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Phil Flanagan MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of the Environment to provide details of the Landfill Communities Fund, including (i) the total claimed by each council in each year since the fund was established; (ii) the total paid out in grants by each council since the fund was established; and (iii) the current accumulated balances held by each council.

ANSWER

Landfill Tax is a reserved matter and is administered by HMRC on behalf of the Treasury.

All of the revenue that is raised through landfill tax in Northern Ireland goes to the UK Exchequer. Since 2003/04, as a Barnett consequential, Northern Ireland has received an allocation from the landfill tax. However, there is no direct link between the area in which the revenue is raised and where it is spent. The use of all funding that is allocated through the Barnett formula is a matter for the Executive.

Some further monies raised through landfill taxes are returned to Northern Ireland through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) enables landfill site operators to claim tax credit for contributions they make to approved environmental bodies for spending on projects that benefit the environment. The environmental bodies are those enrolled by ENTRUST, the regulatory body for the scheme.

Only councils that operate landfill sites are eligible to participate in the scheme and they may make contributions to environmental bodies, which will then hold the balance of any unspent funds. Details of the total annual amounts claimed, and the amounts paid out to environmental bodies by councils in each year since the fund was established are contained in the attached tables.

Signed:



Mark H Durkan MLA

Date:

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TABLE 1 AMOUNTS CLAIMED BY NI COUNCILS

1996/97 – 2004/05

Council	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Antrim Borough Council	46,833.00	15,974.39							
Armagh City & District Council	22,301.45								
Ballymena Borough Council	76,251.90	49,274.38	61,247.08	66,085.55	73,701.84	119039.70	64,791.52	44,803.16	67,670.00
Ballymoney Borough Council			28,770.62	31,902.46	34,342.81	87,690.35	21,254.06	24,433.96	
Belfast City Council	167,400.00	134,510.00	129,041.57	328,521.00	480,215.32	643,447.45	270,995.64	307,558.42	448,522.91
Castlereagh Borough Council	18,000.00	43,956.00		61,629.30	64,157.78	56,160.00			
Coleraine Borough Council	54,692.10	49,361.40	61,385.87	77,904.30	115,610.39	101,030.00	86,895.00	61,032.92	61,288.97
Cookstown District Council		90,936.17	75,729.68	75,474.60	72,904.00	107,201.60	41,298.21	22,105.50	27,929.08
Craigavon Borough Council	81,672.96	80,170.27	90,945.00	111,110.39	98,823.81	170,490.46	92,503.49	30,567.82	38,919.74
Derry City Council	184,572.59	91,423.95	18,714.00	144,000.00	58,500.00	173,970.00	191,831.41	108,022.66	63,451.20
Down District Council	35,608.30	37,100.10	44,990.46	56,290.31	122,991.95	262,005.14	184,078.00	45,498.62	34,962.70
Fermanagh District Council	50,000.00	49,500.00	62,100.00	75,600.00	88,200.00	96,300.00	64,800.00	34,200.00	26,646.53
Limavady Borough Council	25,585.40	22,212.57	27,000.00	26,223.08	36,347.06	42,674.31	18,569.00	9,916.43	
Lisburn City Council	95,587.34	77,533.65	48,486.30	82,306.65	105,413.50	139,417.83	83,150.63	1,023.90	
Magherafelt District Council	32,055.40	32,614.90	41,269.24	50,151.38	55,188.15	94,496.44	74,528.20	39,885.25	11,969.00

Lisburn City Council													
Magherafelt District Council	30,582.00	26,373.05	13,145.40	27,376.33	27,005.40	27,029.43	35,418.84	1,9244.58	239.65				
Moyle District Council													
Newry & Mourne District Council	57,656.24	68,160.07	77,032.55	92,498.24	100,483.91	108,846.46	112,739.35	126,820.37	121,800.60				

TABLE 2

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES FROM NI COUNCILS

1996/97 – 2004/05

Council	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Antrim Borough Council	52,036.66	17,749.32							
Armagh City & District Council	24,779.39								
Ballymena Borough Council	84,724.33	54,749.31	68,052.31	73,428.39	81,890.93	132,266.35	71,990.58	49,781.29	75,188.96
Ballymoney Borough Council			31,967.36	35,447.18	38,158.68	97,433.72	23,615.62	27,148.84	
Belfast City Council	186,000.00	149,455.58	143,379.53	365,023.34	533,572.58	714,941.62	301,106.27	341,731.58	498,358.79
Castlereagh Borough Council	20,000.00	48,840.00		68,477.00	71,286.42	62,400.00			
Coleraine Borough Council	60,769.00	54,846.00	68,206.52	86,560.34	128,455.99	112,255.54	96,550.11	67,814.36	68,098.86
Cookstown District Council		101,040.19	84,144.09	83,860.66	81,004.89	119,112.89	45,886.90	24,561.66	31,032.31
Craigavon Borough Council	90,747.73	89,078.08	101,050.02	123,455.99	109,804.23	189,433.85	102,781.65	33,964.25	43,244.15
Derry City Council	205,080.66	101,582.16	21,904.44	160,000.00	65,000.00	193,300.00	213,146.02	120,025.18	70,501.33
Down District Council	39,564.78	41,222.34	49,989.40	62,544.79	136,657.73	291,116.83	204,531.14	50,554.02	38,847.45
Fermanagh District Council	55,555.55	55,000.00	69,000.00	84,000.00	98,000.00	107,000.00	72,000.00	38,000.00	29,607.26
Limavady Borough Council	28,428.22	24,680.63	30,000.00	29,136.76	40,385.62	47,415.90	20,632.22	11,018.26	
Lisburn City Council	106,208.16	86,148.50	53,873.66	91,451.83	117,126.13	154,908.71	92,389.59	1,137.67	
Magherafelt District Council	35,617.10	36,238.77	45,854.71	55,723.76	61,320.16	104,996.04	82,809.10	44,316.94	13,298.89

