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Dear Daniel,

**AQW 14246/22-27 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THOSE COMPETING IN THE (i) PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES; AND (ii) PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES.**

You recently submitted an Assembly Written Question AQW 14246/22-27, requesting details of the financial support provided to those competing in the (i) Paris 2024 Olympic Games; and (ii) Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

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

Yours sincerely

**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**



## **Annex A**

**Details of financial support provided to those competing in the (i) Paris 2024 Olympic Games; and (ii) Paris 2024 Paralympic Games as per AQW 14246/22-27**

## Financial support provided to those competing in the (i) Paris 2024 Olympic games; and (ii) Paris 2024 Paralympic Games

This issue is an operational matter for Sport NI.

The relevant information was sought from the Chief Executive, who has advised as follows:

### *“Athlete Award Investment –Paralympic qualified sports overall athlete investment*

<b>Paralympic</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Boccia</i>	£0	£0	£1,500	£0	£0	£2,000	£0	£2,500	<b>£6,000</b>
<i>Para Equestrian</i>	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5,000	<b>£5,000</b>
<i>Para Swimming</i>	£1,500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£4,000	£4,500	£0	<b>£10,000</b>
<i>Para Triathlon</i>	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£4,500	£6,000	£6,000	£5,000	£15,000	<b>£41,000</b>
<i>Wheelchair Basketball</i>	£0	£0	£4,500	£9,000	£0	£8,000	£10,000	£12,500	<b>£44,000</b>
	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£1,500</b>	<b>£7,500</b>	<b>£13,500</b>	<b>£6,000</b>	<b>£20,000</b>	<b>£19,500</b>	<b>£35,000</b>	<b>£106,000</b>
	<b>Tokyo Cycle Total: £25,500</b>				<b>Paris Cycle Total: £80,500</b>				



***Athlete Award Investment – Olympic qualified sports athlete investment (Paralympic athletes' investment not included)***

<b>Olympic</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Total</b>
Archery	£0	£9,000	£0	£6,000	£0	£9,000	£7,500	£11,500	<b>£43,000</b>
Athletics	£4,500	£13,500	£18,000	£16,500	£11,250	£16,000	£19,000	£10,000	<b>£108,750</b>
Badminton	£1,500	£1,500	£0	£0	£7,500	£6,000	£2,500	£2,500	<b>£21,500</b>
Boxing	£40,500	£45,000	£48,000	£30,000	£35,250	£53,813	£51,250	£36,000	<b>£339,813</b>
Cycling	£19,500	£19,500	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£25,750	£38,000	£24,000	<b>£171,750</b>
Equestrian	£0	£12,000	£9,000	£9,000	£15,000	£22,000	£30,000	£15,000	<b>£112,000</b>
Golf	£4,500	£22,500	£13,500	£7,500	£21,000	£15,500	£16,500	£19,000	<b>£120,000</b>
Gymnastics	£0	£0	£1,500	£3,000	£7,500	£17,500	£18,000	£10,000	<b>£57,500</b>
Hockey		£20,000	£60,000	£67,000	£67,000	£52,500	£83,000	£85,000	<b>£434,500</b>
Rowing	£3,000	£13,500	£17,250	£27,000	£21,000	£31,000	£22,500	£20,000	<b>£155,250</b>
Rugby	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,500	<b>£2,500</b>
Swimming	£9,000	£5,250	£7,500	£6,900	£15,000	£36,500	£29,250	£37,000	<b>£146,400</b>
	<b>£82,500</b>	<b>£161,750</b>	<b>£189,750</b>	<b>£187,900</b>	<b>£215,500</b>	<b>£285,563</b>	<b>£317,500</b>	<b>£272,500</b>	<b>£1,712,963</b>
	<b>Tokyo Cycle Total: £621,900</b>				<b>Paris Cycle Total: £1,091,063</b>				



**Paris 2024 Paralympic Individual Athletes investment**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Total Athlete Award Investment 2017-2024</b>
<i>Boccia</i>	<i>Individual/ team</i>	<i>Clare Taggart</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Para Equestrian</i>	<i>Para Dressage (Grade III)</i>	<i>Jessica McKenna</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£5,000</i>
<i>Para Swimming</i>	<i>S9 Classification</i>	<i>Barry McClements</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>£4,000</i>
<i>Para Swimming</i>	<i>S14 Classification</i>	<i>Deaten Registe</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Para Swimming</i>	<i>S6 Classification</i>	<i>Dearbhaile Brady</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£4,500</i>
<i>Para Triathlon</i>	<i>Visually Impaired</i>	<i>Chloe MacCombe</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£5,000</i>
<i>Para Triathlon</i>	<i>Visually Impaired</i>	<i>Judith MacCombe</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£7,000</i>
<i>Para Triathlon</i>	<i>Guide</i>	<i>Catherine Sands (Guide)</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Para Triathlon</i>	<i>Guide</i>	<i>Eimear Nicholls (Guide)</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£5,000</i>
<i>Wheelchair Basketball</i>	<i>Women's 5x5</i>	<i>Katie Morrow</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>£17,000</i>
<b>Total Individual Athlete Award investment – Paralympic Qualified Athletes</b>					<b>£47,500</b>



**Paris 2024 Olympic Individual Athletes investment**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Athlete</b>	<b>REP</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Total Athlete Award Investment 2017-2024</b>
Archery	Recurve	Conor Hall	GB	M	£4,000
Athletics	1500m	Ciara Mageean	IRL	F	£0
Athletics	Heptathlon	Kate O'Connor	IRL	F	£9,000
Athletics	4x 400m (mixed and female)	Rachel McCann	IRL	F	£2,500
Badminton	Women's Singles	Rachel Darragh	IRL	F	£8,500
Boxing	71kg	Aidan Walsh	IRL	M	£19,500
Boxing	57kg	Michaela Walsh	IRL	F	£6,000
Boxing	57kg	Jude Gallagher	IRL	M	£31,500
Cycling	Track - Women's Team Pursuit, Women's Madison	Alice Sharpe	IRL	F	£12,000
Cycling	Track - Women's Team Pursuit	Erin Creighton	IRL	F	£18,000
Equestrian	Dressage	Abigail Lyle	IRL	F	£12,000
Equestrian	Showjumping	Daniel Coyle	IRL	M	£13,000
Equestrian	Eventing	Susie Berry	IRL	F	£13,000
Golf	Men's Stroke play	Rory McIlroy	IRL	M	£0
Golf	Women's Stroke play	Stephanie Meadow	IRL	F	£0
Gymnastics	Pommel Horse	Rhys McClenaghan	IRL	M	£0
Hockey	Men's Hockey	David Ames (Captain)	GB	M	£0
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Jonny McKee	IRL	M	£178,000 into Men's Senior Hockey Team
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Michael Robson	IRL	M	
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Sean Murray (Captain)	IRL	M	
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Kyle Marshall	IRL	M	



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Hockey	Men's Hockey	Peter Brown	IRL	M	
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Tim Cross	IRL	M	
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Peter McKibbin	IRL	M	
Hockey	Men's Hockey	Matthew Nelson	IRL	M	
Hockey	Men's Hockey (Travelling reserve)	Jonny Lynch	IRL	M	
Rowing	Men's Double Scull (M2x)	Phil Doyle	IRL	M	£1,500
Rowing	Men's Pair	Ross Corrigan	IRL	M	£12,000
Rowing	Men's Pair	Nathan Timoney	IRL	M	£12,000
Rowing	Women's four	Rebecca Shorten	GB	F	£0
Rowing	Quadruple Sculls	Hannah Scott	GB	F	£3,000
Rowing	Women's 8	Rebecca Edwards	GB	F	£6,000
Rugby 7s	Women's Rugby Sevens	Ashleigh Orchard	IRL	F	£0
Rugby 7s	Men's Rugby Sevens	Zac Ward	IRL	M	£0
Rugby 7s	Women's Rugby Sevens (Travelling Reserve)	Claire Boles	IRL	F	£0
Swimming	800m Freestyle, 1500m Freestyle & Open Water 10km	Daniel Wiffen	IRL	M	£7,650
Swimming	50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 4x100m Freestyle Relay & 4x100m Medley Relay	Danielle Hill	IRL	F	£7,125
Swimming	4x100m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley Relay	Victoria Catterson	IRL	F	£27,750
Swimming	4x100m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley Relay	Grace Davison	IRL	F	£5,750
Swimming	4x100m Medley Relay	Conor Ferguson	IRL	M	£30,000
Swimming	Relay 4x200 Free	Jack McMillen	GB	M	£5,625
<b>Total Individual Athlete Award investment – Olympic Qualified Athletes</b>					<b>£445,400</b>



**Performance Investment to Sports including Athlete Award**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	
<b>Archery</b>	£49,000	£49,000	£63,400	£63,500	<b>£224,900</b>
<b>Athletics</b>	£226,340	£246,340	£196,000	£187,600	<b>£856,280</b>
<b>Badminton</b>	£31,015	£27,850	£41,230	£31,600	<b>£131,695</b>
<b>Boxing</b>	£246,650	£297,100	£288,410	£296,100	<b>£1,128,260</b>
<b>Cycling</b>	£179,434	£199,934	£259,914	£260,000	<b>£899,282</b>
<b>Equestrian</b>	£0	£0	£0	£0	<b>£0</b>
<b>Golf</b>	£145,000	£145,000	£179,500	£179,500	<b>£649,000</b>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	£0	£0	£10,000	£15,000	<b>£25,000</b>
<b>Hockey</b>	£280,468	£332,999	£290,750	£290,750	<b>£1,194,967</b>
<b>Rowing</b>	£74,500	£74,500	£124,500	£170,000	<b>£443,500</b>
<b>Rugby</b>	£0	£0	£321,036	£322,100	<b>£643,136</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	£119,784	£217,505	£248,790	£254,790	<b>£840,869</b>
<b>Boccia</b>	£31,027	£47,259	£101,408	£115,300	<b>£294,994</b>
<b>Triathlon</b>	£147,385	£132,647	£160,000	£160,000	<b>£600,032</b>
<b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>	£95,377	£95,377	£103,000	£120,300	<b>£414,054</b>
	<b>£1,625,980</b>	<b>£1,865,511</b>	<b>£2,387,938</b>	<b>£2,466,540</b>	<b>£8,345,969</b>
<b>Combined investment - paralympic investment mainstreamed within sport</b>					<b>£3,328,158</b>
<b>Paralympic investment</b>					<b>£709,048</b>
<b>No direct Paralympic sport investment</b>					<b>£4,308,763</b>

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.