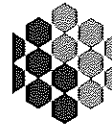


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Date: 22 July 2014

Dear Jim

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 19627/11-15) asking me to detail the total spend on hospitality by this Department in 2011/12. My original response advised that the total spend on hospitality in 2011/12 was £334,700.

I wish to advise you of an amendment to my original reply. It has come to my attention that the figures originally provided for the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and for the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service were incorrect.

The South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust has revised their 2011/12 hospitality spend to £45,000. The NIFRS hospitality spend for 2011/12 has been revised to £45,500.

The total spend on hospitality in 2011/12 was £401,500. The revised response to AQW 19627/11-15 is attached at **Appendix 1**.

I trust this information is helpful, and I apologise for any inconvenience the error may have caused. I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

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Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety

REVISED RESPONSE TO AQW 19627/11-15

Jim Allister (North Antrim): To ask the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what was the total spend on hospitality by his Department in 2011/12.

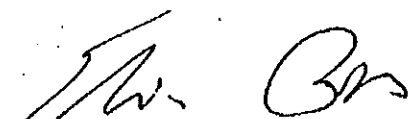
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The total spend on hospitality for the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and each of the Department's Arms Length Bodies, in 2011/12 is set out in the table below.

2011/12 Hospitality Costs	£'000
DHSSPS	49.1
Health and Social Care Board	51.9
Belfast HSC Trust	10.0
Northern HSC Trust	12.5
Southern HSC Trust	44.0
South Eastern HSC Trust	45.0
Western HSC Trust	9.0
NI Ambulance Service	2.7
Business Services Organisation	39.4
Public Health Agency	44.4
Patient Client Council	15.9
NI Fire & Rescue Service	45.5
NI Social Care Council	18.6
NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency	0.5
NI Medical & Dental Training Agency	4.4
NI Blood Transfusion Service	-
NI Practice & Education Council	-
Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority	8.6
TOTAL	401.50

All organisations across the HSC have comprehensive policies and procedures in respect of hospitality which outline the eligibility and entitlement to hospitality.

Due to the wide ranging operational nature of the Department's ALB's, hospitality may also include expenditure other than that associated with the provision of refreshments, for example room and/or equipment hire.



Date: 22/7/14

Signed and approved by the Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety