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Dear Diane

**AQW 19220 – PLANS TO MAXIMISE NORTHERN IRELAND'S PARTICIPATION  
AND SUCCESS IN THE 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

You recently submitted an Assembly Written Question AQW 19220/22-27, asking that I detail my plans to maximise Northern Ireland's participation and success in the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

I have arranged for information about investment of Lottery funding by Sport NI in Commonwealth Games sports to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**

**Details of Lottery funding invested into Commonwealth Games sports by Sport NI as per AQW 19220/22-27**

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me of the following information:

***“Funding Provided to Commonwealth Games NI since 2022***

<b><i>Project Title</i></b>	<b><i>Fund</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Grant Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Decommitted Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Paid Amount</i></b>
<i>CGNI Business Case Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>£276,000</i>		<i>£74,812</i>
<i>CGNI Business Case Investment 2023-24</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>£190,000</i>	<i>£51,381</i>	<i>£138,619</i>
<i>Business Case Investment for CGNI (2022-2023)</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>£252,820</i>	<i>£461</i>	<i>£252,359</i>

*“Sport Northern Ireland has awarded £276,000 of Lottery funding to Commonwealth Games NI for the financial year of April 2024 to March 2025. This is the 2nd year of a planned four-year cycle of funding approved by Sport NI Board. However, due to changes with Commonwealth Games 2026 location and a reduced sports programme in Glasgow, Sport NI is working with CWGNI to review and revise this.*

***High Performance Sport***

*“The 2026 Commonwealth Games will be comprised of ten different sports. Glasgow will play host to athletics, swimming, track cycling, weightlifting, lawn bowls, judo, 3x3 basketball, gymnastics, netball, and boxing.*

*“Six of those sports - athletics, swimming, track cycling, weightlifting, lawn bowls and 3x3 basketball - will also feature para events.*

“Table 1 below shows funding to the 11 National Governing Bodies whose sports have been confirmed for Glasgow 2026, including athlete award elements for several of those sports.

**Table 1: Funding to National Governing Bodies & Athlete Award 2024/25**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
<i>Athletics Northern Ireland</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£10,000</i>
<i>Athletics Northern Ireland</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies 2024-25</i>	<i>£480,000</i>
<i>Basketball NI</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies 2024-25</i>	<i>£113,800</i>
<i>British Gymnastics</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies</i>	<i>£204,900</i>
<i>British Weightlifting</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment – New Governing Bodies</i>	<i>£20,000</i>
<i>Cycling Ireland</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£29,000</i>
<i>Cycling Ireland</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies 2024-25</i>	<i>£380,400</i>
<i>Gymnastics Northern Ireland</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£10,000</i>
<i>Irish Athletic Boxing Association</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£42,500</i>

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<i>Irish Athletic Boxing Association</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies 2024-25</i>	<i>£474,000</i>
<i>Irish Bowls Federation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>SSIGB 2024-25: Lawn Bowls request to change budget from Revenue to Capital within Medals &amp; More PAI, to the value of £3,120 for an Electric Wheelchair</i>	<i>£3,120</i>
<i>Irish Bowls Federation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£15,000</i>
<i>Irish Bowls Federation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies - 2024-25</i>	<i>£315,880</i>
<i>Netball NI</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£23,600</i>
<i>Netball NI</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment - Governing Bodies 2024/25</i>	<i>£320,000</i>
<i>NI Judo Federation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment – Governing Bodies</i>	<i>£118,000</i>
<i>NI Judo Federation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£2,500</i>
<i>Swim Ulster Ltd</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Athlete Awards component of Sports Systems Investment 2024-25</i>	<i>£40,750</i>
<i>Swim Ulster Ltd</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Sports Systems Investment – Governing Bodies 2024-25</i>	<i>£560,890</i>

### ***“People Development***

*“Over the past 18 months, Sport NI has been working in partnership with Commonwealth Games NI (CGNI) to identify the People Development requirements for 2026 (and beyond) and will be working closely with sports to implement plans to address these in preparation for the Glasgow Games. This is likely to include appropriate interventions to support and develop Performance Leads and Performance Coaches and increase the capacity of the Sport Science and Sports Medicine workforce.*

### ***“Sports Institute***

*“The Sports Institute focuses on improving sport performance through the provision of science, medicine and programme support to national governing bodies. Institute staff work directly with coaches and athletes to maximise the training gains needed to enhance performance. The current Sport Institute Service Delivery plan ends in December 2024 and a new Service Delivery plan will be developed with sports to identify their needs and provide the necessary support to athletes going forward including those participating in the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.*

*“Sport NI also works with NICGC in providing anti-doping engagement ahead of the games. As part of the UKAD Clean Games Policy, Anti-doping education is provided to all team members before a Games – both athletes and athlete support personnel.”*

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.