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AQW 19787/22-27

Timothy Gaston MLA has asked:

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ANSWER

The amount (i) the Department; and (ii) its arm's-length bodies have spent on hospitality in each month since the restoration of the Executive in February 2024 is set out in a table, which I have deposited in the Assembly Library.

The figures provided for April to November 2024 have not been subject to audit.



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	February 2024 £	March 2024 £	April 2024 £	May 2024 £	June 2024 £	July 2024 £	August 2024 £	September 2024 £	October 2024 £	November 2024 £	Total £
Department of Education	924	5,227	1,347	1,954	2,001	1,537	175	3,605	4,302	6,411	27,483
Exceptional Circumstances Body	Nil	262	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	262
Education Authority	2,305	2,032	2,389	4,238	2,511	1,995	492	2,788	108	764	19,622
Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta	Nil	1,905	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3,923	Nil	Nil	5,828
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	2,091	1,600	542	1,692	1,278	700	234	203	810	568	9,718
General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Middletown Centre for Autism	199	525	163	32	270	54	86	34	366	559	2,288
Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education	344	101	126	Nil	495	13	24	17	46	30	1,196
Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	1,906	2,764	166	5,426	2,127	1,701	104	Nil	276	5,881	20,351
Youth Council for Northern Ireland	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	7,769	14,416	4,733	13,342	8,682	6,000	1,115	10,570	5,908	14,213	86,748

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