



**Level 9  
Causeway Exchange  
1-7 Bedford Street  
Belfast  
BT2 7EG**

Telephone: 028 9051 2662  
e-mail: [private.office@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:private.office@communities-ni.gov.uk)  
Our ref: AQW 24198/22-27

Date: 23 April 2025

Mr Justin McNulty  
Parliament Buildings  
Ballymiscaw, Stomont  
Belfast  
BT4 3XX

Dear Justin

**AQW 24198/22-27 – Details of (i) the Total Expenditure by Department for Communities on Sports; and (ii) National Lottery Funding Provided for Sports, since 2016/17, Broken Down by Capital and Resource Funding**

You recently submitted an Assembly Written Question AQW 24198/22-27, asking that I detail the funding provided by my Department and National Lottery broken down by capital and resource funding for the last 10 years.

I have arranged for this information to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

**Gordon Lyons MLA**  
**Minister for Communities**

## Annex A

### **AQW 24198/22-27 – Details of (i) the Total Expenditure by Department for Communities on Sports; and (ii) National Lottery Funding Provided for Sports, since 2016/17, Broken Down by Capital and Resource Funding**

You will be aware that the Department for Communities was established in May 2016, therefore the information provided for my Department will be from fiscal period 2016/17.

The table below sets out the funding for sports provided by DfC, which includes community-based activities/programmes within a sporting setting/organisation.

**Table 1 – Capital and Resource Funding Provided by DfC from 2016/17**

Financial Year	Capital	Resource	Annual Total
2016/17	£6,160,294.47	£349,151.86	£6,509,446.33
2017/18	£1,387,263.71	£176,740.74	£1,564,004.45
2018/19	£1,386,120.93	£230,585.03	£1,616,705.96
2019/20	£1,936,689.58	£434,311.79	£2,371,001.37
2020/21	£1,083,295.17	£302,119.62	£1,385,414.79
2021/22	£812,083.89	£460,686.13	£1,272,770.02
2022/23	£1,228,068.16	£357,067.25	£1,585,135.41
2023/24	-£247,444.99	£559,431.79	£311,986.80
2024/25	£294,786.00	£280,145.61	£574,931.61
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£14,041,156.92</b>	<b>£3,150,239.82</b>	<b>£17,191,396.74</b>

I would also advise that all funding information is available on the Government Funding Database. This website is publicly accessible and holds records of applications and funding to voluntary and community sector organisations including funding disbursed to the sports sector. I have included the link for future convenience - <https://govfunding.nics.gov.uk>

In addition, this issue is also an operational matter for Sport NI. I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

**“Table 2: Total Exchequer Expenditure**

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Resource</i>	<i>Annual Total</i>
2015/16	£1,348,250	£1,948,392	£3,296,642
2016/17	£4,226,368	£2,269,127	£6,495,495
2017/18	£1,992,622	£2,655,499	£4,648,120
2018/19	£2,061,320	£2,186,108	£4,247,428
2019/20	£2,590,414	£1,841,930	£4,432,344
2020/21	£1,564,548	£21,158,175	£22,722,723
2021/22	£1,246,329	£11,159,967	£12,406,296
2022/23	£1,841,232	£1,609,585	£3,450,817
2023/24	£1,635,732	£1,453,146	£3,088,878
2024/25	£778,223	£1,725,510	£2,503,733
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£19,285,038</b>	<b>£48,007,439</b>	<b>£67,292,477</b>

**Table 3: Total Lottery Expenditure**

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Resource</i>	<i>Annual Total</i>
2015/16	£539,656	£6,519,533	£7,059,189
2016/17	£1,011,511	£7,012,342	£8,023,852
2017/18	£1,258,192	£6,538,765	£7,796,958
2018/19	£1,069,011	£6,244,751	£7,313,762
2019/20	£964,734	£6,123,483	£7,088,217
2020/21	£256,672	£5,562,457	£5,819,129
2021/22	£712,916	£4,948,991	£5,661,907
2022/23	£998,681	£6,046,379	£7,045,060
2023/24	£213,517	£7,997,856	£8,211,373
2024/25	£305,693	£8,182,218	£8,487,910
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£7,330,583</b>	<b>£65,176,774</b>	<b>£72,507,357</b>

*Please note that additional payments are to be made before the financial year end of 2024/25. Therefore, the figure provided for 2024/25 may be subject to change”.*

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