## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Paul Givan, Minister

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Michelle McIlveen MLA Parliament Buildings Ballymiscaw Stormont

> 6 February 2025 AQW 21153/22-27

Michelle McIlveen MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education, pursuant to AQW 18934/22-27, to detail the projects where an external consultant was engaged in each of the last five years, including the cost of that consultant as it relates to each project.

## **ANSWER**

A breakdown of the projects where an external consultant was engaged, including the cost of the external consultancy as it relates to each project, in each of the last five years, is set out in a table which I have deposited in the Assembly Library.

Paul Givan MLA Minister of Education AQW 21153/22-27 - To ask the Minister of Education, pursuant to AQW 18934/22-27, to detail the projects where an external consultant was engaged in each of the last five years, including the cost of that consultant as it relates to each project.

The table below details the projects where an external consultant was engaged, including the cost of the external consultancy as it relates to each project, in each of the last five years.

Period	Project	External Consultancy Spend £
1 April 2023 - 31	Education Training Inspectorate (ETI) Customer Service Excellence (CSE)	1,070
March 2024	Review 2023	
	Independent Review of Education	77,562
	Special Educational Needs (SEN) – Towards Inclusion Policy Development	28,465
	Sub Total	107,097
1 April 2022 - 31	Review of Targeted Early Years Interventions	67,880
March 2023	Education Authority (EA) Landscape Review	62,288
	Independent Review of Education	106,625
	ETI CSE Assessment	620
	SEN - Independent Review of SEN	179,788

Period	Project		External Consultancy Spend £
	Sub Total	417,201	
1 April 2021 - 31	General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland review		28,000
March 2022	ETI CSE Assessment		620
	Independent Review of Education		53,715
	EA Landscape Review of Education		62,287
	Review of Targeted Early Years Interventions		16,970
		Sub Total	161,592
1 April 2020 - 31	ETI CSE Assessment		620
March 2021			
		Sub Total	620
1 April 2019 - 31			NIL
March 2020			
		Sub Total	NIL
		Total	686,510