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Dear Daniel

**AQW 47421/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY
LIBRARY**

You recently submitted AQW 47421/22-27, in which you asked me to detail any actions I am taking to support (i) elite; and (ii) grass roots, cricket in (a) Northern Ireland; and (b) West Tyrone

Due to the volume of information provided, I have arranged for the detail to be placed in the Assembly Library

Yours sincerely



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Sport NI has provided the following information regarding support for elite and grassroots cricket across Northern Ireland and in West Tyrone:-

“Support for (i) elite; and (ii) grass roots, cricket in Northern Ireland

“Sport NI programmes, depending on their design, make a distinction between funding to performance and participation initiatives. Please note that Cricket has never received athlete support awards.

“See table 1 below for breakdown of funding Sport NI has awarded for performance development to cricket for distribution across Northern Ireland in the past 5 years; and table 2 below for breakdown of funding Sport NI has awarded for participation development to cricket for distribution across Northern Ireland in the past 5 years

“Table 1: Funding breakdown to Performance (Elite) Cricket in Northern Ireland 2022-27

<i>Investment Programme</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>2021/22 £</i>	<i>2022/23 £</i>	<i>2023/24 £</i>	<i>2024/25 £</i>	<i>2025/26 £</i>
<i>Performance Environment Transition Programme</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>196,195</i>				
<i>Sport Systems Investment – Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Lottery</i>		<i>199,326</i>	<i>207,000</i>	<i>212,000</i>	

<i>Systems Partner Investment</i>	<i>Lottery</i>					212,000
Grand Total		£196,195	£199,326	£207,000	£212,000	£212,000

“Table 2: Funding to Participation (grassroots) Cricket in Northern Ireland 2022-27

Investment Programme	Type	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
<i>Sporting Clubs</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	127,764				
<i>Building Better Sports Facilities</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	70,385	78,800			
<i>Club Environment Transition Programme</i>	<i>Lottery</i>		160,000			
<i>Renewable Energy Fund</i>	<i>Lottery</i>			36,572		
<i>Sport Systems Investment – Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Lottery</i>			245,675	250,000	245,000
<i>Activate – Participation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>		17,473	44,250	30,500	
<i>Creating Opportunities – Participation</i>	<i>Lottery</i>				40,000	78,500
<i>Olympic Legacy Fund</i>	<i>Exchequer</i>					216,267
Grand Total		£198,564	£177,473	£326,497	£320,500	£539,767

“Support for (i) elite; and (ii) grass roots, cricket in West Tyrone

“A total of £95,457 has been awarded to cricket clubs in West Tyrone in the last 5 years. Please see table 3 below for a breakdown of funding awarded for cricket participation development in West Tyrone.

Investment Programme	Club Name	Type	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
<i>Building Better Sports Facilities</i>	<i>Bready Cricket Club</i>	<i>Lottery</i>	<i>24,385</i>				
<i>Building Better Sports Facilities</i>	<i>Ardmore Cricket Club</i>	<i>Lottery</i>		<i>25,000</i>			
<i>Creating Opportunities</i>	<i>Fox Lodge Cricket Club</i>	<i>Lottery</i>					<i>5,000</i>
<i>Creating Opportunities</i>	<i>Burndennet Cricket Club</i>	<i>Lottery</i>					<i>2,000</i>
<i>Creating Opportunities</i>	<i>Strabane Cricket Club</i>	<i>Lottery</i>					<i>2,500</i>
Grand Total			£24,385	£25,000	£0	£0	£9,500

“Additional Information

“In addition to the above awards Sport NI has made an indicative award of £1million (Lottery) from our Multi-Facility Fund programme to NI Civil Service Sports Association towards its redevelopment project. The project includes indoor and outdoor cricket practice facilities, as well as permanent cricket infrastructure (including spectator stands, media boxes, and sight screens) to enable Northern Ireland to be a host venue at the T20 World Cup in 2030.

“Furthermore, an award of £245,000 has been made under the System Partner Investment programme for 2026/27.”