmon from Lough Neagh

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of nets	18	20	16	20	21

- (ii) Number of salmon recorded as being taken, by legal nets, from Lough Neagh

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total catch	56	nil	9	36	20

- (iii) Until 2010, each licensed netsman on Lough Neagh was initially issued with 20 salmon carcass tags with his licence. Further tags could be issued upon submission of a fully completed salmon catch return. Since 2012 the initial allocation of tags has been reduced to 10.
- (iv) In the past five years DCAL Fisheries Protection Officers have found one salmon carcass in illegal nets seized on Lough Neagh.

Legal Cases

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to detail (i) the number of legal cases, including judicial reviews, that her Department has defended since 2007; (ii) the number of these legal challenges the Department lost; and (iii) the total costs incurred by her Department on the cases which it lost.

(AQW 25101/11-15)

Ms Ní Chuilín: My department has successfully defended one legal case since 2007.

There is an on-going judicial review of the DCAL decision to fund the Windsor Park project.

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Northern Ireland Economic Outlook Publication

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for her assessment of the recent Northern Ireland Economic Outlook publication by PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

(AQO 3850/11-15)

Mrs Foster (The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment): PwC identifies the particular impact of the downturn on Northern Ireland. Indeed, it is for this reason that we have been fighting to retain Regional Aid and to gain the power to reduce corporation tax.

The report suggests that Northern Ireland is showing increasing signs of stability and may be on a path of modest recovery. This is in tune with the sentiments set out in my Department's economic brief, published last month.

It is pleasing to note that the report highlights the positive performance of the tourism sector over the last year, in addition to a number of significant business investments.

It is important that we continue to follow the path outlined in our Economic Strategy, to encourage export-led growth, and rebuild and rebalance our economy.

Industrial Development Board

Mr Lunn asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether she has any plans to adopt the recommendation in the Westminster Public Accounts Committee report into the Industrial Development Board, to replace the term 'jobs promoted' with 'jobs created'.

(AQO 3853/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I have no plans to replace Jobs Promoted with Jobs Created. However, my Department and Invest NI have developed plans to track both Jobs Promoted and Job Created, and indeed are already monitoring both of these measures in respect of the Jobs Fund.

Economic Growth

Mr Mitchel McLaughlin asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in light of the recent announcement on Corporation Tax, to outline her strategy for enabling economic growth.

(AQO 3852/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I remain confident that the actions detailed in the Economic Strategy and Programme for Government will deliver growth, increase prosperity and create jobs.

However, it must be recognised that the Economic Strategy's key economic objective of rebalancing the local economy would be delivered more quickly if we had the power to vary the rate of Corporation Tax.

The NI Economic Strategy is based on the need to drive forward export-led economic growth. We will do this by pursuing greater investment in R&D and innovation, developing our skills base, supporting local SMEs to develop supply chain linkages; ensuring the appropriate infrastructure is available and rebuilding the local labour market to address the impact of the global downturn.

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Barnett Consequentials

Mrs Overend asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what discussions she had with the Minister of Finance and Personnel on the utilisation of the Barnett consequentials following the most recent budget delivered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

(AQO 3857/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I have met the Finance Minister on a number of occasions recently to discuss a wide range of issues including the implications for the NI economy of the recent Budget.

The allocation of any Barnett consequentials resulting from the Chancellor's announcement will, of course, be a matter for the whole Executive.

Review of Public Administration

Mr Hilditch asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for an update on the proposals for devolving tourism functions to local councils under the Review of Public Administration.

(AQO 3861/11-15)

Mrs Foster: A number of key changes have taken place around the tourism functions since they were last considered for transfer. Local marketing is now being undertaken by councils and the development of local tourism area plans by councils also gives them the lead in functions such as local product development, visitor servicing and development of the sector at local level.

The tourism functions which remain on the transfer list are:

- Small scale tourism accommodation development
- Providing business support including business start up advice along with training and delivery of customer care schemes
- Providing advice to developers on tourism policies and related issues.

I am happy to consider other options for transferring tourism functions to councils if a case is presented.

Inward Investment

Mr Byrne asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline any overseas trips she proposes to undertake in 2013 to promote inward investment.

(AQO 3859/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I currently intend to accompany the Invest NI trade and investment missions to Brazil and South Africa during 2013.

This provides me with the opportunity to meet potential investors to promote Northern Ireland as a place to do business.

It also allows me to thank existing investors for their support and to impress upon them how essential it is that Northern Ireland and Invest NI have their continued commitment in our drive to secure further Foreign Direct Investment.

In addition, I am able to provide personal support to the companies on the Trade Missions in their efforts to secure export agreements.

Jobs Promoted in the Foyle Constituency

Mr McCartney asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment how many of the 405 jobs promoted in the Foyle constituency in 2011/12 were newly created jobs.

(AQO 3860/11-15)

Mrs Foster: A company contracts with Invest NI to create an agreed quantity of jobs, which are referred to as "Promoted Jobs". These jobs are always new jobs and will be created over an agreed time period. Therefore, all of the 405 jobs referred to by the member are new jobs.

Hotel and Bed and Breakfast Sector in South Down

Mr Hazzard asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment when she expects capital grant assistance to become available through InvestNI for the hotel and bed and breakfast sector in South Down.
(AQO 3862/11-15)

Mrs Foster: Capital grant assistance is currently available through Invest NI for the establishment or expansion of hotels and for the expansion of bed and breakfast businesses throughout Northern Ireland.

In addition, DARD, under Measure 3.3, encouragement of tourism activities, of the Rural Development Programme, provides the opportunity for rural dwellers to apply for funding to enhance existing Bed and Breakfast facilities, with the exception of providing funding for additional bed space.

The Invest NI Tourism Team will consider any applications from promoters in South Down.

G8 Summit

Mr Newton asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what business opportunities will develop as a direct result of the forthcoming G8 Summit in Fermanagh.
(AQO 4021/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The G8 summit 2013 will provide a singular opportunity for Northern Ireland to showcase itself to a global audience as a positive place to live, work, visit, study, invest and do business with.

Aside from the immediate economic benefit to our tourism and hospitality sectors, we understand that the organisers of the Summit expect to use local products and services wherever possible.

In the longer term, we would hope that the international media exposure which will come from the Summit will support our efforts to win new inward investment and for our local companies to develop their export activity.

Northern Ireland Tourist Board: C. S. Lewis

Mr Douglas asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what the Northern Ireland Tourist Board is doing to market Northern Ireland as the home of C.S. Lewis.
(AQO 4019/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) recognises the importance of the C.S. Lewis legacy to Northern Ireland's cultural tourism agenda, particularly given the 50th anniversary of C.S. Lewis's death in 2013.

NITB works with Belfast City Council and the East Belfast Partnership to ensure the C.S. Lewis legacy is promoted to domestic and international visitors.

NITB also promotes the C.S. Lewis legacy through its promotion of literary tourism in Belfast and Northern Ireland.

NITB provided £113,000 funding for the development of the Literary Belfast app and website through the Tourism Innovation Fund. It continues to work with Belfast City Council on this project to develop it further and enhance literary events and offering for tourists.

EU Horizon 2020 Funding

Mr Dunne asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what opportunities will exist for local businesses from the upcoming EU Horizon 2020 Funding.
(AQO 4020/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The exact details of the specific opportunities for businesses under Horizon 2020 have yet to be finalised as the European Commission is still completing their negotiations with Member States.

However, the NI Horizon 2020 Action Plan for 2013, which my Department published earlier this year, identifies a range of actions that will ensure our companies and research organisations have the necessary support to be successful in Horizon 2020.

A major part of this is the appointment of experts in the key thematic areas of Horizon 2020, and they will work directly with companies and researchers in supporting them with applications.

Petroleum Licence PL1/13

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline the number of objections to, and responses in support of, the granting of the new petroleum licence PL1/13 from named persons during the consultation period.

(AQO 4022/11-15)

Mrs Foster: As at 6 May a total of 243 representations had been received by my Department. Of these, 226 were predominantly representations by individual members of the public and several organizations objecting to the proposal. A substantial proportion of these objections were submitted as standard template copy letters and 9 came from outside Northern Ireland including the Irish Republic, the United States, Australia and Bolivia.

All appeared to assume that exploration might involve hydraulic fracturing of shale and/or be targeted also at lignite deposits. Both of these assumptions are erroneous as the targets identified in the licence application are conventional oil or gas reservoirs.

Of the remaining representations received, including those from District Councils whose areas fall within the proposed licence area, some have requested additional information or for certain considerations to be taken into account in the granting of the licence, but none to date have objected.

InvestNI: South Antrim

Mr Clarke asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment how much money InvestNI secured for South Antrim in each of the last five years.

(AQO 4023/11-15)

Mrs Foster: Between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2012, Invest NI offered support to businesses which planned to invest £151 million within the South Antrim constituency. The value in respect of each individual year was £11.9 million in 2007-08, £31.4 million in 2008-09, £16.5 million in 2009-10, £71.8 million in 2010-11 and £19.5 million in 2011-12.

Titanic Building

Mr Dallat asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what changes are being made to the tourism strategy to take account of the impact on visitor numbers resulting from the success of the Titanic Building, as well as the continued support from HBO and the BBC filming their productions locally.

(AQO 4024/11-15)

Mrs Foster: Challenging targets have been set in the Programme for Government to increase both visitor numbers and, more importantly, tourism revenue by December 2014. These targets were set on the basis of new world class tourism product coming on stream such as Titanic Belfast and the Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience, and the anticipated impact of the ni2012 campaign and the exciting events happening this year such as the UK City of Culture and World Police & Fire Games.

In order to meet our visitor targets my Department's 'Priorities for Action' Plan for tourism also includes a commitment to develop stronger linkages between creative industries and the tourism sector in such areas as film and TV. NITB and Tourism Ireland liaise closely with Northern Ireland Screen, and I am delighted with the tremendous success that we have had in promoting Northern Ireland as a major production centre across a number of mediums over the last few years.

Prospective Inward Investors

Mr McAleer asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what action her Department is taking to address the lack of prospective inward investors being hosted by InvestNI in the West Tyrone constituency during the past 4 years.

(AQO 4025/11-15)

Mrs Foster: Invest NI works to market all of Northern Ireland as an investment location. Potential investors choose the locations they want to visit by looking at a number of factors including availability of skills or suitable infrastructure, and how well these meet the needs of their specific investment project. Invest NI then facilitates the visits to these areas.

I am aware of the issues facing many of our local areas and my Department is committed to working with local stakeholders to maximise opportunities for their areas. In the current economic climate it is important that all stakeholders, local councils and Invest NI work together to promote Northern Ireland as a viable investment location.

We will continue to focus on promoting the whole of Northern Ireland and potential investors will look at locations which are best considered to meet their needs depending on the specific project in question.

The Innovation Growth Centre based at Omagh, to officially open for business by the end of May 13, is an excellent example of regionally based infrastructure with access to first class facilities such as superfast broadband, and business support services making it attractive to potential investors.

Invest NI's International and Regional Teams are due to meet shortly with representatives of Omagh Chamber of Commerce and Council Officials to discuss International Investment.

Invest NI's Chairman has written to all Councils inviting them to work to develop Unique Selling Propositions for their individual Council areas.

It is also planned to provide funding under the LED Competitiveness Programme to support Councils to develop localised content for a Northern Ireland wide Application for Apple and Android operating systems focused on FDI.

Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation

Mr Givan asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what discussions she has had with representatives of the Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation, and other commercial fisheries stakeholders, in relation to the development of an offshore wind farm off the County Down coast.

(AQO 4026/11-15)

Mrs Foster: My Department has consulted and encouraged all the main fishing organisations to engage fully in the various meetings and stages of the ongoing consultation process in relation to offshore renewable energy deployment. The Anglo-North Irish Fish Producers Organisation, ANIFPO has actively participated in all of the meetings and has engaged fully and constructively in this process.

I have met with representatives of ANIFPO on a number of occasions, once with representatives of the Northern Ireland Fish Producers Organisation and will shortly be meeting the NI Trawlermen's Association on this issue.

I do recognise that it is essential to fully understand the impact on the local fishing industry arising from the development of offshore renewable projects. The Environmental Impact Assessment process will look at the potential impacts on the environment and marine users and it is imperative that the fishing community, along with other key stakeholders, fully engage in this process.

Giro d'Italia 2014

Mr Irwin asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for her assessment of the tourism and economic benefits of the Giro d'Italia visiting Armagh City in 2014.

(AQO 4191/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The key aim is to showcase Northern Ireland, including Armagh City, on a local, national and international stage. It is also the aim to raise the profile and change perceptions both in terms of a great venue for cycling as well as a place to visit, work, study and invest.

I expect the event to be of significant benefit to Armagh City.

Links with India

Mr D McIlveen asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for an update on her Department's trade links with India.

(AQO 4192/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I am happy to report that from my first trade mission to India in September 2009 and my most recent trade visit in April 2012, along with the First and deputy First Ministers, Northern Ireland's manufacturing exports to India have increased by over 50 per cent, from £17.8 million in 2009 to £27.4 million in 2012.

India continues to be a challenging market for Northern Ireland companies to increase exports. To enhance trade opportunities, around 30 Northern Ireland companies have established a base in India to enable them to compete in the market.

Invest NI continues to support local companies in their efforts to expand exports into India, with Invest NI offices in Mumbai and Bangalore carrying out detailed market research and arranging appointments for visiting companies. Invest NI regularly updates its export programmes in India in order to meet the challenges of this difficult market. Two trade missions, involving 29 companies, visited India in 2012/13.

The Global India conference will be held in Belfast during June 2013 and Invest NI plan to use this event as an export catalyst.

InvestNI

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether InvestNI will be able to meet their 25,000 jobs target as outlined in the Programme for Government 2011-2015.

(AQO 4193/11-15)

Mrs Foster: At 31st March 2013, Invest NI has promoted 13,870 new jobs against the Northern Ireland Executive's 25,000 job target. This represents excellent progress in what have been extremely challenging economic conditions.

Invest NI is now in a strong position to achieve the four year Programme for Government target, and I can assure you that Invest NI and my Department will work tirelessly to maximize employment opportunities for our whole community.

Mobile Telephone Communications and Broadband in Fermanagh

Mr Elliott asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline the long-term improvement in mobile telephone communications and broadband in Fermanagh as a result of the telecommunications infrastructure improvement following the G8 Summit.

(AQO 4194/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I am aware that several telecommunications companies are making improvements especially around the Summit venues and I am informed that some of these improvements will remain after the Summit. This will benefit consumers close to those areas. In the longer term the industry continues to make investments across the county as it prepares to extend 3G services and prepares to deliver the next generation of mobile services. I am assured that all this will see enhancement to services.

Growth Loan Fund

Mr McGlone asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what consideration is being given to expansion of the Growth Loan Fund.

(AQO 4196/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The £50million Growth Loan Fund has approved over 30 loans to a value of more than £7million. The pipeline of demand is strong at present. Nevertheless, at this point in time the Fund has considerable funding available to approve.

Invest NI is closely monitoring demand and meets with the loan fund manager on a monthly basis. Should demand and loan approvals remain strong then Invest NI will make a business case to satisfy the demand from viable businesses.

Further Development of Indigenous Businesses

Mr Milne asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline her proposals to support the further development of indigenous businesses.

(AQO 4197/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The Executive is committed to growing the Northern Ireland economy through a focus on export-led economic growth.

The Northern Ireland Economic Strategy includes a wide range of measures which will support growth in our indigenous businesses and enable many of them to compete in international markets.

To complement the measures set out within the Northern Ireland Economic Strategy, my Department is developing a range of further Action Plans to address key issues facing local businesses.

Unused InvestNI Land

Mr Hazzard asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what her plans are for the future use of unused InvestNI land in Downpatrick.

(AQO 4198/11-15)

Mrs Foster: There are 49 acres of land available at Invest NI's business parks in Downpatrick.

Invest NI is currently working with two businesses to further develop their interests in acquiring land in the Downpatrick area. It can, however, take a long period of time for interests to convert to actual sales and investment. Securing the necessary funding and achieving all relevant statutory approvals can be important factors in determining when an investor will be able to implement their growth project.

NI Events Company

Mr McNarry asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment why the investigation into the NI Events company has taken five years instead of the projected maximum of two years.

(AQO 4199/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The duration of the investigation into the Northern Ireland Events Company is reflective of the complexity of the issues to be addressed in this case.

Economic Growth

Mr McKay asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline her priorities regarding the fiscal levers which would stimulate economic growth.

(AQO 4200/11-15)

Mrs Foster: My priority remains gaining the power to set a lower rate of Corporation Tax in Northern Ireland, which could rebalance our economy, create jobs and increase prosperity. I will continue to press for this important measure despite the delay in the Prime Minister reaching a decision until Autumn 2014.

In addition, the proposals currently being developed as part of the Economic Pact will also stimulate economic growth. It is intended that these measures will be put in place, pending the Corporation Tax decision.

New Hotel in Downpatrick

Mr Wells asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what support her Department can give towards the provision of a new hotel in Downpatrick.

(AQO 4385/11-15)

Mrs Foster: New hotel developments may benefit from capital support from Invest NI if the promoter can demonstrate that the project is market driven with the capability of attracting visitors from outside Northern Ireland and not displacing business from similar projects. New hotel projects offering at least 30 rooms and achieving at least a 3-star classification under NITB's grading scheme will be considered for support.

It may also be possible for an hotel promoter to apply for assistance under the Jobs Fund which provides employment grant support to investment projects

World Police and Fire Games 2013: Competitor Numbers

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for her assessment of the impact on the local economy of the organisers of the World Police and Fire Games 2013 confirming that they will not meet their target of ten thousand competitors.

(AQO 4388/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The World Police and Fire Games will be the largest multi sport event that Northern Ireland has ever hosted.

Although the number of participants may be less than originally forecast, it will still be a major event and provide another platform to promote Northern Ireland to a wide audience. It will follow on from a very successful G8 Summit here.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board continues to provide information encouraging visitors to extend their stay.

G8 Summit: Economic Benefit

Mr Elliott asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline the action she intends to take to maximise the economic benefit of hosting the G8 Summit.

(AQO 4397/11-15)

Mrs Foster: The G8 Summit in Fermanagh has been an unprecedented opportunity to showcase a modern and forward looking Northern Ireland that is a great place to visit, to work and to do business. We have been working hard to ensure that we capitalise on the worldwide opportunities the summit presents not only for trade development, but also for changing perceptions, creating awareness about Northern Ireland, stimulating a sense of civic pride and driving visitor numbers.

I am looking forward to the investment conference that the Prime Minister will be supporting in the autumn.

Compliance with Human Rights

Mr D Bradley asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment whether she places an emphasis on ensuring compliance with human rights during discussions on trade and investment with representatives of foreign governments.

(AQO 4390/11-15)

Mrs Foster: Invest NI's target markets for trade and investment are those countries that present the best opportunity for Foreign Direct Investment or Northern Ireland exports. That is not to say that Invest NI acts without regard to other factors. When considering whether to target a new market, advice is sought from colleagues at both the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and UK Trade and Investment on human rights issues.

I am, therefore, satisfied that any of the foreign governments with whom I meet to discuss trade and investment can be considered suitable trading partners.

Efficiency and Growth of the Economy

Mr Brady asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to outline her proposals for increasing both the efficiency and growth of the economy.

(AQO 4392/11-15)

Mrs Foster: It is the responsibility of all Executive Departments, through the commitments they have made within the Northern Ireland Economic Strategy, to help grow the private sector and rebalance the economy towards one where a greater number of firms compete in global markets and there is growing employment and prosperity for all.

Research indicates that it is exposure to external markets that drives efficiency and productivity improvements in individual businesses and regional economies such as Northern Ireland.

That is why the key focus of the Northern Ireland Economic Strategy is on supporting export-led economic growth.

Extension of the Natural Gas Network

Mr I McCrea asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for an update on the extension of the natural gas network to the Mid Ulster area.

(AQO 4393/11-15)

Mrs Foster: Following Executive approval in January 2013 of up to £32.5 million grant support towards extending the natural gas network to towns in the West including Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt and Coalisland, my Department is currently working towards securing State aid approval from Brussels.

In parallel, the Utility Regulator has recently consulted on the process for the licence competition, with the aim of making a licence award in early 2014. It is anticipated that main pipeline construction works could begin before the end of 2015.

Booking Arrangements and Visa Procedures for Prospective Tourists

Mr F McCann asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for an update on measures to promote a seamless process of booking arrangements and visa procedures for prospective tourists coming to this island.

(AQO 4394/11-15)

Mrs Foster: I welcome proposals within the economic support package for Northern Ireland, announced on 14 June 2013, to develop visa waiver arrangements between the UK and the Republic of Ireland starting with the introduction of a pilot scheme. This pilot, subject to the appropriate safeguards, and agreement between both Governments, will permit visitors from a range of overseas destinations to enter Northern Ireland and Great Britain on an Irish visa without the need for a separate UK visa.

Department of the Environment

Planning Application Q/2011/0220/O

Mrs Dobson asked Minister of the Environment, pursuant to AQW 18988/11-15, to detail the reasons for the delay in a decision on planning application Q/2011/0220/O.

(AQW 20228/11-15)

Mr Attwood (The Minister of the Environment): A recommendation will be brought to the next available Banbridge District Council.

EU Funding Programmes

Mr Brady asked the Minister of the Environment how many of his departmental officials are allocated to deal specifically with EU funding programmes.

(AQO 3480/11-15)

Mr Attwood: The Department has a small team which currently has a complement of 4 full time staff who deal specifically with the promotion of, and drawdown from, competitive EU funding streams for climate change and energy projects. This team supports the work of the Climate Change and Energy Thematic Group established under the Barroso Task Force Working Group. In addition to this, other DOE policy and operational staff are involved in providing specialist input on projects as required although specific information on this type of input is not readily available. The Department also has access to the services of the Climate Change and Energy Desk Officer in the Office of the Northern Ireland Executive in Brussels.

DOE Senior Management know of the importance and priority I give, and which must be given, to potential EU funding. This is essential given the opportunities presented by new funding programmes commencing in 2014 and the relatively low level of drawdown to date in the North. As an example, £55m has been drawn down in the North under the current FP7 programme compared to around £600m in the South. Horizon 2020, which is the successor to the FP7 project, is likely to have a total budget in the region of £60bn and this is an opportunity that must not be missed. I held a gathering in September 2012 of EU, DOE, SEUPB and Enterprise Ireland personnel to identify how this work could be taken forward. This is work I believe must be developed and I have instructed officials to continue to work closely with these organisations to ensure that the potential benefits are realised.

Northern Colletes Bee

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of the Environment, in addition to the Northern Ireland Environmental Agency's Species Action Plan published in 2006, what plans his Department has to protect and help the Northern Colletes bee flourish on the North Coast.

(AQW 23012/11-15)

Mr Attwood: The Department jointly funded a PhD study on the "Conservation Biology and genetics of a rare mining bee, *Colletes floralis*" centred on the North Coast area of Northern Ireland.

Since the re-discovery in 2003 of the Northern Colletes at four sites on the North Coast, after an absence from Northern Ireland of 70 years, there has been much interest in its local distribution and biology. Several surveys have been conducted and following the PhD study a number of scientific papers have been published adding to the knowledge base required to promote the protection of this rare species.

The PhD study also identified a number of management conclusions and recommendations which are available to site owners/managers. Many of these recommendations have been passed on to land managers in its four main breeding sites and much positive work has been delivered as a result. The bees require areas of bare sand in close proximity to certain native wildflowers, and management prescriptions which favour these conditions, such as light grazing of the sites, have been introduced.

Northern Colletes Bee

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of the Environment whether an assessment will be carried out on the impact of the construction of Bushmills Dunes golf course on the survival of the Northern Colletes bee, given that the area hosts one quarter of the world's population of this species.

(AQW 23013/11-15)

Mr Attwood: The Northern Colletes bee, *Colletes floralis*, is a small solitary mining bee. Some 90% of the world's population is thought to be located in coastal areas of Ireland. The species was recorded as absent from Northern Ireland records between 1933 and 2003, when it was re-discovered in four sites on the North Coast: - Magilligan Dunes, Portstewart Strand, Bushfoot Strand and White Park Bay.

When proposals were submitted for a major golf facility at Runkerry the possibility of such an important species being present was raised. A survey of *C. floralis* was requested as part of the Environmental Statement accompanying the application. A site survey in 2007 did not locate any *C. floralis* within the proposed development area. The absence of the species was confirmed in a resurvey of the site in 2011.

The potential impact of the construction of the Bushmills Dunes golf resort on the Northern Colletes Bee was therefore properly assessed during the processing of the planning application. The conclusion was that the development would not give rise to significant effects on the species. Following a challenge to the decision by the National Trust, the permission was held to be lawful by the Courts.

Planning Applications

Mr Weir asked the Minister of the Environment how many planning applications have been in the planning system for more than three years, broken down by (i) council; and (ii) planning division area.

(AQW 23841/11-15)

Mr Attwood: As a result of initiatives put in place over the last year, progress has been made to reduce the number of applications in the system over 12 months.

As of 30 April 2013 a total of 423 planning applications have remained in the system for more than three years.

Table 1 below outlines the number of such applications by planning area office, and by Local Government District.

Table 1: Planning applications outstanding that were received on or before 30/04/2010, as at 30/04/2013

Planning Area Office	District	2006/07 and earlier	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total
Belfast	Ards	31	6	5	7	2	51
	Belfast	7	2	6	7	1	23
	Castlereagh	2	6	5	7	0	20
	Lisburn	2	6	10	12	2	32
	North Down	3	0	0	2	0	5
	Total	45	20	26	35	5	131

Planning Area Office	District	2006/07 and earlier	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total
Northern	Ballymoney	2	3	2	1	1	9
	Coleraine	1	2	1	2	0	6
	Derry	7	12	3	3	0	25
	Limavady	0	0	0	2	0	2
	Moyle	2	0	0	2	1	5
	Strabane	0	0	4	1	0	5
	Total	12	17	10	11	2	52
South Antrim	Antrim	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Ballymena	0	0	0	3	0	3
	Carrickfergus	2	0	1	1	0	4
	Larne	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Newtownabbey	3	8	2	0	0	13
	Total	9	9	4	4	0	26
Southern	Armagh	5	8	9	9	0	31
	Banbridge	0	0	2	0	0	2
	Craigavon	0	1	1	1	0	3
	Down	6	9	5	7	1	28
	Newry and Mourne	16	9	8	10	0	43
	Total	27	27	25	27	1	107
Western	Cookstown	0	1	1	3	0	5
	Dungannon	0	0	1	1	0	2
	Fermanagh	2	2	2	1	0	7
	Magherafelt	0	3	1	2	1	7
	Omagh	0	1	3	2	1	7
	Total	2	7	8	9	2	28
Strategic Planning		22	9	21	24	3	79
Total		117	89	94	110	13	423

Officials have been instructed to expedite the processing of these applications so that decisions on them, to approve or refuse, are issued as quickly as possible.

Recycling Businesses

Mr Hamilton asked the Minister of the Environment for his assessment of the impact that the proposed increase in fees for transfrontier movements of waste will have on recycling businesses.

(AQO 4217/11-15)

Mr Attwood: DEFRA has provided the Department with details of all responses received from organisations in Northern Ireland to the consultation on the proposed Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (amendment) Regulations. My officials have reviewed those responses and contacted the relevant recycling businesses who voiced their concerns. The main impact identified by those companies related to the possibility of a no refunds policy being introduced by the Department. Whilst the Agencies in England Scotland and Wales only provide refunds for notifications of waste movements which have been rejected or fail to commence, the NIEA are proposing to introduce a refund policy which ensures the Department returns monies for activities which have failed to transpire thus ensuring full cost recovery by the Agency isn't exceeded.

Officials also discussed better utilisation of the general notification system with those companies identified and have established that by using the system to its full potential, the costs incurred by the companies could be lower than those under the present fee structure.

Based on the responses to the consultation I am assured that the impact of the proposed fee structure would not be prohibitive to the recycling businesses providing the notification system is utilised to its full potential.

SSE Wind's Recent Fine

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of the Environment what consideration has been given to SSE Wind's recent fine of £10.5 million by Trading Standards for breaching procedures, given the fact that the Lisnahaney Wind Farm proposal is under investigation by the same body.

(AQW 24148/11-15)

Mr Attwood: The fine you refer to was imposed by Ofgem. Ofgem has stated that customers contacted by SSE were exposed to misleading statements, inaccurate and misleading information on SSE's charges, and misleading comparisons between SSE's charges and costs of other suppliers.

The planning application for the Lisnahaney wind farm proposal is currently being assessed by my Department. Any issue relating to trading standards is for the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation to comment upon.

Wind Turbines: Liability Against the Landowner

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of the Environment how he intends to address the issue of third party claims, in relation to wind turbines, for liability against the landowner; and whether he plans to amend legislation on this issue.

(AQW 24332/11-15)

Mr Attwood: PPS 18 'Renewable Energy' sets out the Department's planning policy for development that generates energy from renewable resources. The principal aim of PPS18 is to facilitate the siting of renewable energy generating facilities in appropriate locations within the built and natural environment in order to achieve Northern Ireland's renewable energy targets and to realise the benefits of renewable energy.

Policy RE1 requires that no development proposal will result in an unacceptable adverse impact on human health. In addition, applications for wind energy development are required to demonstrate that wind turbine development will not cause significant harm to the safety or amenity of any sensitive receptors (including future occupants of committed developments) arising from noise; shadow flicker; ice throw; and reflected light.

With respect to wind farm development, PPS18 sets a general amenity separation distance of 10 times rotor diameter to occupied property with a minimum distance not less than 500m. Further information and guidance on the safe siting of wind turbines is set out in the Best Practice Guidance accompanying PPS18.

While planning policy aims to secure the orderly and consistent development of land and the planning of that development, issues relating specifically to liability are a matter between the turbine owners and the land owners and as such lie outside the planning system.

Ballinlea 1 Test Well

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of the Environment whether an environmental impact assessment was conducted on the Ballinlea 1 test well; and if so, to provide further details.

(AQW 24479/11-15)

Mr Attwood: Due to its size and location the proposed test well fell below the thresholds which would trigger the requirements set out in the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (NI) 1999.

Ballinlea 1 Test Well

Mr Agnew asked the Minister of the Environment to list the chemicals which have been used in the drilling fluids in the Ballinlea 1 test well; and the quantities of the chemicals used.

(AQW 24541/11-15)

Mr Attwood: Data on the drilling fluids used has been supplied by the operator to DETI.

Benefits and Drawbacks of Wind Energy

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of the Environment to outline the benefits and drawbacks of wind energy.

(AQW 24714/11-15)

Mr Attwood: I agree with the advice I have received from the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment (DETI) that wind is one of the most cost effective and proven renewable energy technologies and that it has an important part to play in a responsible and balanced Northern Ireland energy policy. Wind energy development cuts carbon emissions, reduces our reliance on fossil fuels and improves energy security. DETI however advise that wind is, by its nature, intermittent, hence the need for a mix of renewable technologies.

Furthermore I consider that renewable energy technologies (including wind energy) present the potential to develop an indigenous renewable energy industry and provide a range of opportunities to support the Northern Ireland economy, including through direct and indirect employment opportunities; revenue to the owners of the land on which they are built; employment in the manufacture of components and services; and opportunities for rural diversification.

Finally I am satisfied that the planning process is adequately robust to ensure that all relevant planning considerations are fully taken into account in determining proposals for wind energy.

Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan

Mr Weir asked the Minister of the Environment for an update on the timescale for the publication of the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan.

(AQW 24982/11-15)

Mr Attwood: The Department plans to publish BMAP on completion of the relevant statutory processes and following the issue by DRD of a certificate of general conformity with the Regional Development Strategy 2035.

Proposed Developments near Licensed and Unlicensed Airfields

Miss M McIlveen asked the Minister of the Environment what requirements are in place for Planning Service to consult with the Civil Aviation Authority in relation to proposed developments near licensed and unlicensed airfields.

(AQW 25121/11-15)

Mr Attwood: Under Article 15 of the Planning (General Development) Order (NI) 1993 the Department is required to consult the District Council and the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland. These are the only two statutory consultees DOE Planning is required to consult.

DOE Planning regularly consults with other authorities or bodies likely to have an interest in, and observations to make in respect of proposed developments. The expert advice of these non-statutory consultees plays a key part of the development management process.

In 2003 the responsibility for the administration for Airport Public Safety Zones moved from the Civil Aviation Authority to Airport Operators.

There are currently two Airport Public Safety Zones in Northern Ireland, one at George Best Belfast City Airport, and the other at Belfast International Airport. The Department will consult the relevant airport operator on receipt of any planning applications which are adjacent to or within either of the two airport public safety zones in Northern Ireland.

DOE Planning will consult with the Civil Aviation Authority (Directorate of Airspace Policy) in considering the impact planning applications for particular types and scales of development, such as wind farms, have on the airspace safeguarding areas around airports. In addition, Belfast International Airport is also consulted on all wind energy applications. Other airports – i.e. City of Derry, Belfast City, Enniskillen and Newtownards are consulted where a wind energy proposal is within 30km of the airfield. This is to safeguard against developments that could adversely affect safe operations.

The Department does not hold records of private airfields or of their owners and therefore does not consult directly with such persons/organisations.

Methods of Measuring and Assessing Acceptable Wind Farm Noise

Mr Gardiner asked the Minister of the Environment for his assessment of the methods of measuring and assessing acceptable wind farm noise within Planning Policy Statement 18.
(AQW 25141/11-15)

Mr Attwood: Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 18 – ‘Renewable Energy’ aims to facilitate the siting of renewable energy facilities in appropriate locations in order to achieve Northern Ireland’s renewable energy targets. Proposals for wind farms and single turbines will be permitted provided that the proposal will not result in an unacceptable adverse impact on a number of criteria including public safety, human health and residential amenity.

Best practice guidance associated with PPS18 recommends the use of national guidance contained in the ETSU-R-97 report in the assessment and rating of noise from wind energy developments. Where necessary, the relevant District Council environmental health officials will be consulted on wind farm and single turbine planning applications and will provide the Department with their expert advice and opinion on the interpretation and application of ETSU-R-97.

At the request of the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in England, the Institute of Acoustics (IoA) recently established a working group to examine the application of ETSU-R-97. This group published a ‘Good Practice Guide’, in May 2013, on the application of ETSU-R-97 methodology. The aim of this guide is to provide up to date advice to ensure that noise assessments are carried out in a thorough and, as far as possible, consistent manner and that all necessary information required by District Council environmental health professional consultation is provided. In this context, I am satisfied that the methods of measuring and assessing acceptable wind farm noise within Planning Policy Statement 18 are adequate.

Department of Justice

Temporary Release of Prisoners

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice, pursuant to AQW 22900/11-15, (i) when the administrative error was first discovered; and (ii) whether the prisoner was temporarily released on the impression that he was attending his daughter's wedding, or was the error reflective of the answer provided to AQW 21633/11-15.

(AQW 24515/11-15)

Mr Ford (The Minister of Justice): An investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident is underway. I will endeavour to respond to the member's question following the outcome of the investigation.

Supporting Prisoner at Risk Processes

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice, since the introduction of Supporting Prisoner at Risk processes were introduced and replaced any previous practice, how many prisoners have self-harmed, attempted suicide or died by suicide (i) whilst the subject of a Supporting Prisoner at Risk process; (ii) having been the subject of a Supporting Prisoner at Risk process which was since closed; and (iii) having never been the subject of a Supporting Prisoner at Risk process.

(AQW 24573/11-15)

Mr Ford: The table below provides a breakdown of the number of prisoners who have self harmed by each category requested. Prisoners may be recorded in more than one category depending on the individual circumstances when either the self harm or attempted suicide occurred and as the data includes any previous custodial periods.

Subject to SPAR procedures	Had been subject to SPAR procedures that were closed	Never been subject to the SPAR procedures
357	389	151

Figures relating specifically to suicide attempts can not be provided in the format requested due to the current electronic recording of this data on the Prison Record Information System (PRISM). Some of the incidents of self harm reported above will include suicide attempts.

The Prison Service can not provide data for any prisoners who died by suicide for the timeframe requested as the Coroner has yet to give a verdict. However, the table below shows the deaths recorded by the prison service as self inflicted by each category requested.

Subject to SPAR procedures	SPAR procedures which have since closed	Never been subject to the SPAR procedures
1*	7*	6*

* Includes one death which occurred out of prison custody but has been recorded by the prison service due to the circumstances of the death.

Department for Regional Development

Traffic Calming Measures in North Down

Mr Weir asked the Minister for Regional Development for an update on plans for traffic calming measures in North Down.

(AQW 23848/11-15)

Mr Kennedy (The Minister for Regional Development): I would remind the Member that information on completed and proposed roads schemes for the current financial year can be found in Roads Service's Spring and Autumn Reports to Councils. These reports can be accessed from my Department's internet site at the following web address:

http://www.drndi.gov.uk/index/freedom_of_information/customer_information/cinformationtype-results.htm?signpost=Customer+information&informationType=Roads+Service+reports+to+councils

I can advise that the detailed budget for subsequent years has not yet been finalised and it is therefore not possible to provide details of future works programmes at this time.

Road Resurfacing

Mr Weir asked the Minister for Regional Development how much has been spent on road resurfacing, in each of the last five years, broken down by constituency.

(AQW 23995/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: My Department does not maintain an analysis of expenditure in the format requested, however, it does analyse expenditure on Structural Maintenance by District Council and resurfacing is a component part of Structural Maintenance. Analysis of this expenditure for each of the last five years is detailed in table 1.

In addition, whilst officials cannot provide an analysis of the amount spent on resurfacing by Council area, table 2 provides details of the comparison between the total amount spent on resurfacing in Northern Ireland, for each of the last five years, and the total spend on Structural Maintenance over the same period.

Table 1

District Council	Structural Maintenance Spend £k's				
	Year 07-08	Year 08-09	Year 09-10	Year 10-11	Year 11-12
Antrim	2,096	1,742	2,794	2,463	3,469
Coleraine	2,597	1,862	2,736	2,373	3,617
Limavady	2,391	1,558	2,344	2,303	3,431
Moyle	1,340	993	1,397	945	1,892
Ballymoney	1,648	1,463	2,002	2,029	2,759
L'derry	2,998	2,673	3,086	2,887	5,560
Ballymena	2,749	2,654	3,339	3,097	4,463
Larne	1,273	1,116	1,704	1,380	1,756
Belfast	6,009	4,630	6,039	5,527	9,054
Castlereagh	2,165	1,623	1,792	1,218	1,433
Newtownabbey	2,846	1,860	2,455	2,339	3,029
Carrickfergus	1,186	783	1,036	778	1,805
North Down	2,465	1,462	1,755	1,938	2,667
Lisburn	3,066	4,364	4,604	5,411	5,297
Ards	3,335	1,726	3,065	4,088	4,782
Armagh	4,907	4,439	5,388	5,229	8,197

District Council	Structural Maintenance Spend £k's				
	Year 07-08	Year 08-09	Year 09-10	Year 10-11	Year 11-12
Newry & Mourne	3,944	2,700	5,605	5,382	6,767
Banbridge	2,734	1,880	2,811	3,572	4,212
Craigavon	3,614	2,231	3,867	4,809	5,417
Down	2,552	3,336	3,377	4,065	5,323
Magherafelt	2,771	2,107	2,885	3,186	3,515
Omagh	4,424	2,971	4,923	4,262	6,143
Strabane	3,617	3,028	4,592	4,366	5,197
Cookstown	1,976	1,738	2,145	2,718	3,887
Fermanagh	4,578	4,638	4,951	6,869	9,869
Dungannon	4,051	3,410	4,498	5,078	6,896
Overall Total	77,332	62,986	85,190	88,312	120,437

Table 2

Financial Year	Total Spend on Resurfacing £'k	Total Spend on Structural Maintenance £'k
2007/08	38,361	77,332
2008/09	24,412	62,986
2009/10	41,444	85,190
2010/11	40,521	88,313
2011/12	63,335	120,437
Total	208,073	434,258

Connect Sligo and Derry by Rail

Mr McKay asked the Minister for Regional Development what discussions he has had with his counterpart in the Dublin Government about availing of European funding to connect Sligo and Derry by rail.
(AQW 24842/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: The exploration and securing of European funding opportunities remain an ongoing priority for my Department, and we are continuing our efforts to seek further funding for upgrading of the Belfast to Dublin Enterprise service in this context. Irish Rail's Rail Strategy Network Review, published in 2011, considered the proposal to create a new rail connection from Londonderry into Donegal and beyond; the conclusion of which was that it would not be economically viable to do so in the period up to 2030.

Introduction of a Railway Stop at Dunloy

Mr McKay asked the Minister for Regional Development whether he will consider the introduction of a railway stop at Dunloy between Ballymoney and Ballymena.
(AQW 24844/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: In designing and delivering services, including the need for, and benefits of, additional railway halts, Translink must strike the right balance between delivering fast, efficient and limited stop services and the potential increase in passenger demand arising from increases in the population catchment areas.

Translink advise that the application of established passenger demand forecasting models would indicate that demand would be insufficient to justify an additional halt near Dunloy.

In addition, operation of regular services in both directions on a single line track requires trains to arrive at the passing-loop at regular scheduled times.

Legal Cases

Mr Agnew asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) the number of legal cases, including judicial reviews, that his Department has defended since 2007; (ii) the number of these legal challenges the Department lost; and (iii) the total costs incurred by his Department on the cases which it lost.

(AQW 25025/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: The (i) number of legal cases, including judicial reviews, that my Department has defended since 2007 and (ii) the number of these legal challenges lost by my Department are detailed below.

Financial Year	The number of legal cases, including judicial reviews, that the Department has defended	Number of challenges lost
2007/08	2,555	957
2008/09	2,935	1,107
2009/10	3,658	1,301
2010/11	3,759	1,861
2011/12	2,927	1,794
2012/13	2,574	952

(iii) The total costs incurred on cases that were lost cannot be provided as the departmental accounting system cannot disaggregate between the legal costs associated with successful and unsuccessful defences.

Manufacture of Asphalt Materials by Road Contractors

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development how many times his Department has required a roads contractor to manufacture asphalt materials, for road works, during the night or at weekends since May 2011; and at which locations this took place.

(AQW 25065/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: In order to minimise delays to traffic and inconvenience to residents and businesses, my Department, occasionally requires a roads contractor to carry out road works outside normal working hours. This has meant that, on some occasions, contractors have had to manufacture asphalt materials during the night or at weekends. This situation has occurred on 207 occasions since May 2011. The following table provides location details of the road schemes and manufacturing plant at which the asphalt was manufactured:

List of Schemes that have required the roads contractor to manufacture asphalt materials for road works during the night or at weekends since May 2011

Scheme Location	Manufacturing Plant Location
Comber Road, Carryduff	North Down Quarries, 61 Ballybarnes Road, Newtownards or Ballymena Depot, 50 Craigadoo Road, Moorfields, Ballymena
Old Milltown Road, Belfast	
Eastlink Road, Belfast	
Kings Road, Belfast	
A24 Saintfield Road, Belfast	
Robbs Road, Dundonald	
Glen Road, Braniel, Belfast	
Cairnshill Road Belfast	
Gransha Road, Bangor	
Ballysallagh Road, Bangor	
Bloomfield Road, Bangor	
A2 Belfast Road, Bangor	
Clandeboyne Road, Bangor	
Groomsport Road, Bangor	
Newtownards Road Roundabout, Bangor	
Stockman's Lane, Belfast	
Balmoral Avenue, Belfast	
Belmont Road Roundabout, Belfast	
Lisburn Road, Belfast	
Upper Castlereagh Road, Belfast	
Finaghy Road South, Belfast	
Stranmillis Road Roundabout, Belfast	
Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast	
Castlereagh Street / Road, Belfast	North Down Quarries, 61 Ballybarnes Road, Newtownards BT23 4UE or Ballymena Depot, 50 Craigadoo Road, Moorfields, Ballymena
Ravenhill Road, Belfast	
Ormeau Road, Belfast	
Donegal Road, Belfast	
Newtownards Road @ Albert Road, Belfast	
Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast	
Castlereagh Road @Wayland Street, Belfast	
Ravenhill Road, Belfast	
Glen Road Roundabout, Belfast	
Ormeau Embankment, Belfast	
Malone Road, Belfast	

Scheme Location	Manufacturing Plant Location
Belmont Road, Belfast	
University Road, Belfast	
Finaghy Road South, Belfast	
Finaghy Cross Roads, Belfast	
Ormeau Road @ Ormeau Bridge, Belfast	
Andersonstown Road Roundabout, Belfast	
North Road, Belfast	
Middlepath Street, Belfast	Craigall Quarry, Kilrea Co. Londonderry
East Bridge Street, Belfast	
Kings Road, Belfast	
Beersbridge Road, Belfast	
Park Centre Roundabout, Belfast	
Great Victoria Street / Bruce Street Junction (STEM), Belfast	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore, BT25 1EL
Grosvenor Road/ Durham Street Junction (STEM), Belfast	
Sandy Row / Hope Street Junction (STEM), Belfast	
May Street / Donegal Square South / Howard Street, Belfast	Temple Quarry, 26 Ballycamgannon Road, Lisburn BT27 6YA or Black Mountain Quarry, Upper Springfield Road, Belfast, BT17 0LU
Floral Road, Belfast	
Fortwillam Park, Belfast	
Crumlin Road @ Legoneill Road, Belfast	
Crumlin Road @ Ardoyne, Belfast	
Dunbar Link, Belfast	
Upper Queen Street, Belfast	
Dock Street/ Garmoyle Street/ Nelson Street, Belfast	
Upper Crumlin Road @ Hightown Road, Belfast	
Dargan Road, Belfast	Temple Quarry, 26 Ballycamgannon Road, Lisburn BT27 6YA or Black Mountain Quarry, Upper Springfield Road, Belfast BT17 0LU
Upper Crumlin Road @ Ballysillan Park, Belfast	
Linfield Road, Belfast	
Ballymagarry Lane, Belfast	
Whiterock Road, Belfast	
Ainsworth Avenue, Belfast	
Antrim Road @ Throne Bends, Belfast	
College Avenue, College Sq North, Durham Street, Grosvenor Rd, Gt. Victoria St, College Sq East (STEM), Belfast	
Wellington Place/ Donegal Square East/ Chichester St (STEM), Belfast	

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Duncrue Road, Belfast	Craigall Quarry, Kilrea Co. Londonderry
High Street, Belfast	
Market Place / Chapel Hill, Lisburn	
Hillhall Road, Lisburn	
Stoneyford Road / Rock Road Junction, Lisburn	
Magheraconluce Road / Howe Road, Dromore	
A26 Moira Road Gleavy	
Hillhall Road, Lisburn	Temple Quarry, 26 Ballycamgannon Road, Lisburn BT27 6YA or Black Mountain Quarry, Upper Springfield Road, Belfast BT17 0LU
A26 (Moira Road), Lisburn	
North Circular Road Lisburn	
A3 Moira Road, Lisburn	
Wallace Avenue, Lisburn	
A26 Lower Ballinderry, Lisburn	
Dromara Road, Dromore	
Prince William Roundabouts, Lisburn	
Jordanstown Road, Newtownabbey	
Station Road, Doagh, Newtownabbey	
A57 Templepatrick Road	
A6 Antrim Road @ Chimney Corner	
Mallusk Road, Newtownabbey	
Roughfort Road, Mallusk	
A2 Larne Road, Whitehead	
Upper Road, Greenisland	
A6 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey	
Station Road, Whiteabbey	
New Line, Carrickfergus	
Marine Highway, Carrickfergus	
Doagh Rd/Old Carrick Rd	
Middle Road, Carrickfergus	
Carntall Road/ Doagh Road, Newtownabbey	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore BT25 1EL
A20 Portaferry Road from The Maltings - Finlays Rd	Temple Quarry, 26 Ballycamgannon Road, Lisburn BT27 6YA
High Street and Braeside, Comber	

Scheme Location	Manufacturing Plant Location
Ballybarnes Road, Newtownards from Belfast Rd - Quarry	
Zion Place, Newtownards	
A21 Comber Road, Newtownards @ Westwinds	North Down Quarries, 61 Ballybarnes Road, Newtownards
A21 Comber Road, Newtownards Ballyhenry Rd - Moate Rd	Temple Quarry, 26 Ballycamgannon Road, Lisburn, BT27 6YA or Black Mountain Quarry, Upper Springfield Road, Belfast, BT17 OLU
English Street, Armagh - footway	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod
College Street El scheme, Armagh	
U7015 Tower Hill, Armagh	
Newry Road, Mall West, Friary Rd (St Malachy's slip, Killylea Rd Portadown Rd, Armagh.	
Castlewellan Road, Banbridge @PSNI Station	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore, BT 25 1EL
Commercial Road Roundabout, Banbridge	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod
B28 Garvaghy Road, Portadown @ Ulster Carpets Phase 1.	
Main Street, Waringstown	
Silverwood R'bout, Derrymacash	
Ballynamoney Road - Silverwood, Derrymacash	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore, BT25 1EL
Lough Road, Lurgan	Gibson Brothers Ltd, 1 Kilmacrew Road, Banbridge, BT32 4ES
Kernan Road/Seagoe Road Junction, Portadown	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore, BT25 1EL
Church Walk, Lurgan	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod
B28 Garvaghy Road, Portadown Phases 2 & 3 at north end	
B28 Moy Road, Portadown	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore, BT25 1EL
A26 Banbridge Road, Lurgan @ Flush Place	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod
Brownstown Road, Portadown @ Armagh Road Junction	Gibson Brothers Ltd, 1 Kilmacrew Road, Banbridge, BT32 4ES

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Malcolm Road/Robert Street/Queen Street/High Street Junction, Lurgan	Gibson Brothers Ltd – TH Moore, Tullyvallen Quarry, Cullyhanna Road, Newtownhamilton, Newry, BT35 0JD
A3 Kernan Loop, Craigavon	Budore Quarry, 15 Sycamore Road, Dundrod or Edentrillick Quarry, Lagan Green Road, Dromore BT25 1EL
Comber Road, Killyleagh from Gocean Br - 30mph	Temple Quarry, 26 Ballycamgannon Road, Lisburn, BT27 6YA
Edward Street, Downpatrick from Ardglass Road - Irish Street	
Downpatrick Road, Killyleagh from BT exchange - Bridge	
Monaghan Street, Newry from Merchants Quay - Camlough Road	
Knockchree Avenue, Kilkeel from War Memorial - Mourne Esplanade	
Kilmorey Street, Newry from Abbey Way - Greenbank Roundabout	Armagh Depot, Cladybeg, Mohan, Newtownhamilton & Blackmountain Quarry, Upper Springfield Road Belfast, BT17 0LU
A5 Melmount Road, Strabane	F P McCann Ltd, Knockloughrim Quarry, 3 Drumard Road, Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry BT45 8QA
A5 Victoria Road, Strabane.	
A5 Great Northern Link, Strabane	
B84 Baronscourt Road, Newtownstewart	
B165 Douglas Road, Newtownstewart	
B536 Ligford Road, Strabane	
B536 Ligford Road, Strabane (at different locations)	
Main Street, Seskinore	
Omagh Streets	
Dromore Streets	
Galbally Road Roundabout, Dromore	
Tamlagh Road, Omagh	
Gortrush Industrial Estate, Omagh	
Old Mountfield Road, Omagh	
A5 Great Northern, Omagh	
Crevenagh Road Roundabout, Omagh	
A4 Wellington Road, Enniskillen	P Clarke & Sons Ltd, Slushill Quarry, Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh, BT92 0AF
A32 Forthill Street	
A4 Belfast Road at Toppings Garage	

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A4 Ann Street Enniskillen	P Clarke & Sons Ltd, Slushill Quarry, Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh, BT92 OAF
A32 Corngrade Road, Enniskillen	
A32 Irvinestown Road, Enniskillen at Cross (Phase 1)	
A32 Irvinestown Road, Enniskillen at Cross (Phase 2)	
A32 Brownhill Link Road, Irvinestown	
Down Street / Market Street, Enniskillen	
A4 Sligo Road, Enniskillen	
A46 Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen at Portora	
Drumclay Link Road, Enniskillen	
Rossorry Church Road, Enniskillen	
Paget Lane, Enniskillen	
Corporation Street, Enniskillen	
Drumglass Road, Dungannon	P Keenan, Corvanaghan Quarry, 29 Corvanaghan Road, Cookstown, Co Tyrone BT80 9TN
John Street, Dungannon	
Castlecaulfield Road, Donaghmore	
Main Street, Clogher	
Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon	
Killyman Road Industrial Estate, Dungannon	
Main Street, Fivemiletown	
A4 Ballagh Road, Fivemiletown	
A4 Edfield Way, Fivemiletown	
West Street, Stewartstown	
Springhill, Moneymore	
Derryloran Bridge, Cookstown	
Orritor Street, Cookstown	
A29 Coleraine Road, Maghera	
Union Road, Magherafelt	
Springhill Road, Moneymore	
A42 Clady Road, Portglenone	
Queens Avenue / Kirk Avenue / Kirk Lane, Magherafelt	
Bridge Street, Castledawson	
A8 Harbour Highway, Larne	Budore Quarries, Hannahstown , dundrod - McQuillan
A42 Main St, Broughshane	Croghan Quarry, Macosquin - Northstone

Scheme Location	Manufacturing Plant Location
C59 Fenaghy Road, Ballymena	Letterloan Road, Macosquin - Whitemountain
C56 Sourhill Road, Ballymena	
A26 Newbridge Road at Tullans, Coleraine August 2011	
Lower Main Street, Limavady May 2011	
Kilrea Roundabouts Sep 2012	
Millburn Road, Coleraine stage 1 Sep 2012	
Lodge Road Roundabout, Coleraine June 2012	
Railway Road Car Park Access road, Coleraine Oct 2012	Letterloan Road, Macosquin - Whitemountain
Millburn Road, Coleraine Stage 2 Nov 2012	
Waterside, Coleraine March 2013	
Brook Street, Coleraine June 2013	
Bannfield, Coleraine June 2013	
Queens Quay Resurfacing, Londonderry Sep 2011	
Glenshane Road - Armore to Claudy turnoff Jan 2012	
Duke Street Roundabout, Londonderry March 2012	
Spencer Road, Londonderry March 2012	
Foyle Street, Londonderry Nov 2011	
Infirmity Road, Londonderry March 2012	
Altnagelvin Bank Car Park, Londonderry Dec 2011	
Pennyburn Industrial Estate, Londonderry March 2012	
Gransha Roundabout, Londonderry Sep 2012	

Scheme Location	Manufacturing Plant Location
Fountain Hill, Londonderry Feb 2013	
Glengalliagh Road, Londonderry Jan 2013	
Clarendon Street, Londonderry March 2013	
Water Street/ Foyle Embankment, Londonderry April 2012	
Dungiven Road, Londonderry Feb 2013	
Haw Road, Londonderry May 2013	

Please note this list does not include details of routine patching works for which my Department only maintains details of the date completed and is unable to confirm exactly when the contractors would have had to manufacture the asphalt.

Manufacture of Asphalt Materials by Road Contractors

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail any current road works schemes in which his Department requires a contractor to manufacture asphalt materials during the night or at weekends.

(AQW 25066/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: Details of the locations of the current road schemes which my Department intends to undertake works during the night or weekends are listed below:

- Sandelford Bridge, Coleraine;
- Artillery Road, Coleraine;
- Strand Road Car Park, Londonderry;
- Foyle Road Car Park, Londonderry;
- Bishop Street, Londonderry;
- Glen Road, Braniel, Belfast;
- Glen Road, Belfast;
- Cairnshill Road, Belfast;
- Newtownards Road Roundabout, Bangor;
- North Road, Belfast
- A32 Irvinestown Road, Enniskillen (at Levaghy);
- A509 Main Street, Derrylin;
- A34 Main Street, Lisnaskea;
- Swinging Bars Roundabout, Omagh;
- A31 Castledawson Road, Magherafelt; and
- A1 Dual Carriageway between Hillsborough and Banbridge (various locations).

It is, however, the responsibility of the contractor or their supplier to determine when the material required for these schemes is actually manufactured and to comply with relevant legislation when doing so.

Roads Contractors: Machinery

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development what criteria he applies when taking a decision on whether roads contractors should operate heavy machinery or undertake manufacturing during the night or at weekends.

(AQW 25067/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: Quarrying and the manufacture of construction materials is a heavy industrial process. I recognise that there has to be a balance between the needs of the construction industry for materials and the rights of neighbours.

Quarries must comply with noise and pollution regulations which are enforced by District Councils. In addition, quarries must comply with conditions set out in their Planning consent which are enforced by Planning Service

On occasions, my Department's Roads Service requires contractors to carry out resurfacing works at nights at a weekends, to minimise disruption to the travelling public and to ensure that work can be done safely. Such decisions take into account the impact on local services such as schools, churches, businesses, emergency services and public transport providers, in addition to the impact on those living in proximity of the works.

If materials have to be manufactured overnight it is the responsibility of the contractor's supplier to comply with the relevant regulations

A careful balance has to be struck between safety, disruption, quality and value.

Manufacturing of Asphalt Type Materials for Road Works

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development what actions are taken to ensure that contractors who are manufacturing asphalt materials for road works during the night or at weekends do not contravene statutory noise nuisance.

(AQW 25068/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: The Department of the Environment's Air and Environmental Quality Unit is responsible for the legislation and policy on noise control.

With regard to the manufacture of asphalt materials for road works, noise limits for specific sites producing these materials are contained within the relevant planning permissions. The enforcement of noise control legislation, for either night or weekend work within these sites, is a matter for Environmental Health departments of the local council.

If you have particular concerns about a specific site I would suggest that you contact the appropriate local council in the first instance to discuss the relevant issues and ascertain if indeed there is a contravention of noise control legislation at the site.

I am not aware of any asphalt manufacturing plant that has been served with a notice in relation to the contravention of noise regulations and in particular any plant that has been served with such a notice while carrying out work directly related to the laying of road surfacing material for my Department.

If you become aware of any site that has been issued with a notice by the local council in relation to the contravention of noise regulations which relates directly to a contract with my Department I will be happy to meet with you to discuss the issue.

Manufacturing of Asphalt Type Materials for Road Works

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development how his Department ensures that statutory noise nuisance is avoided to attenuate potential problems for local residents as a result of work undertaken during the night and at weekends whilst manufacturing asphalt type materials.

(AQW 25106/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: I would refer the Member to my answer to his Assembly Question AQW 25068/11-15.

Manufacturing of Asphalt Type Materials for Road Works

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development what consultation his Department has had with local residents on the subject of contractors manufacturing asphalt type materials for road works during the night and at weekends.

(AQW 25108/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: It is normal practice for my Department, or its contractor, to notify frontagers (residents and businesses), prior to the start of any works, that asphaltting resurfacing and/or minor road improvements will be carried out in their vicinity during the night or at weekends. This notification can take the form of advanced warning signs and, on occasion, letter drops.

Manufacturing of Asphalt Type Materials for Road Works

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development to outline the circumstances under which he could remove contractors from the select list of firms who carry out road works due to consistent contravention of noise nuisance regulations during the manufacture of asphalt type materials for road works.

(AQW 25109/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: I would refer the Member to my answer to his Assembly Question AQW 25068/11-15.

Manufacturing of Asphalt Type Materials for Road Works

Mr McGimpsey asked the Minister for Regional Development whether he will consider a policy change to penalise contractors who consistently contravene noise restrictions during the manufacture of asphalt type materials for road works.

(AQW 25110/11-15)

Mr Kennedy: I would refer the Member to my answer to his Assembly Question AQW 25068/11-15.

Department for Social Development

Social Housing Developments

Mr Elliott asked the Minister for Social Development, pursuant to AQW 19181/11-15 and AQW 19176/11-15 and in relation to new build completions in 2011/12, (i) what date retention has been released to the main contractors on each of the projects; (ii) in cases where retention hasn't been released, to detail the reasons why; (iii) what checks have been made to ensure that sub-contractors receive retention monies on each of these projects; and (iv) what penalties are in place for main contractors who delay and withhold retention monies.

(AQW 24593/11-15)

Mr McCausland (The Minister for Social Development): Housing Associations have provided the information recorded in the Table attached, in relation to (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). They have also explained that generally one half of the retention monies are released in the payment made following Practical Completion (Tranche 1). The remaining retention monies are released in the payment made following completion of the Maintenance Period (Tranche 2), which normally has a twelve month duration from Practical Completion and is subject to the issue of the Making Good Defects Certificate. Therefore full retention release will not be paid until the contract administrator is satisfied that all defects have been satisfactorily remedied.

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Scheme Name	Practical Completion Date	Part (i)				Part (ii)	Part (iii)	Part (iv)
		Tranche 1		Tranche 2				
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Weir Brae	30.11.11	23.12.11	23.12.11	01.07.13	11.07.13	Not applicable.	The contract documents include a commitment to the obligations laid out under the prompt payment scheme.	There are no measures in place for contractors who delay and withhold retention. The only clause within the contract is for liquidated damages for a delay in the delivery of the project past its completion date.
PSNI Site, Rosemount, Londonderry	16.06.11	21.07.11	15.07.11			Issues re: final adoption of drainage.		
Iona House, Phase 1, Strabane	14.06.11					Outstanding defects. No further information available at this time		
Fergleen Park, Londonderry	06.12.11	24.11.11	01.12.11			Outstanding defects - now cleared	A Prompt Payment Certificate has been signed by the Contractor & 'Prompt Payments' are checked at monthly meetings.	Exclusion from future Contracts.
Apex Rural Cottages Phase 8	12.12.11	12.12.11	13.01.12			Outstanding defects.		
Site at rear of Derrybeg Villas, Newry	11.11.11	20.04.12	27.04.12			The Contractor did not submit an application for Payment in keeping with the date on which the Completion Certificate had been issued.	The Association releases retention monies to Main Contractors in accordance with the form of Contract under which the scheme has been procured.	

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Martin's Lane, Newry	01.02.12	28.06.12	06.07.12			The Contractor did not submit an application for Payment in keeping with the date on which the Completion Certificate had been issued.	The Association releases retention monies to Main Contractors in accordance with the form of Contract under which the scheme has been procured	
Prospect Way, North Lurgan	09.05.11	23.03.12	06.04.12			The Contractor has defaulted in his obligation to ensure that all statutory approvals are in place.	The subcontractors are Domestic and their contract values are unknown to Design Team.	None.
Darkfort Drive, Phase 1, Portballintrae	21.01.11	14.02.11	11.02.11	24.10.12	02.11.12	Not applicable.		
Garvaghy Crescent, Phase 1, Portglenone	05.01.12	14.03.12	12.03.12			Outstanding defects	A Prompt Payment Certificate has been signed by the Contractor & 'Prompt Payments' are checked at monthly meetings.	Exclusion from future Contracts.
Whitewell Road, Belfast	30.05.11	21.07.11	29.07.11	Within 28 days of issue of the final certificate (final certificate outstanding)	Awaiting receipt of Making Good Defects Certificate (MGDC) and Final Certificate from lead consultant	Outstanding defects	The Main Contractor is bound by all of the standard contract conditions pertaining to the appointment, management and payment of subcontractors.	None

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Crew Hill Gardens, Ardglass	23.11.11	23.11.11	07.12.11	Within 28 days of issue of the final certificate (final certificate outstanding)	Awaiting receipt of MGDC and Final Certificate from lead consultant	Main contractor required to follow up and confirm status of outstanding Public Adoptions prior to issue of MGDC and Final Certificate.	The Main Contractor is bound by all of the standard contract conditions pertaining to the appointment, management and payment of subcontractors.	None
Glen Road, Travellers, Belfast	15.09.05	28.12.05	21.12.05			Retention monies not released until they have physical receipt of MGDC and confirmation from their Contracts Administrator and Quantity Surveyor that it is in order to release full retention monies.	No contractual relationship with any sub contractors.	Any contractual breach would have to be adjudicated on by the contracts administrator and action arising from this to address recommended by the contracts administrator to the Housing Association in accordance with the conditions of the contract.
Cliftonville Road, Belfast	06.07.11	09.09.11	07.09.11	06.02.13	13.02.13	Not applicable.		
Killough Road, Downpatrick	03.11.11	30.11.11	30.11.11			There have been a number of issues including obtaining access to tenant's properties that have resulted in a delay in the conclusion of this process satisfactorily.	No contractual relationship with any sub contractors.	Any contractual breach would have to be adjudicated on by the contracts administrator and action arising from this to address recommended by the contracts administrator to the Housing Association in accordance with the conditions of the contract.

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North Rugby Club, Phase 3, Belfast	18.01.12	11.02.12	30.01.12			Outstanding defects.	No contractual relationship with any sub contractors.	Any contractual breach would have to be adjudicated on by the contracts administrator and action arising from this to address recommended by the contracts administrator to the Housing Association in accordance with the conditions of the contract.
Glen Road, Belfast	13.02.12	21.03.12	04.04.12			Defects not addressed.	No contractual relationship with any sub contractors.	Any contractual breach would have to be adjudicated on by the contracts administrator and action arising from this to address recommended by the contracts administrator to the Housing Association in accordance with the conditions of the contract.
Springfarm, Phase 1, Antrim	13.09.11					Phased handover agreed. No further information available at this time	No contractual relationship with any sub contractors.	Any contractual breach would have to be adjudicated on by the contracts administrator and action arising from this to address recommended by the contracts administrator to the Housing Association in accordance with the conditions of the contract.
Templepatrick Library Site	19.01.12	06.02.12	01.02.12	06.03.12	06.03.12	Not applicable.		

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Donaghadee Road, Newtownards	14.12.11	30.11.11	30.11.11	14.12.12	-	Outstanding defects.	None	N/A
Hollywood Road, Belfast	22.10.11	31.10.11	31.10.11	31.10.11	-	Outstanding defects.	None	N/A
Ladbrook Drive, Belfast	03.02.12	30.05.12	11.06.12	03.02.13	-	Outstanding defects	None	Potential Breach of contract with the Employer, where the main contractor fails to make payment within contractual terms stated.
Prospect Park, Belfast	03.02.12	30.05.12	11.06.12	03.02.13	-	Outstanding defects	None	Potential Breach of contract with the Employer, where the main contractor fails to make payment within contractual terms stated.
Tesco Site, Broadway, Donegall Road, Belfast Phase 1	29.03.10	07.06.12	Cleared 25.05.12 PAID 31.05.12	-	-	Outstanding defects	The contract is between the Housing Association and the main contractor. They have a prompt payment clause within every works contract which the contractor signs up to.	The Housing Association has no contractual authority to penalise for non payment of retention.
West Bank, Londonderry	22.09.11	03.11.11	Cleared 28.10.12 PAID 03.11.12	13.06.13	Cleared 07.06.13 PAID 13.06.13	Not applicable.	The contract is between the Housing Association and the main contractor. We have a prompt payment clause within every works contract which the contractor signs up to.	The Housing Association has no contractual authority to penalise for non payment of retention.

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Council Site, Dunsy Way, Comber	07.07.11	03.08.11	Cleared 25.07.11 PAID 27.07.11	22.08.12	Cleared 14.08.12 PAID 14.08.12	Not applicable.	The contract is between the Housing Association and the main contractor. We have a prompt payment clause within every works contract which the contractor signs up to.	The Housing Association has no contractual authority to penalise for non payment of retention.
Finniston PS (Torrens), North Belfast	02.06.11	06.07.11	Cleared 24.06.11 PAID 30.06.11	27.12.12	Cleared 17.12.12 PAID 20.12.12	Not applicable.	The contract is between the Housing Association and the main contractor. We have a prompt payment clause within every works contract which the contractor signs up to.	The Housing Association has no contractual authority to penalise for non payment of retention.
Alliance Avenue, Belfast	16.03.12	25.04.12	Cleared 23.04.12 PAID 25.04.12	14.06.13	Cleared 04.06.13 PAID 11.06.13	Not applicable.	The contract is between the Housing Association and the main contractor. We have a prompt payment clause within every works contract which the contractor signs up to.	The Housing Association has no contractual authority to penalise for non payment of retention.
31 The Brae, Ballygowan	22.06.11	28.10.11	25.10.11	08.01.13	10.01.13	Not applicable.	None	None
Drumaness Road, Drumaness	06.10.11	16.11.11	10.11.11	29.03.13	28.03.12	Outstanding defects	None	None

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McAuley Street, Phase 3, Belfast	30.10.09	09.01.10	28.01.10	25.09.12	04.10.12	Not applicable.	None	No penalties in place for those contractors who delay and withhold retention monies to sub-contractors. However, the Housing Association is engaging with CPD to explore the potential for the NEC3 suite of contracts to be applied to the relationship between lead and sub-contractors as a means of providing greater protection to the latter.
Doagh Road, Newtownabbey	21.06.11	24.10.11	24.10.11	28.01.13	28.01.13	Not applicable.	None	No penalties in place for those contractors who delay and withhold retention monies to sub-contractors. However, the Housing Association is engaging with CPD to explore the potential for the NEC3 suite of contracts to be applied to the relationship between lead and sub-contractors as a means of providing greater protection to the latter.

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		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Boundary Way, Belfast	29.06.11	01.08.11	22.07.11	01.07.13	08.07.13		None	No penalties in place for those contractors who delay and withhold retention monies to sub-contractors. However, the Housing Association is engaging with CPD to explore the potential for the NEC3 suite of contracts to be applied to the relationship between lead and sub-contractors as a means of providing greater protection to the latter.
Newtowncloghogue	16.02.12	20.02.12	16.02.12	-	-	Outstanding defects	None	No penalties in place for those contractors who delay and withhold retention monies to sub-contractors. However, the Housing Association is engaging with CPD to explore the potential for the NEC3 suite of contracts to be applied to the relationship between lead and sub-contractors as a means of providing greater protection to the latter.
Falls Road, Belfast	10.06.11	01.07.11	14.07.11	14 days from issue of payment cert Release not yet due	-	Outstanding defects.	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate

Scheme Name	Practical Completion Date	Part (i)				Part (ii)	Part (iii)	Part (iv)
		Tranche 1		Tranche 2				
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Carrick Hill/Library Street, Belfast	18.04.11	18.04.11	28.04.11	14 days from issue of final valuation of 26.11.12 =10.12.12	Retention monies paid to contractor on 04.12.12	Not applicable.	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
St. Teresa's Site, Glen Road, Belfast	19.08.11	03.08.11	15.09.11	14 days from issue of payment of cert		Final Account has yet to be agreed with contractor	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
Drumalla House, Carnlough	14.04.11	08.06.11	16.06.11	Valuation date = 17.07.12 Payment = 31.07.12	02.08.12	Not applicable.	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
Carrowshee Park, Lisnaskea	24.10.11	14.11.11	17.11.11	14 days from issue of payment cert on 12.02.13 = 26.02.13		Retention monies paid on 21.02.13 except £2k withheld pending contractor expediting road adoption with Roads Service.	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
Gullion View, Meigh	06.09.11	09.09.11	21.09.11	Final valuation = 06.03.13 Payment = 20.03.13	21.03.13		Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate

Scheme Name	Practical Completion Date	Part (i)				Part (ii)	Part (iii)	Part (iv)
		Tranche 1		Tranche 2				
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Loughrey Terrace, Drumquin	01.12.11	08.02.12	16.02.12	14 days from issue of payment cert Release not yet due	-	Outstanding defects.	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
PSNI Station Melmount Road, Sion Mills	28.03.12	15.03.12	29.03.12	14 days from issue of payment cert Release not yet due	-	Outstanding defects.	Prompt payment certificate in place.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
Adrian Heights, Donagh	21.02.12	16.09.11	18.11.11	-	-	Outstanding defects.	Contractor signed Prompt Payment to Sub contractor Certificate before contract was signed.	As per Prompt Payment certificate, non compliance will effect tendering for future works.
Forthill Park, Newtownstewart	22.02.11	04.05.11	25.05.11	-	-	Outstanding defects.	Contractor signed Prompt Payment to Sub contractor Certificate before contract was signed.	As per Prompt Payment certificate, non compliance will effect tendering for future works.
Beechgrove, Dromore Phase 2	06.12.10	27.05.11	31.05.11	19.07.13	19.07.13	Awaiting information from the Architect and a final certificate from the contractor.	N/A	N/A
Ennis Green, Lurgan	11.04.11	27.05.11	31.05.11	19.07.13	19.07.13	Awaiting information from the Architect and a final certificate from the contractor.	N/A	N/A

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		Tranche 1		Tranche 2				
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Prince's Close/ Street, Craigavon	19.04.11	27.05.11	31.05.11	19.07.13	19.07.13	Awaiting information from the Architect and a final certificate from the contractor.	N/A	N/A
Cherryville Street, Belfast	16.02.12	22.11.11	11.08.11	-	-	Outstanding defects.	Prompt payment clauses are in place requiring Contractors to pay subcontractors and the supply chain within a 30 day period. Association require the main contractor to confirm that this is being complied with at monthly site meetings.	Possible negative feedback through Constructionline Web Portal.
Grove Street East, Belfast	20.10.11	02.12.11	02.12.11	-	-	Outstanding defects.	Prompt payment clauses are in place requiring Contractors to pay subcontractors and the supply chain within a 30 day period. Association require the main contractor to confirm that this is being complied with at monthly site meetings.	Possible negative feedback through Constructionline Web Portal.

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		Tranche 1		Tranche 2				
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Strand Avenue, Holywood	31.08.11	13.09.11	12.09.11	-	-	Outstanding defects.	Prompt payment clauses are in place requiring Contractors to pay subcontractors and the supply chain within a 30 day period. Association require the main contractor to confirm that this is being complied with at monthly site meetings.	Possible negative feedback through Constructionline Web Portal.
Derrybeg Small Sites, Newry	16.11.11	13.12.11	12.12.11	05.06.13	03.06.13	Not applicable.	Prompt payment clauses are in place requiring Contractors to pay subcontractors and the supply chain within a 30 day period. Association require the main contractor to confirm that this is being complied with at monthly site meetings.	Possible negative feedback through Constructionline Web Portal.
Greenfield Park, Newry	09.09.11	11/10/12	09.10.12	29.10.12	26.10.12	Not applicable.	Prompt payment clauses are in place requiring Contractors to pay subcontractors and the supply chain within a 30 day period. Association require the main contractor to confirm that this is being complied with at monthly site meetings.	Possible negative feedback through Constructionline Web Portal.

Scheme Name	Practical Completion Date	Part (i)				Part (ii)	Part (iii)	Part (iv)
		Tranche 1		Tranche 2				
		Due Date	Actual Date	Due Date	Actual Date			
Ardmore Drive, Hilltown	15.03.12	25/04/12	25/04/12	-	-	Outstanding defects.	Contractors sign a prompt payment certificate at tender stage and a prompt payment clause is inserted into the contract.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate
Woodside Road, Loughbrickland	28.11.11	03/01/12	03/01/12	08/07/13	08/07/13	Not applicable.	Contractors sign a prompt payment certificate at tender stage and a prompt payment clause is inserted into the contract.	Application of conditions of prompt payment certificate

Single Skinned Properties in South Antrim

Mr Girvan asked the Minister for Social Development to detail the number of single skinned properties in South Antrim, broken down by town; and whether there are planned major repairs to alleviate the fuel poverty issues arising from single skinned properties.

(AQW 24770/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The information is not available in the format requested as neither my Department nor the Housing Executive collates information on the number of single skinned properties in the Private Sector by Parliamentary Constituency.

With regard to the Social Housing Sector, the table below details the number of Housing Executive single skinned properties in South Antrim, broken down by District Office area and town.

Table: Housing Executive single skinned properties in South Antrim

District Office	Town/village	Aluminium Bungalows	No Fines	Orlit	Timber Framed	Pre 1940	Rural Cottages
Antrim	Antrim	0	538	27	25	0	0
Antrim	Randalstown	18	0	0	0	0	7
Antrim	Crumlin	9	0	0	0	0	0
Newtownabbey 1 & 2	Newtownabbey	8	248	0	0	5	0
Newtownabbey 1	Whiteabbey	21	0	0	0	0	0
Newtownabbey 2	Ballyclare	10	0	0	0	0	2

In relation to Housing Executive stock generally, the main programmes aimed at addressing fuel poverty are: -

- Heating Replacement Programme – now includes loft insulation top-ups
- Heating Adaptations
- Double Glazing
- Heatsmart (energy advice)

In relation to No Fines dwellings, the Housing Executive are considering taking forward a range of initiatives to alleviate associated problems with no fines dwellings, following some pilot projects.

In relation to Housing Associations, there are two single skinned properties in Templepatrick, owned by one Housing Association. They were restored about ten years ago and were extended using cavity wall construction with cavity insulation and faced with basalt stonework, so that some rooms have a mixture of single-skin and cavity walls. The solid walls were insulated on the internal face and the floors were fully insulated as was the roof, while the windows have secondary glazing to reduce heat loss.

Together: Building a United Community Strategy

Mr Allister asked the Minister for Social Development, pursuant to AQWs 23814/11-15 and 24313/11-15, apart from ongoing discussions what specific consultation the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister had with his Department prior to the announcement of 'Together: Building a United Community Strategy'.

(AQW 24781/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I would refer the Member to the answer I gave in response to AQW 24313/11-15 and would add that I had no specific consultation with the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister prior to the announcement of 'Together: Building a United Community Strategy'

Campbell Tickell Investigation

Mr Allister asked the Minister for Social Development, pursuant to AQW 24342/11-15, on what date did the Board of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive appoint Campbell Tickell; and how is this appointment recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting.

(AQW 24782/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Chairman of the Housing Executive, in his press release dated 10 June 2013, stated that the Board of the Housing Executive had commissioned an independent review into how the organisation has been dealing with planned maintenance contracts over the last five years following evidence of substantial overcharging. The initial processes of appointing the consultant at that time were managed by the Chairman and are not therefore recorded in the minutes of a Board meeting at the time of appointment.

Disability Living Allowance

Mr Campbell asked the Minister for Social Development, pursuant to AQW 24149/11-15, for an estimate of the (i) number; and (ii) percentages of people in the 0 - 65 age group, who claimed Disability Living Allowance in each constituency in 2012.

(AQW 24876/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The table below shows the average number and percentages of people in the 0 - 65 age group, who claimed Disability Living Allowance in each constituency in 2012.

Parliamentary Constituency	Average DLA claimants 0 -65 in 2012	% of eligible population
Belfast East	6,340	8.2%
Belfast North	10,830	12.4%
Belfast South	6,360	6.5%
Belfast West	13,020	15.7%
East Antrim	5,390	7.0%
East Londonderry	6,370	7.4%
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	7,110	8.0%
Foyle	10,220	11.4%
Lagan Valley	5,690	6.6%
Mid Ulster	7,510	8.6%
Newry and Armagh	8,900	9.0%
North Antrim	6,320	6.9%
North Down	4,610	6.2%
South Antrim	6,140	7.1%
South Down	8,320	8.7%
Strangford	5,490	7.2%
Upper Bann	9,160	8.9%

Parliamentary Constituency	Average DLA claimants 0 -65 in 2012	% of eligible population
West Tyrone	9,400	11.8%
Unkown	540	
Total	137,730	8.8%

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Disability Living Allowance and Employment Support Allowance Appeals

Mr Hussey asked the Minister for Social Development how many (i) Disability Living Allowance; and (ii) Employment Support Allowance appeals were attended by an MLA, in each year since the introduction of these benefits.

(AQW 24894/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Appeals Service (TAS) cannot provide information prior to 2008/09 as it was retained on an IT system which is no longer accessible.

The table below outlines the number of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Employment Service Allowance (ESA) appeal hearings where the record shows the appellant was supported by an MLA

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Total
Disability Living Allowance	17	34	72	98	98	319
Employment and Support Allowance	0	6	34	62	120	222
Grand Total	17	40	106	160	218	541

Disability Living Allowance and Employment Support Allowance Appeals

Mr Hussey asked the Minister for Social Development how many (i) Disability Living Allowance; and (ii) Employment Support Allowance appeals were (a) cancelled; or (b) postponed, in each year since the introduction of these benefits.

(AQW 24895/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Appeals Service (TAS) cannot provide information prior to 2008/09 as it was retained on an IT system which is no longer accessible.

The table below outlines the number of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Employment Service Allowance appeals (ESA) appeals that have been withdrawn or postponed by financial year.

Financial Year	Appeals Withdrawn(a)		Appeals Postponed(b)	
	DLA	ESA	DLA	ESA
2008/09	905	N/A	1,338	N/A
2009/10	836	133	1,351	323
2010/11	732	462	1,243	1,069
2011/12	692	571	1,141	1,434
2012/13	709	974	1,136	2,122

Social Housing Units in Ballymena; Ballymoney and Moyle

Mr McKay asked the Minister for Social Development (i) how many social housing units in (a) Ballymena; (b) Ballymoney; and (c) Moyle are planned to have double glazing installed, broken down by street; and (ii) how many houses in these areas have had double glazing installed, broken down by street.

(AQW 24914/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I assume the Member is referring to Housing Executive properties. Table 1 details the Housing Executive properties by road/street in Ballymena and Ballymoney which are included in the double glazing programme that is expected to commence in late 2013/14. The Housing Executive has advised that their records indicate that this will complete the double glazing programme in these areas although this does not include properties in the Stock Transfer Programme or properties where work has been refused by the tenant.

The Housing Executive's double glazing programme within their Ballycastle local office area, which covers the Moyle district, is complete. Details of these properties and those completed in Ballymena and Ballymoney are included in Table 2.

Table 1 – Housing Executive properties in Ballymena and Ballymoney included in double glazing programme for 2013/14

District Name	Street Name	Street Address	No. of Properties
Ballymena	Moorfields Road	Ballycraigy	1
	Alfred Street Place	Ballymena	1
	Chichester Park East	Ballymena	15
	Chichester Park West	Ballymena	1
	Duke Street	Ballymena	14
	Dunclug Gardens	Ballymena	60
	Dunclug Park	Ballymena	25
	Dunvale	Ballymena	1
	Galgorm Street	Ballymena	5
	Larne Road	Ballymena	11
	Larne Road Flats	Ballymena	63
	Moat Road	Ballymena	12
	North Street	Ballymena	4
	Princes Street	Ballymena	1
	Railway Street	Ballymena	4
	Smithfield Place	Ballymena	2
	Wilson Avenue	Ballymena	2
	Wilson Crescent	Ballymena	13
	Glenvale	Duneaney Glarryford	2
	Old Frosses Road	Glarryford	1

District Name	Street Name	Street Address	No. of Properties
Ballymena (continued)	Grove Park	Glenwherry	1
	Ballycowan Road	Kells	2
	Glenaan Park	Kells	6
	Woodgreen Road	Shankbridge	1
	Carmossan Park	Slatt	2
	Nursery View	Straid	1
	Riverdale	Tullygarley	18
Ballymoney	Fernbank Park	Armoy	1
	Fivey Road	Armoy	1
	Friary Road	Armoy	1
	Knockard Park	Armoy	5
	Bann Road	Ballymoney	1
	Bendooragh Road	Ballymoney	1
	Coral Close	Ballymoney	3
	Eastermeade Gardens	Ballymoney	2
	Finvoy Road	Ballymoney	2
	Hollybrook	Ballymoney	2
	Kilraughts Road	Ballymoney	1
	Knock Road	Ballymoney	3
	Long Lane	Ballymoney	2
	Margaret Avenue	Ballymoney	4
	Mullan Road	Ballymoney	1
	Queens Park	Ballymoney	4
	Seacon Road	Ballymoney	1
	Vow Road	Ballymoney	1
	Westgate	Ballymoney	1
	Williamson Park	Ballymoney	3
	Millicent Avenue	Balnamore	15
	Royal Terrace	Balnamore	15
	Drumahiskey Road	Bendooragh	2
	Fenton Park	Cloughmills	9
	Lislaban Road	Cloughmills	1
	Kilwee Gardens	Corkey	4

District Name	Street Name	Street Address	No. of Properties
Ballymoney (continued)	Mc Arthur Avenue	Dervock	1
	Station Road	Dervock	1
	Ballyportery Road	Dunloy	2
	Ballymacconnelly Road	Rasharkin	1
	Finvoy Road	Rasharkin	1
	Moneyleck Park	Rasharkin	7
	Riverdale	Rasharkin	4
	Moyan Road	Stranocum	1

Table 2 – Housing Executive properties in Ballycastle, Ballymena and Ballymoney with double glazing completed

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballycastle	Ballykenver Road	Armoy	1
	Carrowreagh Road	Armoy	4
	Deane Park	Armoy	9
	Drones Road	Armoy	2
	Fairhill Street	Armoy	14
	Glenshesk Road	Armoy	2
	Hillside Road	Armoy	2
	Main Street	Armoy	9
	Market Street	Armoy	3
	Railway Terrace	Armoy	6
	Station Road	Armoy	5
	Turnarobert Park	Armoy	5
	Turnarobert Terrace	Armoy	1
	Turreagh Terrace	Armoy	3
	Ballinlea Road	Ballintoy	2
	Larrybahn Park	Ballintoy	5
	Main Street	Ballintoy	6
	Altananam Park	Ballycastle	40
	Ballynagard Road	Ballycastle	1
	Blackpark Road	Ballycastle	6
	Broombeg	Ballycastle	14

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballycastle (continued)	Broombeg View	Ballycastle	18
	Capecastle Road	Ballycastle	5
	Carnduff Park	Ballycastle	10
	Coleraine Road	Ballycastle	4
	Cushendall Road	Ballycastle	1
	Dalriada Gardens	Ballycastle	19
	Drumawillan Park	Ballycastle	20
	Fairhill Street	Ballycastle	1
	Fogarty Crescent	Ballycastle	7
	Glentaisie Drive	Ballycastle	27
	Greenans Road	Ballycastle	1
	Hillside Road	Ballycastle	7
	Islandarragh Road	Ballycastle	3
	Kemp Park	Ballycastle	8
	Knocklayde View	Ballycastle	7
	Leyland Road	Ballycastle	4
	Macauley Park	Ballycastle	13
	Magheramore Road	Ballycastle	3
	Marconi Park	Ballycastle	23
	Market Street	Ballycastle	1
	Mayo Drive	Ballycastle	31
	Moyarget Road	Ballycastle	12
	Rathlin Island	Ballycastle	1
	Straid Road	Ballycastle	3
	Stroanshesk Park	Ballycastle	25
	Turraloskin Park	Ballycastle	3
	Whitepark Road	Ballycastle	1
	Elizabeth Place	Ballymoney	3
	Churchfield Road	Ballyvoy	2
	Glenmakeerin Road	Ballyvoy	1
	Torr Road	Ballyvoy	2
	Ballaghmore Court	Bushmills	10
	Ballyness Park	Bushmills	13

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballycastle (continued)	Burnbrae	Bushmills	5
	Cabragh Road	Bushmills	1
	Castlecatt Road	Bushmills	2
	Castlenagree Road	Bushmills	3
	Causeway Court	Bushmills	14
	Causeway Road	Bushmills	8
	Church Street	Bushmills	2
	Clogher Court	Bushmills	11
	Dunluce Court	Bushmills	10
	Esdale	Bushmills	7
	Hamill Terrace	Bushmills	5
	Haw Road	Bushmills	2
	Hazeldene	Bushmills	3
	Heronshaw	Bushmills	26
	Huey Crescent	Bushmills	22
	Meadow Court	Bushmills	13
	Mount Pleasant	Bushmills	9
	Primrose Hill	Bushmills	4
	Riverside Court	Bushmills	13
	Silverstream Court	Bushmills	11
	Toberkeagh Road	Bushmills	1
	Woodland Court	Bushmills	13
	Woodvale	Bushmills	32
	Cairns Road	Cushendall	3
	Dalriada Drive	Cushendall	5
	Dalriada Gardens	Cushendall	1
	Glenville Crescent	Cushendall	9
	Gortaclea Terrace	Cushendall	1
	Kilnadore Brae	Cushendall	6
	Kilnadore Park	Cushendall	9
	Layde Road	Cushendall	1
	Middlepark Avenue	Cushendall	6
	Middlepark Road	Cushendall	3

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballycastle (continued)	Moyle View	Cushendall	2
	Tavnaghan Terrace	Cushendall	1
	Tully Crescent	Cushendall	1
	Clady Road	Cushendun	1
	Glenview Park	Cushendun	1
	Layde Crescent	Cushendun	2
	Shanes Park	Cushendun	10
	Urble Road	Dervock	1
	Carnmoon View	Liscolman	8
	Colman Avenue	Liscolman	1
	Orby Drive	Liscolman	12
	Toberdoney Road	Liscolman	4
	Community Walk	Mosside	5
	Knockmore Road	Mosside	3
	Mosside Gardens	Mosside	34
	Moyarget Road	Mosside	4
	Moycraig Road	Mosside	2
	Rockfield Gardens	Mosside	16
	Glebe Cottages	Rathlin	4
	Carneill Park	Waterfoot	16
	Ess-Na-Laragh	Waterfoot	2
	Glassmullan Road	Waterfoot	1
	Lurig View	Waterfoot	1
	Ossian Avenue	Waterfoot	5
Ballymena	Ballymena Road	Ahoghill	15
	Brookfield Gardens	Ahoghill	43
	Cardonaghy Road	Ahoghill	1
	Killane Park	Ahoghill	43
	Laurel Park	Ahoghill	18
	The Croft	Ahoghill	1
	Tuppenny Road	Ahoghill	1
	Slemish View	Aughafatten	1
	Mount Pleasant	Aughnacleagh	2

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymena (continued)	Drumtara	Ballee	134
	Lanntara	Ballee	87
	Lettercreeve	Ballee	38
	Shanlieve	Ballee	34
	Shanowen	Ballee	7
	Woodgreen Park	Ballymacvea	10
	Alfred Street Place	Ballymena	5
	Arran Avenue	Ballymena	14
	Balmoral Avenue	Ballymena	8
	Barra Drive	Ballymena	37
	Broadway Avenue	Ballymena	2
	Brooke Park	Ballymena	49
	Carnduff Drive	Ballymena	19
	Castle Gardens	Ballymena	8
	Chichester Park Cent	Ballymena	34
	Chichester Park East	Ballymena	36
	Chichester Park West	Ballymena	26
	Clonavon Road	Ballymena	14
	Colonsay Park	Ballymena	27
	Corlea Gdns	Ballymena	5
	Crebilly Road	Ballymena	24
	Dalriada Walk	Ballymena	10
	Demense Avenue	Ballymena	10
	Devenagh Court	Ballymena	17
	Devenagh Way	Ballymena	19
	Doury Park	Ballymena	2
	Dunclug Gardens	Ballymena	8
	Dunclug Park	Ballymena	62
	Dunvale	Ballymena	86
	Edward Street	Ballymena	3
	Fisherwick Crescent	Ballymena	25
	Francis Street	Ballymena	16
	Glenariff Crescent	Ballymena	9

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymena (continued)	Glendun Drive	Ballymena	4
	Glenravel Park	Ballymena	13
	Glenshesk Drive	Ballymena	26
	Granville Drive	Ballymena	2
	Greenview	Ballymena	2
	Holland Park	Ballymena	11
	Inchcolm Avenue	Ballymena	34
	Inchkeith Road	Ballymena	13
	Iona Gardens	Ballymena	5
	James Street	Ballymena	21
	Kintyre Park	Ballymena	21
	Larne Street	Ballymena	10
	Lewis Park	Ballymena	15
	Meadow Street	Ballymena	1
	Millfield	Ballymena	41
	Moat Road	Ballymena	26
	Orkney Drive	Ballymena	111
	Princes Street	Ballymena	6
	Princes Street Upper	Ballymena	11
	Railway Street Terra	Ballymena	1
	Regents Park	Ballymena	10
	Richmond Park	Ballymena	29
	Rona Gardens	Ballymena	4
	Sandown Park	Ballymena	13
	Shankbridge Road	Ballymena	1
	Shetland Gardens	Ballymena	38
	Shetland Park	Ballymena	4
	Shona Green	Ballymena	1
	Skye Park	Ballymena	37
	Stroma Drive	Ballymena	5
	Tardree Grove	Ballymena	5
	Trostan Avenue	Ballymena	3
	Wakehurst Park	Ballymena	8

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymena (continued)	Wakehurst Road	Ballymena	7
	Waring Street	Ballymena	27
	Wayside Green	Ballymena	4
	Staffa Drive	Ballymena	50
	Braidvalley View	Broughshane	4
	Braidwater Gardens	Broughshane	21
	Houston Park	Broughshane	10
	Shane Court	Broughshane	20
	The Commons	Broughshane	35
	Tullymore Road	Broughshane	1
	Whinsmoor Park	Broughshane	30
	Woodland Park	Broughshane	1
	Benvore Park	Cargan	21
	Railway Park	Cargan	3
	Sunray Crescent	Cargan	3
	Carnhill	Carninney	7
	Hillview	Carninney	1
	Coronation Crescent	Clough	3
	Coronation Park	Clough	6
	Oldstone Park	Clough	1
	Mountpleasant	Craigs Cullybackey	1
	Cushendall Road	Craigwarren	1
	Hazelwood Crescent	Craigwarren	2
	Hazelwood Drive	Craigwarren	12
	Hazelwood Terrace	Craigwarren	2
	Fortview	Cromkill	2
	Ard-Na-Maine	Cullybackey	35
	Craigs Road	Cullybackey	1
	Dunminning Road	Cullybackey	1
	Festival Gardens	Cullybackey	1
	Kilmakevitt Crescent	Cullybackey	20
	Kilmakevitt Road	Cullybackey	21
	Kilmakevitt Square	Cullybackey	12

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymena (continued)	Kilrea Road	Cullybackey	1
	Queens Park	Cullybackey	2
	Spence Crescent	Cullybackey	22
	Tobar Court	Cullybackey	39
	Tobar Park	Cullybackey	47
	Herbison Park	Cushendall Road	33
	Maine Park	Galgorm	11
	Raphael Park	Galgorm	10
	Station View	Glarryford	15
	Royal Court	Gracehill	13
	Abbey Gardens	Kells	4
	Condiere Avenue	Kells	22
	Condiere Terrace	Kells	4
	Crosshill View	Kells	34
	Glenaan Walk	Kells	8
	Maybin Park	Kells	2
	Parkgate Road	Kells	1
	Templemoyle	Kells	35
	Skerry View	Loughloughan	2
	Lisnamanagh Crescent	Martinstown	4
	Lisnamanagh Park	Martinstown	6
	Mc Neill Park	Moorfields	5
	Sunview Park	Newtowncrommelin	1
	Bannview Terrace	Portglenone	2
	Chesney Crescent	Portglenone	3
	Crawfordstown Road	Portglenone	1
	Garvaghy Avenue	Portglenone	17
	Garvaghy Crescent	Portglenone	13
	Largy Road	Portglenone	1
	Mull Court	Portglenone	3
	Mull Park	Portglenone	8
	Port Villas	Portglenone	3
	Smyth Crescent	Portglenone	12

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymena (continued)	Townhill Road	Portglenone	1
	Caddy Road	Procklis	1
	Mount Hilary	Procklis	4
	Cushendall Road	Rathkenny	1
	Lisnacrogher Road	Rathkenny	1
	Riverlea	Rathkenny	2
	Slaght Road	Slaght	1
	Nursery View	Straid	5
	Moorlands	Taylorstown	12
	Crosskeys Road	Toomebridge	1
	Carnlough Road	Tullymore Broughshan	2
	Port Villas	West Road	16
Ballymoney	Bregagh Road	Armoy	3
	Clintyfinnan Road	Armoy	2
	Erinvale	Armoy	9
	Fernbank Park	Armoy	3
	Fivey Road	Armoy	3
	Friary Road	Armoy	1
	Gracehill Road	Armoy	1
	Kilraughts Road	Armoy	2
	Millrace Terrace	Armoy	7
	Riverview	Armoy	16
	Alexandra Avenue	Ballymoney	36
	Armour Avenue	Ballymoney	1
	Armstrong Drive	Ballymoney	8
	Ashley Park	Ballymoney	5
	Ballybogey Road	Ballymoney	2
	Ballywindland Road	Ballymoney	1
	Balnamore Road	Ballymoney	1
	Belford Park	Ballymoney	31
	Benwardin Road	Ballymoney	3
	Bravellen Road	Ballymoney	1
	Bushvale Terrace	Ballymoney	3

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymoney (continued)	Carnary Avenue	Ballymoney	40
	Carnary Court	Ballymoney	13
	Carnary Drive	Ballymoney	75
	Carnary Gardens	Ballymoney	25
	Carnary Park	Ballymoney	33
	Castle Street	Ballymoney	19
	Charlotte Street	Ballymoney	5
	Cherry Gardens	Ballymoney	5
	Chestnut Grove	Ballymoney	8
	Cloneen Drive	Ballymoney	36
	Conagher Road	Ballymoney	2
	Coral Close	Ballymoney	6
	Culramoney Road	Ballymoney	1
	Dehra Gardens	Ballymoney	5
	Dempsey Park	Ballymoney	4
	Donnelly Park	Ballymoney	8
	Drones Road	Ballymoney	4
	Eastermeade Gardens	Ballymoney	12
	Eastermeade Park	Ballymoney	7
	Farren Road	Ballymoney	1
	Finvoy Road	Ballymoney	1
	Fortview	Ballymoney	5
	Garry Drive	Ballymoney	23
	Gate End	Ballymoney	1
	Gault Park	Ballymoney	11
	Glebe Park	Ballymoney	3
	Greymount Park	Ballymoney	3
	Hamilton Park	Ballymoney	53
	Hillcrest Gardens	Ballymoney	11
	Hillview Avenue	Ballymoney	15
	Killans Road	Ballymoney	1
	Kilraughts Road	Ballymoney	5
	Knock Road	Ballymoney	13

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymoney (continued)	Linden Lea	Ballymoney	5
	Lisconnan Road	Ballymoney	1
	Lislagan Road	Ballymoney	2
	Loughabin Road	Ballymoney	2
	Macafee Place	Ballymoney	18
	Margaret Avenue	Ballymoney	10
	Margaret Square	Ballymoney	7
	Marina Park	Ballymoney	3
	Meadow View	Ballymoney	12
	Millbank Gardens	Ballymoney	6
	Millview Park	Ballymoney	8
	Mullan Road	Ballymoney	1
	Myrtle Park	Ballymoney	3
	Navery Road	Ballymoney	3
	New Park	Ballymoney	1
	Newhill Park	Ballymoney	16
	Ozone Avenue	Ballymoney	3
	Park View	Ballymoney	17
	Railway View	Ballymoney	9
	Robinson Avenue	Ballymoney	8
	Rowan Road	Ballymoney	1
	Seymour Drive	Ballymoney	21
	Shamrock Park	Ballymoney	4
	Shandon Park	Ballymoney	7
	St Patricks Park	Ballymoney	4
	Stuart Park	Ballymoney	22
	The Crescent	Ballymoney	20
	Thorndale Terrace	Ballymoney	3
	Tober Road	Ballymoney	1
	Topp Road	Ballymoney	1
	Torrens Park	Ballymoney	9
	Townhead Street	Ballymoney	4
	Trinity Drive	Ballymoney	34

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymoney (continued)	Tummock Road	Ballymoney	2
	Vow Road	Ballymoney	1
	Westfield Park	Ballymoney	7
	Westgate	Ballymoney	15
	Wheatfield Park	Ballymoney	6
	Williamson Park	Ballymoney	4
	Greenview Gardens	Ballynagashel	1
	Beechwood Drive	Balnamore	11
	Burnside Park	Balnamore	8
	Grove Park	Balnamore	9
	Hunter Park	Balnamore	1
	Lime Park	Balnamore	11
	Brookvale	Bendooragh	3
	Drumahiskey Road	Bendooragh	1
	Willowdale	Bendooragh	6
	Ballyveely Road	Cloughmills	1
	Cypress Park	Cloughmills	20
	Fenton Crescent	Cloughmills	5
	Frosses Road	Cloughmills	1
	Princess Gardens	Cloughmills	5
	Rosemount	Cloughmills	7
	Strand Park	Cloughmills	16
	Whitehill Cottages	Cloughmills	2
	Ben Vista	Corkey	4
	Rockend	Corkey	11
	Bush Road	Dervock	1
	Castlecatt Road	Dervock	1
	Greystone Crescent	Dervock	26
	Mc Arthur Avenue	Dervock	42
	Millar Avenue	Dervock	8
	Moyarget Road	Dervock	1
	Station Road	Dervock	3
	Straham View	Dervock	16

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymoney (continued)	Travers Place	Dervock	12
	Bellaghy Road	Dunloy	1
	Braeside Park	Dunloy	18
	Carness Drive	Dunloy	12
	Fassagh Park	Dunloy	3
	Frosses Road	Dunloy	2
	Garryduff Road	Dunloy	3
	Greenacre	Dunloy	2
	Hawthorne Terrace	Dunloy	12
	Hillview Park	Dunloy	3
	Mc Camphill Park	Dunloy	7
	Mc Clelland Park	Dunloy	10
	Moyan Road	Dunloy	1
	Scallly Park	Loughgiel	31
	Moycraig Road	Mosside	1
	Ballymacconnelly Road	Rasharkin	1
	Bamford Park	Rasharkin	12
	Belmont Park	Rasharkin	11
	Carnfinton Park	Rasharkin	22
	Churchill Crescent	Rasharkin	1
	Finvoy Road	Rasharkin	1
	Glebe Park	Rasharkin	7
	Glenfield	Rasharkin	3
	Gortahar Road	Rasharkin	1
	Greenwood Park	Rasharkin	3
	Lisnahunshin Road	Rasharkin	1
	Moneyleck Park	Rasharkin	8
	Rockview Park	Rasharkin	2
	Rosetta Terrace	Rasharkin	1
	Sunnyside Drive	Rasharkin	12
	Tamlaght Road	Rasharkin	1
	Vow Road	Rasharkin	2
	Wallace Park	Rasharkin	5

District Name	Street Address	Street Name	No. of Properties
Ballymoney (continued)	Ballinlea Road	Stranocum	1
	Carncullagh Road	Stranocum	1
	Ford Avenue	Stranocum	5
	Hawbank Terrace	Stranocum	6
	Kirk Road	Stranocum	1
	Willowbank Terrace	Stranocum	5
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Branded Apparel for Non-Frontline Staff

Mr Allister asked the Minister for Social Development how much his Department has spent on branded apparel for non-frontline staff, in each of the last three years.

(AQW 24923/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The amount spent on branded apparel for non-frontline staff in the last 3 years was as follows:

	£
2010-11	209
2011-12	Nil
2012-13	1,023

Housing Executive Tenants: New Heating Systems

Mr Durkan asked the Minister for Social Development whether he has considered prioritizing Housing Executive tenants who are of pensionable age when installing new heating systems, in order to ensure that their homes are adequately prepared for the onset of winter.

(AQW 24950/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Housing Executive has advised that their heating replacement programme is based on the age and condition of existing heating systems within the property and not on the age of the current tenant. The Housing Executive is responsible for keeping existing heating systems in working order. Should tenants who are of pensionable age have any problems with their heating systems they should advise the Housing Executive who will ensure they are attended to by a heating contractor.

Doury Road Area of Ballymena

Mr Frew asked the Minister for Social Development when he will unveil the plans for the Doury Road area of Ballymena.

(AQW 24998/11-15)

Mr McCausland: On 3 June my Department granted approval to a Housing Executive economic appraisal which will see the Victoria Park part of Doury Road significantly improved. Implementation will be considered by the Housing Executive Board at its next meeting on 31 July.

I have made arrangements for the member to be further updated following that meeting.

Turkington Holdings

Mr McKay asked the Minister for Social Development whether his meeting with Turkington representatives in May 2012 included representatives of the Glass and Glazing Federation.
(AQW 25032/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I did not meet with Turkington representatives in May 2012. However, I would refer the Member to my answer provided to AQW 13779/11-15 in relation to my meeting with the Glass and Glazing Federation on 16 April 2012.

Turkington Windows: Meetings

Mr McKay asked the Minister for Social Development why the draft letter that originally stated that he had met with Turkington was changed to read that he had also met with Fusion 21 about double glazing.
(AQW 25033/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I had also met with Fusion 21 on 23 April 2012. In relation to this matter I advised the Assembly on the 8 July that there was a minor error with regards to the grammar and detail of the response in my initial answer to AQW 11512/11-15 on this subject. The correct position is that I also met with Fusion 21 on 23 April 2012 to discuss generally their procurement model. Fusion 21 then raised the issue of the Housing Executive's double glazing programme with my officials who advised that, as this was an operational matter for the Housing Executive, they should contact the Housing Executive's Head of Procurement to discuss this.

Fusion 21

Mr McKay asked the Minister for Social Development, in light of Fusion 21's statement that it did not meet with him to discuss double-glazing, why he informed the Committee for Social Development that he had met with Fusion 21 on this issue.
(AQW 25034/11-15)

Mr McCausland: In relation to this matter, I informed the Assembly on Monday 8 July 2013 that the details of the initial meeting with Fusion 21 were set out in an Assembly question for written answer, AQW 11512/11-15. However, there was a minor error with regards to the grammar and detail of that response. The correct position is that I also met with Fusion 21 on 23 April 2012 to discuss generally their procurement model. Fusion 21 then raised the issue of the Housing Executive's double glazing programme with my officials who advised that, as this was an operational matter for the Housing Executive, they should contact the Housing Executive's Head of Procurement to discuss this.

Investigations into Housing Executive Contracts

Mr Allister asked the Minister for Social Development, pursuant to AQW 24243/11-15, in relation to each of the four contractors, to detail how many contracts were found by Moore MacDonald to have been overcharged.
(AQW 25043/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Housing Executive has advised that Moore MacDonald considered 20 schemes, four from each of the Housing Executive's five geographical management areas that were in place at that time. Overpayments were discovered in all schemes investigated. A list of those schemes relating to each of the four contractors is detailed below.

P K Murphy – Belfast Area

- Donegall Pass Phase 3
- Abingdon Drive
- Short Strand Phase 3
- Holland Drive /Wandsworth

P K Murphy – West Area

- Parkview Riverside
- Sullenboy Park
- Fallowlea / Millpath
- Moyola / Benview

Bann – South Area

- Cleenish / Lisgoole Park
- Ardcarne Park
- Lisnahull
- Bessbrook / Camlough

Mascott Construction – South East Area

- Bowtown Phase 3
- Glenbawn Estate
- Ballynahinch / Downpatrick / Killyleagh / Dundrum
- Belvoir

Dixon Contracts –North East Area

- Greystone Phase 2
- Seacourt
- Parkhall 3B Phase 1
- Springfarm Phase 1

Turkington Holdings

Ms Boyle asked the Minister for Social Development whether he was aware that the owner of Turkington Holdings had nominated a Member of the DUP for election to the Assembly, when he met with the company's representatives in May 2012, to discuss double glazing specifications in Housing Executive properties.

(AQW 25062/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I did not meet with Turkington Holdings representatives in May 2012 to discuss double glazing specifications in Housing Executive properties.

However, I would refer the Member to my answer provided to AQW 13779/11-15 in relation to my meeting with the Glass and Glazing Federation on 16 April 2012. I was not aware at that time that the owner of Turkington Holdings had nominated a member of the DUP for election to the Assembly.

Meeting with Red Sky in June 2011: Legal Advice

Mr Hussey asked the Minister for Social Development what legal advice he sought before and after his meeting in June 2011 with Red Sky and other DUP MLAs; and to detail the advice.

(AQW 25093/11-15)

Mr McCausland: As I informed the Assembly on Monday 8 July 2013, I sought advice from the Departmental Solicitor's Office before the meeting with Red Sky on 27 June 2011, which advised that Ministers may meet such persons as they choose.

Meeting with Red Sky in June 2011: Legal Advice

Mr Hussey asked the Minister for Social Development on what basis he sought legal advice before meeting in June 2011 with Red Sky and other DUP MLAs.

(AQW 25094/11-15)

Mr McCausland: As I informed the Assembly on Monday 8 July 2013, I sought advice from the Departmental Solicitor's Office before the meeting with Red Sky on 27 June 2011, as I was being asked to meet individuals from a company in administration and wanted to be assured of the probity of my actions.

Meeting with Red Sky in June 2011

Mr Hussey asked the Minister for Social Development who invited him to a meeting with Red Sky in June 2011, which he attended with other DUP MLAs.

(AQW 25095/11-15)

Mr McCausland: Councillor Robin Newton MLA wrote to me on 17 May 2011 asking me to agree to a meeting with representatives of Red Sky.

Housing Executive: Red Sky Contract

Mr Hussey asked the Minister for Social Development to outline the rationale for his request of 27 June 2011 to extend the length of the Housing Executive's contract with Red Sky.

(AQW 25096/11-15)

Mr McCausland: My position in relation to the termination of the Red Sky Group contract by the Housing Executive in July 2011 has been a matter of public record for some time. Shortly after taking up office in May 2011, I expressed my concerns about contract management, both on foot of briefing on the governance review findings carried out in 2010 and on the issues leading to the termination of the Red Sky Group contract in July 2011. Although there has been a great deal of speculation and innuendo that I sought either to extend the contract with the Red Sky Group or to assign the contract to a new company, that was not the case.

In particular my letter to the then Chairman on 7 July, makes it clear that I believed the most appropriate way forward was for an open procurement exercise for the Red Sky Group contracts to be undertaken rather than automatic assignment to adjacent contractors. This was subject to the administrator being able to provide assurance that those contracts could be serviced until such an exercise could be undertaken. When the Housing Executive advised that the administrator could provide services only until the end of July and that, thereafter, it was intended that the company would be sold and, from that date, the service could be provided only by a new company and it would take in the region of four months for an open procurement exercise, I confirmed to the then Chairman that the Housing Executive should proceed with the termination of the Red Sky Group contracts and reassign those contracts.

Improper Conduct of Housing Executive Contractors

Mr Copeland asked the Minister for Social Development what evidence he was in possession of in June 2011 regarding the improper conduct of Housing Executive contractors other than Red Sky.

(AQW 25111/11-15)

Mr McCausland: As I informed the Assembly on 8 July 2013, I was aware in June 2011 that wrongdoing was not restricted to one contractor. The Housing Executive was already investigating another contractor in relation to issues first raised in 2010.

Meeting with Red Sky in June 2011

Mr Copeland asked the Minister for Social Development, in relation to open tenders for contracts, for his assessment of the potential advantage afforded to Red Sky of his meeting in June 2011 with the company.

(AQW 25112/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I would refer the Member to the answer provided in AQW 25096/11-15. There was no potential advantage afforded to Red Sky as a result of my meeting with them on June 2011.

Meeting with Red Sky in June 2011: Totalis Solutions

Mr Copeland asked the Minister for Social Development what knowledge he had of Totalis Solutions before, during and after his meeting with Red Sky in June 2011.

(AQW 25113/11-15)

Mr McCausland: I informed the Committee for Social Development on Thursday 4 July 2013, that at the meeting with Red Sky in June 2011, there was no mention of Totalis Solutions and I was not aware of the company at that time.

Investigations into Housing Executive Contracts

Mr Copeland asked the Minister for Social Development to detail the number of investigations that were instigated into Northern Ireland Housing Executive contracts by former chair Brian Rowntree, including the (i) date; (ii) scope; and (iii) the full outcome of each investigation.

(AQW 25137/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Housing Executive advises that eight investigations were initiated into Northern Ireland Housing Executive contracts during the tenure of the former Chairman, Brian Rowntree. The table below shows detail in relation to (i); (ii) and (iii) of the question:

Date	Scope	Full outcome of each investigation
2005	The Housing Executive's Counter Fraud Unit undertook an investigation into a number of allegations received in relation to the former Red Sky Group.	A file was submitted to the PSNI, who concluded that there was insufficient evidence of criminality to proceed with prosecution.
August 2009 – October 2010	Following information received from the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Housing Executive commissioned an external review of response maintenance services provided by the former Red Sky Group in six Districts.	The ASM report identified overcharging and unsatisfactory workmanship. The report was used to recover overpayments from the company.
2010 – 2011	Following receipt of the ASM report the Housing Executive's Repairs Inspection Unit undertook a further review of the response maintenance services provided by the former Red Sky Group.	The reports identified further overpayments and findings were used to recover amounts from the then administrator of the company. On the basis of these investigations and those undertaken by the external consultant, the Housing Executive's Board decided to terminate the contracts held by Red Sky Group
2011 – 2012	On the basis of the two previous investigations, the Housing Executive's Counter Fraud Unit undertook an investigation into certain aspects of the services provided by the former Red Sky Group	Files were submitted to the PSNI, who concluded that there was insufficient evidence of criminality to proceed with prosecution.

Date	Scope	Full outcome of each investigation
January 2010 - October 2010	The Housing Executive's Repairs Inspection Unit undertook an investigation in response maintenance services in one District by the former company, Leeway Maintain.	The report identified overpayments and poor workmanship. These findings were used to recover amounts from payments due to Leeway Maintain, which was then in administration. This decision was challenged by the administrator and is now scheduled for court hearing in September 2013.
November 2011 – July 2012	In response to concerns about overcharging which had been raised by the Housing Executive's Scheme, Inspection Unit (SIU), Internal Audit was asked to investigate a number of planned maintenance kitchen replacement schemes.	Internal Audit produced a report which identified evidence of overcharging on the scheme selected by them for detailed investigation. This scheme was further investigated by Moore MacDonald as part of its sample of kitchen replacement schemes.
August 2010 - ongoing	The Housing Executive's Counter Fraud Unit was asked to undertake an investigation into concerns raised in connection with invoices submitted by a construction company	On the basis of the report produced by the Counter Fraud Unit, the company was suspended from new contracts and a file was submitted to the PSNI. The matter is still under consideration by the PSNI.
2007 – 2013	The Housing Executive undertook an investigation into contract management services provided on its behalf by a private sector professional consultancy company	The investigation has concluded that there had been both negligence and incompetence on the part of the company which resulted in a substantial sum being paid to the Housing Executive by the company's insurers.

Areas at Risk Programme

Mr Easton asked the Minister for Social Development how much funding has been made available for the Areas at Risk programme, since being awarded to Beechfield Estate, Donaghadee.

(AQW 25166/11-15)

Mr McCausland: The Beechfield Estate been allocated funding of £67,766.00 from the Area's at Risk programme for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2014 to finance a range of community projects drawn up by the Beechfield Residents Association Planning Team.

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(AQW 24841/11-15)

The information requested is detailed below:-

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| ■ St Colmcille's Primary, Downpatrick | ■ Holy Trinity Primary, Belfast |
| ■ Primate Dixon Primary, Coalisland | ■ Clea Primary, Keady |
| ■ St Mary's Gortnaghey Primary, Dungiven | ■ St Joseph's Primary, Newcastle |
| ■ St Mary's Primary, Altinure, Derry | ■ St Joseph's Primary, Armagh |
| ■ Holy Trinity Primary, Enniskillen | ■ St Bronagh's Primary, Rostrevor |
| ■ St Clare's Convent Primary, Newry | ■ St Anne's Primary, Derry |
| ■ St Teresa's Primary, Lurgan | ■ St Francis' Primary, Lurgan |
| ■ Derrylatinee St Francis Primary, Dungannon | ■ Tannaghmore Primary, Craigavon |
| ■ St Mary's Primary, Stewartstown | ■ Roan St Patrick's Primary, Eglish, Dungannon |
| ■ St Brigid's Primary, Magherafelt | ■ St Patrick's Primary, Castlewellan |
| ■ St Luke's Primary, Dunmurry | ■ Holy Rosary Primary, Belfast |
| ■ St Patrick's Primary, Gortin | ■ St Patrick's Primary, Crossmaglen |
| ■ Carrick Primary, Warrenpoint | ■ St Patrick's Primary, Ballygalget, Portaferry |
| ■ St Nicholas Primary, Ardglass | ■ St John's Primary, Moy, Dungannon |
| ■ St Mary's Girls' Primary, Strabane | ■ St Teresa's Primary, Belfast |
| ■ Barrack Street Boys' Primary School and Nursery Unit, Strabane | ■ St Malachy's Primary, Armagh |
| ■ St Mary's Primary, Armagh | |

Catholic Maintained Secondary Schools

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| ■ Lismore Comprehensive, Craigavon | ■ St Mary's High, Newry |
| ■ St Mark's High, Warrenpoint | ■ St Killian's College, Ballymena |
| ■ St Patricks' College, Dungannon | ■ St Patrick's College, Banbridge |
| ■ St Paul's JHS, Lurgan | ■ Corpus Christi College, Belfast |
| ■ St Louise's Comprehensive, Belfast | ■ St Colm's High, Dunmurry |
| ■ St Genevieve's High, Belfast | ■ Drumcree College, Portadown |
| ■ Sacred Heart College, Omagh | ■ St Brigid's High, Armagh |
| ■ St Mary's High, Belleek | ■ St Joseph's College, Coalisland, Dungannon |
| ■ St Columbanus' College, Bangor | ■ St Eugene's College, Roslea |
| ■ St Joseph's College, Belfast | ■ St Patrick's College, Belfast |
| ■ St Colm's High, Draperstown | ■ St Mary's, Limavady |
| ■ De La Salle, Belfast | |
| ■ St Rose's Dominican College, Belfast | |
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Catholic Maintained Nursery Schools

- Matt Talbot, Belfast
- College Farm, Armagh

Catholic Maintained Special School

- St Gerard's Education Resource Centre, Belfast

Controlled Grammar Schools

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| ■ Wellington College, Belfast | ■ Grosvenor Grammar, Belfast |
| ■ Down High School, Downpatrick | ■ Regent House, Newtownards |

Controlled Integrated Primary Schools

- Forge Integrated Primary, Belfast
- All Children's Integrated Primary, Newcastle
- Bangor Central Integrated Primary, Bangor

Controlled Integrated Secondary Schools

- Brownlow Integrated College, Craigavon
- Priory Integrated College, Holywood

Controlled Nursery School

- Magherafelt Nursery, Magherafelt

Controlled Primary Schools

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| ■ Model Primary, Derry | ■ Redburn Primary, Holywood |
| ■ Ballyoran Primary, Portadown | ■ Dromore Central Primary, Dromore |
| ■ Millburn Primary, Coleraine | ■ Ballyclare Primary, Ballyclare |
| ■ Holywood Primary, Holywood | ■ Bocombra Primary, Portadown |

Controlled Secondary Schools

- Devenish College, Enniskillen
- Carrickfergus College, Carrickfergus
- Dromore High School, Dromore

Controlled Special Schools

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| ■ Ceara School, Lurgan | ■ Sperrinview Special, Dungannon |
| ■ Castle Tower, Ballymena | ■ Oakwood School and Assessment Centre, Belfast |
| ■ Mitchell House, Belfast | ■ Roddensvale Special, Larne |

Grant-Maintained Integrated Primary Schools

- Omagh Integrated Primary, Omagh
- Drumlins Integrated Primary, Ballynahinch

Grant-Maintained Integrated Secondary School

- Lagan College, Belfast
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Other Maintained Primary Schools

- Gaelscoil na gCrann, Omagh
- Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagain, Belfast
- Gaelscoil Ui Dhochartaigh, Strabane
- Bunscoil Bheanna Biorche, Castlewellan
- Gaelscoil Éadain Mhóir, Derry

Voluntary Grammar Schools

- St Dominic's Grammar School for Girls, Belfast
- St Michael's Grammar, Lurgan
- Foyle College, Derry
- Belfast High, Newtownabbey

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- Loughshore Resource Centre, Belfast

Catholic Maintained Nursery Schools

- College Farm Nursery, Armagh
- Holy Trinity Nursery, Lisburn

Catholic Maintained Primary Schools

- St Mary's Primary, Killyleagh
 - St Clare's Convent Primary, Newry
 - St Mary's Primary, Brookeborough
 - Holy Child Primary, Belfast
 - St Oliver Plunkett Primary, Forkhill
 - St Brigid's Primary, Newry
 - St Mary's Primary, Tassagh
 - Our Lady of Lourdes, Greencastle, Omagh
 - St Therese Primary, Derry
 - St Joseph's Convent Primary, Newry
 - St John's Primary, Middletown
 - Holy Trinity Primary, Cookstown
 - St Paul's Primary, Belfast
 - St Mary's Primary, Strabane
 - Ballyhackett Primary, Coleraine
 - Christ the Redeemer, Belfast
 - Good Shepherd Primary, Belfast
 - Good Shepherd Primary, Derry
 - St Patrick's Primary, Castlewellan
 - St Patrick's Primary, Ballygalget
 - Mercy Primary, Belfast
 - Dromintee Primary, Newry
 - Holy Family Primary, Omagh
 - St Malachy's Primary, Armagh
 - St Patrick's and St Brigid's Primary, Ballycastle
 - Mount St Catherine's Primary, Armagh
 - Carrick Primary, Warrenpoint
 - St Oliver Plunkett Primary, Belfast
 - Ballymacward Primary, Lisburn
 - Primate Dixon Primary, Coalisland
 - Edendork Primary, Dungannon
 - St John's Primary, Moy
 - St Mary's Primary, Rathlin Island
 - St Joseph's Primary, Madden, Armagh
 - St Patrick's Primary, Lurgan
 - St Bernadette's Primary, Belfast
 - St Joseph's Primary, Crumlin
 - Our Lady of Lourdes Primary, Belfast
 - St Mary's Primary, Dunsford, Ardglass
 - Millquarter Primary, Toomebridge
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Catholic Maintained Secondary Schools

- Edmund Rice College, Glengormley
- St Rose's Dominican College, Belfast
- St Pius X, Magherafelt
- Drumcree College, Portadown
- St Genevieve's High, Belfast
- St Patrick's College, Dungannon
- Holy Trinity College, Cookstown
- St Killian's College, Carnlough
- St Mary's High, Lurgan
- Corpus Christi College, Belfast
- Colaiste Chaitriona, Armagh
- St Louise's Comprehensive College, Belfast
- St Columba's College, Portaferry
- St Joseph's College, Coleraine
- St Mary's High, Belleek
- St Patrick's High, Keady
- St Cecilia's College, Derry
- St Paul's Junior High School, Lurgan

Controlled Grammar Schools

- Banbridge Academy, Banbridge

Controlled Integrated Primary School

- Bangor Central Integrated Primary, Bangor

Controlled Integrated Secondary School

- Priory Integrated College, Holywood

Controlled Nursery Schools

- Hope Nursery, Belfast
- Academy Nursery and Primary School, Derry
- Pond Park Nursery, Lisburn
- Holywood Nursery, Holywood
- Bangor Central Nursery, Bangor
- Edenderry Nursery, Portadown

Controlled Primary Schools

- Ballyoran Primary, Portadown
- Knockmore Primary, Lisburn
- Ballyholme Primary, Bangor
- Lurgan Model Primary, Lurgan
- Malvern Primary, Belfast
- Holywood Primary, Holywood
- Taughmonagh Primary, Belfast
- Brookeborough Primary, Enniskillen
- Botanic Primary, Belfast
- Strandtown Primary, Belfast
- Cookstown Primary School, Cookstown
- King's Park Primary and Nursery School, Lurgan
- Andrews Memorial Primary, Comber
- Cumber Claudy Primary, Derry

Controlled Secondary Schools

- Saintfield High, Saintfield
- Orangefield High, Belfast
- Markethill High, Markethill, Armagh
- Belfast Model School for Girls, Belfast
- Ashfield Boy's High, Belfast

Controlled Special Schools

- Fleming Fulton, Belfast
 - Sandelford School, Coleraine
 - Rossmar Special, Limavady
 - Castle Tower Special, Ballymena
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- Ceara Special, Lurgan
 - Mitchell House, Belfast
 - Glenveagh Special, Belfast

- Knockavoe School & Resource Centre, Strabane
- Knockevin Special, Downpatrick
- Woodlands Speech & Language Unit, Derry

Grant Maintained Integrated Primary Schools

- Bridge Integrated Primary, Banbridge
- Millennium Integrated Primary, Saintfield
- Maine Integrated Primary, Randalstown

- Roe Valley Integrated Primary, Limavady
- Corran Integrated Primary, Larne

Grant Maintained Secondary Schools

- Oakgrove Integrated College, Derry
- Newbridge Integrated College, Banbridge

Grant Maintained Integrated Secondary Schools

- Drumragh Integrated, Omagh
- Hazelwood Integrated College, Belfast

Other Maintained Primary Schools

- Bunscoil an Traonaigh, Lisnaskea
- Gaelscoil Ui Dhochartaigh, Strabane
- Gaelscoil na mBeann, Kilkeel

- Kilcoan Primary School, Larne
- Gaelscoil Eanna, Newtownabbey
- Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh, Belfast

Other Maintained Secondary School

- Coláiste Feirste, Belfast

Other Maintained Special School

- Jordanstown Special, Newtownabbey

Voluntary Grammar Schools

- Methodist College, Belfast
- St Patrick's Grammar, Downpatrick
- St Joseph's Grammar, Donaghmore
- Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Belfast
- Belfast High, Newtownabbey
- St Louis Grammar, Kilkeel

- Ballymena Academy, Ballymena
- St Dominic's Grammar School for Girls, Belfast
- Assumption Grammar, Ballynahinch
- St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar, Belfast

2013**Catholic Maintained Primary Schools**

- St Mary's Primary, Draperstown
- St Peter's Primary, Collegelands, Moy, Dungannon
- St Caireall's Primary, Castlederg
- St Mary's Primary, Newcastle

- Clea Primary, Keady
 - St Ita's Primary, Carryduff
 - Holy Family Primary, Derry
 - Moneynick Primary, Dungannon
 - St Columba's Primary, Straw, Magherafelt
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- Hollybush Primary, Derry
 - Envagh Primary, Omagh
 - St Columbkille's Primary, Carrickmore
 - Tannaghmore Primary, Lurgan
 - Grange Primary, Kilkeel
 - Drumduff Primary, Beragh
 - Christian Brothers Primary, Armagh
 - Holy Family, Omagh

- St Patrick's Primary, Ballygalget, Portaferry
- Bunscoil Naomh Colmcille, Carrickmore
- St Mark's Primary, Belfast
- St Mary's Primary, Newtownbutler
- Holy Cross Boys' Primary, Belfast
- St Macartan's Primary, Enniskillen
- St Joseph's Primary, Carryduff
- St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary, Belfast

Catholic Maintained Secondary Schools

- St Joseph's High, Crossmaglen
- St Killian's College, Ballymena
- Mercy College, Belfast
- St Eugene's High, Castlederg
- St Patrick's High, Keady
- St Patrick's Co-Ed College, Maghera
- St Patrick's College, Dungannon
- St Patrick's Academy, Lisburn
- St Colm's High, Draperstown

- St Joseph's College, Coleraine
- St Paul's High, Bessbrook
- Holy Trinity College, Cookstown
- Saint Catherine's College, Armagh
- Immaculate Conception College, Derry
- St Malachy's High, Castlewellan
- St Brigid's College, Derry
- St Mary's Junior High, Lurgan
- Christian Brothers' School, Belfast

Controlled Integrated Primary School

- All Children's Integrated Primary, Newcastle

Controlled Nursery Schools

- Barbour Nursery, Lisburn
- Edenderry Nursery, Belfast
- Magherafelt Nursery, Magherafelt

Controlled Primary Schools

- Carrickfergus Central Primary, Carrickfergus
- Darkley Primary, Armagh
- Castle Gardens Primary, Newtownards

- Duneane Primary, Antrim
- Creavery Primary, Antrim
- Millburn Primary, Coleraine

Controlled Secondary Schools

- Newtownbreda High, Belfast
- Newry High, Newry
- Ashfield Girls' High, Belfast
- Lisneal College, Derry
- Lurgan Junior High, Lurgan

- Ballyclare Secondary, Ballyclare
 - Movilla High, Newtownards
 - Dundonald High, Belfast
 - Knockbreda High, Belfast
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Controlled Special Schools

- Arvalee School and Resource Centre, Omagh
- Glenveagh Special, Belfast
- Fleming Fulton, Belfast
- Park School & St Gerard's Resource Centre, Belfast
- Beechlawn Special, Hillsborough
- Woodland Speech & Language Unit, Derry

Grant Maintained Integrated Secondary Schools

- New Bridge Integrated College, Banbridge
- Shimna Integrated College, Newcastle
- Oakgrove Integrated College, Derry
- Erne Integrated College, Enniskillen

Grant Maintained Integrated Primary Schools

- Phoenix Integrated Primary, Cookstown
- Rowandale Integrated Primary, Moira

Other Maintained Primary Schools

- Gaelscoil Ui Neill, Coalisland
- Gaescoil Aodha Rua, Dungannon

Voluntary Grammar Schools

- St Joseph's Grammar, Donaghmore
- St Michael's Grammar, Lurgan
- Portora Royal, Enniskillen
- St Louis Grammar, Ballymena
- Victoria College, Belfast

(AQW 24731/11-15)

I replied on 9 July 2013 to AQW 24731/11-15 in which you asked for details of (i) the top ten tourist attractions in County Down, in terms of visitor numbers; and (ii) the number of visitors each received, in the last available year.

NISRA have subsequently identified an error in the response submitted.

In the original response issued to the AQ the top ten tourist attractions in County Down during 2012 were identified as follows:

Attraction	Visitor Numbers 2012
Delamont Country Park	577,320
Dundonald International Ice Bowl	459,308
Newry Cathedral	200,000
Scrabo Country Park	180,000
The Saint Patrick Centre	91,780
Kilbroney Park	85,794
North Down Museum	69,148
Rowallane Garden	51,615
Newry and Mourne Museum	34,719

Attraction	Visitor Numbers 2012
Ards Arts Centre	33,332

Having now identified and resolved the error in the initial response the top ten tourist attractions in County Down during 2012 were as follows:

Attraction	Visitor Numbers 2012
Dundonald International Ice Bowl	459,308
Pickie Fun Park	244,879
Newry Cathedral	200,000
Ulster Folk and Transport Museum	176,551
Castle Ward House & Demesne	161,339
Mount Stewart House and Gardens	158,500
The Saint Patrick Centre	91,780
North Down Museum	69,148
Hillsborough Courthouse	54,376
FE McWilliam Gallery/Studio (incl Tourist Information Centre)	50,466

For the purposes of NISRA's Annual Tourism Statistics publication 2012 country parks/parks/forests and gardens are separated into a category of their own. Responding country parks/parks/forests and gardens in County Down who did not wish their details to remain confidential are also provided separately as follows:

Attraction	Visitor Numbers 2012
Crawfordsburn Country Park	800,000
Delamont Country Park	577,320
Scrabo Country Park	180,000
Rowallane Garden	51,615

This information is sourced from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency's Visitor Attraction Survey. It is important to note that the Visitor Attraction Survey is a voluntary survey and all data presented in the report is based solely on the visitor numbers provided by the attractions choosing to take part in the survey. Visitor numbers are accepted in good faith from the proprietor of the attraction.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I have copied this letter to the Speaker and all MLAs. A copy has also been placed in the library.

(AQW 24830/11-15)

The information below replaces my previous answer on 8 July 2013, which advised that Ernst & Young had undertaken work on an ex gratia basis for or in relation to Northern Ireland Water (NIW). This was subsequently found to be incorrect.

I have been advised by NIW that it has no record of any work being carried out by Ernst & Young on an ex gratia basis between July 2009 and July 2010 at NIW's request

(AQW 11512/11-15)

I and the Chief Executive of the Housing Executive met with representatives of the Glass & Glazing Federation on 16 April 2012 to discuss double glazing specifications in Housing Executive properties in relation to the Glass & Glazing Federation's guidelines 'The Good Practice Guide for the Installation of Replacement Windows and Doors'.

I also met with Fusion 21 on 23 April 2012 to discuss generally their procurement model. Fusion 21 then raised the issue of the Housing Executive's double glazing programme with my officials who advised that, as this was an operational matter for the Housing Executive, they should contact the Housing Executive's Head of Procurement to discuss this.

I also met with DUP colleagues Ian McCrea, Mervyn Storey and Paul McLean on 15 May 2012 to discuss issues they had about the manufacture of double glazing units.



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