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Dear Cara

**AQW 29742/22-27 – FUNDING FOR PARALYMPIC ATHLETES**

You recently submitted an Assembly Written Question AQW 29742/22-27, asking that I detail (i) how many Paralympic athletes have received funding; and (ii) the total funding awarded to each Paralympic athlete, in each of the last ten years.

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

Yours sincerely

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

**Detail of (i) how many Paralympic athletes have received funding; and (ii) the total funding awarded to each Paralympic athlete, in each of the last ten years as per AQW 29742/22-27**

**Sport NI Response**

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

**(i) “How many Paralympic athletes have received funding in each of the last 10 years?”**

*32 Paralympic athletes have received funding over the last ten years. Please note that several athletes received funding over multiple years.*

*Table 1: Number of Paralympic athletes funded in each of the last 10 years.*

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of Athletes</b>
2016/17	9
2017/18	7
2018/19	5
2019/20	6
2020/21	5
2021/22	3
2022/23	7
2023/24	6
2024/25	8
2025/26	8

**(ii) The total funding awarded to each Paralympic athlete, in each of the last 10 years.**

*Sport NI have a record of how many athletes received funding in 2016/17 as per table 1 above. However, Sport NI do not hold the information regarding the breakdown of amount awarded to each athlete in 2016/17. Awards made were distributed by NGB's to individual athletes.*

*Of the 9 who received funding in 2016/17, 7 continued to receive funding and 2016/17 was the last year for 2 of the of the athletes to receive funding.*

*Please see Table 2 for a funding breakdown to 30 individual athletes in each of the last 9 years*

**Table 2: Breakdown of funding to individual athletes in each of the last 9 years.**

<b>Athlete</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>Total Award</b>
Athlete 1	£6,000									£6,000
Athlete 2	£6,000									£6,000
Athlete 3	£6,000	£6,000								£12,000
Athlete 4	£1,500	£3,000	£1,500							£6,000
Athlete 5			£1,500			£2,000			£5,000	£8,500
Athlete 6								£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
Athlete 7	£1,500									£1,500
Athlete 8		£1,500	£3,000	£3,000						£7,500
Athlete 9							£5,000	£5,000		£10,000
Athlete 10								£5,000	£5,000	£10,000
Athlete 11									£2,500	£2,500
Athlete 12									£2,500	£2,500
Athlete 13		£3,000								£3,000
Athlete 14						£4,000				£4,000
Athlete 15							£4,500			£4,500
Athlete 16	£6,000									£6,000
Athlete 17	£1,500									£1,500
Athlete 18		£1,500								£1,500
Athlete 19			£1,500							£1,500
Athlete 20				£3,000	£3,000					£6,000

<i>Athlete 21</i>				£1,500	£1,500	£2,000				£5,000
<i>Athlete 22</i>					£1,500	£2,000	£2,500			£6,000
<i>Athlete 23</i>						£2,000		£5,000		£7,000
<i>Athlete 24</i>							£2,500	£5,000		£7,500
<i>Athlete 25</i>								£5,000		£5,000
<i>Athlete 26</i>			£3,000			£4,000	£5,000	£5,000		£17,000
<i>Athlete 27</i>			£1,500	£6,000		£4,000	£5,000		£2,500	£19,000
<i>Athlete 28</i>				£3,000						£3,000
<i>Athlete 29</i>								£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
<i>Athlete 30</i>									£2,500	£2,500
	<b>£28,500</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£12,000</b>	<b>£16,500</b>	<b>£6,000</b>	<b>£20,000</b>	<b>£24,500</b>	<b>£35,000</b>	<b>£25,000</b>	<b>£182,500"</b>