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AQW 40951/22-27

Timothy Gaston MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education to detail the amount (i) his Department; and (ii) its arm's-length bodies have spent on hospitality in each month since December 2024.

ANSWER

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

The figures provided for April 2025 to January 2026 have not been subject to audit.



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	December 2024 £	January 2025 £	February 2025 £	March 2025 £	Total £
Department of Education	4,220	3,935	1,962	5,590	15,707
Exceptional Circumstances Body	-	-	-	-	-
Education Authority	872	536	509	1,374	3,291
Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta	449	-	1,637	548	2,634
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	456	1,746	341	1,859	4,402
General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland	-	-	-	-	-
Middletown Centre for Autism	96	31	648	626	1,401
Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education	334	380	307	338	1,359
Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	1,667	486	1,796	5,471	9,420
Youth Council for Northern Ireland	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,094	7,114	7,200	15,806	38,214

	April 2025 £	May 2025 £	June 2025 £	July 2025 £	August 2025 £	September 2025 £	October 2025 £	November 2025 £	December 2025 £	January 2026 £	Total £
Department of Education	3,184	5,268	2,683	1,876	1,875	4,953	3,769	2,656	3,344	1,876	31,484
Exceptional Circumstances Body	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education Authority	123	252	805	67	23	43	303	239	4,562	948	7,365
Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta	447	-	-	305	-	62	1,938	868	500	-	4,120
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	886	415	837	666	50	180	893	755	625	338	5,645
General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland	15	-	223	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	238
Middletown Centre for Autism	1,289	256	4,320	366	1,361	-	687	427	-	-	8,706
Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education	-	-	299	30	-	302	105	428	167	61	1,392
Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	4,805	639	3,521	1,221	2,046	608	3,879	4,157	-	1,395	22,271
Youth Council for Northern Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10,749	6,830	12,688	4,531	5,355	6,148	11,574	9,530	9,198	4,618	81,221

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