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Dear Daniel,

**AQW 54406/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY
LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detailed required to answer AQW 54406/22-27, the information attached at Annexes A and B has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely



**Gordon Lyons MLA
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Grants made to National Churches Trust, including churches funded by constituency, over past 5 years

*CAPITAL FUNDING

Scheme		Church	Constituency	Funding Amount
Historic Environment Fund 2021/22 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £200,000	All Saints Clooney Church, Londonderry	Foyle	£15,000.00
		St Mary's, Fivemiletown	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	£24,000.00
		Whitehead Methodist Church, Whitehead	East Antrim	£20,000.00
		St James' Parish Church, Moy	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	£30,000.00
		St Mary's, Fivemiletown	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	£10,000.00
		St. Patrick's Church, Cranagh	West Tyrone	£6,000.00
		Woodvale Methodist Church, Belfast	Belfast West	£15,000.00
		Cathedral of Saint Patrick and Saint Colman, Newry	Newry and Armagh	£40,000.00
		Ballintoy Parish Church	North Antrim	£40,000.00
Historic Environment Fund 2025/26 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £200,000		Belfast East	
		Bloomfield Presbyterian Church, Belfast		£55,000.00
		Seymour Street Methodist Church, Lisburn	Lagan Valley	£35,000.00
		Mount Merrion Parish Church, Belfast	Belfast East	£55,000.00
		Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church, Whiteabbey	East Antrim	£55,000.00
Total				£400,000

*Note: Funding was provided to NCT who in turn administered grants to churches in the above constituencies, following receipt and assessment of applications.

There was no funding provided to National Churches Trust by the Department for administering grants to churches in 2022/23, 2023/24 or 2024/25

Other Grants made to National Churches Trust, over past 5 years

**RESOURCE FUNDING

Scheme		Funding Breakdown
Historic Environment Fund 2021/22 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £30,000	• HEF Capacity Building Support including NI Places of Worship Forum, events, training and workshops - £10,000 • Admin fee associated with distribution of Capital repair grants - £20,000
Historic Environment Fund 2022/23 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £45,000	• HEF for Capacity Building Support including NI Places of Worship Forum, events, training and workshops - £15,000 • NCT Support Officer sponsorship funding increasing the capacity of the National Churches Trust to provide mentoring advice and peer support services - £30,000
Historic Environment Fund 2023/24 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £24,000	• HEF Capacity Building Support including NI Places of Worship Forum, events, training and workshops, printing and publications - £24,000
Historic Environment Fund 2024/25 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £15,000	• HEF Capacity Building Support including NI Places of Worship Forum, events, training and workshops, printing and publications - £15,000
Historic Environment Fund 2025/26 Regeneration Stream	Via National Churches Trust - £15,000	• HEF Capacity Building Support including NI Places of Worship Forum, events, training and workshops, printing and publications - £15,000
Total		£129,000