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Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister

Draft Public Assemblies, Parades and Protests Bill

Mr T Elliott asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister if they will make public the amended version of the draft Public Assemblies, Parades and Protests Bill that has been developed following the consultation process.

(AQW 2222/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister (Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness): We announced our intention to amend the draft Bill following consultation. Following analysis of the consultation responses we have not decided to proceed at this time.

Savings Programme for North-South Bodies

Mr S Gardiner asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether any savings programme has been developed with the Government of the Irish Republic for North-South bodies.

(AQW 2457/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: The need to maximise efficiency in all public bodies is particularly important in the current economic climate. The 2010 Business Plans for each of the North South Implementation Bodies and Tourism Ireland Ltd have been approved at relevant NSMC meetings and include minimum 3% cash releasing efficiency savings.

Work is underway to finalise the 2011-2013 Corporate Plans and 2011 Business Plans and budgets for each of the Bodies. These will include further minimum cash releasing efficiency savings of 3% in 2011 cumulating to 9% over the period 2012 and 2013.

In addition, the two Finance Ministers are taking forward bilateral discussions on the scope for efficiencies.

Barosso Taskforce Report

Mrs D Kelly asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister for an update on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Barosso Taskforce report.

(AQW 2966/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: The Task Force's 2008 stocktake of our European engagement offered suggestions on how we might participate more fully in the European Union and its initiatives. On receipt of the report, the Executive agreed a number of high level priorities and key actions and targets. The OFMDFM Committee was consulted on this at the time.

The key priorities were to:

- raise our positive profile throughout Europe;
- access EU funding;
- raise awareness of and encourage participation in European matters;

- promote our interests within the European Union; and
- share our experience with Europe and beyond.

Important work has been done in all these areas and we plan to publish a statement of 'European Achievements' demonstrating progress against these priorities.

We recently opened the Executive's new office in Brussels with President Barroso. We used our visit to engage politically at the highest levels, including with the President of the European Parliament, Jerzy Buzek and the Chair of the Parliament's Regional Development Committee, Danuta Hübner, as well as Commissioners Geoghegan-Quinn and Hahn.

As an indication of his renewed commitment, President Barroso announced the Task Force would continue and will visit NI early this year. This will allow officials to consider synergies between our European policy priorities and those of the Commission, especially in relation to the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Our European Working Group, chaired by Junior Ministers, will determine how we can capitalise on this expertise to create fresh opportunities for the region.

Threatened Closure of the Coastguard Headquarters in Bangor

Mr P Weir asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister what representations their Department has made, or intends to make, to the UK Government in relation to the threatened closure of the coastguard headquarters in Bangor.

(AQW 2994/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: We are very concerned about the potential closure of the only coastguard rescue centre here, the Belfast Rescue Centre, based in Bangor, and the impact on the safety of people on our coast and at sea and any associated job losses. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has launched a consultation exercise and this will run until 24 March 2011. After this, the responses received will be analysed and reviewed and a final proposal submitted to the Department for Transport. Once this process is complete, the Agency will publish its final proposals.

Whilst coastguard services are a reserved matter, we will respond to the Coastguard Modernisation Consultation. This will be our opportunity to provide information about local factors that will influence decisions by the Department for Transport.

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Back Office or Administrative Functions

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development whether she has identified any back office or administrative functions that could be pooled with counterpart Departments in Scotland and Wales so that savings could be made; and whether she has discussed this with the relevant Ministers in those regions.

(AQW 2508/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (Ms M Gildernew): My department has already transferred out a range of back office functions, including Human Resources, Finance, IT and Training. These are now delivered through a mixture of third party providers and some in-house resource which are managed and delivered as shared services for all NI Departments. DFP's Enterprise Shared Services has overall responsibility for this work programme with the objective of improving value for money of common back office functions.

My Department has no other common administrative functions that could be pooled with counterparts in Scotland and Wales and therefore I have not discussed this with the relevant Ministers.

I can assure you that I remain open to any further pooling of back office functions, should that be possible in the future. Similarly if there were to be opportunities to pool back office resources with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on a North South basis, I would be open to pursuing such an issue. My Department continues to work closely with colleagues in the south on many issues of mutual benefit.

Department of Education

Measured Term Contracts for School Maintenance

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Education to detail (i) the savings made by the Belfast Education and Library Board following its decision to introduce measured term contracts for school maintenance; and (ii) to compare its spending on school maintenance before and after the introduction of these contracts.

(AQW 2294/11)

Minister of Education (Ms C Ruane):

- (1) Thug an Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann le fios don Roinn go ndearnadh ceacht samplach luach ar airgead.
- (i) I understand that the Belfast Education and Library Board has carried out a sample value for money exercise. This exercise covered a total of 200 orders raised between 1 November 2006 and 21 April 2008. Based on this exercise the Board concluded that managed term contracts produced savings (of up to 28%) compared to the previous form of maintenance procurement (dayworks).
- The amount spent by the Education and Library Boards on maintenance in any year is based on identified need and the level of resources available; it is not dependent on or connected to the delivery methodology.
- (ii) The Belfast Education and Library Board has informed the Department that it has not increased its compliment of staff in order to process and supervise the measured term contracts for school maintenance. It has reported there has been a net reduction in staffing levels with cost savings in the region of £45,000per annum.
- (iii) (The Belfast Education and Library Board has six Measured Term Contracts (MTCs) in place using the Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT) measured term contract. The JCT Form of Contract allows the contractor to sub-contract or sub-let any order or part of an order under a domestic arrangement with the consent of the board under clause 3.2. The Board has reported that under this clause contractors have sub contracted orders or parts of orders to contractors who have carried out school maintenance work for the board prior to 2007 in their particular areas of work.

Measured Term Contracts for School Maintenance

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Education how many, if any, additional staff the Belfast Education and Library Board has employed to process and supervise the measured term contracts for school maintenance.

(AQW 2296/11)

Minister of Education:

- (2) Thug an Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann le fios don Roinn go ndearnadh ceacht samplach luach ar airgead.
- (iv) I understand that the Belfast Education and Library Board has carried out a sample value for money exercise. This exercise covered a total of 200 orders raised between 1 November 2006 and 21 April 2008. Based on this exercise the Board concluded that managed term contracts produced savings (of up to 28%) compared to the previous form of maintenance procurement (dayworks).

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- (v) The Belfast Education and Library Board has informed the Department that it has not increased its compliment of staff in order to process and supervise the measured term contracts for school maintenance. It has reported there has been a net reduction in staffing levels with cost savings in the region of £45,000per annum.
- (vi) The Belfast Education and Library Board has six Measured Term Contracts (MTCs) in place using the Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT) measured term contract. The JCT Form of Contract allows the contractor to sub-contract or sub-let any order or part of an order under a domestic arrangement with the consent of the board under clause 3.2. The Board has reported that under this clause contractors have sub contracted orders or parts of orders to contractors who have carried out school maintenance work for the board prior to 2007 in their particular areas of work.

Measured Term Contracts for School Maintenance

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Education whether the companies awarded the measured term contracts for school maintenance in the Belfast Education and Library Board area have sub-contracted any of these contracts; and if so, whether any of the sub-contractors had carried out school maintenance work in the Belfast Education and Library Broad area prior to 2007.

(AQW 2297/11)

Minister of Education:

- (3) Thug an Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann le fios don Roinn go ndearnadh ceacht samplach luach ar airgead.
- (vii) I understand that the Belfast Education and Library Board has carried out a sample value for money exercise. This exercise covered a total of 200 orders raised between 1 November 2006 and 21 April 2008. Based on this exercise the Board concluded that managed term contracts produced savings (of up to 28%) compared to the previous form of maintenance procurement (dayworks).

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Grammar Schools Visits

Mr M Storey asked the Minister of Education to detail the (i) controlled grammar schools; and (ii) voluntary grammar schools, broken down by (a) denominational; and (b) non-denominational schools, she has visited since May 2007.

(AQW 2489/11)

Minister of Education: Cuimsíonn an tábla thíos liosta de na scoileanna gramadaí rialaithe agus deonacha, idir scoileanna sainchreidmheacha agus scoileanna neamh-shainchreidmheacha, ar thug mé cuairt orthu ó mhí Bealtaine 2007.

The table below contains a list of controlled and voluntary grammar schools, broken down by denomination and non-denominational I have visited since May 2007.

Voluntary Grammar - Denominational	
St Louis Grammar School	Kilkeel
Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School	Belfast
St Malachy's College	Belfast
St Colman's College	Newry
St Dominic's High School	Belfast
St Louis Grammar School	Kilkeel
St Patricks Grammar School	Downpatrick
Our Lady's & St Patrick's College	Belfast
Friends' School	Lisburn
Abbey Christian Bothers Grammar School	Newry
Voluntary Grammar Non-Denominational	
Belfast Royal Academy	Belfast
Bangor Grammar School	Bangor
Rainey Endowed School	Magherafelt
Sullivan Upper School	Hollywood
Victoria College	Belfast
Controlled Grammar	
Down High School	Downpatrick

I also met with

Voluntary Grammar - Denominational	
Assumption Grammar School	Ballynahinch
Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School	Belfast
Dominican College	Portstewart
Loreto College	Coleraine
Loreto Grammar School	Omagh
Lumin Chrisit College	Derry
Mount Lourdes Grammar School	Enniskillen
Our Lady's Grammar School	Newry
Sacred Heart Grammar	Newry
St Columb's College	Derry
St Joseph's Grammar School	Donaghmore
St Louis Grammar School	Ballymena

Voluntary Grammar - Denominational	
St Macnissis College (now St Killian's College)	Ballymena
St Mary's Grammar School	Magherafelt
St Michael's College	Enniskillen
St Michael's Grammar	Lurgan
St Patrick's Academy School	Dungannon
St Patrick's Grammar School	Armagh
Voluntary Grammar Non-Denominational	
Ballymena Academy	Ballymena
Belfast High School	Belfast
Coleraine Academical Institution	Coleraine
Dalriada School	Ballymoney
Larne Grammar School	Larne
Portora Royal School	Enniskillen
The Royal School	Dungannon
The Royal School	Armagh
Thornhill College	Derry
Foyle & Londonderry College	Derry
Strathearn Grammar School	Belfast
Wallace High School	Lisburn

BMF Business Services

Mr S Hamilton asked the Minister of Education how much her Department, and its arms-length bodies, have spent on BMF Business Services since May 2007.

(AQW 2724/11)

Minister of Education: Seo a leanas na méideanna a chaith mo Roinn, na Boird agus na Forais ar Sheirbhísí Gnó BMF ó mhí Bealtaine 2007:

My Department, and its arms-length bodies, have spent the following amounts on BMF Business Services since May 2007:

Financial Year	07-08 £	08-09 £	09-10 £	10-11 to date £	Total £
DE	1,188.85	1,543.85	1,909.90	1,715.05	6,357.65
BELB	373.47	1,477.25	517.31	181.43	2,549.46
NEELB	0	728.95	111.63	205.63	1,046.21
SEELB	34.90	1,019.90	419.90	0	1,474.70
SELB	916.00	420.00	1,244.00	0	2,580.00
WELB	329.47	746.11	710.70	628.63	2,414.91

Financial Year	07-08 £	08-09 £	09-10 £	10-11 to date £	Total £
CCEA	898.87	5,423.95	5,422.76	1,263.13	13,008.71
CCMS	146.87	38.95	522.38	0	708.20
Totals	3,888.43	11,398.96	10,858.58	3,993.87	30,139.84

DE	Department of Education
BELB	Belfast Education & Library Board
NEELB	North Eastern Education & Library Board
SEELB	South Eastern Education & Library Board
SELB	Southern Education & Library Board
WELB	Western Education & Library Board
CCEA	Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment
CCMS	Council for Catholic Maintained Schools

The following arms-length bodies reported a nil return:

The Staff Commission for Education & Library Boards, the Youth Council and the Exceptional Circumstances Body.

Oversubscribed Schools

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Education to detail the (i) nursery schools; (ii) primary schools; and (iii) post-primary schools that were oversubscribed for the 2010/11 academic year in the East Antrim area.

(AQW 2837/11)

Minister of Education: Léiríonn eolas a thug Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Oirthuaiscirt gur seo a leanas (i) na naíscoileanna (lena n-áirítear bunscoileanna le haonaid naíscolaíochta), (ii) na bunscoileanna agus (iii) na hiarbhunscoileanna i gceantar Aontroim Thoir a raibh ró-shuibscríobh orthu don bhliain acadúil 2010/11:

Information provided by the North Eastern Education and Library Board show that the (i) nursery schools (including primary schools with nursery units), (ii) primary schools and (iii) post-primary schools that were oversubscribed for the 2010/11 academic year in the East Antrim area are as follows:

(i) Nursery Schools (including primary schools with nursery units)

- Monkstown Nursery School
- St Anthony's Nursery School
- Moyle Primary School
- Whitehead Primary School
- Linn Primary School
- Victoria Primary School
- Silverstream Primary School
- Oakfield Primary School
- St James' Primary School

- Corran Integrated Primary School
- Acorn Integrated Primary School

(ii) Primary Schools

- Carrickfergus Model Primary School
- Olderfleet Primary School
- Eden Primary School
- Greenisland Primary School
- Whiteabbey Primary School
- Whitehead Primary School
- Linn Primary School
- Toreagh Primary School
- Oakfield Primary School
- Cairncastle Primary School
- Carnlough Controlled Integrated Primary
- Acorn Integrated Primary School

(iii) Post-Primary Schools

- Downshire School
- Ulidia Integrated College
- Carrickfergus Grammar School
- Larne Grammar School
- Belfast High School

Male Teachers

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Education, to provide in tabular format (i) the number of (a) full-time; and (b) part-time male teachers who are employed in primary schools, excluding principals who do not teach, broken down by sector, in each of the last ten years; and (ii) to detail the percentage of primary school teachers that these figures represent.

(AQW 2840/11)

Minister of Education: Tá an t-eolas a iarradh sna táblaí thíos.

The information is contained in the tables below.

NUMBER OF MALE TEACHERS IN PRIMARY 1,2,3 SCHOOLS BY FULL-TIME/PART-TIME WORKING AND MANAGEMENT TYPE: 2001/02 - 2009/10

Management Type	Mode of Working	2001/02		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	579	3819	15.2%
	Part-time	8	558	1.4%

Management Type	Mode of Working	2001/02		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	829	3882	21.4%
	Part-time	10	208	4.8%
Other Maintained	Full-time	14	87	16.1%
	Part-time	0	8	0.0%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	10	71	14.1%
	Part-time	0	17	0.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	32	185	17.3%
	Part-time	1	28	3.6%
All Sectors	Full-time	1464	8044	18.2%
	Part-time	19	819	2.3%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2002/03		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	577	3945	14.6%
	Part-time	12	554	2.2%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	838	4053	20.7%
	Part-time	12	213	5.6%
Other Maintained	Full-time	20	105	19.0%
	Part-time	1	6	16.7%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	10	75	13.3%
	Part-time	0	19	0.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	34	192	17.7%
	Part-time	0	28	0.0%
All Sectors	Full-time	1479	8370	17.7%
	Part-time	25	820	3.0%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2003/04		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	565	3784	14.9%
	Part-time	9	565	1.6%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	797	3848	20.7%
	Part-time	20	262	7.6%
Other Maintained	Full-time	18	112	16.1%
	Part-time	0	7	0.0%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	17	93	18.3%
	Part-time	0	15	0.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	34	189	18.0%
	Part-time	0	31	0.0%
All Sectors	Full-time	1431	8026	17.8%
	Part-time	29	880	3.3%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2004/05		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	578	3665	15.8%
	Part-time	9	661	1.4%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	773	3769	20.5%
	Part-time	15	273	5.5%
Other Maintained	Full-time	19	113	16.8%
	Part-time	1	10	10.0%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	19	96	19.8%
	Part-time	0	22	0.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	37	200	18.5%
	Part-time	0	40	0.0%
All Sectors	Full-time	1426	7843	18.2%
	Part-time	25	1006	2.5%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2005/06		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	547	3506	15.6%
	Part-time	10	687	1.5%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	742	3610	20.6%
	Part-time	15	276	5.4%
Other Maintained	Full-time	21	118	17.8%
	Part-time	2	15	13.3%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	19	97	19.6%
	Part-time	0	26	0.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	37	207	17.9%
	Part-time	0	41	0.0%
All Sectors	Full-time	1366	7538	18.1%
	Part-time	27	1045	2.6%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2006/07		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	520	3353	15.5%
	Part-time	15	780	1.9%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	712	3472	20.5%
	Part-time	15	314	4.8%
Other Maintained	Full-time	25	126	19.8%
	Part-time	1	12	8.3%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	14	96	14.6%
	Part-time	1	23	4.3%
GM Integrated	Full-time	39	214	18.2%
	Part-time	0	42	0.0%
All Sectors	Full-time	1310	7261	18.0%
	Part-time	32	1171	2.7%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2007/08		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	508	3290	15.4%
	Part-time	14	812	1.7%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	702	3467	20.2%
	Part-time	12	309	3.9%
Other Maintained	Full-time	25	129	19.4%
	Part-time	1	12	8.3%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	15	105	14.3%
	Part-time	1	25	4.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	39	227	17.2%
	Part-time	2	46	4.3%
All Sectors	Full-time	1289	7218	17.9%
	Part-time	30	1204	2.5%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2008/09		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	495	3251	15.2%
	Part-time	16	838	1.9%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	703	3493	20.1%
	Part-time	11	309	3.6%
Other Maintained	Full-time	25	135	18.5%
	Part-time	1	14	7.1%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	15	113	13.3%
	Part-time	1	25	4.0%
GM Integrated	Full-time	41	234	17.5%
	Part-time	2	47	4.3%
All Sectors	Full-time	1279	7226	17.7%
	Part-time	31	1233	2.5%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Management Type	Mode of Working	2009/10		
		Number of male teachers	Number of teachers	% male teachers
Controlled	Full-time	486	3142	15.5%
	Part-time	17	865	2.0%
Catholic Maintained	Full-time	699	3475	20.1%
	Part-time	13	291	4.5%
Other Maintained	Full-time	24	133	18.0%
	Part-time	3	18	16.7%
Controlled Integrated	Full-time	19	128	14.8%
	Part-time	2	32	6.3%
GM Integrated	Full-time	43	227	18.9%
	Part-time	2	56	3.6%
All Sectors	Full-time	1271	7105	17.9%
	Part-time	37	1262	2.9%

Source: Teacher Payroll and Pensions Administration System

Notes to tables:

1. Individual teacher data is only available for primary schools from 2001/02 onwards.
2. Does not include preparatory departments of grammar schools.
3. Data includes both teaching and non-teaching principals.
4. Includes teachers in nursery classes.
5. Teachers employed at more than one school are counted at the school at which they work the majority of their time.
6. The teacher numbers are based on a reference week in the autumn term.
7. The following types of teacher are included:
 - a. full-time (FT) permanent teachers;
 - b. part-time (PT) permanent teachers;
 - c. temporary teachers filling vacant posts, secondments or career breaks.
8. The following teachers are excluded:
 - a. substitute teachers covering illness or other short-term absences;
 - b. peripatetic teachers.
9. Prior to 2003/04, the figures for nursery, primary, secondary (non-grammar) and special schools were extracted from the computerised teachers' payroll system, whilst the figures for grammar schools were obtained from an aggregate statistical return completed by the schools. Now, every grant-aided school is sent a list of teachers derived from the computerised teachers' payroll system, and asked to mark any amendments. This checking process was introduced from 2003/04 for nursery, primary, secondary (non-grammar) and special schools. The net effect of this change in 2003/04 was that the number of teachers as verified by schools was some 400 lower than the number of teachers extracted from the payroll system, because, for example, substitute teachers had been incorrectly recorded.
10. Prior to 2003/04 it was assumed that temporary teachers worked full-time hours.
11. In 2009/10, data on gender and date of birth of teaching staff were validated by schools.

The information provided includes all principals as it is not possible to identify from the data if a principal is a teaching or non-teaching principal.

Information is only available from 2001/02 onwards on an individual teacher level which allows analysis by gender.

Free School Meals

Mr W Humphrey asked the Minister of Education to detail the number and percentage of Year 7 pupils resident in each Neighbourhood Renewal area who were in receipt of free school meals in (i) 2005/06; (ii) 2006/07; (iii) 2007/08; (iv) 2008/09; and (v) 2009/10.

(AQW 2851/11)

Minister of Education: Tugtar eolas ar theidlíocht saorbhéilí scoile sna táblaí thíos. Ní féidir eolas a thabhairt don bhliain 2005/06 as siocair gur bailíodh eolas ar bhunscoileanna ag leibhéal comhiomlánaithe scoile roimh 2006/07.

Information on free school meals entitlement is provided in the tables below. It is not possible to provide data for 2005/06 as, prior to 2006/07, data for primary schools were collected at aggregated school level.

YEAR 7 PUPILS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSME) BROKEN DOWN BY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA (NRA) OF RESIDENCE, 2006/07

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Andersonstown	25	20.5
Armagh	19	42.2
Ballyclare	*	*
Ballymena	18	32.7
Bangor	15	41.7
Brownlow	45	44.1
Coalisland	15	48.4
Coleraine Churchlands	6	27.3
Coleraine East	23	46.9
Colin	160	56.1
Crumlin / Ardoyne	127	57.0
Downpatrick	25	39.7
Dungannon	5	45.5
Enniskillen	5	23.8
Falls / Clonard	109	51.2
Greater Shankill	100	53.8
Inner East Belfast	104	54.2
Inner North Belfast	102	62.2
Inner South Belfast	21	44.7
Ligoniel	7	41.2

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Limavady	9	40.9
Lurgan	51	40.2
Newry	74	48.7
Omagh	20	52.6
Outer North Derry	137	52.3
Outer West Belfast	45	35.4
Outer West Derry	45	45.5
Portadown North West	15	57.7
Rathcoole	27	39.1
South West Belfast	23	37.1
Strabane	51	58.6
Triax - Cityside	145	55.8
Tullycarnet	12	34.3
Upper Ardoyne / Ballysillan	12	40.0
Upper Springfield / Whiterock	131	66.8
Waterside	48	39.0

YEAR 7 PUPILS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSME) BROKEN DOWN BY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA (NRA) OF RESIDENCE, 2007/08

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Andersonstown	30	26.8
Armagh	14	25.5
Ballyclare	*	*
Ballymena	24	32.9
Bangor	19	63.3
Brownlow	56	47.1
Coalisland	20	46.5
Coleraine Churchlands	9	22.5
Coleraine East	27	45.8
Colin	179	57.6
Crumlin / Ardoyne	97	48.0
Downpatrick	34	49.3
Dungannon	7	63.6
Enniskillen	16	45.7
Falls / Clonard	82	39.4

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Greater Shankill	118	56.7
Inner East Belfast	110	44.2
Inner North Belfast	83	57.6
Inner South Belfast	28	54.9
Ligoniel	11	40.7
Limavady	11	35.5
Lurgan	40	32.3
Newry	65	48.9
Omagh	21	60.0
Outer North Derry	134	49.3
Outer West Belfast	54	39.4
Outer West Derry	56	44.4
Portadown North West	16	50.0
Rathcoole	21	26.6
South West Belfast	39	50.6
Strabane	38	45.2
Triax - Cityside	118	44.7
Tullycarnet	14	50.0
Upper Ardoyne / Ballysillan	10	33.3
Upper Springfield / Whiterock	123	58.0
Waterside	41	38.3

YEAR 7 PUPILS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSME) BROKEN DOWN BY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA (NRA) OF RESIDENCE, 2008/09

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Andersonstown	26	23.9
Armagh	31	47.7
Ballyclare	*	*
Ballymena	31	50.0
Bangor	11	36.7
Brownlow	37	32.5
Coalisland	16	50.0
Coleraine Churchlands	9	29.0
Coleraine East	17	42.5
Colin	171	53.3

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Crumlin / Ardoyne	102	49.0
Downpatrick	30	46.2
Dungannon	*	*
Enniskillen	9	27.3
Falls / Clonard	111	48.1
Greater Shankill	103	49.3
Inner East Belfast	95	44.0
Inner North Belfast	71	53.4
Inner South Belfast	32	64.0
Ligoniel	10	45.5
Limavady	16	55.2
Lurgan	42	36.8
Newry	56	37.3
Omagh	13	46.4
Outer North Derry	139	51.3
Outer West Belfast	54	45.0
Outer West Derry	67	44.7
Portadown North West	15	44.1
Rathcoole	22	31.9
South West Belfast	27	51.9
Strabane	37	47.4
Triax - Cityside	115	46.7
Tullycarnet	8	30.8
Upper Ardoyne / Ballysillan	24	52.2
Upper Springfield / Whiterock	125	60.1
Waterside	36	30.8

YEAR 7 PUPILS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSME) BROKEN DOWN BY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREA (NRA) OF RESIDENCE, 2009/10

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Andersonstown	21	18.3
Armagh	26	36.6
Ballyclare	7	53.8
Ballymena	21	42.0
Bangor	14	34.1

NRA name	Year 7 FSME pupils	% of all Year 7 in NRA
Brownlow	46	43.0
Coalisland	16	40.0
Coleraine Churchlands	9	24.3
Coleraine East	23	41.8
Colin	166	52.4
Crumlin / Ardoyne	101	53.4
Downpatrick	33	38.8
Dungannon	5	41.7
Enniskillen	8	32.0
Falls / Clonard	95	47.3
Greater Shankill	102	47.0
Inner East Belfast	104	50.7
Inner North Belfast	81	54.7
Inner South Belfast	28	52.8
Ligoniel	20	60.6
Limavady	16	69.6
Lurgan	32	33.0
Newry	50	39.7
Omagh	15	45.5
Outer North Derry	125	51.0
Outer West Belfast	45	34.9
Outer West Derry	72	56.7
Portadown North West	12	44.4
Rathcoole	25	35.7
South West Belfast	24	36.9
Strabane	48	55.8
Triax - Cityside	120	49.4
Tullycarnet	8	32.0
Upper Ardoyne / Ballysillan	15	46.9
Upper Springfield / Whiterock	110	62.9
Waterside	64	55.7

Source: School Census

‘*’ denotes fewer than 5 pupils.

Note: Figures relate to number and percentage of Year 7 children, where their residence is located within the NRAs listed.

School Maintenance in Upper Bann

Mr S Moutray asked the Minister of Education for a breakdown of the spending on maintenance in each school in Upper Bann, in each of the last three years; and to detail the current maintenance backlog, including the estimated costs for each school.

(AQW 2938/11)

Minister of Education: Mionsonraítear sna táblaí thíos miondealú ar an chaiteachas ar chothabháil i ngach scoil i dtoghcheantar na Banna Uachtaraí. Níl fáil éasca ar fhigiúirí do scoileanna deonacha gramadaí ná do scoileanna imeasctha faoi chothabháil stáit.

The breakdown of the spend on maintenance in each school in Upper Bann is detailed in the tables below. Figures for voluntary grammar and grant maintained integrated schools are not readily available.

MAINTENANCE SPEND: SCHOOLS' ESTATE - UPPER BANN IN LAST 3 YEARS

Year	Spend (£k)
2007/08	2,067,060.14
2008/09	1,292,667.59
2009/10	1,025,950.56

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE FOR LAST THREE YEARS BY SCHOOL

Period 2007/08		Period 2008/09	
School Name	Total (£)	School Name	Total (£)
Banbridge NS	40,408.36	Banbridge NS	4,343.97
Downshire NS	29,140.91	Downshire NS	1,412.84
Edenderry NS	285.41	Edenderry NS	7,769.48
Harrison NS	56,058.76	Harrison NS	2,807.80
Millington NS	3,139.41	Millington NS	19,233.03
St John The Baptist NS	10,430.32	St John The Baptist NS	4,464.08
North Lurgan NS	211.25	North Lurgan NS	745.83
Abercorn PS	17,533.20	Abercorn PS	12,001.32
Ballyoran PS	14,395.70	Ballyoran PS	38,883.27
Birches PS	49,967.44	Birches PS	12,091.49
Bleary PS	8,899.31	Bleary PS	3,004.84
Bocombra PS	6,238.34	Bocombra PS	35,305.93
Carrick PS (Lurgan)	34,633.32	Carrick PS (Lurgan)	14,055.55
Gilford PS	33,248.63	Gilford PS	2,596.19
Dickson PS (Lurgan)	62,917.13	Dickson PS (Lurgan)	6,317.75
Donacloney PS	7,877.91	Donacloney PS	12,030.48
Drumgor PS	79,563.28	Drumgor PS	31,907.64
Edenderry PS (Banbridge)	30,944.79	Edenderry PS (Banbridge)	35,031.25

Period 2007/08		Period 2008/09	
School Name	Total (£)	School Name	Total (£)
Edenderry PS (Portadown)	19,312.07	Edenderry PS (Portadown)	50,240.58
Hart Memorial PS	9,819.82	Hart Memorial PS	11,554.15
Kings' Park PS	59,385.25	Kings' Park PS	13,218.56
Lurgan Model PS	14,127.63	Lurgan Model PS	25,084.28
Maralin Village PS	928.02	Maralin Village PS	3,619.36
Millington PS	9,225.64	Millington PS	35,193.10
Milltown PS	2,476.16	Milltown PS	978.58
Moyallon PS	1,781.14	Moyallon PS	2,438.60
Richmount PS	2,892.53	Richmount PS	10,804.96
Scarva PS	4,263.57	Scarva PS	3,706.72
Tullygally PS	179,794.37	Tullygally PS	21,462.22
Waringstown PS	9,954.31	Waringstown PS	13,774.56
Presentation PS (Portadown)	10,451.43	Presentation PS (Portadown)	24,423.21
Seagoe PS	46,689.91	Seagoe PS	55,923.95
St Anthony's PS	6,123.27	St Anthony's PS	32,774.35
St Brendan's PS	235,607.11	St Brendan's PS	57,879.71
St Colman's PS (Laurencetown)	6,452.01	St Colman's PS (Laurencetown)	1,703.70
St Francis PS (Aghaderg)	4,370.27	St Francis PS (Aghaderg)	893.77
St John The Baptist PS	17,597.90	St John The Baptist PS	30,587.73
St John's PS (Gilford)	4,130.87	St John's PS (Gilford)	11,129.98
St Marys PS (Banbridge)	17,425.55	St Marys PS (Banbridge)	6,415.77
St Mary's PS (Derrymore)	8,489.28	St Mary's PS (Derrymore)	9,710.72
St Mary's PS (Derrytrasna)	26,425.86	St Mary's PS (Derrytrasna)	12,552.99
St Mary's PS (Maghery)	7,487.83	St Mary's PS (Maghery)	3,244.26
St Patrick's PS (Aghacommon)	70,585.80	St Patrick's PS (Aghacommon)	5,497.74
St Patrick's PS (Derrynaseer)	18,843.10	St Patrick's PS (Derrynaseer)	2,516.73
St Patrick's PS (Maralin)	15,090.81	St Patrick's PS (Maralin)	4,464.23

Period 2007/08		Period 2008/09	
School Name	Total (£)	School Name	Total (£)
St Teresa's PS (Lurgan)	9,645.87	St Teresa's PS (Lurgan)	6,671.19
Tannaghmore PS	25,980.14	Tannaghmore PS	9,742.47
St Francis PS (Lurgan)	46,894.10	St Francis PS (Lurgan)	49,316.13
Banbridge HS	25,675.66	Banbridge HS	35,278.21
Clounagh Junior HS	30,910.20	Clounagh Junior HS	58,407.97
Craigavon Senior HS	45,233.66	Craigavon Senior HS	21,332.46
Killicomaine Junior HS	56,512.74	Killicomaine Junior HS	33,208.54
Lurgan Junior HS	101,865.66	Lurgan Junior HS	36,805.40
Drumcree College (Portadown)	81,542.39	Drumcree College (Portadown)	75,446.04
Lismore Comprehensive School	84,242.98	Lismore Comprehensive School	70,286.12
St Mary's Girls' Junior HS (Lurgan)	67,795.15	St Mary's Girls' Junior HS (Lurgan)	27,786.96
St Patrick's (B'bridge)	32,818.82	St Patrick's (B'bridge)	38,397.80
St Paul's High (Lurgan)	38,024.19	St Paul's High (Lurgan)	40,526.37
Brownlow College	13,399.18	Brownlow College	18,084.74
Banbridge Academy	63,602.82	Banbridge Academy	41,567.33
Lurgan College	21,596.65	Lurgan College	16,516.01
Portadown College	25,694.95	Portadown College	17,496.60
Total for year 07/08	£2,067,060.14	Total for year 08/09	£1,292,667.59

Period 2009/10	
School Name	Total (£)
Banbridge NS	19,615.68
Downshire NS	2,973.85
Edenderry NS	151.97
Harrison NS	11,354.07
Millington NS	12,011.97
St John The Baptist NS	381.10
North Lurgan NS	1,208.44
Abercorn PS	13,980.50
Ballyoran PS	6,542.48
Birches PS	5,643.83
Bleary PS	1,502.52

Period 2009/10	
School Name	Total (£)
Bocombra PS	10,676.46
Carrick PS (Lurgan)	17,568.97
Gilford PS	18,387.09
Dickson PS (Lurgan)	15,066.36
Donacloney PS	6,408.55
Drumgor PS	15,440.84
Edenderry PS (Banbridge)	3,625.95
Edenderry PS (Portadown)	21,395.75
Hart Memorial PS	14,750.68
Kings' Park PS	32,959.55
Lurgan Model PS	17,631.68
Maralin Village PS	1,259.14
Millington PS	45,671.33
Milltown PS	1,359.29
Moyallon PS	1,911.24
Richmount PS	-8,643.73
Scarva PS	17,078.36
Tullygally PS	10,229.58
Waringstown PS	5,437.94
Presentation PS (Portadown)	10,510.26
Seagoe PS	11,972.88
St Anthony's PS	12,614.56
St Brendan's PS	10,116.97
St Colman's PS (Laurencetown)	37,795.76
St Francis PS (Aghaderg)	2,468.65
St John The Baptist PS	44,402.92
St John's PS (Gilford)	28,874.16
St Marys PS (Banbridge)	4,232.16
St Mary's PS (Derrymore)	12,655.95
St Mary's PS (Derrytrasna)	2,122.76
St Mary's PS (Maghery)	2,733.23
St Patrick's PS (Aghacommon)	10,615.55
St Patrick's PS (Derrynaseer)	13,451.17

Period 2009/10	
School Name	Total (£)
St Patrick's PS (Maralin)	3,532.46
St Teresa's PS (Lurgan)	4,925.90
Tannaghmore PS	32,059.51
St Francis PS (Lurgan)	8,409.43
Banbridge HS	28,134.11
Clounagh Junior HS	19,718.03
Craigavon Senior HS	12,353.12
Killicomaine Junior HS	44,638.10
Lurgan Junior HS	21,243.60
Drumcree College (Portadown)	50,078.03
Lismore Comprehensive School	63,024.78
St Mary's Girls' Junior HS (Lurgan)	9,920.61
St Patrick's (B'bridge)	22,486.41
St Paul's High (Lurgan)	52,456.10
Brownlow College	19,654.05
Banbridge Academy	22,459.97
Lurgan College	40,595.44
Portadown College	42,112.49
Total for year 09/10 -	£1,025,950.56

MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

School Name	Total
Banbridge Nursery School	£38,920.00
Downshire Nursery School	£38,790.00
Edenderry Nursery School	£35,720.00
Harrison Nursery School	£13,125.00
Millington Nursery School	£3,930.00
St John the Baptist Nursery School	£254.00
Drumnamoe Nursery School	£230.00
Abercorn Primary School	£312,298.00
Ballydown Primary School	£2,325.00
Ballyoran Primary School	£255,385.00
Birches Primary School	£44,230.00

School Name	Total
Bleary Primary School	£8,695.00
Bocombra Primary School	£63,200.00
Carrick Primary School (Lurgan)	£411,420.00
Gilford Primary School	£98,755.00
Dickson Primary School	£186,305.00
Donacloney Primary School	£73,470.00
Drumgor Primary School	£279,325.00
Edenderry Primary School (Banbridge)	£196,361.00
Edenderry Primary School (Portadown)	£323,965.00
Hart Memorial Primary School	£195,905.00
King's Park Primary School	£839,440.00
Lurgan Model Primary School	£88,690.00
Maralin Village Primary School	£1,925.00
Millington Primary School	£175,660.95
Milltown Primary School	£5,100.00
Moyallon Primary School	£12,680.00
Richmount Primary School	£29,600.00
Scarva Primary School	£26,700.00
Tullygally Primary School	£116,515.00
Waringstown Primary School	£39,425.00
Presentation Primary School	£163,135.00
Seagoe Primary School	£84,351.00
St Anthony's Primary School	£100,630.00
St Brendan's Primary School	£248,025.00
St Colman's Primary School (Bann)	£19,515.00
St Francis' Primary School (Aghaderg)	£14,755.00
St John the Baptist Primary School	£135,270.00
St John's Primary School (Gilford)	£69,120.00
St Mary's Primary School (Banbridge)	£535,925.00
St Mary's Primary School (Derrymore)	£7,340.00
St Mary's Primary School (Derrytrasna)	£11,925.00
St Mary's Primary School (Maghery)	£106,775.00
St Patrick's Primary School (Aghacommon)	£141,650.00
St Patrick's Primary School (Magheralin)	£142,420.00

School Name	Total
St Teresa's Primary School (Lurgan)	£190,440.00
Tannaghmore Primary School	£706,455.00
St Francis Primary School	£1,089,265.00
Bridge Integrated Primary School	£46,315.00
Portadown Integrated PS.	£89,600.00
Banbridge High School	£55,330.00
Clounagh Junior High School	£1,256,135.00
Craigavon Senior High School	£748,881.00
Killicomaine Junior High School	£769,725.00
Lurgan Junior High School	£1,161,950.00
Drumcree College	£668,210.00
Lismore Comprehensive	£1,674,529.00
St Mary's Girls' Junior High School	£540,052.00
St Patrick's College (Banbridge)	£480,721.00
St Paul's Junior High School (Lurgan)	£508,935.00
Brownlow College	£245,285.00
Banbridge Academy	£832,292.00
Lurgan College	£939,875.00
Portadown College	£1,410,656.00
New-Bridge Integrated College	£83,530.00
St Michael's Grammar	£1,907,165.00
Ceara Special School	£20,325.00
Donard Special School	£12,850.00
Ceara School	£27,410.00
Birches Primary Meals Kitchen	£21,570.00
St Mary's Primary School (Maghery) Meals Kitchen	£2,000.00
Bleary Primary School Meals Kitchen	£3,500.00
Carrick Primary School (Lurgan) Meals Kitchen	£23,930.00
Ceara Special Meals Kitchen	£1,100.00
Gilford Primary School Meals Kitchen	£48,750.00
Dickson Primary School Meals Kitchen	£16,495.00
Donacloney Primary School Meals Kitchen	£10,450.00
Donard Special Meals Kitchen	£100.00
Drumgor Primary Meals Kitchen	£11,470.00

School Name	Total
Edenderry Primary School Banbridge Meals Kitchen	£4,740.00
Harrison Nursery School Meals Kitchen	£800.00
King's Park Primary School Meals Kitchen	£3,650.00
Lurgan Model Primary Meals Kitchen	£22,400.00
Maralin Village Primary Meals Kitchen	£2,290.00
Scarva Primary School Meals Kitchen	£3,315.00
St Anthony's Primary Meals Kitchen	£8,250.00
St Colman's Primary School (Bann) Meals Kitchen	£1,225.00
St John's Primary School (Gilford) Meals Kitchen	£285.00
St Francis Primary School (Lurgan) Meals Kitchen	£8,485.00
St Mary's Primary School (Banbridge) Meals Kitchen	£21,685.00
St Mary's Primary School (Derrymore)	£175.00
St Mary's Primary School (Derrytrasna) Meals Kitchen	£2,310.00
St Patrick's Primary School (Aghacommon) Meals Kitchen	£2,700.00
St Teresa's Primary School (Lurgan) Meals Kitchen	£6,550.00
Tannaghmore Primary School Meals Kitchen	£6,860.00
Tullygally Primary School Meals Kitchen	£17,470.00
Waringstown Primary School Meals Kitchen	£1,300.00
Ballyoran Primary School Meals Kitchen	£49,000.00
Bocombra Primary Meals Kitchen	£2,325.00
Edenderry Primary School (Portadown) Meals Kitchen	£1,550.00
Hart Memorial Primary Meals Kitchen	£72,350.00
Millington Nursery Meals Kitchen	£385.00
Millington Primary Meals Kitchen	£13,050.00
Moyallon Primary Meals Kitchen	£1,220.00
Presentation Primary School Meals Kitchen	£8,080.00
Richmount Primary School Meals Kitchen	£5,000.00
Seagoe Primary School Meals Kitchen	£885.00
St Brendan's Primary School Meals Kitchen	£2,800.00
St Francis Primary School (Aghaderg) Meals Kitchen	£4,880.00
St John the Baptist Primary Meals Kitchen	£15,900.00
Banbridge Academy Meals Kitchen	£61,670.00
Banbridge High Meals Kitchen	£105.00
Brownlow College Meals Kitchen	£232,770.00

School Name	Total
Lurgan College Meals Kitchen	£34,290.00
Lurgan Junior High Meals Kitchen	£55,500.00
St Mary's Girls' Junior High Meals Kitchen	£74,500.00
St Patrick's College (Banbridge) Meals Kitchen	£3,095.00
St Paul's Junior High School (Lurgan) Meals Kitchen	£26,250.00
Clounagh Junior High Meals Kitchen	£336,230.00
Drumcree College Meals Kitchen	£45,380.00
Killicomaine Junior High Meals Kitchen	£48,900.00
Lismore Comprehensive Meals Kitchen	£14,520.00
Lismore Comprehensive No2 Meals Kitchen	£13,740.00
Portadown College Meals Kitchen	£5,875.00
Total	£22,549,215.95

New Builds for St Patrick's Secondary School, Banbridge and St Michael's Grammar School, Lurgan

Mrs D Kelly asked the Minister of Education for an update on the new builds for (i) St Patrick's Secondary School, Banbridge; and (ii) St Michael's Grammar School, Lurgan.

(AQW 2949/11)

Minister of Education: (i) Socraíodh san Athbhreithniú Caipitil a tharla ar na mallaibh nach raibh an Tionscadal a bhain le Coláiste Pádraig iomlán comhlíontach. Socraíodh go raibh tuilleadh measúnuithe de dhíth maidir le scóip an tionscadail mar gheall ar athbhreithniú an iarbhunoidéachais a rinne an Commission for Catholic Education (NICCE) agus mar gheall ar cheisteanna faoi líon íseal na ndaltaí a fhanann sa scoil i ndiaidh aoise 16 bliain.

- (i) The project for St Patrick's College was deemed partially compliant in the recent Capital Review because the scope of the project needed to be considered in the wider context of the Commission for Catholic Education (NICCE) review of Post-primary education and because of concerns regarding the consistently low post-16 enrolments.

Initial discussions on the capital review have taken place between DE and CCMS. However, further discussion will be necessary around the proposals which will emerge from the NICCE review and their impact on the St Patrick's capital scheme.

Given the uncertain budget position for future financial years, I cannot at this time provide a timeframe for work to commence on any new build projects, including the potential project for St Patrick's College.

- (ii) I am aware that the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools is reviewing post-primary provision in the Lurgan area and is consulting with the local community on a number of options to address future need. Currently there are no plans with my Department for a new build for St Michael's Grammar School.

Little Flower Girls' School, Belfast

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Education if there are any plans to fund a replacement boiler for the Little Flower Girls' School, Belfast, given that one boiler is out of commission.

(AQW 2988/11)

Minister of Education: Tuigfidh tú nach féidir an buiséad caipitil a leithdháiltear le haghaidh scéimeanna mionobreacha sa bhliain airgeadais seo gach scéim a bhaineann leis an Chlár um Mhionobreacha a mhaoiniú.

You will be aware that the capital budget allocated for minor works schemes this financial year will not be able to fund all of the schemes on the Minor Works Programme. Therefore, only those schemes which meet the Department's inescapable statutory requirements such as Health and Safety, Fire Protection and statutory obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act have been considered.

As funding for this financial year has been fully committed, this scheme along with other urgent priority schemes will be considered for funding in the 2011/12 financial year. I will continue to press for additional funds to address the historic underinvestment in our schools' estate.

Moderate Learning Difficulties Units

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education to detail the number of moderate learning difficulties units in primary schools in each of the last five years.

(AQW 2995/11)

Minister of Education: Tá tugtha le fios dom ag Príomhfheidhmeannaigh na mBord Oideachais agus Leabharlann go bhfuil aonaid bhunscoile le haghaidh daltaí a bhfuil deacrachtaí measartha foghlama acu ag Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann Bhéal Feirste agus ag Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Oirdheiscirt amháin agus sonraítear méid na scoileanna sin sa tábla thíos:

I have been advised by the Chief Executives of the Education and Library Boards that only the Belfast Education and Library Board and South Eastern Education and Library Board have moderate learning difficulty units in primary schools and the numbers of those are contained in the table below.

Year	Board		
	BELB	SEELB*	Total
2006/07	4	23	27
2007/08	4	23	27
2008/09	4	23	27
2009/10	4	21	25
2010/11	4	21	25

* These figures include some schools with more than one unit.

The other 3 Boards have learning support centres which cover a range of special educational needs including pupils with moderate learning difficulties, but also include other special educational needs such as severe learning difficulties, speech and language difficulties, autistic spectrum disorder, or a combination of these difficulties. As such these figures are not comparable with the table above, but are included in the table below for your information.

Year	Board			Total
	SELB*	WELB	NEELB	
2006/07	16	5	7	43
2007/08	16	5	7	44
2008/09	16	5	7	44
2009/10	18	5	7	46
2010/11	18	5	7	46

* The SELB has in excess of 31 learning support classes attached to these schools.

Religious Background of Teachers and Classroom Assistants

Mr J Craig asked the Minister of Education to provide a breakdown of the religious background of (i) teachers; and (ii) classroom assistants in each sector, broken down by Education and Library Board area. **(AQW 3036/11)**

Minister of Education: Ón tráth ar bunaíodh reachtaíocht um chóir fhostaíochta sa bhliain 1976, bhí fostaíocht na múinteoirí saor ón chosaint a thugtar in aghaidh idirdhealaithe ar fhoras chreidimh. Mar gheall air seo, níl an t-eolas a iarradh, ar chúlra chreideamh na múinteoirí, ar fáil.

Since the inception of fair employment legislation in 1976, the recruitment of teachers has been exempt from protection against discrimination on the grounds of religious belief. The requested information on the religious background of teachers is therefore not available.

The Chief Executives of the Education and Library Boards have provided a breakdown of the religious background of classroom assistants and this is outlined below:

CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS

ELB	Protestant	Catholic	Non-Determined	Total
BELB	693	757	61	1511
NEELB	919	487	54	1460
SEELB	809	489	224	1522
SELB	819	1325	40	2184
WELB	466	933	49	1448
Total	3706	3991	428	8125

Please note that these tables do not include classroom assistants working in the Voluntary Grammar/Grant Maintained Integrated sectors.

Stage 3 Special Educational Needs

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Education how many children in post-primary mainstream education, in each of the last five academic years, were assessed as having Stage 3 Special Educational Needs, broken down by Education and Library Board area. **(AQW 3039/11)**

Minister of Education: Tá an t-eolas a iarradh sa tábla thíos.

The information requested is contained in the table below.

POST PRIMARY PUPILS RECORDED AT STAGE 3 OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CODE OF PRACTICE, BY EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD, 2006/07 – 2010/11

Year	ELB					Total
	Belfast	Western	North Eastern	South Eastern	Southern	
2006/07	634	538	467	688	575	2,902
2007/08	694	497	550	644	595	2,980
2008/09	748	532	549	692	589	3,110
2009/10	779	662	676	727	601	3,445
2010/11	787	651	631	765	528	3,362

Source: School census

Note: 1. Figures exclude pupils in special schools and special units in mainstream schools.

Literacy Teaching and Support Service

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Education, in (i) each of the last five academic years; and (ii) the 2010/11 academic year to date, how many children in post-primary mainstream education were withdrawn from class to receive additional literacy teaching by the Literacy Teaching and Support Service, as a result of having Stage 3 Special Educational Needs, broken down by Education and Library Board area.

(AQW 3040/11)

Minister of Education: Tá tugtha le fios dom ag Príomhfheidhmeannaigh na mBord Oideachais agus Leabharlann gur tugadh teagasc breise litearthachta do dhaltaí. Seo a leanas na figiúirí a bhaineann le gach bliain le cúig bhliana anuas agus gach ceantar ELB maidir le líon na ndaltaí a fuair an teagasc breise sin.

I am advised by the Chief Executives of the Education and Library Boards that the following number of pupils received additional literacy teaching in each of the last five academic years in each ELB area:

	BELB	NEELB	SELB	WELB	SEELB1
2006-2007	211	0	69	0	34
2007-2008	214	0	25	0	25
2008-2009	206	0	27	0	43
2009-2010	210	0	13	0	64
2010-Present	Not available	59	0	0	47

Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB)

The Board uses a time allocation of specialist teaching support from St Gerard's Educational Resource Centre and Park School Outreach Learning Support to target literacy difficulties. Following assessment schools prioritise the children in greatest need to receive the service and identify in liaison with the service the best model of service delivery. Priority is given to those children who have statements of special educational needs and, while much support is delivered by the children being withdrawn from class, some children may be assessed as benefiting more from in-class support.

North Eastern Education and Library Board (NEELB)

At Stage 3 of the Code of Practice on the identification and Assessment of Special Educational Need the NEELB Literacy Teaching Support Service (LTSS) usually provides advice and support to post primary schools to enable teachers to develop and manage effective literacy interventions with pupils who are identified with severe literacy difficulties and/or dyslexia. This form of intervention does not involve the withdrawal of a pupil from a class by an LTSS teacher.

Since September 2010 pupils in post primary schools may be withdrawn for LTSS direct teaching where:

a pupil has been identified by an educational psychologist and referred to the LTSS in Year 7 but has not received direct teaching on transfer to post primary school. In these circumstances he or she is given one term of direct teaching, followed by two terms of advice and support to the school. The direct teaching takes the form of withdrawing the pupil from class for one session per week. This is an enhancement of the service previously provided.

Southern Education and Library Board (SELB)

Within the SELB's Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) Service the focus of intervention at post-primary level relates to meeting the needs of pupils by promoting capacity building at school-based level. This involves enhancement of teaching skills in relation to specific literacy difficulty and less emphasis on direct teaching.

The reduction in numbers of pupils receiving direct teaching in post-primary schools in the SELB area is reflective of the decrease in referrals to the SpLD service from post-primary schools.

Western Education and Library Board (WELB)

As the focus of the work of the WELB Learning Support Service is to support pupils at Stage 3 of the Code of Practice, with literacy difficulties in Years 4 – Year 7 in an effort to address their identified literacy needs at the earliest possible stage, the WELB does not currently withdraw pupils from class in post primary settings for individual support. The WELB however, offers advisory support and training to school staff to assist them in meeting the special educational needs of these pupils.

South Eastern Education and Library Board (SEELB)

The SEELB delivers additional teaching in relation to SpLD at Stage 3 of the Code of Practice to a number of post-primary pupils. I understand from the Chief Executive of the SEELB that although a proportion of these children will be withdrawn from class in order to receive additional teaching, the Board is not able to detail the number of such pupils.

Literacy Teaching and Support Service

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Education (i) why the Literacy Teaching and Support Service has been withdrawn from pupils in post-primary mainstream education; and (ii) for her assessment on the impact this reduction in service provision will have on pupils' current and future educational needs.

(AQW 3041/11)

Minister of Education: Tá tugtha le fios dom ag Príomhfheidhmeannaigh Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann Bhéal Feirste, Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Deiscirt, Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Iarthair agus Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Oirdheiscirt nár baineadh Seirbhísí Tacaíochta le haghaidh Teagasc Litearthachta d' iarbhunscoileanna an ghnáthoideachais.

I am advised by the Chief Executives of the Belfast Education and Library Board, Southern Education and Library Board, Western Education and Library Board and South Eastern Education and Library Board, that the Literacy Teaching Support Services have not been withdrawn in post-primary schools in mainstream education.

The Chief Executive of the North Eastern Education and Library Board (NEELB) has advised that Literacy Teaching and Support Service (LTSS) in the NEELB is providing an enhanced service to the post primary sector. At Stage 3 of the Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Special Educational Needs the NEELB Literacy Teaching Support Service usually provides advice and support to post primary schools to enable teachers to develop and manage effective literacy interventions with pupils who are identified with severe literacy difficulties and/or dyslexia. This form of intervention does not involve the withdrawal of a pupil from a class by an LTSS teacher.

Since September 2010 however, pupils in post primary schools may be withdrawn for LTSS direct teaching if a pupil has been identified by an educational psychologist and referred to the LTSS in Year 7 but has not received direct teaching on transfer to post primary school. In these circumstances he or she is given one term of direct teaching, followed by two terms of advice and support to the school. The direct teaching takes the form of withdrawing the pupil from class for one session per week. This is an enhancement of the service previously provided.

As provision of literacy support services has not been reduced there is no consequential impact on pupils' educational needs.

Vacant School Buildings

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education South to detail each of the vacant school buildings in the South Eastern Education and Library Board area.

(AQW 3053/11)

Minister of Education: Maidir leis an eastát scoile agus scoileanna rialaithe, is leis an SEELB na foirgnimh seo a leanas a bhí in úsáid mar scoileanna agus atá folamh go fóill.

Within the controlled schools estate, still in the ownership of SEELB, the following former school buildings are currently vacant:

- Ravarnette PS, Legacurry Road, Ravarnette
- Charley Memorial PS, 141 Ballyskeagh Road, Drumbeg
- Drumbo PS, 4 Back Road, Drumbo
- Hillhall PS, 33 Orr's Lane, Lisburn
- Hilden IPS, 4 Bridge Street, Hilden
- Kindle IPS, 83 Commons Road, Ballykinlar
- Lisnasharragh HS, Stirling Avenue, Belfast
- Newtownbreda PS, School Road, Newtownbreda
- Lambeg PS, 6 Tullynacross Road, Lisburn
- Ballinderry PS, 1A Crumlin Road, Lower Ballinderry
- Brookfield Special School, 6 Halfpenny Gate Road, Moira
- Newport PS, 117 Culcavey Road, Hillsborough
- Killard House Special School, North Road, Newtownards
- Drumaghlis PS, 7 Drumaghlis Road, Crossgar – a non-catholic maintained school – title still held by DE

Former catholic maintained schools in the South Eastern Board area which have closed over the last number of years are:

- Guinness PS, Ballynahinch
- St Aidan's HS, Glenavy
- St Mary's PS, Ballygowan

Lisanelly Shared Educational Campus, Omagh

Mr A Bresland asked the Minister of Education how much has been spent on the development of the Lisanelly Shared Educational Campus, Omagh, in each of the last two financial years.

(AQW 3129/11)

Minister of Education: Seo a leanas an méid sin airgid a caitheadh ar fhorbairt an Chomhchampas Oideachais Lisanelly, ar an Ómaigh, ón bhliain airgeadais 2008/09:

The spend on the development of the Lisanelly Shared Educational Campus, Omagh, since the 2008/09 financial year is as follows;

	2008/09 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 (up to 30 November 2010) £000s	Total £000s
Amount	£110	£114	£1,321	£1,545

Eligibility for Transport Assistance

Mr C Lyttle asked the Minister of Education whether it is possible to extend the eligibility for transport assistance to include pupils with dyslexia attending non grant-aided schools, who do not have a statement of Special Educational Needs, but require additional specialist support.

(AQW 3146/11)

Minister of Education: Cuireann an disléicse isteach ar pháistí ar bhealaí difriúla. Bíonn réimse deacrachtaí i gceist a chuimsíonn fadhbanna leis an léamh, leis an scríobh, leis an litriú nó le huimhreacha agus ciallaíonn seo go mbíonn freagra difriúil i gceist i ngach cás, maidir leis an tacaíocht bhreise a thugtar.

Dyslexia affects children differently. They may have a range of difficulties from mild to severe in reading, writing, spelling or manipulating numbers and therefore each case requires a different response in terms of the need for additional support. It is only in severe cases where children can become very frustrated and have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties, that separate transport would be considered necessary. This would currently be reflected in their statement. I therefore do not consider a change in policy is required.

Nursery School Places

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education how many nursery school places were available in the North Down area in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3153/11)

Minister of Education: Sonraítear sa tábla thíos méid na n-áiteanna reachtúla naíscoile atá ar fáil i dtoghcheantar an Dúin Thuaidh.

The statutory nursery school places available in North Down are as detailed in the attached table. The number of applications detailed includes those in respect of children in their final pre-school year (who are the target of the provision) and those in their penultimate pre-school year.

	Nursery Places Available	Total Applications
2010/11 School Year	468	866
2009/10 School Year	468	809
2008/09 School Year	468	722
2007/08 School Year	468	875
2006/07 School Year	494	912

Nursery School Places

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education how many applications were received for nursery school places in the North Down area in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3154/11)

Minister of Education: Sonraítear sa tábla thíos méid na n-áiteanna reachtúla naíscoile atá ar fáil i dtoghcheantar an Dúin Thuaidh.

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Free School Meal Uptake

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education to detail the current level of free school meal uptake among primary school children in each primary school, in the North Down constituency.

(AQW 3159/11)

Minister of Education: Athraíonn líon na ndaltaí a mbíonn béilí scoile acu ar bhonn seachtainiúil.

Ach tugann an t-eolas atá bailithe ag an Móraireamh um Béilí Scoile pictiúr dúinn faoi líon na ndaltaí a mbíonn béilí scoile acu ar an lá a dhéantar an Móraireamh. Seo a leanas na figiúirí ón Mhóraireamh 2009 a bhaineann le daltaí bunscoile ó thoghcheantar an Dún Thuaidh agus is iad na figiúirí is déanaí atá ar fáil.

The number of children taking school meals varies from week to week. However, information collected annually from the School Meals Census provides a snapshot of the numbers taking meals on the day on which census information is gathered. The most recent figures available, for primary school pupils in the North Down constituency, taken from the 2009 census, were as follows:

School Name	Pupils Entitled to Free School Meals	Uptake of Free School Meals	% Uptake of Free School Meals
Ballyvester PS	3	2	67
Hollywood PS	24	15	63
Crawfordsburn PS	18	16	89
Ballyholme PS	19	11	58
Donaghadee PS	45	17	38
Clandeboye PS	28	23	82
Millisle PS	27	15	56
Redburn PS	16	10	63
Bloomfield PS	111	60	54
Grange Park PS	15	13	87
Kilcooley PS	75	45	60
Rathmore PS	22	18	82
Towerview PS	26	20	77
Kilmaine PS	23	15	65
Balllymagee PS	20	9	45
St Patrick's PS	6	2	33

School Name	Pupils Entitled to Free School Meals	Uptake of Free School Meals	% Uptake of Free School Meals
St Anne's PS	5	4	80
St Comgall's PS	7	3	43
St Malachy's PS	76	54	71
Bangor Central PS	106	65	61
Glencraig Integrated PS	6	3	50
Glenlola Collegiate	3	3	100
Connor House	0	0	0
Sullivan Upper School	1	1	100

Rainey Endowed School, Magherafelt

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of Education for an update on the new build project for the Rainey Endowed School, Magherafelt.

(AQW 3161/11)

Minister of Education: Cuireadh san áireamh le Clár Caipitil na Roinne 2004 mórthionscadal caipitil le haghaidh Rainey Endowed School. Soláthar airgid ón PPP a bhí i gceist leis an tionscadal seo a fhorbairt ach níor fóraíodh an tionscadal seo ar chúiseanna eacnamaíochta agus ceapadh é mar thionscadal “coinbhinsiúnach” i mí Mheán Fómhair 2009.

A major capital project for Rainey Endowed School was included in the Department's 2004 Capital Programme. It was to be taken forward under PPP procurement but this did not materialise for economic reasons and the project was re-designated as “conventional” in September 2009.

Following the recent review of capital projects Rainey Endowed was deemed to be fully compliant, however, planning of the project has not yet commenced.

In accordance with the Guide to Expenditure Appraisal and Evaluation, the Economic Appraisal (EA) for Rainey Endowed School must be updated before project implementation could potentially begin. The EA will therefore, be updated by DE officials early in 2011. In the interim the Project Manager will continue to prepare procurement documentation for the appointment of a Design Team.

As you are aware, the severe constraints on the capital budget are also impacting on the rate at which we can take forward the school building programme.

Primary School Children in the Process of being Statemented

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education how many primary school children are currently in the process of being statemented in the South Eastern Education and Library Board area.

(AQW 3207/11)

Minister of Education: Tá tugtha le fios dom ag Príomhfheidhmeannach Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Oirdheiscirt go bhfuil 19 dalta ag an chéim atá molta le measúnú ráitis a dhéanamh agus tá 45 dalta eile a bhfuil measúnú reachtúil á dhéanamh orthu faoi láthair.

I am advised by the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Education and Library Board that there are 19 pupils at the proposed statement stage whilst a further 45 pupils are currently undergoing statutory assessment.

Moderate Learning Difficulties

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education, for each of the last three years, to detail the number of primary school children who have been statemented as having moderate learning difficulties, in the South Eastern Education and Library Board area, who do not attend moderate learning difficulties units. **(AQW 3210/11)**

Minister of Education: Tá tugtha le fios dom ag Príomhfheidhmeannach Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Oirdheiscirt na sonraí seo a leanas:

I have been advised by the Chief Executive of the South Eastern Education and Library Board that the numbers are as follows:

2007/08	19 pupils
2008/09	24 pupils
2009/10	25 pupils

Department of the Environment

Brooke Park Masterplan

Mr R McCartney asked the Minister of the Environment to outline the car park requirements of the Brooke Park Masterplan and whether it is necessary for the proposed car park to be located at the boundary of the leisure centre at the Brooke Park site in Derry. **(AQW 3008/11)**

Minister of the Environment (Mr E Poots): My Department is not responsible for policy and legislation in relation to recreational facilities provided by district councils and has no knowledge or information concerning Derry City Council's proposed Masterplan for Brooke Park. You may wish to contact the Council directly regarding this matter.

Proposed Plastic Bag Tax

Mr G Savage asked the Minister of the Environment for her assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Plastic Bag Tax on small and medium sized convenience stores. **(AQW 3188/11)**

Minister of the Environment: I am considering the most appropriate mechanism for implementing a levy to cover single use bags. However, as a levy would require retailers to charge for single use bags, the potential impacts are likely to be associated with the need for:

- (i) tills to be programmed to itemise a levy;
- (ii) staff awareness training on the operation of a levy;
- (iii) record keeping in relation to carrier bags purchased for accounting and audit purposes.

Areas of Townscape Character, Belfast

Mr C Lyttle asked the Minister of the Environment what impact the sole objection to Areas of Townscape Character in Belfast is having on planning policy decisions in areas designated as potential Areas of Townscape Character. **(AQW 3225/11)**

Minister of the Environment: There are 53 proposed Areas of Townscape Character (ATC) contained within the draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (BMAP) all of which are the subject of objection. 26 of these proposed ATCs are the subject of one objection only. Given that these ATCs are proposed within

a draft plan which remains to be finalised and have been the subject of public objection heard before a Public Inquiry, my Department is unable to apply prevailing regional planning policy for ATCs which is currently set out in an Addendum to PPS 6: Planning, Archaeology and the Built Heritage published in August 2005. However notwithstanding this, I would point out the proposed designation of any ATC in a development plan is also accompanied by a Direction Order which introduces control over the demolition of unlisted buildings in these areas. Importantly, various appeal decisions have held that under PPS 7: Quality Residential Environments, the demolition of a building(s) within a draft ATC is a material consideration in the determination of a planning application for residential development if it is judged that the proposal, when balanced against the existing building(s), would result in unacceptable damage or harm to an area's townscape character or appearance. Such control therefore assists in protecting proposed ATCs from damaging demolition of existing property.

In addition, I would point out that urban design issues together with the quality of new development are important material considerations in the determination of any planning application, but particularly in areas of distinctive townscape character such as draft ATCs. Policy advice on these matters is set out in paragraphs 15-22 of PPS 1: General Principles.

Finally, under the provisions of the Joint Ministerial Statement (Jan 2005) my Department may also consider the issue of prematurity for development schemes in a proposed ATC, where it is considered that these would prejudice the outcome of the plan process.

Department of Finance and Personnel

Rates Rebates

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel to detail (i) the number of rates rebates valued at £10,000 or more that have been awarded in each of the last 10 years; (ii) the individual value of each specific award and the sum total of all awards; (iii) who they were awarded to; and (iv) whether the individuals receiving the rebates were commercial businesses or private individuals, broken down by district council area.

(AQW 2967/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel (Mr S Wilson): The question has been clarified as referring to refunds issued on rates overpaid. Such refunds can arise for a number of reasons, including:

- A ratepayer moves from a property during the year, having paid the year's rates as a lump sum at the beginning of the year;
- The ratepayer becomes eligible for benefits or reliefs that reduce the rates owed, after the rates have been paid by the ratepayer; and
- The valuation of a property is reduced, leading to a recalculation of a rate bill.

Land & Property Services (LPS) has reviewed the records that it holds, and has also considered the provisions of the Data Protection Act, in providing the information below.

LPS is able to provide details of refund amounts relating to specific occupancies from 01 April 2009. A summary of the number of properties in receipt of refunds greater than £10,000 and the total value of these refunds is provided in the table below:

	2009-10	1 Apr 2010 to 2 Jan 2011
Total Refunds over £10,000	£25,674,690	£8,658,241
Number of Properties	425	220
Average per Property	£60,411	£39,356
Minimum Refund	£10,017	£10,045
Maximum Refund	£2,349,363	£445,126

LPS' systems are not structured to provide information on individual refunds paid prior to 01 April 2009.

LPS cannot provide detail of individual ratepayers to whom refunds have been paid as disclosure of the names of individuals would be in contravention of the Data Protection Act 1998. The listing of the value of each individual refund paid out would be of little value. The table above shows the minimum, maximum and average values for refunds paid out against specific properties.

The following table provides the value of refunds against properties greater than £10,000 by sector for each District Council:

Amount Total	2009-10			1 April 2010 to 2 January 2011		
	Domestic	Non-Domestic	Total	Domestic	Non-Domestic	Total
Totals	£281,460	£25,393,230	£25,674,690	£29,434	£8,628,808	£8,658,241
Antrim	£12,485	£2,632,146	£2,644,631	£0	£251,859	£251,859
Ards	£0	£167,323	£167,323	£0	£171,344	£171,344
Armagh	£0	£583,665	£583,665	£0	£171,284	£171,284
Ballymena	£0	£1,623,036	£1,623,036	£0	£167,500	£167,500
Ballymoney	£0	£45,208	£45,208	£0	£340,480	£340,480
Banbridge	£0	£67,537	£67,537	£0	£33,258	£33,258
Belfast	£10,844	£8,057,724	£8,068,568	£29,434	£3,861,846	£3,891,280
Carrickfergus	£0	£76,539	£76,539	£0	£40,491	£40,491
Castlereagh	£0	£374,338	£374,338	£0	£238,502	£238,502
Coleraine	£0	£544,788	£544,788	£0	£75,158	£75,158
Cookstown	£0	£178,048	£178,048	£0	£27,247	£27,247
Craigavon	£0	£737,155	£737,155	£0	£331,948	£331,948
Derry	£0	£937,898	£937,898	£0	£755,012	£755,012
Down	£0	£492,664	£492,664	£0	£35,767	£35,767
Dungannon & S.Tyrone	£0	£286,891	£286,891	£0	£67,098	£67,098
Fermanagh	£0	£556,097	£556,097	£0	£331,339	£331,339
Larne	£0	£98,763	£98,763	£0	£46,023	£46,023
Limavady	£258,131	£1,578,000	£1,836,131	£0	£0	£0
Lisburn	£0	£1,688,046	£1,688,046	£0	£288,448	£288,448
Magherafelt	£0	£45,467	£45,467	£0	£76,508	£76,508
Moyle	£0	£92,204	£92,204	£0	£0	£0
Newry & Mourne	£0	£1,549,082	£1,549,082	£0	£492,176	£492,176
Newtownabbey	£0	£1,021,264	£1,021,264	£0	£98,326	£98,326
North Down	£0	£967,675	£967,675	£0	£531,632	£531,632
Omagh	£0	£589,511	£589,511	£0	£195,563	£195,563
Strabane	£0	£402,160	£402,160	£0	£0	£0

Figures may not total exactly due to roundings

Current Budget Process

Ms D Purvis asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel, given the short consultation time and lack of detailed information, for his assessment as to whether the current budget process meets basic standards of good practice, in providing Assembly Members and the public sufficient time and information to adequately scrutinize and respond to the draft Budget 2011-15.

(AQW 3375/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: Departments were encouraged to engage with their key stakeholders in developing Budget 2010 spending proposals and should have discussed the contents of their Savings Delivery Plans with the groups that are expected to be most affected by them. A very clear directive was also given when the Budget was announced on 15th December that details of departments budgets should be published on their respective websites within a week of the Budget announcement.

Ideally, a longer consultation period would be preferable but this eight week period was dictated by the binding time constraints confronting the Executive in seeking to produce a final budget for 2011-15 before the dissolution of the Assembly.

From my perspective, I began a pre-consultation process last summer with key stakeholders on the budget process. This consultation is ongoing. I am anxious to ensure that the wider budget process and the planned allocations to departments are analysed and considered as widely as possible.

As Finance Minister I can only remind those Ministers, whose departments have not provided detail, of their responsibilities to the Executive. I might also remind them of the media scrutiny that this Budget process is under and that questions have already been asked regarding the lack of information made available publicly by individual departments.

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Specialist Neurological Beds at the Royal Victoria Hospital

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, to date, how many letters of concern have been received by (i) the Belfast Trust; and (ii) his Department regarding the closure of specialist neurological beds at the Royal Victoria Hospital; and how many of these were from Health Service employees.

(AQW 3183/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (Mr M McGimpsey): My Department received 11 letters directly related to the reduction in neurology beds at the Royal Victoria Hospital. None of these were received from individuals identifying themselves as Health Service employees. Each letter has been dealt with appropriately.

I am aware that the Belfast Trust has received a number of letters and Freedom of Information requests in respect of the provision of neurology beds. For further details on the number and nature of these requests, I suggest you contact the Belfast Trust directly.

Trade Union Representatives

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many Trade Union representatives, within his Department and Arms-Length Bodies, are currently paid to carry out their Trade Union duties full time or part time; (ii) to list which Unions they represent; (iii) how much each person receives; and (iv) how much this has cost in total in each of the last five financial years.

(AQW 3184/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: In my Department one full-time official Trade Union representative (Departmental Secretary) is currently paid to carry out official trade union duties. A number of local representatives also undertake Trade Union business on a part-time basis under an

internal Facilities Agreement; this is also undertaken at my Department's expense. The number of trade union representatives in my Department's seventeen Arms-Length Bodies is dependant on the size and location of the unions' membership and the expected workload associated with the role. Details of the number of accredited trade union representatives in the Arms-Length Bodies are not held centrally and could only be obtained at a disproportionate cost.

NIPSA; British Dietetic Association; British Orthoptic Society; Chartered Society of Physiotherapy; Royal College of Midwives; Royal College of Nursing; Society of Radiographers; Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians; UNISON; British Medical Association; British Dental Association; UNITE; General Municipal & Boilermakers Union; Transport & General Worker's Union; The Society of Chiropodists; The Association of Clinical Biochemists; and The Fire Brigade Union.

The current full-time trade union official in my Department is EO1 Grade. The current EO1 salary range is £21,826 - £26,086; I am unable to disclose the actual salary in payment as this would be in breach of the Data Protection Act. Trade union representatives in my Department's seventeen Arms-Length Bodies receive their normal rate of pay while undertaking accredited trade union activities.

Data Protection legislation prevents me from disclosing the actual salary for the one full-time trade union official in my Department. Costs associated with local representative trade union activity in my Department are not available. Details on the level of spending in the last five years by my Department's seventeen Arms-Length Bodies for accredited trade union representation is not held centrally and could only be obtained at a disproportionate cost.

Marriage Support Services

Mr C Lyttle asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what funding he has allocated to organisations providing marriage support services in each of the last three years; and what funding he plans to allocate in the future.

(AQW 3195/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: In the last three years my Department has awarded core funding for central administrative costs to two organisations that provide marriage support services as detailed below.

Organisation	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Relate NI	£213,289	£218,622	£218,622
Accord	£85,024	£87,150	£87,150

It will not be possible to confirm what, if any funding these organisations will receive in 2011/12 until I have been able to confirm my Department's budget.

In addition to the funding identified above, I have, through my Departments family and parenting strategy – Families Matter, made available £210k Children and Young Peoples funding recurrently to the Health and Social Care Board for family mediation services, that support couples through the separation process.

Attempted Suicide

Mr C Lyttle asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to outline the procedures in place when a person presents at hospital (i) after an attempted suicide; and (ii) with evidence of self-harm; and what further support is offered after these patients are discharged.

(AQW 3222/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: When someone presents in hospital after an attempted suicide or having self harmed they are assessed and treated medically in the first instance. When they are deemed to be fit for a mental health assessment they are referred - either for an urgent

assessment that day, or for low risk patients, or those unwilling to wait for a mental health assessment, given a next day mental health appointment through the “Card before you leave” scheme.

Post assessment patients are offered services according to their assessed needs.

For those with a mental illness services available include; mental health in patient treatment; home treatment; day hospital; community mental health social work or nursing services; psychology; psychological therapies; and / or treatment by their GP. They may also be referred to or provided with information about specialist services contracted by Trusts from Independent Sector providers.

Those deemed to have an addiction problem are offered referral to Addictions Services.

Department of Justice

Convictions and Fixed Penalties for Speeding

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice to detail the number of convictions and fixed penalties for speeding, in each of the last five years, as a result of (i) fixed cameras; and (ii) hand-held speed cameras by PSNI officers.

(AQW 2517/11)

Minister of Justice (Mr D Ford): Table 1 below gives the number convicted at court for speeding offences by parliamentary constituency. Court conviction data do not contain background information in relation to offences committed and it is therefore not possible to determine the method by which the offence was detected.

Data cover the calendar years 2002 to 2006 (the latest year for which figures are currently available) and are collated on the principal offence rule; only the most serious offence for which an offender is convicted is included.

Table 2 gives the number of detections for excess speed by the Northern Ireland Safety Camera Scheme in each of the financial years 2005/06 to 2009/10, while Table 3 gives the number of officer issued fixed penalty tickets for excess speed broken down by police District Command Unit for the same period. Fixed penalty information is not collated on the basis of parliamentary constituency.

PSNI currently have 83 hand held radar speed measuring devices and 199 LASER devices, 6 of which are currently being used in the safety camera vans. Only those 6 which are currently being used in safety camera vehicles are linked to video recording equipment.

TABLE 1: NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS FOR SPEEDING OFFENCES BY PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY¹, 2002-2006

Parliamentary Constituency	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Belfast East	106	101	161	118	82
Belfast North	92	90	139	100	71
Belfast South	149	157	199	150	129
Belfast West	72	82	101	73	70
East Antrim	148	106	158	105	101
East Londonderry	140	176	144	180	165
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	116	133	83	72	161
Foyle	136	144	112	167	109
Lagan Valley	176	192	200	175	122

Parliamentary Constituency	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mid Ulster	126	165	126	144	203
Newry and Armagh	169	174	126	124	154
North Antrim	239	235	176	134	132
North Down	206	137	197	105	115
South Antrim	183	133	177	156	121
South Down	159	154	205	162	152
Strangford	176	133	177	133	104
Upper Bann	161	110	105	69	87
West Tyrone	142	166	107	118	166
Missing ²	705	618	561	396	400
Total	3401	3206	3254	2681	2644

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Source: Department of Justice

TABLE 2: NUMBER OF DETECTIONS FOR EXCESS SPEED BY THE NORTHERN IRELAND SAFETY CAMERA SCHEME, 2005/06-2009/10

Year	Mobile cameras	Fixed cameras	Total
2005/06	9586	2869	12455
2006/07	9732	3485	13217
2007/08	12102	3767	15869
2008/09	14426	2728	17154
2009/10	20396	2364	22760

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The figures for motorists detected by the average speed cameras (SPECS) are included with the figures for Mobile detections.

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	Larne DCU	206	151	172	86	156
	Moyle DCU	121	15	118	73	185
	Total	1651	1503	1885	1304	1810
	Not recorded	0	3	1	12	51
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(AQW 2518/11)

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Court Service Case Number 10/111192

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice, pursuant to AQW 2236/11, how the estimated figure of £10,000 for defence legal aid was reached in view of the composite fee system.
(AQW 2773/11)

Minister of Justice: The legal aid bill in respect of case number 10/111192 has not yet been submitted to the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission to be assessed. Estimated legal aid costs were derived from court records, the relevant remuneration arrangements and the Legal Service Commission's experience. The estimated costs reflect the following:

- a. the cost of providing legal advice and assistance at the police station;
- b. the costs associated with this case at the Magistrates Court which are governed by the Magistrates' Court and County Court Appeals (Criminal Legal Aid) (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009. These rules prescribe a set fee for attendance at a preliminary hearing and, where relevant, payment for travel time and mileage.
- c. the costs of the Crown Court case which are prescribed by the Legal Aid for Crown Court Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005. These Rules provide a standard fee system which includes a Basic Trial Fee for Crown Court work. Where the matter is contested, the fee applied takes account of the class of offence, which in this instance was one of theft. The Rules also provide for other court attendances as appropriate to the case and also includes an element of travel and mileage, as appropriate, for both solicitor and counsel.

The estimated costs provided in the table below are inclusive of VAT and allow for costs which may have been incurred which are not visible from the court records including potential disbursements.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

Nature of legal aid	£'s (inc VAT)
1 Advice at police station (PACE)	£250
2 Magistrates court appearance	
Trial Fee	£820
Travel Allowances	£150
Other disbursements (for example Translation Services/ Interpretation Costs)	£530
Total	£1,500
3 Crown Court	
Trial Fees (Sol and Counsel)	£4475
Pre-Trial Appearances	£652
Travel Allowances	£458
Other Disbursements	£2665
	£8, 250
Total	£10,000

I will provide the actual figures to the Member once they are available.

Department for Regional Development

Upper Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus

Mr D Hilditch asked the Minister for Regional Development why, given its treacherous condition, the Upper Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus was not closed during the recent adverse weather conditions. **(AQW 2742/11)**

Minister for Regional Development (Mr C Murphy): I can advise the Member that, in such severe circumstances, it is the PSNI which usually closes roads for public safety reasons.

My Department's Roads Service has advised that the PSNI attended the Upper Woodburn Road, on 1 December 2010, to rescue two members of the public from their vehicle and transport them to an awaiting ambulance. The decision to allow the road to remain open was a matter for the PSNI.

Adoption of Public Areas

Mr J Craig asked the Minister for Regional Development, for each of the last five years, to detail how many requests his Department has received regarding the adoption of public areas for which no one takes responsibility, broken down by local council area; and of these, how many requests have been (i) approved; or (ii) not approved. **(AQW 3221/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that details of the number of requests it has received for the adoption of public areas for which no-one takes responsibility, broken down by local council area, is shown in the table below. The table includes details of how many of these requests have either been approved, or not approved.

Council Area	Year	No. of requests approved and adopted	No. of requests not approved	No. of requests approved but not adopted as they are subject to completion of work by frontagers
Belfast	2005		7	2
	2006		2	1
	2007		8	1
	2008		4	3
	2009		3	4
	2010		2	3
Carrickfergus	2006		1	
Castlereagh	2005		2	
Newtownabbey	2008		1	
North Down	2007		2	
	2010	1		
Lisburn	2005			1
	2010	1		
Moyle	2006		1	
	2010		1	
Coleraine	2007		1	
	2010		1	
Omagh	2006		1	
Cookstown	2008		1	
Fermanagh	2006		1	
	2007		1	
Magherafelt	2009		1	
Strabane	2006		2	
Dungannon	2006		1	
	2008		1	
	2009		1	
	2010		1	
Armagh	2008		1	
	2009		3	
Banbridge	2008		1	
	2009		1	

Independent Review Team

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) how many members of the Independent Review Team met with the Chair of NI Water's Audit Committee prior to their appointment; (ii) to detail the nature of any meetings; (iii) whether members declared these meeting prior to their appointment; and (iv) what consideration was given to any potential conflict of interest in the appointment of members of the Independent Review Team.

(AQW 3227/11)

Minister for Regional Development: (i)-(iii) No members of the Independent Review Team (IRT) met with the Chair of NI Water's Audit Committee prior to their appointment. (iv) As regards any potential conflict of interest in the appointment of members of the IRT, I refer to the answers I gave to AQW 255/11 and AQW 876/11 on 28 September and 18 October 2010 respectively.

Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) to clarify what was meant by the term 'different attitude' which was applied to the Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee as a reason for not dismissing him; (ii) which members of the Independent Review Team were involved in coming to this 'different attitude' conclusion; and (iii) how this conclusion was communicated to the Minister.

(AQW 3228/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I did not apply the term 'different attitude' to the Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee as a reason for not dismissing him from the Board of NI Water. In my letter to him I noted that the Independent Review Team report praised the work he had done to sharpen the NIW Audit Committee's focus since he took on responsibility as its Chairperson.

Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the purpose of any meetings, correspondence and telephone calls that the Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee had during the last 12 months with (i) the Minister; (ii) the Permanent Secretary; (iii) Deputy Permanent Secretaries; and (iv) members of the Independent Review Team, outside of the interview process.

(AQW 3229/11)

Minister for Regional Development: In response to points (i) and (ii) no meetings, correspondence or telephone calls took place outside of the Independent Review Team (IRT) interview process. On point (iii) I have been advised that one of DRD's Deputy Secretaries wrote to NI Water's Audit Committee Chairperson on 28 January 2010 about NIAO access to NI Water's Internal Audit Reports completed by Ernst and Young. The Deputy Secretary also attended a Biannual meeting with him on 19 April to take an update on the company's ongoing internal audit and assurance issues. On 17 June the Deputy Secretary also had a telephone conversation with him with the purpose of determining whether he would be interested in being considered for the NI Water interim Chair position. On point (iv) I have been advised that none of the IRT members had any meetings, correspondence or telephone calls with the Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee outside of the IRT interview process.

Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister for Regional Development on what date the Chairperson of NI Water's Audit Committee was made aware that he was not going to be dismissed; and who advised him of this decision.

(AQW 3230/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I wrote to the Chair of NI Water's Audit Committee on 3rd March 2010 to inform him that in consideration of the full evidence given to me I was content for him to continue as a Non-Executive Member of the NI Water Board.

Water Shortage Crisis

Ms M Ritchie asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail what compensation will be made available to households which were without water during the recent water shortage crisis.

(AQW 3243/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no specific statutory provision under which compensation may be paid to customers for interruption of their water supply under the Water and Sewerage Services Order 2006.

Article 91 of the Order places a domestic water supply duty on Northern Ireland Water (NIW) and if a person sustains loss or damage as a result of any breach of this duty they are entitled to take legal action against NIW (under Article 93). However, during the recent freeze / thaw incident I gave a general direction to NIW under Article 295 of the Order to enable it to do what was necessary to mitigate the effects of the emergency. This allowed NIW to interrupt supplies to tens of thousands of customers in order to deal with the civil emergency. The need to deal with the emergency overrides the supply and other duties.

Department for Social Development

Housing Executive Homes in the Colin Area of West Belfast

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister for Social Development (i) how many Housing Executive homes in the Colin area of West Belfast reported problems with their heating systems during the recent cold weather snap, broken down by type of heating system; (ii) to outline the Housing Executive's policy on the repair and maintenance of heating systems; and (iii) how many of these homes were left without heating for (a) more than seven days; and (b) less than seven days, and the reasons for the delays.

(AQW 2903/11)

Minister for Social Development (Mr A Attwood): It is not possible to provide the information in the format requested for the Colin area only. In relation to (i) in the Housing Executive's Lisburn Dairyfarm District Office area there were 130 reports of problems with heating systems between 29 November and 9 December 2010. Of these, 112 related to gas systems, 14 to oil and four to solid fuel room heaters.

In relation to (ii) the Housing Executive's policy for maintaining heating systems is to carry out a planned service of all central heating systems in their dwellings. Services are carried out by the relevant heating contractor on an annual basis to room heaters and gas systems and biennially to oil systems, all in accordance with a programme agreed with the Energy Services Unit. Under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 there is a mandatory duty for landlords to carry out an annual safety check to all gas heated properties. There is no such requirement for oil and solid fuel systems but, as a responsible landlord, the Housing Executive has been servicing these appliances. Under response maintenance the Housing Executive's policy makes provision for maintaining the complete central heating system following installation and/or a planned annual service. Any response maintenance work to room heater, oil or gas central heating systems is carried out by the relevant heating contractor. Priorities have been set up for orders issued to the heating contractors depending on the nature of the repairs. As soon as the Housing Executive is made aware of a break down of a heating system tenants are offered immediate access to temporary heating.

In relation to (iii) of the above 130 heating problems reported to the Housing Executive, 84 were without their normal heating source and a further 46 still had their main source of heating operational. No tenants however were without their normal source of heat for more than seven days. The main reasons for any delay in fixing heating problems were because contractors initially could not carry out repairs until pipes had thawed as well as having to wait for replacement boilers and parts.

Vandalism to Housing Executive Owned Homes

Mr S Hamilton asked the Minister for Social Development how many (i) non-tenants; and (ii) tenants in each district office area have been prosecuted for vandalism to Housing Executive owned homes in each of the last three years.

(AQW 2991/11)

Minister for Social Development: The information is not available in the format requested as the Housing Executive does not collate information regarding prosecutions. The Northern Ireland Housing Executive co-operates fully with the Police Service NI in the pursuit of those responsible for acts of vandalism/criminal damage to its properties, whether the individuals involved are Housing Executive tenants or not. However it is ultimately for the Police Service NI and Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland to determine the appropriate legal sanctions to be taken against those individuals committing such acts.

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

Hansard Bound Volume

Mr T Clarke asked the Assembly Commission, pursuant to AQW 2640/11, how much it has cost to publish bound volumes of Hansard in each year since 1998.

(AQW 3093/11)

The Representative of the Assembly Commission (Mr S Neeson): Bound volumes are provided for under Standing Order 80 and represent the major archive of the business of the Assembly. Each volume contains the definitive versions of the Official Reports of plenary sittings, formal clause-by-clause Committee Stages of Bills, Written Answers to Questions and written ministerial statements.

The information you requested regarding historical costs is as follows:

Financial Year	No. of Issues of Bound Volumes Produced	Production Cost £
1998/1999	Nil	Nil
1999/2000	2	7,064.10
2000/2001	3	13,857.38
2001/2002	1	8,606.62
2002/2003	3	33,384.13
2003/2004	9	106,309.35
2004/2005	Nil	Nil
2005/2006	Nil	Nil
2006/2007	Nil	Nil
2007/2008	4	55,108.66
2008/2009	5	78,336.01
2009/2010	12	148,424.42
2010 to date	11	62,641.30
Total	50	513,731.97

The cost of producing volumes depends on a number of factors, not least the size of each volume, the number of copies printed and the printing process itself. It is worth noting that we have sought to reduce the number of copies printed and, in 2009, changes in printing methodology and contractual arrangements have allowed the Assembly to substantially reduce the cost of bound volume production.

As I informed you in my response dated 14 December 2010 to your previous question (AQW 2640) regarding bound volumes, the Office of the Official Report (Hansard) had an objective in its business plan for this year to review archiving arrangements, notably in respect of Bound Volumes, and recommendations from that review are about to go to the Speaker.

Without going into detail in advance of a decision on those recommendations, the effect of them (if accepted) would be to further reduce the cost of each Bound Volume. At all times, we seek to ensure that the Assembly maintains a balance between cost effectiveness and the need to provide and maintain a sustainable and robust archive.

As I also mentioned in my previous response, once a decision on the recommendations has been made, I would be happy to write to you again and advise you of the outcome. I hope that the above information answers your question, but I would be happy to provide further detail should you require it.

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