

From: The Minister

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Dear Steve,

AQW 50718/22-27 to ask the Minister for Communities to detail (i) any budget; (ii) staffing levels; and (iii) numeration, of the (a) CEO; (b) Chairperson; and (c) Board, of the 16 non-public bodies that comes within the remit of his Department.

The question was clarified further:

- **the question should refer to "remuneration" rather than "numeration"; and**
- **the Member has requested that information be provided for financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, and an estimate for 2026-27.**

My Department has 15 Arm's Length Bodies.

Please note that 2026/27 figures are not yet available.

Due to the volume of detail required to provide an answer to your question, I have arranged for the detail attached in Annex A this to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Lyons', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities

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The Department for Communities has 15 Arm's Length Bodies.

Staffing level figures represent the average number of whole-time equivalent persons employed during the year.

Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (AOP)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	2,729,000	35.3	84,122	Nil	Nil
2023-24	2,291,000	35.2	88,996	Nil	Nil
2024-25	2,274,000	34.3	90,463	Nil	Nil
2025-26	2,697,000	35.8	95,461	Nil	Nil

Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)*
2022-23	14,067,000	48	87,500	10,640	3,724
2023-24	13,283,000	47	92,500	10,761	3,784
2024-25	13,629,000	47	92,500	11,299	3,973
2025-26	14,437,000	52	102,500	12,366	4,338

***Board remuneration is for Vice Chair only.**

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	1,923,000	34	80,000 - 85,000	15,000 - 20,000	45,606
2023-24	2,031,000	26	85,000 - 90,000	20,000 - 25,000	55,583
2024-25	1,859,000	25	90,000 - 95,000	25,000 - 30,000	62,525
2025-26	2,003,000	26	95,000 - 100,000	20,000 - 25,000	53,725

Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland (COPNI)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Commissioner Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	1,432,000	18.42	60,000 - 65,000	75,000 - 80,000	N/A
2023-24	1,464,000	16.54	75,000 - 80,000	80,000- 85,000	N/A
2024-25	1,669,000	17.53	70,000 - 75,000	60,000 - 65,000	N/A
2025-26	1,559,000	15.36	75,000 - 80,000	85,000 - 90,000	N/A

COPNI is a Corporation Sole which does not have a board.

Foras na Gaeilge (FnG)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Commissioner Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022	4,271,361	60	114,949	8,140	83,760
2023	3,576,464	60	118,575	8,140	83,760
2024	3,519,803	60	123,354	8,140	83,760
2025	3,568,183	60	128,099	8,140	83,760

Please note that all North/South Bodies operate on the calendar year. The exchange rate used to provide the Foras figures was the 2026 planning rate of €1=£0.84.

Libraries NI (LNI)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	36,166,000	511	130,000	12,858	45,150
2023-24	39,321,000	485	115,000	13,501	40,589
2024-25	37,077,000	476	120,000	13,920	34,454
2025-26	36,070,000	475	130,000	14,605	42,267

Local Government Staff Commission

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	516,038	2.9	N/A	15,808	9,600
2023-24	402,424	2.7	N/A	15,808	11,200
2024-25	418,761	2.6	N/A	15,808	7,900
2025-26	427,924	2	N/A	15,808	5,300

National Museums NI (NMNI)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	18,925,000	261	103,792	10,000	Nil
2023-24	19,645,000	273	107,904	10,500	Nil
2024-25	19,351,000	286	119,989	10,815	Nil
2025-26	23,135,000	302	123,983	11,464	Nil

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Commissioner Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	1,800,000	21.4	84,674	81,177	N/A
2023-24	1,624,000	22.42	88,908	79,237	N/A
2024-25	1,953,000	22.4	91,575	83,272	N/A
2025-26	1,897,000	24.2	88,268	91,788	N/A

NICCY is a Corporation Sole which does not have a board.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	324,018,000	3,284	140,000-145,000	30,000-35,000	119,000
2023-24	337,542,000	3,411	145,000-150,000	35,000-40,000	109,000
2024-25	344,218,000	3,470	145,000-150,000	35,000-40,000	125,000
2025-26	416,920,000	3,475	155,000-160,000	35,000-40,000	98,000

NI Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	5,900,000	80	95,000 – 100,000	14,667	50,000
2023-24	6,605,000	82	100,000 – 105,000	12,223	35,500
2024-25	7,324,000	87	105,000 – 110,000	12,888	24,250
2025-26	8,233,000	87	105,000 – 110,000	16,117	33,250

Northern Ireland Museums Council (NIMC)

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)*	CEO Remuneration (£)	Chairperson Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	282,000	4	50,000 - 55,000	Nil	Nil
2023-24	298,000	4	55,000 - 60,000	Nil	Nil
2024-25	264,000	4	55,000 - 60,000	Nil	Nil
2025-26	436,000	4	60,000 - 65,000	Nil	Nil

Sport NI

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Commissioner Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)*
2022-23	17,154,000	77	90,000 - 95,000	26,880	3,500
2023-24	18,276,000	76.4	85,000 - 90,000	26,880	3,227
2024-25	24,196,000	78.8	95,000 - 100,000	29,644	3,918
2025-26	27,505,000	71.3	95,000 - 100,000	29,644	3,918

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Ulster-Scots Agency

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Commissioner Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022	3,058,674	15.77	55,298	8,140	41,880
2023	1,999,391	15.77	63,736	8,140	41,880
2024	1,983,976	15.77	67,310	8,140	41,880
2025	2,074,774	15.77	69,932	8,140	41,880

Please note that all North/South bodies operate on the calendar year.

Ulster Supported Employment Ltd

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Staffing Levels (FTE)	CEO Remuneration (£)	Commissioner Remuneration (£)	Board Remuneration (£)
2022-23	978,391	365	80,000 – 85,000	20,000 – 25,000	10,000 – 15,000
2023-24	1,004,007	352	50,000 – 55,000	15,000 – 20,000	15,000 – 20,000
2024-25	1,295,001	318	75,000 – 80,000	15,000 – 20,000	10,000 – 15,000

The last published Annual Report and Account for USEL is 2024/25.