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Dear Justin,

**AQW 10317/22-27 – grant funding provided by (i) his Department; and (ii) the National Lottery to (a) the IFA; (b) the GAA; (c) Ulster Rugby in each of the last five years**

You recently submitted an Assembly Written Question AQW 10317/22-27, requesting the amount of funding granted to the Irish Football Association, the Gaelic Athletic Association and to Ulster Rugby by my department in each of the last five years.

As outlined in my response, and due to the large volume of detail required to provide an answer, I have arranged for this information to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**



## Annex A

### Funding granted to the Irish Football Association, the GAA and Ulster Rugby in each of the last five years, broken down by sport

#### Funding provided by the Department for Communities

<b>Year</b>	<b>Irish Football Association</b>	<b>Gaelic Athletic Association</b>	<b>Ulster Rugby</b>
<b>2019/20</b>	£175,728.73	£58,454.00	£450,646.00
<b>2020/21</b>	£337,368.53	£57,366.00	£365,290.00
<b>2021/22</b>	£254,111.00	£63,074.00	£425,657.88
<b>2022/23</b>	£773,800.00	£64,564.00	£703,397.65
<b>2023/24</b>	£798,528.00	£60,938.00	£63,999.00

#### Exchequer and National Lottery Funding provided by Sport NI

This issue is an operational matter for Sport NI.

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me of the information on the remaining pages.

For any future queries relating to operational matters, you may wish to contact Sport NI directly. Making direct contact with Sport NI will ensure that you receive the information in the shortest possible timeframe and make best use of public resources.



*“Sport NI Payments to Irish Football Association*

<b><i>Fiscal Year Paid</i></b>	<b><i>Programme</i></b>	<b><i>Award Type</i></b>	<b><i>Funder</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>2019/20</i>	<i>Pitch Maintenance Programme 2018</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£21,745</i>
<i>2020/21</i>	<i>Sports Sustainability Fund*</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£6,555,593</i>
<i>2021/22</i>	<i>Safety at Sports Grounds</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£15,000</i>
<i>2021/22</i>	<i>Governing Body Support Programme</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£30,000</i>
<i>2022/23</i>	<i>Club Environment Transition Programme</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£34,800</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>Safety at Sports Grounds</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£34,800</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>Safety at Sports Grounds</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£4,014</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment – Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£11,488</i>

*\* Award was made to IFA to administrate on behalf of Sport NI. Breakdown of total award:*

- - £1,715,431 for IFA.*
- - £4,840,162 to IFA to administer to football clubs*



*“Sport NI Payments to Ulster Council Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)”*

<b><i>Fiscal Year Paid</i></b>	<b><i>Programme</i></b>	<b><i>Award Type</i></b>	<b><i>Funder</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>2019/20</i>	<i>Active Clubs Programme</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£21,841</i>
<i>2019/20</i>	<i>Sporting Clubs Programme (2019/20)</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£255,351</i>
<i>2020/21</i>	<i>Sporting Clubs Programme (2020/21)</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£252,733</i>
<i>2020/21</i>	<i>Sports Sustainability Fund*</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£7,380,382</i>
<i>2021/22</i>	<i>Covid Recovery Programme</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£170,642</i>
<i>2021/22</i>	<i>Sporting Clubs Programme (2021/22)</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£232,730</i>
<i>2022/23</i>	<i>Club Environment Transition Programme</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£252,730</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment – Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£440,000</i>

*\* Award was made to GAA to administrate on behalf of Sport NI. Breakdown of total award:*

- £1,448,122 to Ulster Council GAA.*
- £1,100,967 to clubs,*
- £22,614 to Ulster Camogie*
- £2,935 to Ulster Ladies Gaelic*
- £35,269 to Ulster Schools GAA*



*“Sport NI Payments to IRFU Ulster Branch*

<b><i>Fiscal Year Paid</i></b>	<b><i>Programme</i></b>	<b><i>Award Type</i></b>	<b><i>Funder</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>2020/21</i>	<i>Sporting Clubs Programme (2020-21)</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£136,991</i>
<i>2020/21</i>	<i>Sports Sustainability Fund*</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£2,235,530</i>
<i>2021/22</i>	<i>Sporting Clubs Programme (2021/22)</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£127,402</i>
<i>2022/23</i>	<i>Safety at Sports Grounds</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£6,765</i>
<i>2022/23</i>	<i>Club Environment Transition Programme</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£157,621</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>Safety at Sports Grounds</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>	<i>£29,992</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment – Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>£450,000</i>

*\* Award was made to Ulster Branch IRFU to administrate on behalf of Sport NI.*

*Breakdown of total award:*

- £1,509,539 to Ulster Branch IRFU.*
- £725,991 to rugby clubs”.*