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**To: 1. DCAL Special Advisor
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Please see attached answer to AQO 8272/11-15.

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ANSWER

Since I launched the Gaeltacht Quarter Action Plan in October 2013, my department has provided a total of £758, 801 (seven hundred and fifty eight thousand, eight hundred and one pounds) to support the implementation of the Gaeltacht Quarter Action Plan.

This funding has supported a number of key capital projects, a programme to celebrate and promote the heritage of the Quarter and the Irish language locally and beyond and staff costs for three posts in Forbairt Feirste.

Some of the projects include:-

- the development of a Gaeltacht Quarter mobile ‘APP’ aimed at the promotion of tourism in the area – this is due to be launched this summer; and
- the construction and delivery of a handball alley at Colaiste Feirste in partnership with Belfast City Council and Sport NI. This project completed in March 2015.
- My officials are currently working with Belfast City Council and An Ciste Infheistíochta Gaeilge on a capital project to redevelop the Cumann Chluain Árd Irish language learning and community centre and a proposal for a new build radio broadcasting facility for Raidió Fáilte.

I am placing a list of all the projects funded in the Assembly Library for information.

Carál Ní Chuilín MLA

Summary of funding awarded to the Gaeltacht Quarter by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) since 2013/14 – refer Assembly Oral Question No. 8272/11-15

Financial Year	Organisation Name	Grant Title	Award (£)	Spend (£)
2013/14	Forbairt Feirste	Gaeltacht Quarter - Beechmount Heritage Initiative	21,683.00	20,942.70
	Forbairt Feirste	Gaeltacht Quarter - Symposium	25,000.00	25,736.88
	Forbairt Feirste	Gaeltacht Quarter - Scoping Study	15,000.00	14,953.13
	Forbairt Feirste	Sportlann Pre-Planning Preliminary Drawings	10,000.00	9,960.00
	Coláiste Feirste	Construction of a Handball Alley*	78,000.00	78,000.00
	CultureTECH	Development of the Gaeltacht Quarter App	35,000.00	31,400.00
	Forbairt Feirste	The An Griangraf Gafa Book Publication Project	15,200.00	15,200.00
	Forbairt Feirste	The Gaeltacht Bhóthar Seoighe Story Project	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Forbairt Feirste	The Nansen Project	16,100.00	16,100.00
	Raidió Fáilte	Líonra Uladh Project – Site Investigation	10,000.00	9,252.00

Total: 237,983.00 233,544.71

2014/15	Forbairt Feirste	Development of the Gaeltacht Quarter Programme, Joint Secretariat and Support - Salaries & Accommodation	102,071.25	96,869.95
	Forbairt Feirste	Gaeltacht Quarter Action Projects:- - Cothaigh 2014 - Aonach Oibre (Careers Fair 2015) - Collation & cataloging of heritage materials by Marcas Ó Murchú - Story Book about Ballymurphy Enterprises Ltd	22,000.00	22,000.00
	Forbairt Feirste	Artwork Installations (via the Arts Council of Northern Ireland)	44,490.00	0.00
	Coláiste Feirste	Construction of a Handball Alley**	218,085.00	218,085.00
	Raidió Fáilte	Líonra Uladh Project - Design Team Appointment	5,700.00	5,638.16
	Cumann Cluain Árd	Refurbishment of the Chluain Árd Irish Language Community Centre	160,000.00	159,997.70

Total: 552,346.25 502,590.81

2015/16	Forbairt Feirste	Development of the Gaeltacht Quarter Programme, Joint Secretariat and Support - Salaries & Accommodation	136,000.00	22,666.00
	Raidió Fáilte	Líonra Uladh - Design Team Appointment	29,361.00	0.00

Total: 165,361.00 22,666.00

Grand Totals: 955,690.25 758,801.52

* £245k awarded by Sport NI via DCAL. Partnership funding of £78k awarded by DCAL (administered by Sport NI)

** A further £218,085 of partnership funding awarded by DCAL through Sport NI