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Dear Pat

**AQW 46968/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY
LIBRARY**

You recently submitted AQW 46968/22-27, asking that pursuant to AQW 45748/22-27 that I detail a breakdown of funding allocated under each heading reference in my answer.

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

Yours sincerely



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Special Olympics Ulster

Exchequer funding for Special Olympics Ulster is provided through a cross-departmental agreement involving the Department for Communities (DfC), the Department of Education (DE) and the Department of Health (DoH). This funding contributes to the overall operational costs of Special Olympics Ulster across Northern Ireland.

For both 2024/25 and 2025/26 total Exchequer funding amounts to £659,000 per annum. This comprises contributions from DfC and DE (detailed in the table below) alongside £122,000 per annum provided by DoH.

	2024/25		2025/26	
Initiative	Department for Communities	Department of Education	Department for Communities	Department of Education
Special Olympics	£388,000 (Resource)	£149,000 (Resource)	£388,000 (Resource)	£149,000 (Resource)

Your School Your Club

Total funding provided for Your School Your Club by DfC is shown below, broken down by year.

	2024/25		2025/26	
Initiative	Department for Communities	Department of Education	Department for Communities	Department of Education
Your School Your Club	£458,701 (Capital)	£0	£2,961,608 (Capital)	£0

This programme is delivered in partnership with DE but is not jointly funded. However, on occasion DE has provided additional funding to schools to ensure successful completion of the project. No funding was provided by DE from 2023/24 to 2025/26.

A full breakdown of funding by project for each of these years is detailed in the tables below:

YSYC 2024/25 (note figures have been rounded up)		
Applicant	Project Description	Funding
Lismore College, Craigavon	Floodlighting installed to existing 3g pitch	£267,000
Holy Trinity College, Cookstown	Floodlighting installed to existing 3g pitch	£110,000
Wallace High School, Lisburn	New indoor and outdoor cricket equipment	£82,000
TOTAL		£459,000

YSYC 2025/26		
Applicant	Project Description	Funding
Belfast High School	Replacement 2G surface	£239,998
St Ronan's College	Installation of floodlights	£444,857
Abbey Christian Brothers	Replacement 3G surface	£588,240
Abbey Community College	Installation of floodlights	£200,000
St Ciaran's College	Replacement 2G surface	£255,400
St Patrick's College	Installation of 3G pitch	£643,400
Castleberg High School	Replacement 2G surface	£270,726
Tullygally Primary School	Installation of 3G pitch	£318,987
		£2,961,608

Childcare Academies

	2024/25		2025/26	
Initiative	Department for Communities	Department of Education	Department for Communities	Department of Education
Childcare Academies	Funding included in overall LMP resource costs. Unable to provide a specific figure for Childcare Academies	£303,000 (Resource) – 11 Childminding Academies provided 153 new, fully trained registered childminders. Funding also	Funding included in overall LMP running costs. Unable to provide a specific figure for Childcare Academies	£150,000 (Resource) – 1 Centralised Childminding Academy as of 30.04.26, 93 participants enrolled, achieved 35 new, fully trained

		provided 67 existing childminders with SEN training.		registered childminders.
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NI Screen

The Culture Division Northern Ireland Screen funding (broken down in years below) was provided to the AMMA Centre (an Education Authority organisation) for the delivery of digital creativity programming.

	2024/25		2025/26	
Initiative	Department for Communities	Department of Education	Department for Communities	Department of Education
Northern Ireland Screen	£215,270 (Resource) £29,320 (Capital)	£0	£221,728 (Resource)	£0