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Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister

Review of Arms-length Bodies

Ms S Ramsey asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister for an update on the review of arms-length bodies as outlined in his recent draft Budget 2011-15 statement.

(AQO 827/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister (Mr P Robinson and Mr M McGuinness): The Executive will shortly consider criteria to be applied by the Budget Review Group in reviewing arms-length bodies. This Group will bring recommendations to the Executive in due course, which will inform final decisions and lay the basis for legislation early in the term of the next Assembly.

Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration

Mrs D Kelly asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister why there has not been an equality impact assessment carried out on the Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration.

(AQW 3476/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: The public consultation on the draft Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration ended on 29 October 2010. The report on the independent analysis of the consultation responses was completed in early January and the findings will be sent to us shortly to inform our considerations.

The consultation document included details of how the Programme was screened for equality impacts and the public were given the opportunity to comment on equality impacts as part of the consultation exercise.

An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed taking account of these comments. As a Programme that will cut across many areas of responsibility, the departmental policies currently underpinning it, and any new policies or programmes leading from it, will also be subject to Equality Impact Assessment processes where appropriate.

Single Equality Bill

Mrs D Kelly asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister to outline their proposals for bringing forward legislation on a single Equality Bill.

(AQW 3477/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: We are currently considering the options for legislative reform here. When we have made a decision we will outline our proposals.

Whilst no policy decision has been taken regarding a single Equality Bill, the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister continues to legislate in order to provide legal protection against discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity.

Chief Executive of the Strategic Investment Board

Mr G Savage asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister to detail the cost to date of the recruitment process for the currently unfilled post of Chief Executive of the Strategic Investment Board, broken down by (i) advertising; (ii) administration; and (iii) interview process.

(AQW 3512/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: The following amounts were incurred during the recruitment exercise for the chief executive post in the Strategic Investment Board (SIB).

Advertising:	£41,115
Administration:	£15,866
Interview process:	
Room hire	£576
Travel expenses	£725
Total cost incurred to date:	£58,282

Review of the Strategic Investment Board

Mr G Savage asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister, pursuant to AQW 112/11, when their Department considered the findings of the review of the Strategic Investment Board; and what recommendations were made to the Executive.

(AQW 3513/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: The Department is currently considering the findings of the Strategic Investment Board (SIB) review. The Executive will be advised of the outcome in due course.

Strategic Investment Board

Mr G Savage asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister, pursuant to AQW 207/11, what action the Strategic Investment Board has taken to minimise the impact of the reduction in the levels of capital funding available to the Executive, whilst ensuring that existing contractual commitments are protected.

(AQW 3514/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: As part of the Budget development and Investment Strategy (ISNI) process Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP) and the Strategic Investment Board (SIB) conducted a thorough assessment of existing capital programmes to ensure that contractual commitments would be met.

Thereafter SIB has worked closely with DFP, individual spending departments and other public bodies to revise and update the Executive's Investment Strategy. The Investment Strategy will continue to ensure that the capital available to the Executive is used in ways that maximise the economic, social and environmental benefits to citizens.

2011 St Patrick's Day Celebrations in the USA

Mr P J Bradley asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister whether they have received an invitation to the 2011 St Patrick's Day celebrations in the USA; and if they are aware of any other members of the Executive being invited to attend.

(AQW 3521/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: These plans are still at an early stage and full details of our itinerary will not become clear until arrangements are provided by the Obama Administration.

At this stage we are not aware of any invitations being extended to other members of the Executive.

Revenue Raising Measures

Mrs M O'Neill asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister what progress has been made, in consultation with Executive colleagues, in bringing forward additional revenue raising measures apart from those outlined in the draft Budget 2011-15 statement.

(AQO 826/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: In the context of the impact of the UK Spending Review announcement, additional sources of revenue are an important component in developing a Budget to enable the Executive to stimulate the economy, tackle disadvantage and protect the most vulnerable people in our society.

While recognising that the Executive has limited powers to raise revenue, work has continued since the publication of the draft Budget on identifying additional means of raising revenue and leveraging funds. This has included further development of the options outlined in the draft Budget. The Budget Review Group met again on 18 January to consider some of these issues. Work on developing the detail on potential options and discussions are continuing as part of developing the Budget.

Investment Strategy

Mr G Savage asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister, pursuant to AQW 3169/11, when the new Investment Strategy will be published.

(AQW 3653/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: An Investment Strategy for 2011-21 is under development and will be published in due course following agreement with the Executive. It is not possible to confirm a date for publication for consultation at this stage.

Permanent Secretary of the Department for Regional Development

Mr P McGlone asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister, pursuant to AQW 3276/11, to provide detail of the process which follows on from Sir Jon Shortridge's report, including (i) who is leading this process; (ii) what investigative processes have been established; (iii) the remit of investigations; (iv) how many meetings have taken place to date; (v) how many people have been interviewed to date; and (vi) what time-scale has been set for the completion of the process.

(AQW 3678/11)

First Minister and deputy First Minister: The investigation commissioned by the Head of the NI Civil Service and carried out by Sir Jon Shortridge is part of an internal Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) management process as part of its disciplinary policy. The process has been conducted in accordance with NICS Human Resources procedures and guidance.

In accordance with NICS Human Resources policy and the obligations placed on employers by data protection legislation, no comment will be made until the process has been completed.

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Occupation: Farmer

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to detail the total number of people listing their occupation as farmer in each (i) constituency; and (ii) council area, in each of the last ten years, broken down by age.

(AQW 2717/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (Ms M Gildernew): Information on the number of people identifying themselves as farmers and partners (full-time and part-time) comes from the June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture undertaken annually by DARD. Head count results by (i) constituency and (ii) council area for each of the last 10 years are attached as Tables 1 and 2.

Information on farmer ages is not collected in a way that allows reliable profiling at parliamentary constituency or council levels.

TABLE 1: FARMERS BY PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY (2000-2009)

Constituency	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All Belfast	34	59	61	56	58	52	51	53	48	41
East Antrim	847	849	841	830	816	803	798	779	773	760
East Londonderry	1,931	1,939	1,856	1,799	1,790	1,737	1,642	1,612	1,674	1,606
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	5,930	6,014	5,745	5,728	5,621	5,487	5,596	5,454	5,313	5,157
Foyle	733	729	662	651	625	618	582	572	518	581
Lagan Valley	1,618	1,821	1,573	1,540	1,503	1,441	1,446	1,383	1,377	1,311
Mid Ulster	4,116	4,140	4,013	3,989	3,935	3,848	3,760	3,655	3,597	3,513
Newry & Armagh	4,487	4,475	4,306	4,229	4,115	4,067	4,027	3,897	3,771	3,684
North Antrim	3,537	3,546	3,400	3,329	3,220	3,218	3,188	3,115	3,154	3,019
North Down	203	209	190	180	172	162	166	169	161	147
South Antrim	1,333	1,341	1,301	1,250	1,216	1,159	1,159	1,120	1,094	1,055
South Down	3,897	3,596	3,792	3,721	3,640	3,551	3,519	3,463	3,475	3,419
Strangford	1,231	1,256	1,226	1,184	1,165	1,091	1,046	1,012	1,070	1,044
Upper Bann	1,189	1,360	1,198	1,182	1,135	1,088	1,078	1,034	998	965
West Tyrone	4,561	4,562	4,368	4,325	4,252	4,204	3,936	3,889	4,074	3,965
Total	35,647	35,955	34,532	33,993	33,263	32,526	31,994	31,207	31,097	30,267

Note – Not all Constituency Information is available for 2000.

TABLE 2: FARMERS BY DISTRICT COUNCIL (2000-2009)

District Council	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Antrim	973	991	956	939	910	878	878	868	850	798
Ards	1,041	1,027	971	928	905	850	795	778	768	820
Armagh	2,663	2,617	2,577	2,504	2,434	2,380	2,317	2,253	2,114	2,143
Ballymena	1,704	1,723	1,665	1,619	1,561	1,561	1,528	1,475	1,501	1,455
Ballymoney	1,018	1,016	968	946	913	907	925	903	944	838
Banbridge	1,530	1,579	1,530	1,500	1,444	1,419	1,400	1,360	1,459	1,357
Belfast	44	34	36	38	38	35	36	37	31	24
Carrickfergus	141	143	134	129	125	121	118	117	114	124
Castlereagh	171	162	158	152	149	141	151	146	128	125
Coleraine	1,026	1,025	996	956	949	923	855	839	915	861
Cookstown	1,787	1,783	1,710	1,704	1,697	1,664	1,576	1,533	1,513	1,545
Craigavon	893	891	878	870	832	799	777	742	775	703
Derry	733	729	662	651	625	618	585	572	518	581
Down	1,646	1,639	1,588	1,562	1,546	1,482	1,478	1,447	1,481	1,404
Dungannon	2,452	2,482	2,394	2,401	2,347	2,285	2,308	2,240	2,270	2,072
Fermanagh	4,136	4,169	3,933	3,897	3,836	3,750	3,844	3,744	3,602	3,554
Larne	695	708	698	695	686	678	670	661	657	628
Limavady	905	914	860	843	841	814	790	773	759	745
Lisburn	1,243	1,201	1,189	1,150	1,122	1,063	1,072	1,017	991	966
Magherafelt	1,752	1,759	1,724	1,713	1,674	1,634	1,625	1,584	1,545	1,499

District Council	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Moyle	815	807	767	766	748	750	731	737	709	726
Newry & Mourne	3,527	3,514	3,321	3,283	3,220	3,193	3,219	3,132	3,054	2,986
Newtownabbey	350	358	343	318	311	288	285	266	249	265
North Down	114	122	106	104	98	89	93	94	76	83
Omagh	2,860	2,856	2,737	2,700	2,646	2,633	2,617	2,576	2,530	2,455
Strabane	1,701	1,706	1,631	1,625	1,606	1,571	1,321	1,313	1,544	1,510
Total	35,920	35,955	34,532	33,993	33,263	32,526	31,994	31,207	31,097	30,267

European Task Force

Mr P J Bradley asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development what discussions she has had with the European Task Force to ensure that money which was available under Axis 3 of the Rural Development Programme is invested in projects in Northern Ireland and not returned to the EU. (AQW 3383/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: My Department remains completely engaged with the Barroso Task Force work and has secured real benefit from this engagement. For example, the Task Force has been very helpful in securing early approval of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) in 2007 and our CAP Healthcheck changes in 2009.

On the subject of retaining EU funding allocated to the RDP, this issue has not arisen. Axis 3 is only one element of a broader RDP which is worth in the region of £500 million. A broader Programme enables more flexible financial management and at the end of 2010, expenditure of EU funds under the RDP exceeded the financial targets agreed with the EU at the start of the Programme. My Department continues to monitor and manage the Programme finances closely in order to optimise the contribution from the European Commission to our European Programmes.

I have recorded my concern at the slow progress of Axis 3 implementation and spend and have commissioned a review of the barriers to Axis 3 progress which I am currently considering. I am hopeful that the findings will enable adjustments to operational processes that will speed up delivery on the ground.

Electric Shock Dog Collar Training Devices

Mr C Lyttle asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development whether she has any plans to introduce a ban on electric shock dog collar training devices in light of the introduction of the Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) Regulations in Wales.

(AQW 3404/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: I have no plans at present to introduce a ban on electronic collar training devices. The Welfare of Animals Bill, which will be considered by the Assembly next month, includes the power to make subordinate regulations to secure the welfare of animals. This will provide the power to ban shock collars in future if the evidence shows that it is necessary. I am aware that DEFRA commissioned research in 2007 into the use of shock collars and they anticipate that this will be completed later this year. When the outcome of that research is available my Department will consider what subordinate legislation, if any, may be required. Any such subordinate legislation would be subject to public consultation, scrutiny by the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and approval by affirmative resolution of the Assembly.

Singvac 3 year Vaccine

Mr P Frew asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development what action her Department has taken to encourage the availability in the near future of a vaccine similar to the Singvac 3 year vaccine.

(AQW 3433/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: The old single dose 'Singvac' vaccine is no longer available anywhere

due to restructuring in the pharmaceutical industry. It was previously available through Fort Dodge Animal Health.

Pfizer Ltd. which acquired Fort Dodge Animal Health is currently in the process of seeking an alternative product, 'Ultravac', a two dose vaccine which could be passed through VMD for use in the north of Ireland and Britain. We now understand that the VMD have approved the import of Ultravac into the north and Britain but there is a current difficulty obtaining supplies.

The department is regularly monitoring the situation with VMD.

Financial Allocation

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, for each of the last six financial years, and this year to date, to detail (i) the total financial allocation to her Department; (ii) the amount received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and (iii) her Department's actual spend in each year.

(AQW 3470/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: The information you have requested is set out in Table 1 below. It should be noted that the figures provided include both Resource and Capital expenditure and that the actual spend figures are those as provided to DFP as part of the annual Final Outturn exercise.

The figures include DARD Core, Agencies and NDPBs.

TABLE 1

Financial Year	Total		
	Total Financial Allocation (i)	Amount received or deducted (iii)	Actual Spend (iv)
2004/05	306,323	33,598	267,347

Financial Year	Total		
	Total Financial Allocation (i)	Amount received or deducted (iii)	Actual Spend (iv)
2005/06	309,370	(19,408)	264,759
2006/07	281,721	(4,854)	260,958
2007/08	304,896	(4,908)	276,458
2008/09	343,836	23,619	347,782
2009/10	260,584	(6,714)	286,548
2010/11 (ii)	253,657	202,269	-

- (i) Total financial allocation is the final approved budget from the outcome of the February Monitoring round in each year, except for 2010/11;-
- (ii) the financial allocation figure for 2010/11 represents the outcome of the December Monitoring Round;
- (iii) amounts deducted are shown in brackets;
- (iv) actual spend is as reported in Final Outturn.

Nitrates Derogation

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development whether the recently renewed nitrates derogation includes the poultry industry.

(AQW 3561/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: I refer to my answer AQW 2712/11 which was published on Friday 17 December 2010. In that answer I explained that the EU Decision granting derogation to the north of Ireland until 31 December 2014 does not include poultry litter or poultry manure and detailed the reasons why.

Children and Young Peoples Action Plan

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development what implementation strategies her Department has in place for the Children and Young Peoples Action Plan in the Limavady Borough Council Area.

(AQW 3593/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: DARD takes its Section 75 responsibilities seriously and we are working hard to ensure that children and young people in rural communities throughout the north of Ireland have a voice in shaping those public policies that impact on their lives. This Action Plan sets out our commitments.

We developed the Action Plan in partnership with the Participation Network (PN). This organisation, working alongside Children in NI (CiNI) work closely with all government departments to help ensure that government has the support it needs to engage fully with those organisations representing children and young people in taking forward their Section 75 equality duties.

We consulted on the draft Action Plan from November 2009 to the end of February 2010. We issued a Press Release in December 2009 about the launch of the draft Action Plan and invited comments and offered to meet any organisation during the consultation period. Through the Participation Network and the Children's Commissioner's contacts we were able to make sure that our draft Plan was made widely available to groups and organisations throughout the north and we were able to meet up with groups of rural young people to hear first hand about issues of concern to them and their views on our proposals.

In addition, two organisations kindly assisted us with providing photographs for the final publication. We were delighted that 9 such meetings were requested and set up with us, right across the north.

We spoke at youth events, evening discussions, and Saturday workshops and also received useful and constructive comments from 12 leading children and young people's organisations. The full details of who we consulted with, who we met and organisations that provided comments are available from page 32 in the Action Plan. While it would have been impossible for us to consult across every town, we have engaged with every leading children and young people's organisation.

Most of the Actions in our Plan are not specifically targeted at any particular area although hopefully the actions in the Plan will appeal to young people right across the north, including those living in the Limavady Borough Council area and other rural communities too. Our Action Plan will deliver on outcomes for children and young people, and no specific borough, council or rural area has been specifically targeted, or excluded from our actions. We hope, as a first step that it will encourage discussion and interest within organisations and groups in rural areas to hear more about the specific actions and how the young people that they represent can benefit from it.

As stated in our Plan we will continue to meet with children & young people and their representative organisations, to identify further useful actions that our business areas can take forward to better promote participation and involvement of children and young people in all areas of the north.

Pedigree Limousin Cattle

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to detail the number and grades of pedigree limousin cattle that have been slaughtered in each of the last three years.
(AQW 3601/11)

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development: I am unable to provide this information as my Department does not collect data on the pedigree status of cattle, there being no legislative requirement to do so. Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Portavoe Reservoir in Groomsport

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure whether the proposed sale of Portavoe Reservoir in Groomsport will have an impact on the sale of fishing licences for that area in the forthcoming year.
(AQW 3362/11)

Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure (Mr N McCausland): Angling licences, together with permits to fish the Public Angling Estate are available from DCAL and its authorised distributors throughout Northern Ireland. An angling permit is a document issued by the owner of a fishery (or the lessee of the fishing rights) which confers the right to fish in that fishery. An angling licence is required by law to use a fishing rod.

Portavoe Reservoir in Groomsport, which is owned by NI Water, will remain part of the Public Angling Estate for the angling season commencing 1st March to 31st October 2011. The proposed sale of Portavoe Reservoir should not therefore impact on the number of fishing licences or permits available for sale for this season.

NI Water has confirmed that the Company intends to place Portavoe Reservoir on a list for sale in 2011/12.

Funding Granted for Football, Rugby and Gaelic Games

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure for a breakdown of the funding granted by his Department or its arms-length bodies for (i) football; (ii) rugby; and (iii) gaelic games, in each of the last five years.
(AQW 3612/11)

Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure: Sport Northern Ireland (SNI) is responsible for the development of sport in Northern Ireland including the distribution of funding. In the last five financial years, SNI has allocated a total of £53,458,048 for (i) football; (ii) rugby; and (iii) gaelic games.

This funding is broken down in the tables below.

EXCHEQUER FUNDING

Sport	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total
Football	£819,000	£2,052,816	£2,412,038	£2,812,514	£6,145,662	£14,242,030
Rugby	£1,928,336	£150,346	£3,038	£2,937,987	£219,930	£5,239,637
Gaelic Games	£3,658,376	£2,079,075	£3,983,734	£5,647,780	£7,895,795	£23,264,760
Total	£6,405,712	£4,282,237	£6,398,810	£11,398,281	£14,261,387	£42,746,427

LOTTERY FUNDING

Sport	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total
Football	£9,000	£0	£3,543,561	£3,646,011	£420,955	£7,619,527
Rugby	£0	£0	£0	£0	£458,211	£458,211
Gaelic Games	£343,183	£0	£981,342	£1,299,358	£10,000	£2,633,883
Total	£352,183	£0	£4,524,903	£4,945,369	£889,166	£10,711,621

TOTAL FUNDING

Sport	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total
Football	£828,000	£2,052,816	£5,955,599	£6,458,525	£6,566,617	£21,861,557
Rugby	£1,928,336	£150,346	£3,038	£2,937,987	£678,141	£5,697,848
Gaelic Games	£4,001,559	£2,079,075	£4,965,076	£6,947,138	£7,905,795	£25,898,643
Total	£6,757,895	£4,282,237	£10,923,713	£16,343,650	£15,150,553	£53,458,048

Sports Grounds

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure whether there are any structures at sports grounds that his Department has assessed as having architectural or heritage value; and if so, whether these structures have been afforded legal protection from demolition.

(AQW 3613/11)

Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure: The Department of Environment (DOE) is responsible for assessing what structures in Northern Ireland, including those at sports grounds, have architectural or heritage value. This is not a function of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL). DOE is also responsible for affording such structures legal protection from demolition where it deems appropriate.

Sport Northern Ireland, however, which is responsible for the development of sport including the distribution of funding, requires all applicants in receipt of Exchequer or Sports Lottery capital grant awards to comply with all statutory and planning conditions in relation to any works funded at sports grounds in Northern Ireland. This requirement covers demolition works at grounds, and any works that

may affect structures that DOE has afforded legal protection from demolition following assessment of their architectural or heritage interest.

Funding Allocated to Ice Skating

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure how much funding has been allocated to ice skating in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3634/11)

Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure: Sport Northern Ireland (SNI) is responsible for the development of sport in Northern Ireland including the distribution of funding. In the last five financial years, SNI has allocated a total of £215,552 to ice skating.

This funding is broken down in the table below.

Financial Year	Exchequer Funding	Lottery Funding	Totals
2005/06	£0	£38,200	£38,200
2006/07	£0	£55,551	£55,551
2007/08	£0	£17,500	£17,500
2008/09	£0	£30,320	£30,320
2009/10	£19,818	£54,163	£73,981
Totals	£19,818	£195,734	£215,552

Department of Education

Draft Savings Delivery Plans

Mr T Lunn asked the Minister of Education if she can confirm that her Department will publish its draft Savings Delivery Plans within one week of the publication of the draft Budget 2011-2015; and whether it will include details of departmental saving measures and the potential impact of these measures.

(AQW 3141/11)

Minister of Education (Ms C Ruane): Foilsíodh dréacht den Phlean um Choigilteas Seachadta le haghaidh comhairliúchán ar 13 Eanáir 2011. Leagtar amach go soiléir sa phlean seo an tionchar a bheas ag an dréachtbhuisead ar an Roinn Oideachais agus sonraítear dréacht moltaí na Roinne le hairgead a choigilt sna Buiséid idir 2011-15.

I published my draft Savings Delivery Plan for consultation on 13 January 2011. This Plan clearly sets out the implications of the draft Budget for the Department of Education and outlines the Department's draft saving proposals over Budget 2011-15. The consultation period ends on 16 February and I am keen to hear the views of key stakeholders on my proposals. In the interim, my officials will be working with education's non-departmental public bodies on the likely impacts for services from the proposed reductions and how frontline services and jobs can be protected as far as possible.

Safety of Pupils Travelling to School

Mr P Frew asked the Minister of Education to detail the arrangements in place between Translink, Roads Service and the Education and Library Boards to ensure the safety of pupils travelling to school in the event of adverse weather conditions.

(AQW 3428/11)

Minister of Education: Tá na Boird Oideachais agus Leabharlann freagrach as sábháilteacht na bpáistí atá incháilithe le haghaidh cuidiú taistil. Is é an soláthraí taistil atá freagrach as gach dalta eile, is iad sin na tuismitheoirí agus Translink go príomha.

Education and Library Boards are responsible for the safety of pupils who are eligible for transport assistance. Responsibility for all other pupils lies with the transport provider, primarily Translink and parents.

In relation to eligible pupils, Boards have devised guidance for contractors in relation to the safety of pupils during periods of adverse weather conditions. The guidance includes ensuring that:

- the provider checks the latest weather forecast and prevailing conditions before setting out;
- drivers are equipped with a means to contact base/schools/Boards (eg., mobile phones) and are aware of the numbers to call;
- in the event of being unable to complete a journey, pupils are properly supervised before being left; and
- where applicable, a connecting service is available before children are left.

The full guidance (which includes advice for parents and schools) is available at present on the North Eastern, Southern, and South Eastern Boards' websites, with the remaining Boards to follow.

In relation to the condition of roads to, and in the vicinity of, schools the Department of Regional Development has indicated that Roads Service has no statutory obligation to salt roads, although it does earmark funds to provide a salting service with the aim of helping main road traffic move safely and freely in wintry conditions. However, it has introduced enhanced communication arrangements, and priority "secondary" salting to rural schools most affected by weather conditions following a baseline survey conducted in the winter of 2008/09 and updated subsequently.

Publication of the Open Enrolment Booklets

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Education what procedures are in place to ensure that children, whose parents have specified a nursery unit as their first choice, will not be disadvantaged should the Department not have made a decision on a development proposal before the publication of the Open Enrolment booklets by an Education and Library Board.

(AQW 3487/11)

Minister of Education: Sa chás nach bhfuil aonad naíonra ar fáil mar gheall ar shocrú nach bhfuil déanta go fóill agus go mbaineann an socrú le moladh forbartha an naíonra sin, cuirfidh an Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann leis an ghníomh chuí de réir imthosca gach cás ann féin.

Where a specified nursery unit is not available because a decision has not been made on a development proposal relating to the nursery unit, the Education and Library Board will take appropriate action depending on the circumstances of individual cases. If you would like to advise me of a particular nursery unit's development proposal about which you are concerned, I will be happy to write to you regarding procedures that will be followed in respect of a decision relating to the unit.

In the meantime, should a parent have any concerns regarding an application to a nursery unit they should contact the Transfer Officer in the appropriate Education and Library Board as soon as possible for advice.

Proposed Multi-schools Capital Build Project for Hollywood

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Education what implications, if any, the Department's draft budget will have on the proposed multi-schools capital build project for Hollywood.

(AQW 3526/11)

Minister of Education: Léiríonn an Dréachtbhuiséad 2011-15 go ndéanfar laghduithe móra ar bhuiséad caipitil an Oideachais don chéad ceithre bliana eile le teacht.

Is dócha mar sin gur teoranta agus eadrannach go bliain 2014-15 a bheidh infheistíocht ar bith a bhaineann le tógáil nua, más féidir infheistíocht a fháil. Ní féidir tús a chur le tógáil scoileanna ar bith nua sa bhliain 2011-12 mura bhfaighim an bhreis acmhainne ar a bhfuil mé ag tairiscint. Scríobhfaidh mé chuig gach scoil nuair a bheidh an buiséad socraithe.

The Draft Budget 2011-15 highlights significant reductions in the capital budget for Education over the next four years. Any investment in new builds, if at all possible, is therefore likely to be intermittent and limited until 2014-15 and unless I receive further resource which I am bidding for it will not be possible to commence construction of any new schools in 2011-12. I will write to schools when the budget position is finalised.

I want to continue to build much needed new schools but the rate at which I can do so is totally dependent on the availability of resources. The reduction in the capital allocation will require a comprehensive reassessment of how the limited capital funds available should be deployed on a strategic and prioritised basis to address the most pressing needs. This work will be a priority for my Department in the coming months. As such, it not possible to provide a timeframe on the way forward for proposed capital build projects such as that for the Holywood area.

Funded Pre-school Places

Mr R Beggs asked the Minister of Education, pursuant to AQW 1221/11, to detail the number of children, in their immediate pre-school year, who applied for, but did not receive a funded pre-school place, broken down by District Council area.

(AQW 3543/11)

Minister of Education: Thug mé le fios sa fhreagra dar dáta 26 Deireadh Fómhair 2010 (AQW 1221/11) go raibh 19823 páiste in iomlán a raibh sa bhliain roimh thosú ar an réamhscoil agus a raibh áit mhaoinithe réamhscoile faighte acu. Bhí 1202 páiste as an líon seo nach raibh áit réamhscoile socraithe acu i réamhscoil ar bith atá bainteach leis na cúig Bhord Oideachais agus Leabharlann. Baineann na figiúirí seo leis an dáta deireanach den Phróiseas Iontrála Réamhscoile ar 30 Aibreán 2010.

In my answer of 26 October 2010 (AQW 1221/11), I advised that at the end of the Pre-School Admissions process on 30 April 2010, a total of 19823 children in their final pre-school year had been allocated a funded pre-school place and a

total of 1202 such children were unplaced across the five education and library boards. This information is not available broken down in District Council area, but is available by education and library board area.

Following the allocation of the additional £1.3m, information received from the ELBs shows that a further 1145 funded pre-school places in both the statutory nursery and voluntary/private sectors, have been filled by children in their final pre-school year. It should be filled by those children who were unplaced at 30 April, some will have been taken up by children for whom no application was made during the actual admissions process. It is therefore not possible to determine how many of those children unplaced at the end of the process are still without a funded pre-school place as the ELBs do not track the applications of individual unplaced children after 30 April.

The applications which parents make to individual providers after the process is completed, whether as a result of a child being unplaced or because a parent's initial approach is subsequent to the conclusion of the admissions process, is a matter which is dealt with directly between parents and individual providers. At this stage parents approach individual settings and are offered a place in a statutory setting if one is available or if a parent approaches a voluntary/private setting, with capacity to accept additional children, this setting will seek extra funded places from the ELB to meet demand.

The table below shows the number of additional children in their final pre-school year allocated a funded place since 30 April 2010:-

Board	No. of children
BELB	145
WELB	275
NEELB	214
SEELB	218
SELB	293
	1145

The attached list details those voluntary and private settings who admitted additional children in their final pre-school year subsequent to the completion of the Admissions process on 30 April 2010. noted, however, that whilst a significant proportion of these places may have been

Voluntary and private groups which have accepted additional children in their final pre-school year into funded places since 30 April 2010:-

Belfast Education and Library Board area

- Belmont Pre-School Playgroup
- Early Learners Day Nursery
- First Steps Playgroup
- Forge Integrated Playgroup
- Malone Nursery School
- Naíscoil na Mona
- Naíscoil Mhic Reachtain
- Naíscoil Ard Eoin
- Naíscoil Bheann Mhadagain
- Oasis NSPCC
- Our Lady's Girls Primary School Playgroup
- Parkside Playgroup
- Play and Learn Playgroup
- St Colmcille's Pre-School Playgroup
- St Oliver Plunkett Pre-School Playgroup
- Springhill Playgroup
- Sunshine Playgroup
- 174 Trust

Western Education and Library Board area

- Banagher Community Playgroup
- Belcoo Playgroup
- Brambly Hedge Community Playgroup
- Brookborough and District Community Playgroup
- Chapel Road Playgroup

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- Chatterbox Playgroup
 - Craigbrack Pre-School Group
 - Denamona Pre-School
 - Dromore Community Playgroup
 - Drumahoe Community Playgroup
 - Eglinton Community Pre-School Centre
 - First Steps Community Playgroup
 - Greysteel Playgroup
 - Happy Faces Playgroup
 - Holy Trinity Pre-School Education Centre
 - Irvinestown Cross community Playgroup
 - Jack & Jill Community Playgroup
 - Kindertee Community Playgroup
 - Little Acorns Pre-School
 - Little Diamonds Community Playgroup
 - Little Flower Playgroup
 - Little Friends Playgroup
 - Little Rascals Community Playgroup
 - Magilligan Community Playgroup
 - McClintock Pre-School Centre
 - Naíscoil Colmcille An Charraig Mhor
 - Naíscoil Leim an Mhadaidh
 - Naíscoil Mhaol Iosa
 - Naíscoil Neachtain
 - Newtownbutler Cross community Playgroup
 - Orchard Community Playgroup
 - Pennyburn Playgroup
 - Playtime Playgroup
 - Rainbow Child and Family Centre
 - Rainbow Community Playgroup
 - Rascals Playstation
 - Roe Valley Community Playgroup
 - Roundabout Playgroup
 - Squirrels Montessori Nursery
 - St Bernadette's Playgroup
 - St Joseph's Community Playgroup
 - St Mary's Pre-School Centre
 - Stepping Stones Pre-School Playgroup
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- Sugar & Spice Playgroup
- Tempo Community Playgroup
- The Dry Arch Centre
- The Little Castle Playgroup
- Tiny Tots Cross Community Playgroup
- Treehouse Creche
- Treehouse Kindergarton
- Woodlands Community playgroup

North Eastern Education and Library Board area

- Alphabet Playgroup
- Armoy Cross Community Playgroup
- Ballee Pre-School Playgroup
- Ballinascreen Early Years
- Ballyronan Community Playgroup
- Busy Bee Cross Community Playgroup
- Castlerock Community Playgroup
- Crow's Nest Community Playgroup
- Crumlin Primary School Playgroup
- First Steps Pre-School
- Garvagh Community Pre-School Playgroup
- Glenarm Community Pre-School
- Glengormley Integrated Primary School Playgroup
- Gleno Pre-School
- Glenravel Community Playgroup
- Greendale Day Nursery
- Greenlough Early Years
- Greystone Community Playgroup
- Harbour Bears Pre-School
- Happitots Playgroup
- Highkirk Community Playgroup
- Kilbride Playgroup
- Kilroot Playgroup
- Kirkinriola Early Years
- Laughterland Early Years
- Little Rainbow Playgroup
- Little Robins Day Nursery
- Loughgiel Community Early Years
- Mallusk Community Playgroup

- Millburn Community Pre-School Playgroup
- Mt St Nicholas' Playgroup
- Naíscoil an Chastil
- Naíscoil Eanna
- Naíscoil Mhachaire Ratha
- Newtownabbey Methodist Missions Playgroup
- Playaway Playgroup
- Playhouse Activity Centre
- Portglenone Community Playgroup
- Portrush Community Playgroup
- Randalstown Community Playgroup
- Rasharkin Community Playgroup
- Round Tower Community Playgroup
- St Bernards Pre-School Playgroup
- St Louis Pre-School Playgroup
- St MacNissi's Playgroup
- Slievegallion Community Pre-School
- Stepping Stones Cross Community Playgroup
- Sunshine Playgroup
- Tiny Tots Centre
- Tiny Tots Pre-School Centre
- Watt Fun Community Playgroup

South Eastern Education and Library Board area

- Anahilt Playgroup
- Ardglass Community Playgroup
- Ballybeen Women's Pre-school Centre
- Ballygowan Community Playgroup
- Ballykinlar Cross Community Pre-school Playgroup
- Ballymacward Pre-School
- Bangor Abbey Pre-School Centre
- Busy Bees Playgroup
- Castlewellan Community Playgroup
- Carrowdore Early Years Centre
- Carryduff Pre-School Playgroup
- Chirpy Chicks Pre-School
- Country Kids Day Nursery
- Crawfordsburn Playgroup
- Crossgar Cross Community Playgroup

- Drumaness Cross Community Playgroup
- Groomsport Playgroup
- Grove Community Playgroup
- Great Oaks Playgroup
- Little Acorns Pre-School Playgroup
- Little Doves Childcare Centre
- Little Starfish Playgroup
- Mount Oriel Playgroup
- Naíscoil Dhun Padraig
- Naíscoil Uachtar Tire
- Newcastle Pre-School Playgroup
- Play-a-Way Childcare Centre
- Play Links Playgroup
- Rainbow Corner Playgroup
- Redburn Community Playgroup
- Rhyme Times Playgroup
- St Finian's Early Years Centre
- Seymour Hill Pre-School Playgroup
- Teconnaught Cross Community Playgroup
- Tiggers Palace Nursery
- Tiny Toons Community Playgroup

Southern Education and Library Board area

- Aghagallon Playgroup
- An Tearmann Early Years Project
- Aughnacloy Playgroup
- Ballygawley Early Years Ltd
- Ballinderry Bridge Playgroup
- Banbridge Playgroup
- Beacon Playgroup
- Bosco Playgroup
- Brockagh Playgroup
- Clady Tiny Tots Playgroup
- Clogher Valley Playgroup
- Clonduff Pre-School Playgroup
- Dara Playgroup
- Domincan Playgroup
- Dromintee & Jonesborough Playgroup
- Dunnamann Playgroup

- Early Bird Playgroup
- Firs Playgroup
- Forever Friends Playgroup
- Giggles Daycare Centre
- Happy Days Playgroup
- Humpty Dumpty Playgroup
- Jolly Jester's Playgroup
- Jolly Tots Playgroup
- Keady Community Playgroup
- Kids R Us Playgroup
- Kidzone Playgroup
- Kidzone Pre-School Playgroup
- Kilkeel Playgroup
- Killyman Playgroup
- Kingdom Playgroup
- Laurencetown Playgroup
- Lissan Cross Community Playgroup
- Little Acorns Playgroup
- Little Folk Playgroup
- Little Villagers Playgroup
- Lower Mourne Playgroup
- Loughgall Playgroup
- Montessori Nursery
- Moy Area Playgroup
- Naíscoil an Chreagain
- Naíscoil an Iuir
- Naíscoil Chamlocha
- Naíscoil Eoghain
- Naíscoil Chois Locha
- Naíscoil na Banna
- Naíscoil na mBeann
- Naíscoil Ui Chleirigh
- Newmills Playgroup
- North Lurgan Playgroup
- O'Fiaich Playgroup
- Panda Cross Playgroup
- Peatlands Playgroup
- Rainbow Playgroup, Dungannon

- Rainbow Playgroup, Dromore
- Rainbow Stop Playgroup
- Rascals 'n' Ruffians Playgroup
- St Mary's Playgroup
- St Peter's Playgroup
- Scotwell House Playgroup
- Tannaghmore Playgroup
- Tiny Tots Cross Community Playgroup
- Tiny Tots Pre-School Education Centre
- Toddler's Cove
- Trinity Park Pre-School Nursery
- Twinkle Playgroup

Nursery Places

Mr D Hilditch asked the Minister of Education how many nursery places are available for enrolment in September 2011 in the (i) Larne; and (ii) Carrickfergus area.

(AQW 3629/11)

Minister of Education: Sonraítear sa tábla thíos méid na n-áiteanna reachtúla atá ar fáil sa Latharna agus i gCarraig Fhearghais don scoilbhliain 2011/12.

The statutory nursery school places available in Larne and Carrickfergus for the 2011/12 school year are detailed in the table below:

District Council Areas	2011/12 School Year
Larne	234
Carrickfergus	312

Nursery Enrolment Applications

Mr D Hilditch asked the Minister of Education how many nursery enrolment applications, for September 2011, the North Eastern Education and Library Board has received, to date, for the (i) Larne; and (ii) Carrickfergus area.

(AQW 3630/11)

Minister of Education: Dhearbhaigh Bord Oideachais agus Leabharlann an Oirthuaiscirt nach bhfuil an t-eolas seo acu faoi láthair mar tá ar na tuismitheoirí na foirmeacha iarratais a chur ar aghaidh go díreach chuig an réamhscoil a bhfuil mar chéad rogha acu.

The North-Eastern Education and Library Board has confirmed that at present they do not have this information as parents are required to forward application forms directly to their first preference pre-school provider.

The information will be available from the Education and Library Board later in the process.

Capital Spend

Mr A Maskey asked the Minister of Education to detail the capital spend by her Department in the South Belfast constituency since 2007.

(AQW 3690/11)

Minister of Education: Seo mar a leanas an caiteachas caipitiúil i dtoghcheantar Dheisceart Bhéal Feirste ó 2007:

Capital spend in the South Belfast constituency since 2007 is as follows:

	£000s
2007/08	4,656
2008/09	3,687
2009/10	8,538
2010/11	2,269
(to 31 December 2010)	
Total	19,150

You may wish to know that I attended the sod cutting ceremony at Taughmonagh Primary School recently and this project will cost £3.5 million.

Department for Employment and Learning

Apprenticeships in the Foyle Constituency

Mr R McCartney asked the Minister for Employment and Learning how many apprenticeships are currently available in the Foyle constituency; and how this figure compares to the previous year. **(AQW 3298/11)**

Minister for Employment and Learning (Mr D Kennedy): ApprenticeshipsNI is a demand led provision and, as such, the number of apprenticeship places in Northern Ireland is determined by employers.

As of 10th January 2011, there are 762 apprentices from the Foyle constituency following an apprenticeship. The comparative figure as of 10th January 2010 is 540. Although these apprentices reside within the Foyle constituency, they may or may not be following their apprenticeship with training suppliers or employers in that constituency.

Local Employment Intermediary Service Project

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister for Employment and Learning, in relation to the Local Employment Intermediary Service Project, to detail why there is a comparative reduction in the primary funding for areas most in need, including West and North Belfast and Derry; and for his assessment of this reduction in funding in light of the Executive's Anti-Poverty Strategy. **(AQW 3316/11)**

Minister for Employment and Learning: The existing methodology for allocating primary funding to providers for the Local Employment Intermediary Service is flawed. Evidence from the operation of the Service to date indicates that allocating primary funding on the basis of the number of benefit claimants in an area bears no relation to the actual performance of providers. In fact some providers who received less primary funding compared to others, out-performed them in terms of client engagement and job outcomes.

If the final budget settlement provides me with the resources necessary to retain the Service, primary funding will be allocated equally to all providers, all of whom will be working in areas of social need and thereby contributing to the Executive's Anti-Poverty Strategy. All will have an equal opportunity to earn output related funding based on performance.

Local Employment Intermediary Service Project

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister for Employment and Learning, in relation to the Local Employment Intermediary Service Project, for his assessment of whether there is a need for greater equality between providers, particularly in relation to the allocation of primary funding and how the new funding model targets resources towards areas most in need.

(AQW 3317/11)

Minister for Employment and Learning: My assessment, based on evidence from the operation of the Local Employment Intermediary Service over the last three years, is that there is a need for greater equality between providers in relation to the allocation of primary funding. If the final budget settlement provides me with the resources necessary to retain the Service, primary funding will be allocated equally to all providers, all of whom will be working in areas of social need. All will have an equal opportunity to earn output related funding based on performance.

Student Fees

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister for Employment and Learning if any increase in student fees will affect students currently enrolled at university.

(AQW 3337/11)

Minister for Employment and Learning: Should the Assembly vote to increase fees beyond the annual inflationary increase, those students currently enrolled at university will continue to be charged tuition fees at the existing level (subject to annual inflationary increases) for the duration of their course. Any subsequent increase in tuition fees beyond inflation would only apply to students entering higher education on or after the date from when the new fee level would become effective.

Apprenticeship Places in the Foyle Constituency

Mr P Weir asked the Minister for Employment and Learning how many apprenticeship places are currently available in the Foyle constituency; and how this figure compares to the previous year.

(AQW 3411/11)

Minister for Employment and Learning: ApprenticeshipsNI is a demand led provision and, as such, the number of apprenticeship places in Northern Ireland is determined by employers.

As of 10th January 2011, there are 762 apprentices from the Foyle constituency following an apprenticeship. The comparative figure as of 10th January 2010 is 540. Although these apprentices reside within the Foyle constituency, they may or may not be following their apprenticeship with training suppliers or employers in that constituency.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister for Employment and Learning whether his Department intends to continue providing the Education Maintenance Allowance.

(AQW 3622/11)

Minister for Employment and Learning: In December 2010 my Department and the Department of Education received the findings of the jointly commissioned Review of the Education Maintenance Allowance scheme in Northern Ireland. Officials from both Departments are currently assessing the findings of the report and the Employment and Learning Committee was initially briefed on 19 January 2011. My Department will engage fully with the Committee as policy options are developed, which will clearly consider any potential impact on those from the most disadvantaged backgrounds whom I am committed to supporting. Any proposals to amend the current provision of Education Maintenance Allowance within the Department will be subject to a public consultation and appropriate equality considerations.

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Foreign Direct Investment

Ms M Ritchie asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment for her assessment of the number and location of jobs as a result of foreign direct investment in each of the last five years. **(AQW 3352/11)**

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (Mrs A Foster): Invest NI is the agency through which the Department of Enterprise Trade & Investment (DETI) provides funding to grow the private sector in Northern Ireland. Invest NI will work with any manufacturing and tradable services business in Northern Ireland which has the potential and ambition to export, to improve its productivity and to become more internationally competitive. Invest NI does not assist projects which only serve the local marketplace e.g. those involved in retail and distribution activities. We, therefore, do not have information relating to investment made by externally-owned businesses in these sectors. This response is based on those inward-investment projects which have been assisted by Invest NI.

Invest NI's focus is to increase business productivity, the means by which wealth can be created for the benefit of the whole community. It does this by supporting projects that aim to create jobs, an aspect of the agency's work that is becoming increasingly important given the need to increase employment levels following the impact of the downturn. Although not directly related to job creation, Invest NI's innovation and capability development activities are designed to increase business competitiveness which generates growth, leading eventually to improved productivity and increased employment opportunities.

Between 1st April 2005 and 31st March 2010, Invest NI offered financial support to assist employment-related projects by externally-owned companies that planned to create nearly 15,300 new jobs and safeguard over 6,200 existing jobs. It should be noted that jobs promoted by Invest NI supported projects may take a number of years to create. Indeed, larger projects may take up to five years to fully mature.

The table below shows the number of jobs that these projects promoted and / or safeguarded in each Parliamentary Constituency Area (PCA) in each of the last five years.

NUMBER OF JOBS PROMOTED AND SAFEGUARDED BY EXTERNALLY-OWNED INVEST NI CLIENTS BY PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY AREA (2005-06 TO 2009-10)

Parliamentary Constituency	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		Total	
	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs
Belfast East	232		624	60	226	1,069	944		289	79	2,315	1,208
Belfast North	46		44				108	2	518	275	716	277
Belfast South	845	47	987	123	433	7	1,279		486	692	4,030	869
Belfast West					142	26	1	3	29		172	29
East Antrim	190	358			235		2				427	358
East Londonderry		787			361	30	17		2		380	817
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	11	65	441		120		156		28	5	756	70
Foyle	361	1,258	754		915	67	30		86		2,146	1,325
Lagan Valley	71	278					29		104		204	278
Mid Ulster	40				84				41		165	0
Newry & Armagh	1,002	30	304		59		653		18	23	2,036	53
North Antrim						264			17		17	264
North Down			233		63	12			150		446	12
South Antrim	67	96					106		22	19	195	115
South Down	127	362					513		12		652	362
Strangford			20	16			16		15		51	16
Upper Bann	49			5	5		163	152	4	35	221	192

Parliamentary Constituency	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		Total	
	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	New Jobs	Safe Jobs
West Tyrone	109		44		95		27		34		309	0
Total	3,150	3,281	3,451	204	2,738	1,475	4,044	157	1,855	1,128	15,238	6,245

Notes:

1. New Jobs represent the number of jobs expected to be created by the project.
2. Safe Jobs represent the number jobs that would have been lost if the project was not supported.
3. An additional 31 new jobs have still to be located.

It should be noted that Invest NI does not allocate budgets by geographic areas such as Parliamentary Constituency Areas. Assistance patterns are demanded by those businesses which have come forward with projects suitable for Invest NI assistance. In addition, these areas are not self-contained labour markets. A project assisted in a particular location has the potential to create benefits across a much wider area. Northern Ireland is a relatively small place and evidence indicates that many investments draw their workforce from areas beyond constituency boundaries.

Invest NI

Mr J Spratt asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to detail the companies that have received financial assistance from Invest NI in each of the last three years.

(AQW 3440/11)

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: The attached document details the list of companies that have been paid financial assistance by way of a letter of offer, in each of the 2007-8, 2008-9 and 2009-10 financial years.

2007/08

- 3 PAR INCORPORATED
- 3D STEELWORK LIMITED
- 3M UK PLC
- 8OVER8 LTD
- A DIAMOND & SONS TIMBER LTD
- A1 POWERSYSTEMS LTD
- ABBEY NATIONAL PLC
- ABC TURBO-CLEAN LTD
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Route of the Proposed Mourne Coastal Drive

Mr S Hamilton asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (i) to outline the route of the proposed Mourne Coastal Drive; (ii) when it will be completed; and (iii) how much will be invested in the project.

(AQW 3448/11)

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: The Mourne Coastal Route (MCR) is an integral part of the Mourne Signature Project. The MCR will be a tourist signed driving route from Newry to Belfast mostly utilising the A2 coast road. In conjunction with the Causeway Coastal Route (CCR), the MCR will form a total coastal driving route around Northern Ireland.

The MCR begins (or ends) in Newry and goes along the coast to Clough then up through Strangford and along the coast to Bangor and finally Belfast. There are several associated scenic loops at strategic points along the route.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) has paid for the Technical Report for the MCR and this is now complete. NITB has an application for financial assistance from the Mourne Heritage Trust in place to implement the project but this is awaiting match funding confirmation from the relevant Councils involved. Once all necessary approvals are in place it is anticipated that the MCR should be implemented during 2011-2012 financial year. The estimated costs for the signage for the MCR is approximately £250,000 plus associated professional fees.

Financial Allocation

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, for each of the last six financial years, and this year to date, to detail (i) the total financial allocation to her Department; (ii) the amount received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and (iii) her Department's actual spend in each year. **(AQW 3457/11)**

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: The following table provides the information requested for the last six financial years and the current financial year to date:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Opening Budget Position	282,939	274,700	255,084	306,030	253,342	311,841	273,008
Net In-Year Monitoring Adjustments	-12,883	-20,938	-30,598	-101,062	-41,291	-30,136	-4,075
Actual expenditure	257,784	238,772	213,925	194,790	208,932	279,380	N/A

The variations between opening and final budget positions comprise net in-year monitoring adjustments to budgets. These adjustments include allocations, reductions, transfers to other departments and re-profiling of capital budgets to forward years. More detail of the main net in-year monitoring adjustments is provided below.

Adjustments include a number of distinct one-off items which under monitoring guidelines are required to be surrendered rather than used by departments for other purposes. Additional receipts that were a result of the major increases in property values and the growth in the economy were also a main feature of the adjustments. Again these receipts were required to be surrendered under monitoring guidelines rather than be used by the department, and these receipts surrenders appear to reduce the budget due to the technical budgeting guidelines for the treatment of receipts when in fact expenditure on the ground is not affected.

Where actual expenditure is less than final budgets the difference was in the main in the Capital Budget where it should be noted that up to 2006/07 Treasury recognised that most Capital projects were multi-year by nature and therefore afforded the facility for End Year Flexibility. This meant that up to this year unspent Capital budget could be brought forward to the next year.

2004-05

The net reduction in 2004-05 relates mainly to the release in Monitoring of budget specifically set aside for Government intervention to reduce electricity costs to businesses, as EU State Aid approval for the proposed intervention was under consideration. Budgeting guidelines meant that DETI was not allowed to reallocate this funding for other uses.

2005-06

The net reduction in 2005-06 also relates to the release in Monitoring of budget set aside for Government intervention to reduce electricity costs to businesses as approval for EU State Aids was still under consideration. In addition, Invest NI generated increased capital receipts from the disposal of land, increases in income from loan repayments, share repayments and grant claw backs. Again budgeting guidelines meant that DETI was not allowed to reallocate this funding for other uses.

In addition the technical treatment of additional receipts means that they appear as a reduction to the Budget when in fact expenditure on the ground was not affected by their release, rather Invest NI's expenditure was unchanged but the receipts were available to the Block to spend.

2006-07

In 2006-07 there were three main factors contributing to the overall reduction in budget:

- The Irish Government made a contribution towards the construction of the North West and South North Gas Pipelines;
- Budgets for a number of capital programmes were reprofiled into 2007-08; and
- Invest NI generated increased capital receipts from the disposal of land, increases in income from loan repayments, share repayments and grant claw backs.

The technical treatment of the additional receipts from the contribution by the Republic of Ireland Government towards the pipelines and the additional receipts generated by Invest NI means that they appear as a reduction to the Budget when in fact expenditure on the ground is not affected by their release. Rather the DETI/Invest NI spending was unchanged by the additional receipts release but the receipts were available to the Block to spend.

2007-08

In 2007-08 there were a number of major one-off factors which contributed towards the large net reduction in budget. These included:

- The release of budget set aside for Government intervention to reduce electricity costs to businesses due to the withdrawal of the State Aid application;
- Reductions in Non Cash budgets, mainly relating to an actuarial review of the asbestosis related liabilities due by Harland and Wolff;
- Transfers to other departments and reprofiling of the Environment & Renewable Energy Fund across the next budget period; and
- Reductions in capital expenditure due to the Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre not being progressed in the timeline originally anticipated.

Invest NI also generated increased capital receipts from loan repayments, share repayments and grant claw backs, and from the sale of land. The one-off issues were required under Monitoring guidelines to be released to the Block rather than used by DETI for other purposes.

2008-09

The net reduction in 2008-09 mainly relates to reductions in Invest NI Resource and Capital grants resulting from the downturn in the global economy and the credit crunch, and reductions in Non Cash budgets.

2009-10

In 2009-10 the main factors contributing to the overall figure were a reduction in Invest NI grant following the Budget 2009-11 Strategic Stocktake exercise, contributions made by DETI to the Bombardier C Series project by way of a budget transfer to the UK Department of Business Innovation and Skills, and some slippage in NITB signature projects.

2009-10

The small reduction in 2010-11 budgets is a result of reductions in Energy and Tourism capital projects.

Invest NI

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to detail the total investment from Invest NI in the (i) Cookstown; (ii) Magherafelt; and (iii) Dungannon districts in (a) 2005/06; (b) 2006/07; (c) 2007/08; (d) 2008/09; and (e) 2009/10; and how many jobs were created as a consequence. (AQW 3475/11)

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: During the period 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2010, Invest NI offered assistance worth over £50m to companies in the (i) Cookstown, (ii) Magherafelt and (iii) Dungannon District Council Areas (DCA). The total assistance offered is split between employment related (£25m) and business development (£25m) projects. Business development projects involve activities such as research and development, training, trade development and technology and process development. Although not directly related to job creation, these activities will underpin business competitiveness leading eventually to growth and employment opportunities.

Table 1 shows the amount of assistance offered in each DCA in each of these 5 years. This represents the value of support which is expected to be paid towards business-related investment during the life-time of assisted projects. In addition, the table also details the total amount of investment planned by supported companies and the number of jobs that this investment aims to create and safeguard. This represents the number of jobs that these projects plan to create or safeguard and the total expected investment in the local economy generated by these projects.

TABLE 1 – INVEST NI OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE IN COOKSTOWN, DUNGANNON AND MAGHERAFELT DCAS (2005-06 TO 2009-10)

DCA	FIN Year	Job-Related				Business Development				Total				
		No. of Offers	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	No. of Offers	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m
Cookstown	2005-06	7	55		0.28	4.62	65	0.58	1.40	72	55		0.86	6.02
	2006-07	13	143	1	0.60	6.94	70	0.60	1.42	83	143	1	1.20	8.36
	2007-08	11	139	4	0.95	16.86	92	1.58	5.03	103	139	4	2.53	21.88
	2008-09	21	106		0.88	7.69	95	1.51	5.50	116	106		2.39	13.19

DCA	FIN Year	Job-Related					Business Development			Total				
		No. of Offers	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	
	2009-10	24	100	260	5.04	40.65	150	1.52	3.64	174	100	260	6.57	44.29
Total		76	543	265	7.76	76.76	472	5.79	16.99	548	543	265	13.55	93.75
Dungannon	2005-06	12	98		0.37	3.13	112	2.60	15.31	124	98		2.97	18.44
	2006-07	23	284	30	1.24	15.61	86	1.45	3.96	109	284	30	2.69	19.57
	2007-08	23	242		6.74	36.13	137	2.15	9.49	160	242		8.89	45.62
	2008-09	38	274	293	2.46	15.65	157	3.76	10.13	195	274	293	6.22	25.78
	2009-10	25	149	25	1.52	11.41	248	4.70	12.84	273	149	25	6.22	24.26
Total		121	1,047	348	12.33	81.92	740	14.66	51.74	861	1,047	348	26.99	133.66
Magherafelt	2005-06	9	84	41	0.46	5.61	93	0.51	1.46	102	84	41	0.96	7.07
	2006-07	9	78	8	0.35	2.26	72	0.58	1.48	81	78	8	0.93	3.74
	2007-08	19	116	80	1.63	11.18	91	0.74	1.90	110	116	80	2.37	13.08

DCA	FIN Year	Job-Related					Business Development			Total				
		No. of Offers	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	New Jobs	Safe Jobs	Total Assistance £m	Total Planned Investment £m	
	2008-09	17	224	10	1.53	28.00	100	0.92	2.19	117	224	10	2.45	30.19
	2009-10	17	70	47	1.15	7.21	132	1.94	5.30	149	70	47	3.09	12.51
Total		71	572	186	5.12	54.26	488	4.69	12.32	559	572	186	9.81	66.59
Grand Total		268	2,162	799	25.21	212.95	1,700	25.15	81.05	1,968	2,162	799	50.35	294.00

Notes:

- 1 Total Planned Investment includes Total Assistance Offered.
- 2 New Jobs represent the number of jobs expected to be created by the project.
- 3 Safe Jobs represent the number jobs that would have been lost if the project was not supported.
- 4 2010/11 figures are provisional and may be subject to change.
- 5 Some of the assistance offered may not be paid if projects are not fully delivered by the client.

In addition, during the same period Invest NI also indirectly offered support of over £476,000 to nearly 1,600 new locally-owned business starts through the Enterprise Development Programme (formerly the Start a Business programme), delivered in conjunction with Enterprise Northern Ireland. Table 2 shows the number of businesses and the associated assistance offered to these projects.

TABLE 2: NEW LOCAL BUSINESSES ASSISTED UNDER THE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN COOKSTOWN, DUNGANNON AND MAGHERAFELT DCAS (2005-06 TO 2009-10)

Year	Cookstown		Dungannon		Magherafelt		Total	
	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £	No. of Offers	Total Assistance £
2005-06	88	40,300	136	62,300	143	68,750	367	171,350
2006-07	92	32,400	121	44,600	102	37,200	315	114,200
2007-08	103	38,000	129	46,200	127	48,000	359	132,200
2008-09	71	24,000	112	23,600	68	10,800	251	58,400
2009-10	80	-	129	-	82	-	291	-
Total	434	134,700	627	176,700	522	164,750	1,583	476,150

Note: The new Enterprise Development Programme established in 2009 does not offer financial support to establish a business but provides training, advice and guidance.

Initial analysis of the EDP found that an average of 1.13 jobs were created by those businesses that continued to trade. Further analysis found that 68% of participants had proceeded to actually start a business, and 80% of those were still trading. Therefore, these figures would suggest that approximately 1,000 jobs would have been created under this programme during the 5 year period.

Office of Tourism Ireland in Coleraine

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to detail (i) when she last visited the office of Tourism Ireland in Coleraine; and (ii) any plans for investment at this location.

(AQW 3580/11)

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: I have visited and participated in a number of Tourism Ireland events in Great Britain, the US, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, China and India to assist Tourism Ireland in marketing Northern Ireland overseas.

However, I have not visited the Tourism Ireland office in Coleraine and it is my understanding that Tourism Ireland has no plans for further investment on the site.

Private Debt and Finance Management Companies

Ms J McCann asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what regulatory guidelines are in place to ensure that (i) fair trading is adhered to by private debt and finance management companies; and (ii) their customers are protected.

(AQW 3689/11)

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) – which has a UK-wide remit - has published comprehensive debt management guidance which covers the activities of debt management companies in the UK. This sets out minimum standards to be met by debt management businesses, if they are judged fit to hold a Consumer Credit licence, and is used by DETI in advising businesses about best practice. The OFT is responsible for administering the licensing regime including the granting of licences and monitoring the continuing fitness of those to whom licences have been granted.

In September 2010 OFT published key findings from a review of the debt management sector which identified 129 debt management companies that faced losing their Consumer Credit licence unless immediate action was taken. The OFT report sets out a detailed action plan to improve standards

across the industry and undertook to update its guidance to take explicit account of new and emerging unfair business practices.

In Northern Ireland DETI is charged with enforcing, among other pieces of consumer protection legislation, the Consumer Credit Act 1974 which allows debt management companies to hold a Consumer Credit licence and which regulates their activities and behaviour.

Local Small Businesses

Mr S Anderson asked the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment what meetings she has had with banks in the last three months in relation to lending to local small businesses.

(AQW 3713/11)

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: My officials and I maintain regular contact with the banks and ensure that specific problems raised by businesses and their political representatives are brought to their attention.

I write regularly to senior management of the banks drawing their attention to cases where businesses feel they have not had the assistance they need. In addition, a series of official level meetings between my Department and the banks began in December 2010 with the aim of improving communication and establishing the facts about the way in which banks deal with businesses and the availability of funding for them.

Department of the Environment

Assessment on Efficiency

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of the Environment to detail (i) what assessment has been carried out on the efficiency of the management of his Department; (ii) what conclusions were made; and (iii) what steps he has taken to ensure effective management practices are implemented to improve the delivery of his Department.

(AQW 3379/11)

Minister of the Environment (Mr E Poots): My Department has faced very significant financial pressures in the last two financial years, primarily as a consequence of the significant and sudden decrease in planning application income and various reductions to the Department's overall budget. The overall budgetary pressure at the beginning of this financial year was circa £16 million (in excess of 12% of the opening budget position). This scale of financial pressure within one financial year is unprecedented in this Department and follows a difficult financial position in 2009-10 when the Department had to absorb financial pressures of circa £9 million.

To address the overall pressures facing the Department two reviews were commissioned to identify how efficiencies could be achieved from a reduction in the cost of delivering corporate services across the Department and its executive agencies; and by aligning the Planning Service operating costs to forecast levels of planning application income.

When fully implemented, the Corporate Services Review will deliver savings of circa £2 million through the rationalisation and streamlining of these corporate functions. In light of the nature of these functions, the savings will largely be delivered through the redeployment of surplus staff and the suppression of vacancies (approximately 75 posts). These staff reductions have already taken place.

The Review of the Planning Service Operating Costs has identified potential savings of circa £9 million. This will be partly delivered through a rapid reduction in staffing costs through the redeployment of staff and reviewing and revising the fees structure for planning applications. To date, the Planning Service has reduced its staffing complement by over 160 staff through a combination of staff transfers, loans and secondments across the wider NICS and public sector and through retirements and other natural wastage. Furthermore, the ongoing review of Planning Fees should deliver in excess of £2 million per

annum which, in addition to the savings from the review of planning operating costs, should contribute to moving the Planning Service to a balanced budget position.

In addition, the level of discretionary spend across the Department has been significantly reduced and the Department will continue to ensure all resources are efficiently utilised in the delivery of its services and programmes.

New Departmental Staff

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of the Environment to detail the number of new staff employed by his Department in each of the last five years, broken down by grade; and how many of these new staff employed in each year were planners.

(AQW 3387/11)

Minister of the Environment: My Department has employed 361 new staff since April 2006, 35 of which were at planning grades. A further breakdown by year and grade, including planners is provided in the tables below.

Financial Year: 2006/07		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant	7	0	7
Administrative Officer	Administrative Officer	4	0	4
Administrative Officer	Driving Examiner (Tg1)	4	0	4
Administrative Officer	Vehicle Inspector Tg1	19	0	19
Executive Officer 1	Pto (Planning Assistant)	0	15	15
Industrial	Ranger	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Hpto (Planning Assistant)	0	1	1
Staff Officer	Staff Officer	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Staff Officer (Accountant)	1	0	1
	Totals	37	16	53

Financial Year: 2007/08		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant	14	0	14
Administrative Officer	Administrative Officer	3	0	3
Administrative Officer	Driving Examiner (Tg1)	5	0	5
Administrative Officer	Vehicle Inspector Tg1	14	0	14
Deputy Principal	Accountant (DP)	1	0	1
Deputy Principal	Deputy Principal Information Officer	1	0	1

Financial Year: 2007/08		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Executive Officer 1	Pto (Planning Assistant)	0	19	19
Senior Civil Servant	Deputy Secretary	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Auditor (SO) MIIA or BATS	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Staff Officer	4	0	4
		44	19	63

Financial Year: 2008/09		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant	11	0	11
Administrative Officer	Driving Examiner (Tg1)	1	0	1
Administrative Officer	ICT Level 2	1	0	1
Administrative Officer	Administrative Officer	29	0	29
Administrative Officer	Vehicle Inspector Tg1	43	0	43
Deputy Principal	Accountant (DP)	1	0	1
Deputy Principal	Deputy Principal Information Officer	1	0	1
Deputy Principal	Deputy Principal	5	0	5
Executive Officer 1	ICT Level 4	1	0	1
Executive Officer 1	Pto Vehicle Driving Examiner	1	0	1
Executive Officer 1	Executive Officer I	2	0	2
Executive Officer 1	Scientific Officer	24	0	24
Executive Officer 2	Personal Secretary	1	0	1
Executive Officer 2	ICT Level 3	2	0	2
Executive Officer 2	Executive Officer II	5	0	5
Grade 7	Principal	1	0	1
Industrial	Ranger	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Curatorial Grade E	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Higher Scientific Officer	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Hpto Enforcement Manager	1	0	1
Staff Officer	ICT Level 5	1	0	1

Financial Year: 2008/09		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Staff Officer	Staff Officer	13	0	13
		147	0	147

Financial Year: 2009/10		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Administrative Assistant	Support Grade Band 2	2	0	2
Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant	3	0	3
Administrative Officer	Driving Examiner (Tg1)	1	0	1
Administrative Officer	Administrative Officer	5	0	5
Administrative Officer	Vehicle Inspector Tg1	26	0	26
Deputy Principal	Deputy Principal Information Officer	1	0	1
Deputy Principal	Senior Scientific Officer	3	0	3
Deputy Principal	Deputy Principal	5	0	5
Executive Officer 1	Pto	1	0	1
Executive Officer 1	Executive Officer I	4	0	4
Executive Officer 1	Scientific Officer	8	0	8
Executive Officer 2	ICT Level 3	1	0	1
Executive Officer 2	Executive Officer II	4	0	4
Grade 6	Senior Principal (G6)	2	0	2
Grade 7	Principal Information Officer (G7)	1	0	1
Grade 7	Principal	3	0	3
Senior Civil Servant	Assistant Secretary	1	0	1
Senior Civil Servant	Chief Executive UG4	1	0	1
Senior Civil Servant	Chief Executive UG5	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Hpto Graphic Designer	1	0	1
Staff Officer	ICT Level 5	1	0	1
Staff Officer	Staff Officer (Accountant)	2	0	2
Staff Officer	Hpto (Architect Assistant)	6	0	6

Financial Year: 2009/10		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Staff Officer	Staff Officer	6	0	6
		89	0	89

Financial Year: 2010/11 to date		Number of New Staff		
Analogous Grade	Grade Name	Non Planners	Planners	Total
Administrative Officer	Administrative Officer	1	0	1
Administrative Officer	Vehicle Inspector Tg1	5	0	5
Deputy Principal	Senior Scientific Officer	1	0	1
Deputy Principal	Deputy Principal	2	0	2
		9	0	9

Planning Applications

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of the Environment how many planning applications were received in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3388/11)

Minister of the Environment: The information requested is contained in Planning Service's annual and quarterly development management reports. The most recently published information is up to the period September 2010. The next quarterly report is due to be published in March 2011. The details requested are set out in the following table.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 (April - Sept 10)
Planning Applications Received (All Divisions)	35,356	27,077	27,906	20,469	19,557	9,207

Environment Agency Staff

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of the Environment to outline the employment status of Environment Agency staff compared to staff in the Civil Service.

(AQW 3389/11)

Minister of the Environment: Northern Ireland Environment Agency staff, both non-industrial and industrial, are Northern Ireland Civil Servants employed by the Department of the Environment under NICS terms and conditions. Their employment status is the same as that of other civil servants.

Draft Spending Plans for 2011-15

Mr Pól Callaghan asked the Minister of the Environment to detail the (i) grades; (ii) functions; and (iii) locations of posts which his Department plans to remove in the next 18 months under its draft spending plans for 2011-15.

(AQW 3419/11)

Minister of the Environment: In response to the NI Executive's Draft Budget 2011-15, and to inform the consultation process, I published the draft spending and savings proposals for my Department on 10 January 2011. The proposed reductions in my Department's budget will create a need to reduce the number of posts by some 300, over the budget period. This is an estimated figure based on the draft spending and savings proposals as set out in my Department's consultation document. Final proposals will not be published until the consultation period is over and all responses have been received and analysed. It is only when this exercise is complete that I will be in a position to consider the full impact on staff numbers and how proposed reductions will be managed. It will be necessary to continually review this position throughout the Budget period taking into consideration the pace at which savings are delivered from the wide range of proposals that have been identified.

Financial Allocation

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of the Environment, for each of the last six financial years, and this year to date, to detail (i) the total financial allocation to his Department; (ii) the amount received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and (iii) his Department's actual spend in each year.

(AQW 3456/11)

Minister of the Environment: The table below provides the information as requested.

	2004/05 £'000		2005/06 £'000		2006/07 £'000	
	Resource	Capital	Resource	Capital	Resource	Capital
Opening Budget	130,458	12,424	119,813	13,839	125,432	10,656
Received/Deducted In-Year Monitoring Rounds**	(3,819)	5,479	10,726	3,197	(7,226)	6,819
Adjusted Budget Position	126,639	17,903	130,539	17,036	118,206	17,475
Actual Spend	121,801	11,125	119,458	9,784	116,388	12,788

	2007/08 £'000		2008/09 £'000		2009/10 £'000	
	Resource	Capital	Resource	Capital	Resource	Capital
Opening Budget	125,265	9,819	137,543	5,714	136,501	16,294
Received/Deducted In-Year Monitoring Rounds**	(751)	2,726	(3,661)	(9,568)	14,765	(9,409)
Adjusted Budget Position	124,514	12,545	133,882	(3,854)	151,266	6,885
Actual Spend	120,492	9,208	133,312	(3,781)	149,646	6,704

	2010/11* £'000	
	Resource	Capital
Opening Budget	135,454	182,604
Received/Deducted In-Year Monitoring Rounds**	7,467)	(170,349)
Adjusted Budget Position	142,921	12,255
Actual Spend to end November 2010	96,515	3,394

* Actual Spend figures for 2010/11 are up to end November 2010.

** Net figures

Planning Applications

Mr P J Bradley asked the Minister of the Environment (i) for his assessment of the financial and sustainable impact on businesses of the delays in planning applications that have arisen as result of miscalculation of planning fees made by his Department; and (ii) to detail (a) the number of Departmental errors relating to planning fees that have been identified to date; (b) the date of the earliest application still on hold as result of these errors; (c) the number of applications placed on hold due to miscalculation errors; (d) the range of fees paid by applicants whose applications are currently on hold; (e) the range of the sums being sought by his Department to allow applications, stalled by the miscalculation of planning fees, to progress; (f) the total of the sums demanded by his Department to allow these applications to progress; and (g) what action he proposes to take to offset the delays, the inconvenience and business-related problems caused by the miscalculation in planning fees made by his Department.

(AQW 3472/11)

- (i) **Minister of the Environment:** I acknowledge that the delays will have had an impact on a number of quarry operators. The Department is however required to ensure that it protects the public purse. The Department has agreed to meet with each applicant to discuss each application.
- (ii) Details requested are as follows:-
 - (a) & (c) I can confirm that 26 planning applications have been identified as having a fee undercharge.
 - (b) The earliest application was received on 17 September 2004;
 - (d) The fees paid for these applications range from £200 to £22,500;
 - (e) The range of sums sought to progress applications with a fee undercharge is from £460 to £34,250;
 - (f) The total sum required to allow these mineral extraction applications to progress is £283,420; and
 - (g) I have instructed Minerals Unit staff in the Planning Service to progress these applications as a priority, with a willingness to meet to discuss each case as required.

Polluting Sources of Drinking Water

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of the Environment (i) what legal options are available to (a) his Department; and (b) the public to pursue individuals, groups or companies that have polluted sources of drinking water; and (ii) how many prosecutions there were for such incidents in each of the last three years.

(AQW 3537/11)

Minister of the Environment: The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), an Agency within my Department, is responsible for investigating reports of pollution; for regulating all discharges to waterways and underground strata and for instigating enforcement action where appropriate.

The primary legislation under which the Department controls pollution is the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999. Supplementary legislation such as The Nitrates Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and the Groundwater Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 provide legal powers similar to those in The Water Order, but specific to pollution from agriculture; while the Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 provide legal powers specific to pollution from industry.

In addition to the legal options available to my Department the Department for Regional Development (DRD) also advises that under the Water and Sewerage Services Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 it is an offence to pollute the water in any waterworks. Waterworks include:

- (a) any spring, well, adit, borehole, service reservoir or tank; and
- (b) any main or other pipe of a water undertaker.

This pollution control legislation provides my Department with a range of legal options depending on the circumstances and severity of the pollution or pollution threat. These options are:

- a. prosecution;
- b. the issue of a formal warning letter;
- c. the issue of a range of legally binding notices requiring the polluter to take prompt remedial or cleanup action; and
- d. requiring the polluter to pay the costs of any remedial action or making good any damage caused.

Most of the cases taken by NIEA on behalf of the Department are heard in the Magistrates Court where the maximum sentence that can be imposed is imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months, a fine not exceeding £20,000 or a combination of both. If the offence warrants it, a case can be heard in the Crown Court where the maximum fine that can be imposed is imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, a fine or both.

There is no mechanism for the public to take prosecutions through the criminal courts. However, where a member of the public or a group can demonstrate that they have suffered some monetary or other loss due to pollution, there is the option for them to mount a claim against the polluter for compensation in a civil court.

Over the past three years there has been only one prosecution arising from an incident of water pollution affecting a waterway at or close to a drinking water source.

This prosecution was taken against NIW for an incident in July 2008 which affected a tributary of Lough Ross near Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh. This case was heard in court on 15 March 2010 and resulted in NIW being fined £1,500 plus court costs of £31.

It should be noted that this incident involved sediment recovered from the raw drinking water during the water treatment process being discharged back into a tributary of Lough Ross. While this sediment did cause water pollution, the risk posed by this material to human health and the risk of it entering the drinking water supply were both negligible.

Advertising Budget for Road Safety

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of the Environment to detail the advertising budget for road safety in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3548/11)

Minister of the Environment: The advertising budget for road safety in the last five financial years is as follows:

Year	Budget
2006/2007	£2.355m
2007/2008	£2.156m

Year	Budget
2008/2009	£1.651m
2009/2010	£1.722m
2010/2011	£1.586m

Ulster Farm By-Products Factory at Ballyvannon Road, Glenavy

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of the Environment whether the Northern Ireland Environment Agency is aware of the precise chemical composition of the plume and odour caused by the processing and incineration operations at the Ulster Farm By-Products factory at Ballyvannon Road, Glenavy.

(AQW 3562/11)

Minister of the Environment: The thermal oxidisers at Ulster Farm By-Products treat odorous compounds arising from the process by oxidation at high temperature. The oxidation process breaks down these compounds to form substances such as carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and water. The permit sets a limit for residual volatile organic compounds (VOC) at 20 mg/m³ and for hydrogen sulphide at 1 part per million by volume.

NIEA has not carried out a full analysis of the chemical composition of the emission to air from the process. It would not be an appropriate use of resources to set permit limits, or monitor for every conceivable compound within the plume. The Agency seeks to ensure the substances of most relevance to the facility are monitored. In this case volatile organic compounds (VOC) and hydrogen sulphide are the most relevant as they are an established proxy for odour. Direct odour measurements have also been carried out by the operator to determine the effectiveness of the thermal oxidisers.

Depending on weather and processing conditions, there may be a visible plume from the thermal oxidisers. This is caused by condensation of water vapour arising from the cooking process.

Lafarge Project at the Magheramorne Quarry in Larne

Mr D Hilditch asked the Minister of the Environment for an update on the Lafarge project at the Magheramorne Quarry in Larne.

(AQW 3596/11)

Minister of the Environment: In May 2006 Lafarge Cement UK submitted a planning application (F/2006/0131/0) for the regeneration of the Quarry and Works. The application, which was accompanied by an Environmental Statement, was processed under Article 31 procedures. On 16 September 2009 outline planning permission was granted for the following uses in the 3 main areas of the site:

- Quarry area - World Cycling Centre and All-Ireland Diving Centre.
- Old cement works area - Harbour Village (with a residential component of 450 dwellings) and mixed uses, and Industrial Heritage Park.
- Peninsula - Film studios, heritage railway & visitor centre, events area, bird watching, ecological area.

In accordance with the conditions of the outline planning permission, any application for reserved matters consent is required to be submitted by 16 September 2019. To date no such application has been received.

Regeneration Scheme for Glenarm Village

Mr D Hilditch asked the Minister of the Environment for an update on the regeneration scheme for Glenarm Village.

(AQW 3597/11)

Minister of the Environment: The 10 year heritage-led regeneration strategy was launched in June 2010 at which time I announced my support for a secondee, at Senior Planning Officer grade, to the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment. This would be as a pilot scheme and on a part time basis of 2½ days per week for 6 months (after which the position will be reviewed).

The position will ensure that the momentum gained through the Enquiry by Design Workshops and the publication of the regeneration strategy will be maintained and taken forward.

Discussions have been ongoing between my officials, officers of Larne Borough Council and Ben Bolgar from the Prince's Foundation to agree the details of the secondment and the role of the secondee.

The secondee has now been selected and will take up post on 14 February 2011.

Adverse Weather Conditions

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of the Environment to detail any discussions his Department, or its agencies, had with the Department for Regional Development prior to the recent adverse weather; and what measures were agreed to alleviate the problems caused by these weather conditions.

(AQW 3624/11)

Minister of the Environment: My Department was involved in a number of conference calls with a wide range of agencies before Christmas and afterwards that included the Department for Regional Development Roads Service and NI Water to review the growing adverse weather conditions and the extent of the response measures needed. With the weather situation getting worse and the water crisis developing, it was apparent by 23 December that the public would be needing help and I therefore arranged for councils to activate their emergency response plans to ensure local government was on standby to assist communities and lead agencies such as NI Water.

In discussions with the Local Government Emergency Management Group, my Department arranged for council reception centres to be opened to provide people with humanitarian aid and also facilitate the response process. This led to councils distributing bottled water to the vulnerable, providing showering facilities in leisure centres and managing stand-pipes to supply drinking water to the public. Council staff were also deployed on the ground checking building sites for burst pipes, environmental health officers were visiting catering premises without water to offer advice and council emergency planning officers were working in NI Water's operations room to relay key information on the water crisis to council co-ordination centres.

In my view councils undertook a fundamental role in providing valuable measures to alleviate the problems caused by the severe weather.

Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan

Mr G Savage asked the Minister of the Environment (i) when he expects the new Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (BMAP) to be presented to his Department by the Planning Appeals Commission; (ii) what resources his Department has allocated to ensure that it can respond swiftly to the PAC; and (iii) the date on which he anticipates BMAP will be finally adopted by his Department.

(AQW 3694/11)

Minister of the Environment: The Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (BMAP) 2015 was published in November 2004. Approximately 4,000 representations and objections were received, and Planning Service asked the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) to convene a Public Inquiry to consider the objections. The PAC is an independent body and is not part of the Department of the Environment but appointed by the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

The BMAP Public Inquiry commenced in April 2007 and concluded in May 2008. The PAC is currently considering all the information before it prior to completing its report and making its recommendations to the Department.

The Department wrote to the PAC in October 2008, and requested the early release of that part of the BMAP Report relating to strategic retail issues, including Sprucefield. The PAC took the view that this was a discrete issue and, as the public sessions of the Inquiry were complete, it issued the report to the Department on 21 January 2009. This report is available to the public on request.

The PAC had indicated a preliminary timescale for delivery of the remainder of the report to Planning Service as early summer 2010. However, in July 2010, the PAC stated that 'due to the number of objections and the scope and complexity of the issues they raise' they were unable to deliver the report in accordance with the timescale originally envisaged, and they now aim to present their report to the Department by the end of March 2011.

Upon receipt of the report, Planning Service will consider the PAC recommendations, and will prepare the Plan for adoption. The Department has assembled a team to undertake the work that will be necessary to ensure that BMAP is prepared for adoption as quickly as possible, consistent with available resources.

The final timescale for the adoption of BMAP will be dependent on a number of factors, including the nature of the recommendations contained in the PAC Report. Due to the scale of the task involved, it is anticipated that the Plan will be finally adopted in 2012.

Department of Finance and Personnel

Section 3.47 of the Draft Budget 2010 Document

Mr D Kinahan asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel to clarify the statement in section 3.47 of the draft Budget 2010 document; and whether the Executive will make an equal contribution of £25m to the Presbyterian Mutual Society as a donation rather than as a loan.

(AQW 3339/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel (Mr S Wilson): The Coalition Government's £25 million contribution to the proposed Mutual Access Fund element of Presbyterian Mutual Society (PMS) solution was conferred in the Spending Review and our own draft Budget makes provision for the Executive's £25 million contribution.

The proposed solution includes the requirement for the Mutual Access Fund contribution to be repaid from any available surplus at the end of the ten year loan workout period for PMS assets. After this any remaining surplus would be available for distribution to PMS creditors and members.

However, the exact details of how the proposed Mutual Access Fund element of Presbyterian Mutual Society (PMS) solution have not yet been finalised and any final solution will be subject to the agreement of the Executive, the Assembly, the EU and PMS creditors and members.

section 3.47 of the Draft Budget 2010 Document

Mr T Elliott asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel whether the statement in section 3.47 of the draft Budget 2010 document which states that "a contribution from the Treasury of £25m which is matched by an equal contribution from this Executive" means that the Executive will be making a donation to the Presbyterian Mutual Society as opposed to a loan.

(AQW 3341/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The Coalition Government's £25 million contribution to the proposed Mutual Access Fund element of Presbyterian Mutual Society (PMS) solution was conferred in the Spending Review and our own draft Budget makes provision for the Executive's £25 million contribution.

The proposed solution includes the requirement for the Mutual Access Fund contribution to be repaid from any available surplus at the end of the ten year loan workout period for PMS assets. After this any remaining surplus would be available for distribution to PMS creditors and members.

However, the exact details of how the proposed Mutual Access Fund element of Presbyterian Mutual Society (PMS) solution have not yet been finalised and any final solution will be subject to the agreement of the Executive, the Assembly, the EU and PMS creditors and members.

Performance and Efficiency Delivery Unit

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel, pursuant to AQW 2543/11, what action the Performance and Efficiency Delivery Unit has taken to drive the delivery of the Priorities for Government commitments and targets, broken down for each Department; and how many people currently work in the unit.

(AQW 3454/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The Performance and Efficiency Delivery Unit, PEDU, in conjunction with OFMDFM, developed the PFG Performance Management Framework which was subsequently adopted by the NI Executive.

On a quarterly basis PEDU provides support to OFMDFM in running the Performance Management Framework. Typically, PEDU will prepare the PSA Monitoring templates, arrange the Central assessment of PSA progress and draft the alternating Interim and Full Delivery Reports for the OFMDFM and the Executive. This approach focuses on all PSAs across all departments.

PEDU also provides support to the related Accountability Meetings which focus in on areas of particular concern in terms of progress on PSAs. Typically, PEDU prepare Delivery Assessments of the areas in question and subsequent outcome papers to set out actions to help to drive progress on the challenging targets. Through the Accountability Meetings, the following departments have been scrutinised in the following areas:

DEL	PSA 2	Promoting the study of STEM Subjects
DoE	PSA 22	Greenhouse gas emissions
OFMDFM	PSA 11	Sustainable development
DSD	PSA 12	Regeneration
DETI	PSA	1 Productivity and tourism
DARD	PSA 4	Supporting Rural Business
OFMDFM	PSA 7	Child Poverty and Victims
DHSSPS	PSA 8	Promoting Health and Addressing Health Inequalities

In terms of staffing, in addition to the Head of PEDU, four full time members of staff currently work in the Unit. It should also be noted that, in undertaking specific work with departments, staff from the Unit will work within a larger collaborative Team that will include staff from the respective host organisations.

Draft Spending Plans for 2011-15

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel which Departments have published their draft spending plans for 2011-15.

(AQW 3466/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The Executive expressly demanded that individual ministers publish their departmental budget proposals within a week. Whilst the delay by some departments has been disappointing, I am pleased that all departments have now published their detailed plans.

In recognition of the need to allow as much time as possible for the public consultation the Executive has now agreed to extend the consultation period by one week to 16th February 2011. Unfortunately

it is not possible to extend this any further if we are to agree a final budget before the start of the new financial year.

Financial Allocation

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel, for each of the last six financial years, and this year to date, to detail (i) the total financial allocation to his Department; (ii) the amount received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and (iii) his Department's actual spend in each year.

(AQW 3469/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The (i) total financial allocation to my Department; (ii) the amount received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and (iii) the actual spend in each of the last six financial years along with the 2010-11 position to the end of December 2010 are set out in the Tables 1 and 2 attached.

TABLE 1

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL RUNNING COSTS - RESOURCE AND CAPITAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE LIMIT (DEL)

				£million
Financial Year	Opening Budget	Final Budget	In Year Monitoring Increase	Final Outturn
2004-05	156.2	195.2	39.0	167.7
2005-06	231.8	247.9	16.1	202.5
2006-07	239.3	253.1	13.8	220.3
2007-08	224.9	248.7	23.8	239.4
2008-09	216.0*	236.4	20.4	234.5
2009-10	189.8	253.9	64.1	245.3
Financial Year	Opening Position	December Position	In Year Monitoring Increase	To December 2010 (provisional)
2010-11	198.1	227.5	29.4	148.0

* Exclusive of £175 million Workplace 2010 capital receipt.

The significant increase between the 2009-10 opening and final budget positions, reflects both additional allocations largely to support the delivery of essential shared services on behalf of Northern Ireland departments and other public bodies; and technical changes, in particular the transfer of shared services to DFP, the introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards and the NICS equal pay claim.

TABLE 2

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL RUNNING COSTS – ANNUALLY MANAGED EXPENDITURE (AME)

				£million
Financial Year	Opening Position	Final Position	Increase	Final Outturn
2009-10	0.0	7.9	7.9	4.6

				£million
Financial Year	Opening Position	Final Position	Increase	Final Outturn
Financial Year	Opening Position	December Position	Increase	To December 2010 (provisional)
2010-11	0.0	3.5	3.5	-14.2*

* The outturn to December is negative reflecting the release of the previous year's provision for equal pay. EU Funding Application in Respect of the Maze/Long Kesh

Mrs D Kelly asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel whether the EU funding application in respect of the Maze/Long Kesh will be submitted by the Special EU Programmes Body deadline of 17 January 2011.

(AQW 3478/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: An application for a project titled Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Centre was submitted by the Maze/Long Kesh Programme Delivery Unit to the Special EU Programmes Body on 17 January 2011.

Contact with the Media by Civil Servants

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel to outline the protocols and procedures governing contact with the media by civil servants on matters relating to (i) the Department of their employment; (ii) Departments other than the Department of their employment; and (iii) business being conducted at other Departments.

(AQW 3482/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The standards of conduct chapter in the NICS HR handbook contains general guidelines to assist staff when dealing with any media enquiries. The relevant section can be found in the Standards of Conduct Chapter paragraph 18:

<http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/6.01-standards-of-conduct.pdf>

It states that civil servants must not make any public statements, which may, or may not, involve the disclosure of official information, or draw upon experience gained in their official capacity, without the prior approval of the Departmental Personnel Officer.

The handbook adds that all contacts with the media should normally be handled through Departmental Press Offices.

These procedures apply to civil servants on matters relating to their own Department, Departments other than the Department of their employment and business being conducted by other Departments.

Rates Arrears: Pubs, Clubs and ther Licensed Commercial Premises

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel to detail the total number, names and locations of pubs, clubs and other licensed commercial premises that are currently in rates arrears of more than £5,000; and how much each organisation is in arrears.

(AQW 3494/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: Individual ratepayer details can not be supplied due to Data Protection legislation. The table attached therefore provides aggregated information by District Council.

The information in the table has been extracted from Land & Property Services (LPS) records as at 19 January 2011. The existence of a licence is a relevant factor in the valuation of certain classes of premises, but not in other categories.

The figures include rates owed for 2010-11 and all previous years. They therefore include amounts being paid under monthly instalment plans.

PUBS, CLUBS, AND OTHER LICENSED COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES WITH TOTAL RATING DEBT GREATER THAN £5,000 AS AT 16TH JANUARY 2011, BY DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Council	Total Debt	Minimum Debt per property	Maximum Debt per Property	Properties	Occupancies	Average Debt Per Property
Antrim	£200,324	£6,218	£49,975	12	19	£16,694
Ards	£244,868	£8,273	£35,419	13	22	£18,836
Armagh	£173,309	£5,533	£27,533	13	20	£13,331
Ballymena	£167,752	£5,256	£34,112	12	20	£13,979
Ballymoney	£15,119	£5,024	£5,068	3	4	£5,040
Banbridge	£90,598	£5,043	£18,639	9	12	£10,066
Belfast	£3,483,114	£5,003	£237,723	129	204	£27,001
Carrickfergus	£199,091	£7,558	£96,070	6	10	£33,182
Castlereagh	£212,256	£5,083	£60,324	10	16	£21,226
Coleraine	£301,517	£5,258	£34,558	20	29	£15,076
Cookstown	£92,676	£6,571	£28,032	8	14	£11,584
Craigavon	£241,488	£5,580	£43,174	13	24	£18,576
Derry	£685,990	£5,079	£60,305	38	60	£18,052
Down	£452,312	£5,779	£150,162	19	36	£23,806
Dungannon & S.Tyrone	£103,436	£5,777	£41,523	5	7	£20,687
Fermanagh	£480,554	£5,748	£145,461	23	31	£20,894
Larne	£164,687	£10,920	£60,300	5	7	£32,937
Limavady	£205,755	£5,398	£30,062	14	17	£14,697
Lisburn	£320,709	£5,149	£55,903	18	23	£17,817
Magherafelt	£99,209	£5,609	£39,369	5	8	£19,842
Moyle	£150,686	£5,593	£58,772	9	16	£16,743
Newry & Mourne	£743,076	£5,634	£171,437	33	57	£22,517
Newtownabbey	£138,003	£5,211	£67,287	9	15	£15,334
North Down	£523,645	£5,448	£52,554	23	45	£22,767
Omagh	£77,990	£5,387	£17,444	8	15	£9,749
Strabane	£130,215	£5,135	£42,978	8	15	£16,277
Grand Total	£9,698,378			465	746	£20,857

Figures may not total exactly due to rounding.

Draft Health Budget

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel whether he has received any meeting requests since 17 December 2011 from the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to discuss the draft Health Budget.

(AQW 3574/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: I have not met with nor received any request for a meeting from the Health Minister since the 17 December 2010.

Monitoring Rounds

Mrs M O'Neill asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel whether the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety will continue to receive the previously agreed amount of £20m in each Monitoring Round for the period 2011/12 to 2014/15.

(AQW 3606/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: There is no provision made in the Draft Budget 2011 to 2015 for the continuation of the guarantee of first call on available in- year money up to the limit of £20million each year to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Capital Projects

Mr G Savage asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel, pursuant to AQW 3168/11, how 'the Executive's proposals will ensure that the construction sector will not be as adversely affected as some had predicted'.

(AQW 3654/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The draft Budget 2011-15 published on 15th December reflected a number of measures to boost the capital investment available. The two main measures included the identification of some £650 million capital receipts which have increased the overall capital investment available and the Executive's decision to reclassify some £252 million from current expenditure into capital investment.

These enhancements of the capital investment budget should provide a further stimulus to the local construction industry.

capital Funding Surrendered by NI Water

Mr A Ross asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel to detail the amount of capital funding surrendered by NI Water in each of the last four monitoring rounds.

(AQW 3656/11)

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The amount of capital investment resources surrendered by NI Water in each of the last four monitoring rounds is detailed in the table below:

Monitoring Round	NI Water Reduced Requirements (000s)
February 2010	£0
June 2010	£0
September 2010	£0
December 2010	£24,894

Lone Pensioner Allowance

Mr A Ross asked the Minister of Finance and Personnel how many people were in receipt of the Lone Pensioner Allowance in (i) Larne; (ii) Carrickfergus; (iii) Newtownabbey in each of the last three years. **(AQW 3672/11)**

Minister of Finance and Personnel: The tables overleaf show the number of properties in receipt of Lone Pensioner Allowance awards made by Land & Property Services (LPS) for owner occupiers in the Larne, Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey council areas, along with their net value for the years 2008-09, 2009-10 and from 1 April 2010 until 16 January 2011.

LPS Lone Pensioners Allowance awards for each year from 1st April 2008 to 16th January 2011:

Council	Properties in Receipt of LPA 2008-09	Net Value of LPA Awards
Larne	406	£52,213
Carrickfergus	464	£68,496
Newtownabbey	1,036	£145,405

Council	Properties in Receipt of LPA 2009-10	Net Value of LPA Awards
Larne	511	£67,079
Carrickfergus	568	£92,916
Newtownabbey	1,297	£186,275

Council	Properties in Receipt of LPA 2010- to date	Net Value of LPA Awards
Larne	525	£70,916
Carrickfergus	591	£90,952
Newtownabbey	1,336	£183,264

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive administers Lone Pensioner Allowance for the social and private rented sectors. The Executive has supplied the following information on total current awards of Lone Pensioner Allowance by its relevant office for the period 01 April 2008 until 21 January 2011.

NIHE LONE PENSIONER ALLOWANCE AWARDS FROM 01 APRIL 2008 UNTIL 21 JANUARY 2011

NIHE Office	Total current awards
Larne	105
Carrickfergus	151
Newtownabbey	249

Land & Property Services' records show the total amount awarded by NIHE during each year from 01 April 2008 until 16 January 2011:

Council	Total Net Value of LPA Awards made by NIHE		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Larne	£7,424	£14,123	£11,193
Carrickfergus	£11,611	£16,740	£14,896
Newtownabbey	£15,313	£27,641	£25,070

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Mains Water Interruption

Mr Pól Callaghan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) to list the Health and Social Care facilities in each Trust area which suffered a mains water interruption during the recent water crisis; and (ii) what alternative supply arrangements were implemented to maintain supply in each facility.

(AQW 3253/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (Mr M McGimpsey): The attached table lists the Health and Social Care facilities in each Trust which suffered a mains water interruption together with alternative supply arrangements.

Health and Social Care facilities by Trust

South Eastern HSC Trust	
Facilities suffering a mains water interruption	Alternative Supply Arrangements
Lagan Valley Hospital Laurel Hill Elderly Peoples Home Drumlough House Elderly Peoples Home Thompson House Hospital	Bottled water (procured by Trust together with NIW supply)
Marmion Children's Home Hillsborough Health Centre Newcroft Lodge Care Home	Water bowser
Downshire Hospital	NIW tanker supply

Western HSC Trust	
Facilities suffering a mains water interruption	Alternative Supply Arrangements
Greenfield Care Home	Local water storage
Gortmore Day Centre	Facility was closed for holidays and no action was required.

Northern HSC Trust	
Facilities suffering a mains water interruption	Alternative Supply Arrangements
Westlands Old People's Home Cookstown Adult Centre	NIW tanker supply
Causeway Hospital	Local water storage and bottled water

Southern HSC Trust	
Facilities suffering a mains water interruption	Alternative Supply Arrangements
Loane House Woodside Childrens Home Longstone Site St Lukes Hospital South Tyrone Hospital	Bottled water and storage tanks topped up by NIFRS
Drumglass Childrens Home Dungannon Clinic	Bottled water
Crossmaglen Health Centre	Bottled water and storage tanks topped up by NIW

Belfast HSC Trust	
Facilities suffering a mains water interruption	Alternative Supply Arrangements
Belfast City Hospital (by agreement with NIW and the Trust) Musgrave park Hospital (by agreement with NIW and the Trust)	Belfast City & Musgrave Park Hospitals used the on site water supply boreholes as an alternative supply source.
Ballyowen Elderly Peoples Home	Bottled water
Trench Park Mica Drive Day Centre	Local water storage and bottled water
Cupar Street Clinic	Local water storage
Bawnmore Childrens Home Edgecumbe Orchardville Finaghy Health Centre Island Resource Centre 80 Malone Rd 611 Ormeau Rd 414 Ormeau Rd Eleanor Day Centre	Bottled water

Review into the Western Health and Social Care Trust

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) on what date the decision was taken to instigate a review into the Western Health and Social Care Trust healthcare and social services management; (ii) whether he was party to this decision; and (iii) on what date did the review commence.

(AQW 3257/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I am advised by the Health and Social Care Board that it has instigated a review of clinical and social care governance within the Western Health and Social Care Trust. This is part of the Board's routine responsibilities in its role of commissioner of services, where it regularly reviews the performance of HSC Trusts.

The Health and Social Care Board agreed with the Chief Executive and senior management of the Trust on 1st October 2010, that a review would be undertaken and preparations for the review commenced from this date.

Waterways Rescue and Recovery Training

Mr J O'Dowd asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, pursuant to AQW 3085/11, whether Fire and Rescue Service crews in the Craigavon area are authorised to conduct water based rescues which involve Fire and Rescue Service personnel entering inland waterways either by boat or by other means.

(AQW 3268/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service standard operating procedures do not permit frontline operational firefighters to enter the water by any means to conduct search and rescue operations. Only firefighters who have successfully completed aptitude tests and specialist training are permitted to enter the water to perform these duties.

Agenda for Change Payments

Mr J O'Dowd asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, pursuant to AQW3086/11, how many Agenda For Change payments are outstanding for former staff of the legacy Craigavon and Banbridge Health and Social Services Trust who are not employed by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust.

(AQW 3269/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I understand that 621 former employees of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust who were employees of the Craigavon & Banbridge Social Services Trust are still due Agenda for Change arrears payments.

Lagan Valley Hospital

Mr J Craig asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many people were admitted to Lagan Valley Hospital with (i) swine flu; and (ii) seasonal flu, between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011.

(AQW 3274/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011:

- (i) 14 people were admitted to Lagan Valley Hospital with swine flu; and,
- (ii) 1 person was admitted to Lagan Valley Hospital with seasonal flu.

Vaccines for Seasonal Flu and Swine Flu

Mr J Craig asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how much it would cost per annum to vaccinate everyone against (i) seasonal flu; and (ii) swine flu.

(AQW 3275/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The costs associated with a vaccination programme depend on a number of components including the cost of the vaccine itself; the quantity of vaccine purchased; cost of administering vaccine by GPs or Trust staff; vaccine uptake by the population; vaccine storage and distribution costs; leaflets and advertising materials; and disposables such as syringes, alcohol wipes, sharps boxes etc. It is therefore not possible to provide a precise figure for this question, but by extrapolating costs of previous flu vaccination programmes it is estimated that a programme to vaccinate the entire Northern Ireland population against seasonal flu or swine flu could be in the region of £17 to £20 million per annum per programme.

Review of the Western Health and Social Care Trust

Mr Pól Callaghan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to outline the terms of reference for the review of the Western Health and Social Care Trust being undertaken by the Health and Social Care Board.

(AQW 3278/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I am advised that a review of clinical and social care governance in the Western Health and Social Care Trust has been commissioned by the Health and Social Care Board, as a routine part of its role to monitor the performance of health and social care providers and their delivery of commissioned services.

The aim of the review is to quality assure the existing clinical and social care governance framework and in particular:

- (a) ensure managers and staff are aware of the importance of risk assessment, risk management and escalation policies
- (b) ensure that existing systems, processes and structures support good governance
- (c) ensure that decision making processes effectively address the balance of risks for the organisation to ultimately promote quality and safety.

Hospitals: Burst Water Pipes

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety which hospitals suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011; and how much it cost to repair these pipes.

(AQW 3281/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The attached table lists the hospital by Health and Social Care Trust which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011 together with costs to repair these pipes.

South Eastern HSC Trust

Hospitals which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011	Costs to Repair
Ulster Hospital	Trust total estimated costs to repair is £45,000
Lagan Valley Hospital	
Thompson House	
Downshire Hospital	
Ards Hospital	
Bangor Hospital	
Downe Hospital	

WESTERN HSC TRUST

Hospitals which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011	Costs to Repair
Altnagelvin Hospital	£26,000
Gransha Hospital	£4,000
Erne Hospital	£200
Tyrone County Hospital	£7,500

Hospitals which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011	Costs to Repair
Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital	£2,500

NORTHERN HSC TRUST

Hospitals which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011	Costs to Repair
Whiteabbey Hospital	£3500
Holywell Hospital	£6800
Antrim Area Hospital	£700
Moyle Hospital	£350
Braid Valley Hospital	£580

Southern HSC Trust

Hospitals which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011	Costs to Repair
Daisy Hill Hospital	£8,000
St Lukes Hospital	£10,000
South Tyrone Hospital	£10,000
Craigavon Area Hospital	£2,500
Lurgan General Hospital	(cost included in CAH)

BELFAST HSC TRUST

Hospitals which suffered from burst water pipes between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011	Costs to Repair
The Royal Group of Hospitals	
The Belfast City Hospital	
Musgrave Park Hospital	
Foster Green Hospital	
Mater Hospital	
Knockbracken Hospital	
Muckamore Abbey Hospital	Trust total estimated costs to repair is £100,000

Adult Day Services

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) how many non-statutory places for people in adult day services did the Northern Health and Social Care Trust contract for, under European Social Fund funded schemes, in each of the last three years; (ii) how many people were attending these schemes on (a) 1 April 2009; and (b) 1 April 2010, broken down by each voluntary organisation involved.

(AQW 3286/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The table below details the number of places under contract for day services across Learning Disability, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment

and Mental Health with European Social Fund funded schemes, and the number of service users who were attending these schemes on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010, broken down by each voluntary organisation. The figure in the 2010/11 row for numbers attending represents the December 2010 figure to show the most up to date position.

ISP	Year	No of Places*	No Attending 1st April**
Action Mental Health	2008-09	50	49
	2009-10	50	49
	2010-11	50	40
Bridge Association	2008-09	24	18
	2009-10	24	14
	2010-11	24	24
Mencap Pathways	2008-09	12	11
	2009-10	12	11
	2010-11	12	11
Triangle	2008-09	252	227
	2009-10	319	260
	2010-11	385	271
The Cedar Foundation	2008-09	35	54
	2009-10	35	55
	2010-11	35	63

* Note that the numbers of places are not directly comparable as the duration of places will vary.

** Note that the number attending will vary from month to month as people move into and out of schemes.

European Social Fund Funded Schemes

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many people have attended more than one European Social Fund funded scheme within the Northern Health and Social Care Trust in the last three years.

(AQW 3289/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The information requested is not held.

European Social Fund Funded Schemes

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to outline the tendering processes in place to ensure fairness for all voluntary organisations and individuals wishing to make use of the European Social Fund funded schemes within the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.

(AQW 3290/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Where the Trust is seeking to procure new services from independent providers, including voluntary and community sector organisations, a competitive approach is adopted, seeking responses from appropriate interested organisations. The responses from such organisations that meet the criteria are then assessed by a number of Trust representatives. The nature and level of the competitive process is commensurate with the scale and

potential value of the scheme. Procedures are set out to that a common approach is taken across the different service and programme areas.

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether any staff currently employed in the Northern Health and Social Care Trust have been involved, or are currently involved, with any organisation that has had grant money clawed back from that organisation or the Trust by the 'match funders', such as the Lottery or the European Social Fund, due to the organisation not fulfilling the objectives of the scheme.

(AQW 3292/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The Trust is not aware of any instances where match funders have withdrawn funding from a community or voluntary organisation due to failure to fulfil the objectives of the scheme.

Health, Social Services and Public Safety Staff

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether any staff currently employed in the Northern Health and Social Care Trust have had previous employment, or are currently employed or seconded, in advisory or director positions within voluntary organisations which have been funded by the Trust within the last three years; and if so, to name these people and the position they hold in the Trust and the organisation with which they have had involvement.

(AQW 3293/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: This information is not recorded.

Northern Health and Social Care Trust's Day Opportunities Programme

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether the manager of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust's Day Opportunities Programme was previously employed by Triangle Housing Association Ltd; and if so, to outline his/her role and responsibilities in Triangle during his/her employment.

(AQW 3308/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I am advised that the Manager of the Day Opportunities Programme was previously employed by Triangle Housing Association Ltd. as part of their Management Team.

I am further advised that the Manager was responsible for residential and supported living services from September 1989 to November 1997 and as a Supported Employment and Transitions Manager from November 1997 to August 2004. Since then he has been working for the Northern Health and Social Care Trust formerly known as the Homefirst Trust.

Northern Health and Social Care Trust's Day Opportunities Programme

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether the manager of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust's Day Opportunities Programme has approached any organisation, which receives funding from the Trust, such as the Base Drop-In Centre in Ballymoney, regarding the prospect of joining the board of the organisation; and if so, for his assessment of whether this represents a conflict of interest.

(AQW 3309/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I am advised by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, that their Day Opportunities Programme Manager has not approached any organisation that receives funding from the Trust, regarding the prospect of joining the Board of that organisation.

Northern Health and Social Care Trust's Day Opportunities Programme

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether Triangle Housing Association Ltd provides 67 per cent of the available day care places on the Day Opportunities Programme whilst eight other organisations share the remaining 33 per cent.

(AQW 3312/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I am advised by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust that they provide access to a wide range of day opportunities for people with a learning disability, through a range of voluntary and statutory sectors partners.

Triangle Housing Association is an important partner in this provision and provides on a daily basis approximately 37 per cent of available opportunities.

Adult Services Management Structure

Mr P Girvan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) whether extra layers of management for adult day care were created when the Northern Health and Social Care Trust was set up; (ii) to outline the adult services management structure that was in place at the former Homefirst and Causeway Trusts before RPA; and (iii) to outline the current adult services management structure of the Northern Trust.

(AQW 3321/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I am advised that:

- (i) No extra layers of management for adult day care were created when the Northern Health and Social Care Trust (the "Northern Trust") was established.
- (ii) In the previous Homefirst Trust there was one Assistant Director and 4 Senior Managers managing Learning Disability and Physical/Disability Sensory Impairment programmes.

In the former Causeway Trust there was one Assistant Director and 2 Senior Managers managing Learning Disability and Physical /Disability/Sensory Impairment programmes.

- (iii) The current adult service structure manager in the Northern Trust is as follows: 1 Assistant Director and 3 Senior Managers for Adult Learning Disability Services, and 1 Assistant Director and 2 Senior Managers for Physical Disability /Sensory Impairment.

Cystic Fibrosis Children's Ward at Belfast City Hospital

Mr D McKay asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what plans he has to protect the service provided for Cystic Fibrosis children being treated at Belfast City Hospital.

(AQW 3328/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: It is for the Health and Social Care Board, as the commissioner of services, to prioritise and allocate services to meet the needs of the population of Northern Ireland.

I have been advised that specialist services for children suffering from cystic fibrosis are currently provided on a regional basis from the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC). Patients who require inpatient treatment are normally admitted to Allen Ward (a general ward) in RBHSC or Cherry Tree House, which is an area at the back of Allen Ward.

The Belfast Trust is carrying out refurbishment of Allen Ward, which, when complete, will significantly improve accommodation for both sick children and their families.

Cystic Fibrosis Children's Ward at Belfast City Hospital

Mr D McKay asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety if he will ensure that the Cystic Fibrosis children's ward at Belfast City Hospital will continue to operate as it does currently without being opened up to patients with other conditions.

(AQW 3329/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: It is for the Health and Social Care Board, as the commissioner of services, to prioritise and allocate services to meet the needs of the population of Northern Ireland.

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Complaints Made in Hospitals

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for a breakdown of the number of complaints made in hospitals over the Christmas holiday period; and how many of these complaints were made by hospital staff.

(AQW 3338/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Information provided by HSC Trusts on the number of complaints made in hospitals over the Christmas holiday period (20th December 2010 to 7th January 2011) is detailed in the table below. However, it is not possible to provide information on the number of these complaints which were made by hospital staff.

Number of Complaints Made in Hospitals during the 2010 Christmas Period (20th December 2010 to 7th January 2011) 1, 2

HSC Trust	Number of formal complaints received
Belfast	40
Northern	8
South Eastern	15
Southern	17
Western	4

- 1 It is important to note that whilst complaints have been received during this period, the actual date of the incident which gave rise to the complaint may not have been during this period.
- 2 Information is provisional and may be subject to change.

Bariatric Surgery

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) how many people have been referred for bariatric surgery in each of the last three years; and (ii) how many of these people received an outpatient appointment within the nine-week target time.

(AQW 3343/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The data requested is not collected in a manner that permits patients with specific conditions to be identified.

Patients referred for consideration of bariatric surgery are normally seen at surgical outpatient clinics.

The latest position with regard to waiting times can be accessed on www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/waiting_times_main.html

Bariatric Surgery

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what is the average time for an outpatient referral for bariatric surgery.

(AQW 3344/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The data requested is not collected in a manner that permits patients with specific conditions to be identified.

Patients referred for consideration of bariatric surgery are normally seen at surgical outpatient clinics.

The latest position with regard to waiting times can be accessed on www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/waiting_times_main.html

Bariatric Surgery

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what measures his Department is taking to (i) reduce the need for bariatric surgery; and (ii) reduce the waiting time for an outpatient appointment for bariatric surgery.

(AQW 3345/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety:

- (i) My Department has led the development of a cross-sectoral Obesity Prevention Framework. This Framework sets out short, medium and long-term outcomes to prevent obesity across the life course and thus reduce the need for bariatric surgery by encouraging and establishing healthy eating habits and increasing participation in physical activity. The Obesity Prevention Framework is out for public consultation until 28 January 2010.
- (ii) At present, the Health and Social Care Board does not commission a comprehensive bariatric surgical service in Northern Ireland. However, the Regional Medical Services Group (RMSG) has been considering whether a dedicated bariatric service, including surgery, should be established. On RMSG's recommendation, the Board agreed to fund and carry out a limited bariatric surgery pilot and, during 2009, some 150 potential patients were identified to undergo surgery in England.

The HSCB will assess the expected demand for and financial implications of introducing a comprehensive bariatric service in Northern Ireland in the light of other competing financial pressures in the current difficult financial position.

Draft Spending Plans for 2011-15

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety when he intends to publish his Department's draft spending plans for 2011-15.

(AQW 3347/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The proposed budget for Health, Social Services and Public Safety is significantly less than what is needed to deliver HSSPS services over the next four years. On 5th January, I published a summary of the consequences of the current draft budget for DHSS&PS.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety the percentage of births in which Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder has been a factor in each of the last three years.

(AQW 3350/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The information is not available in the manner requested.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a difficult condition to diagnose accurately because of the wide range of symptoms with which it can present. These signs and symptoms can be indicative of other conditions, such as behavioural problems. In addition, there are also difficulties associated with ascertaining or establishing the mother's alcohol intake before and during pregnancy.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder specialist conferences were attended by Health Service maternity staff in each year since 2005.

(AQW 3354/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I have been advised by Trusts that there is no record of any maternity staff having attended Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder specialist conferences in the period 2005 to date.

Maternity Staff

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many specialist training hours are given to maternity staff in initial and ongoing training programmes which emphasise the dangers of (i) alcohol use; (ii) drug use; and (iii) smoking while pregnant.

(AQW 3355/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: This training is built into programmes across the spectrum of maternal care and it is not possible to quantify by hours of training or individual professions. Health promotion is a core competence of maternity staff and includes, but is not limited to, smoking, drugs and alcohol. Training focuses on the skills and competence to promote healthy choices throughout pregnancy and the affects poor diet, lack of exercise, tobacco and abuse of alcohol and drugs can have upon the developing baby.

Limavady Fire Station

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether consideration has been given to the purchase of additional land, adjacent to the existing Limavady Fire Station, for the proposed new station and associated training facilities.

(AQW 3358/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service is aware of additional land to the rear of Limavady Fire Station and has considered its suitability, along with several other potential sites in the town, for the proposed new fire station.

Male Victims of Domestic Violence

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether he has any plans to dedicate resources to assisting male victims of domestic violence.

(AQW 3361/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Domestic violence is a cross-departmental issue which DHSSPS and DOJ jointly lead on. Male victims of domestic violence can access services including counselling within Health and Social Care through a range of mechanisms. It is the role of the Health and Social Care Board to commission services across the five Health and Social Care Trust Areas according to assessed need.

Electronic Cigarettes

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether it is legal to smoke electronic cigarettes in public houses.

(AQW 3363/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The smoking of electronic cigarettes in public houses is not illegal under the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

The effect of the Order is to prohibit smoking in enclosed or substantially enclosed public places with “smoking” defined as “smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco, or smoking any other substance”. While electronic cigarettes contain nicotine, which is vaporised when the smoker inhales, they do not contain tobacco products.

Electronic cigarettes are currently unregulated and therefore it has not been determined that they are safe to use. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency recently went out to public consultation to seek views on the regulation of all non-tobacco nicotine containing products under medicines safety legislation. The outcome of this consultation is yet to be announced.

Swine Flu

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to provide the latest figures for people who have had or currently have swine flu.

(AQW 3364/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Information on the number of people who have had or currently have swine flu is released weekly by the Public Health Agency at the following link:

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/influenza-weekly-surveillance-bulletin-northern-ireland-week-1-1-7-january-2011>

Between 2nd October 2010 and 7th January 2011, there were a total of 613 laboratory confirmed swine flu cases (influenza A (H1N1) 2009 detections) in Northern Ireland.

Draft Departmental Spending Plans for 2011-15

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety when he will publish his draft Departmental spending plans for 2011-15.

(AQW 3365/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I refer the member to Written Assembly Question 3347/11.

Social Workers

Ms A Lo asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, pursuant to AQW 2720/11, (i) why 40 agency staff were employed during a two year period in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area; and (ii) how much more it cost the Trust to employ Agency staff compared to the Trust's own Social Workers.

(AQW 3370/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety:

- (i) The Western Trust has advised me that although it may have employed 40 agency staff over 2 years these staff were covering vacancies and sick leave at various points throughout the two years i.e. the Trust did not at any stage have 40 agency staff at any one time.

The Trust had to employ agency staff in the past two years due to extreme staffing difficulties particularly in the Southern Sector of the Trust area, where people were not applying for permanent

posts. The agency staff were necessary in order to maintain safe working practices in all parts of the Trust and to ensure that an appropriate level of qualified experienced staff were in post.

The situation has now changed considerably with the Trust now employing 10 agency social workers and there are plans to reduce this further.

- (ii) The difference in cost between an agency Band 6 Social Worker and a Trust Band 6 Social Worker is 26 pence per hour.

Multiple Sclerosis Respite Centre at Dalriada Hospital, Ballycastle

Mrs M O'Neill asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether the Northern Health and Social Care Trust has any plans to change the services available at the Multiple Sclerosis Respite Centre at Dalriada Hospital, Ballycastle.

(AQW 3373/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Given changes in service demand, service provision, and the commissioning of respite care during the past decade, the Northern Health and Social Care Trust has given its commitment to undertaking a consultation exercise with service users to determine their preferred model of respite care and MS services at Dalraida Hospital.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what (i) ante-natal; and (ii) post-natal specialist support is currently available to families of children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

(AQW 3386/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: All pregnant women are advised of the Chief Medical Officers advice that pregnant women should avoid drinking alcohol. If they do choose to drink they should not drink more than 1 to 2 Units of alcohol once or twice a week and should not get drunk.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder can only be diagnosed after birth and children suffering from this disorder may require access to a range of services. While there are no dedicated services for this group of children, their management will be tailored to their individual needs and circumstances, the severity of their condition and their responsiveness to interventions.

Genito Urinary Medicine Clinic at the Royal Victoria Hospital

Ms D Purvis asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, pursuant to AQW 2935/11 and AQW 2936/11, when the upgrade of the telephone system for the Genito Urinary Medicine and HIV clinics at the Royal Victoria Hospital will be completed.

(AQW 3396/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I have been advised that the Belfast Trust hopes to complete the upgrade to the telephone system at the Genito Urinary Medicine and HIV clinics by the end of March 2011.

Delayed Admissions

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) to detail (a) the number of people who experienced delayed admissions to wards after reporting to accident and emergency units during the Christmas holiday period; (b) the length of time these people had to wait for admission; and (c) the reasons for the delayed admissions; and (ii) whether staff were called back, or returned voluntarily, from leave to help alleviate the delays.

(AQW 3399/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: This information is not readily available at a regional level and could only be provided at disproportionate cost.

Over the Christmas holiday period a number of Accident & Emergency staff were called back or returned voluntarily from leave, as and when required to help alleviate the delays.

Delayed Admissions

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether additional hospital beds were opened over the Christmas holiday period to alleviate delayed admissions.
(AQW 3400/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Trusts have in place robust escalation plans to deal with winter pressures and, where it was appropriate to do so, opened additional beds to help alleviate delayed admissions.

As with every winter, the increased demand placed on our hospital services including A&E services, by flu, fractures and the weather – and for this winter in particular there has been the impact of exceptionally cold weather over the Christmas period - remains challenging. The health service has responded effectively to this increase in demand, and will continue to do so.

Departmental or Trust Mobile Phone Usage

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, pursuant to AQW 2447/11, whether staff supplied with Departmental or Trust mobile phones are permitted to use them to make personal calls.
(AQW 3401/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Staff who are supplied with mobile phones in the Department and in four of the Health and Social Care Trusts are permitted to use them to make personal calls, the costs of which must be reimbursed to the Department or Trust as appropriate.

One Health and Social Care Trust (the Northern) does not permit the use of mobile phones for personal calls.

Ulster Hospital: Swine Flu Admissions

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many people were admitted to the Ulster Hospital with (i) swine flu; and (ii) seasonal flu between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011.
(AQW 3413/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Between 23 December 2010 and 5 January 2011:

- (iii) 23 people were admitted to Ulster Hospital with swine flu; and,
- (iv) 4 people were admitted to Ulster Hospital with seasonal flu.

Average Number of Patients per GP

Mr G Campbell asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the average number of patients per GP in each constituency in 2010.
(AQW 3418/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The average number of patients per GP in 2010 is shown in table 1 below.

Due to changes in the GMS contract in 2004 patients no longer register with a GP, but with a GP practice. Figures are based on the number of patients registered with GP practices located in each Parliamentary constituency in October 2010. It should be noted that the GP practice with which a patient is registered may not be located in the same constituency in which they live.

The GP numbers used in the calculation are the headcounts of UPE (Unrestricted Principle or Equivalent) and salaried GPs; other types of general practitioner, such as locums, assistants, and associates are not included. Allocation of GPs to a parliamentary constituency is based on the postcode of the practice where they were employed in October 2010.

TABLE 1: AVERAGE NUMBER PATIENTS PER GP BY PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY.

Parliamentary Constituency	Average number of patients per GP in 2010
Belfast East	1359
Belfast North	1521
Belfast South	1490
Belfast West	1532
East Antrim	1603
East Londonderry	1689
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	1672
Foyle	1547
Lagan Valley	1651
Mid Ulster	1917
Newry and Armagh	1608
North Antrim	1431
North Down	1626
South Antrim	1727
South Down	1676
Strangford	1583
Upper Bann	1825
West Tyrone	1816
Northern Ireland	1611

Source: Family Practitioner Services, Information and Registration Unit - HSC Business Services Organisation

Dentists Offering NHS Treatment

Mr G Campbell asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the number of (i) dentists; and (ii) dentists offering NHS treatment in each constituency in 2010.

(AQW 3420/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety:

- (i) The number of dentists registered to provide Health Service dental services in each Parliamentary Constituency area are shown in table 1 below. The figures are a count of dentists who were registered at any point during 2010; all dentists were not necessarily registered for the full year.

Data is not held centrally on dental practitioners who exclusively provide private dental treatment and are not registered to provide Health Service dental services.

TABLE 1: NUMBER OF DENTISTS REGISTERED TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICE DENTAL SERVICES¹ BY PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY².

Parliamentary Constituency	Number of dentists registered to provide Health Service dental services during 2010
Belfast East	59
Belfast North	81
Belfast South	82
Belfast West	54
East Antrim	51
East Londonderry	48
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	89
Foyle	69
Lagan Valley	69
Mid Ulster	48
Newry and Armagh	98
North Antrim	90
North Down	70
South Antrim	54
South Down	59
Strangford	59
Upper Bann	76
West Tyrone	48
Northern Ireland³	1,033

Source: Family Practitioner Services, Information and Registration Unit - HSC Business Services Organisation

Notes

- 1 These figures include GDS principal dentists, associates, assistants, vocational dental practitioners, salaried dentists and dentists employed by Oasis Dental Care Ltd. Community dental service dentists are excluded.
 - 2 Figures are calculated based on the location of the dental surgery where the dentist is employed.
 - 3 Northern Ireland total does not add to the sum of constituency counts due to dentists who work in more than one constituency being counted only once at the Northern Ireland level.
- (ii) The number of dentists offering Health Service dental treatment in each Parliamentary Constituency area are shown in table 2 below. A dentist offering Health Service treatment is defined as a dentist who was registered on the BSO's dental list in 2010 and has had Health Service dental claims paid by the BSO during the 2010 calendar year.

TABLE 2: NUMBER OF DENTISTS¹ PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICE DENTAL TREATMENT IN EACH PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY².

Parliamentary Constituency	Number of dentists offering Health Service dental treatment during 2010
Belfast East	57
Belfast North	77
Belfast South	81
Belfast West	52
East Antrim	49
East Londonderry	47
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	83
Foyle	68
Lagan Valley	65
Mid Ulster	42
Newry and Armagh	94
North Antrim	81
North Down	65
South Antrim	53
South Down	58
Strangford	59
Upper Bann	70
West Tyrone	47
Northern Ireland³	991

Source: Family Practitioner Services, Information and Registration Unit - HSC Business Services Organisation

Notes

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- 2 Figures are calculated based on the location of the dental surgery where the dentist is employed.
- 3 Northern Ireland total does not add to the sum of constituency counts due to dentists who work in more than one constituency being counted only once at the Northern Ireland level.

Registered Childminders

Mr Pól Callaghan asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the number of people in each Health and Social Care Trust area who are currently awaiting decisions on their application to become a registered Childminder; and to indicate the current waiting time for such applications to be processed.

(AQW 3422/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: There are currently 633 new applications being processed across the five Health and Social Care Trusts (Trusts). These are all at different stages. Regarding those awaiting final decisions, the information you request is not held centrally by

my Department and it would be disproportionate in costs to examine the status of each individual application.

All Trusts aim to process all applications within a 3 month period, however, delays can occur for a variety of reasons.

Hospitals Without Running Water

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) how many hospitals were without running water during the recent water crisis because they had supplies cut off by NI Water; (ii) the names and locations of these hospitals; (iii) the length of time they were without water; (iv) how these hospitals were cleaned during the periods when they had no water; and (v) what other hospital services were disrupted, and to what extent, during the periods of no mains water supply.

(AQW 3431/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The information requested is detailed in the attached table.

Question Part (i) how many hospitals were without running water during the recent water crisis because they had supplies cut off by NI Water
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Information provided by Health and Social Care Trusts indicates that five hospitals were without mains running water due to water supplies being cut off by NI Water</p>
Question Part (ii) the names and locations of these hospitals
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Causeway Hospital, Coleraine Braid Valley Hospital, Ballymena Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn St Lukes Hospital, Armagh South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon</p>
Question Part (iii) the length of time they were without water
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Causeway Hospital, Coleraine: 1 hour Braid Valley Hospital, Ballymena: 30 hours Lagan Valley Hospital: 2 hours St Lukes Hospital, Armagh: 2 days South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon: 8 days</p>
Question Part (iv) how these hospitals were cleaned during the periods when they had no water
<p>Answer:</p> <p>Causeway Hospital, Coleraine: No impact on cleaning as water was available from storage tanks. Braid Valley Hospital, Ballymena: No impact on cleaning as water was available on the ground floor of the Hospital. Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn: No impact on cleaning as the event occurred during the night. St Lukes Hospital & South Tyrone Hospital: No impact on cleaning as water storage tanks were topped up by NIFRS.</p>

Question Part (v) what other hospital services were disrupted, and to what extent, during the periods of no mains water supply

Answer:

No other hospital services were disrupted during the periods of no mains water supply.

Brain Scan Waiting Times

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what the average waiting time for each hospital is for a patient to receive a brain scan.

(AQW 3450/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The average waiting time for a patient to receive a brain scan is not readily available for each hospital and could only be provided at disproportionate cost.

Hospital Infections

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many hospital (i) wards; and (ii) beds are currently closed to visitors due to hospital infections which could cause vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

(AQW 3451/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety:

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Hospital Beds

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many hospital beds were blocked over the holiday period due to patients not being able to receive the necessary tests, to diagnose their condition, which resulted in longer stays.

(AQW 3452/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Information on how many hospital beds were blocked over the holiday period is not available.

Accident and Emergency Unit in Antrim Area Hospital

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the number of admissions to the Accident and Emergency Unit in Antrim Area Hospital for the months of (i) September; (ii) October; (iii) November; and (iv) December for (a) 2009; and (b) 2010.

(AQW 3473/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: It is assumed that this question refers to the number of attendances at the Accident and Emergency Unit in Antrim Area Hospital. Information on Emergency Care attendances is collected and published monthly and is available from:

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-activity_stats_2/emergency_care-3/emergency_care-4_monthly_waiting_times.htm

Computer Equipment Belonging to the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Mr T Gallagher asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) to specify the value of the computer equipment belonging to the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust that is currently

stored in a warehouse in Dublin; (ii) the date of purchase of this equipment; (iii) the total cost of purchase and storage of the equipment; and (iv) to outline the rationale behind this investment.

(AQW 3481/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The position regarding each of the points raised is as follows:

- (i) as of 14th January 2011, the value of the equipment in question was £650,720. This equipment is stored by the supplier in a high security bonded warehouse;
- (ii) part payment was made on 19th November 2010. A sum of £94,835 is being retained pending deployment of the equipment before 31st March 2011;
- (iii) the total purchase cost of the equipment to the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is £1,499,789. The total cost of storage is zero. Equipment is stored in the secured bonded warehouse as part of the supplier's own logistics strategy for distribution and deployment in the Belfast Trust. While stored in the Bonded Warehouse and during delivery and deployment, the supplier remains totally responsible for the replacement of any lost, faulty or damaged equipment. This storage and deployment strategy has previously been reviewed and approved by the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO); and
- (iv) the rationale behind the investment was to move to a planned, transparent investment plan for the provision of PCs to Health and Social Care (HSC) bodies. This investment approach follows best practice by buying in bulk and leveraging the HSC's purchasing power by aggregating demand across all HSC organizations and ensuring value for money through competition to meet aggregate demand. As a result, it is hoped to generate potential real savings of approximately £7 million over the six-year period of the project. Fire Stations Without Running Water

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (i) how many fire stations were without running water during the recent water shortage crisis due to (a) their supplies being cut off by NI Water; and (b) burst pipes; and (ii) for how long they had no water supply.

(AQW 3493/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) contingency plans ensured that it did not experience any difficulty in providing an emergency response during the period of the recent water shortage crisis.

NIFRS has received no reports of fire stations being without water as a result of supplies being cut off by NI Water. A total of 22 NIFRS Stations suffered burst water pipes, but none of these was without water except on the occasions when repairs were being carried out; information on the duration of these temporary interruptions of supply is not collected centrally by NIFRS.

Vaccines for Seasonal Flu and Swine Flu

Mr J Craig asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many vaccines are currently available for (i) seasonal flu; and (ii) swine flu; and for his assessment of the adequacy of this supply.

(AQW 3545/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: By 11 January over 414,000 doses of seasonal flu vaccine had been issued from central stocks on request to GPs and Trusts. As of 18 January there are almost 268,000 doses of H1N1 (swine flu) vaccines held centrally in Northern Ireland.

The seasonal flu vaccination programme began on 1 October 2010 and by this stage it is expected that the vast majority of eligible people will now have been either vaccinated or offered vaccination. Therefore while the central stocks of seasonal flu vaccine have now been distributed, many GPs and the Trusts will continue to vaccinate members of 'at risk' groups with the seasonal flu vaccine. With the introduction of the H1N1 vaccine to supplement the supply of flu vaccine there is no shortage of safe, effective vaccine to provide protection against swine flu which is the most prevalent circulating seasonal flu strain this winter.

Swine Flu

Mr J Bell asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many patients are currently being treated in the Ulster Hospital for (i) swine flu; and (ii) suspected swine flu; and what measures he is taking to address the number of people affected by swine flu.

(AQW 3584/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Information on swine flu is published weekly by the Public Health Agency (PHA) and is available from:

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/influenza-weekly-surveillance-bulletin-northern-ireland-week-2-8-14-january-2011>

In addition, the PHA conducts a Media Briefing each Thursday on the latest swine flu figures in Northern Ireland. Information released at the PHA Media Briefing on 20 January 2011, detailed that on 19 January 2011:

- (v) 2 people were being treated at Ulster Hospital with confirmed swine flu (excludes critical care); and,
- (vi) 5 people were being treated at Ulster Hospital with suspected swine flu (excludes critical care).

My priority has been to encourage as many people as possible in the at-risk groups to get vaccinated as they are more vulnerable to complications. For most people, flu will be a short illness with no serious consequences. Pregnant women, parents of children under one, and anyone belonging to an at-risk group should call their GP for advice if they suspect they might have flu. Their doctor may prescribe antiviral treatment.

The HSC Trusts, working with the HSC Board and the PHA, have increased their critical care capacity as part of their escalation plans. I have made a number of statements to keep people advised about the vaccination programme and the current pressures on the health service, and to remind people in the at-risk groups of the need to get vaccinated. The Chief Medical Officer has issued letters to the HSC bodies advising on the management of patients with flu or flu-like illness. The PHA has issued press releases highlighting public health advice including the need for good respiratory and hand hygiene.

Holy Trinity Playgroup in West Belfast

Ms S Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety why funding to the Holy Trinity Playgroup in West Belfast has been cut from £9,076 in 2010/2011 to £3,500 in March 2011/12.

(AQW 3650/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: During Contract meetings with all playgroups in June 2010, the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust discussed funding in future years. The Trust is due to meet again with the Chair and management representatives of Holy Trinity Playgroup for further discussions on funding options for 2011/12.

Unfortunately the proposed allocation for DHSSPS in the Draft Budget 2011-15 represents a significant shortfall against assessed need. This means that the Department and HSC Commissioners face significant challenges in order to deliver on the overall objectives for Health, Social Services and Public Safety and maintain the current level of services.

Accident and Emergency Unit at the Antrim Area Hospital

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety if he can provide an assurance that the future of the Accident and Emergency Unit at the Antrim Area Hospital is secure; and whether it will be subject to cuts, including a reduction in opening hours or regrading to a minor injuries unit.

(AQW 3674/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: While the delivery of services at Antrim Area Hospital is a matter for the Northern Health and Social Care Trust as the service provider, I can advise that the Trust has no plans to change accident and emergency services at the hospital. Indeed, a business case submitted by the Trust outlining proposals to develop a new A&E Department at the Hospital was approved by the Department of Finance and Personnel on 30 December 2010.

As you will be aware, deliberations on budgets for the next four years are ongoing. Until the budget for my Department becomes clear, it is not possible to determine the timing for the progression of any projects, including the extension of the A&E Unit at Antrim Hospital. However, I can assure you that this project remains one of my top priorities

Mater Hospital's Accident and Emergency Unit

Ms C Ní Chuilín asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether he plans to downgrade the Mater Hospital's Accident and Emergency Unit to a Minor Injuries Unit.

(AQW 3684/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The delivery of services at the Mater Hospital is a matter for the Belfast Trust. The Trust has advised there are no plans to downgrade the Mater Hospital's Accident and Emergency Unit.

Agency Nurses

Mr P Ramsey asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the total number of agency nurses employed in each hospital in each of the last three years.

(AQW 3691/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The information requested is not available.

Water Shortage

Mr D McKay asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether the Fire Service provided water to any properties at the request of councillors during the recent water shortage; and to list which councillors were facilitated in this way.

(AQW 3707/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) received one request from a Councillor to provide water by filling a header tank at a property occupied by an elderly couple, living in an isolated rural area of Craigavon, with an infant child in the house.

This request was made on 26 December from Councillor Arnold Hatch.

The request was considered in the context of the availability of local resources and approval was given by the Duty Area Officer for an appliance from Portadown to provide assistance.

Subsequently the Area Commander provided guidance on the appropriateness of providing this type of assistance in the context of NIFRS policy and measures were put in place to manage any future requests of this nature.

Annual Turn Over of Staff

Mr A Easton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what his Department's annual turn over of staff through natural wastage has been in each of the last three financial years.

(AQW 3731/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The natural wastage rate within the Department for the last three financial years is detailed below:

Year	Number of Staff	DHSSPS Wastage Rate
2009/10	49	5.7%
2008/09	49	5.6%
2007/08	72	7.6%

Shortage of Junior Epi-Pens

Mr K McCarthy asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what his Department is doing to address the shortage of junior Epi-Pens.

(AQW 3770/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The Epipen Junior Auto-injector is manufactured in America and I am aware that there have been unexpected delays in getting the product shipped to the UK. However, this product has now arrived in England and I have been advised that stock will be delivered to Northern Ireland wholesalers early next week.

The Health and Social Care Board wrote to GPs and Community Pharmacists on 25 January with an update on current stock levels, an explanation of product expiry dates and offering advice on alternatives for patients who do not have any stock at present.

Legal High, A3A

Mrs M O'Neill asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for his assessment of the dangers posed by the legal high, A3A.

(AQW 3840/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: So-called 'legal highs' are psychoactive substances currently not controlled under the UK-wide Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and which are self-administered to achieve an altered state of mind. At the moment very little is known about A3A, and given this it is difficult to determine if it is being misused in Northern Ireland. However the drug (also referred to as 'A3A Methano', or 'Methano') is being sold on the internet as a replacement for Mephedrone.

As no official safety or toxicity data is available on this substance, it is very difficult to make an assessment of what the active chemical in A3A is (including if this is legal or not), and to give an accurate picture of potential side-effects and dangers. However, I have no doubt that there is a potential for very serious and potentially tragic consequences for anyone taking this substance as users have no way of knowing exactly what they are taking.

My approach is to act to protect the public from dangerous or otherwise harmful drugs. At present, it is the duty of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) to advise Ministers on appropriate measures to be taken with respect to drugs which are being, or appear to them are likely to be, misused and which are causing or may cause a social problem. The ACMD assessment of a drug's harms is a key consideration in any decision to bring forward proposals to control any drug. In the past 12 months, following reports of the availability of mephedrone and NRG-1 and emerging evidence of the associated harms.

The ACMD looked at this issue as a priority, and made recommendations to the Home Office which resulted in the subsequent banning of these substances. I

raised the issue directly with the former Home Secretary and the ACMD proposing that a new classification be added to the Misuse of Drugs Act which would allow substances such as A3A to be banned while they are fully researched. The Coalition Government in Westminster is currently taking forward this proposal. When this new legislation is brought forward, it will allow us to respond much quicker to emerging drugs of concern by temporarily banning them, while full consideration is given to them by the ACMD.

Ambulance Service: Adverse Weather Conditions

Lord Browne asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety what additional measures were put in place to ensure that the recent adverse weather conditions did not overly impact on the reaction times of ambulance crews responding to emergencies.

(AQO 857/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: During the recent adverse weather conditions the number of emergency calls to the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) increased significantly, the harsh conditions meant greater difficulty in reaching patients in many areas. The snow and treacherous road conditions did cause a dip in performance but the latest provisional figures for the week ending 16 January show the response times for Category A calls has returned to over 70% within 8 minutes.

In response to the harsh weather NIAS implemented their contingency plans to cover the projected surges in demand. Throughout this period the ambulance service worked closely with other Trusts to ensure that the most urgent calls were prioritised and that disruption to normal service was kept to a minimum. NIAS acted quickly and professionally to prioritise emergency responses and

temporarily suspended non-emergency transports. I am aware that voluntary sector organisations, such as the St John Ambulance and the Red Cross, assisted with these activities.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the men and women of the ambulance service, skilled professionals, who continued to provide this vital front-line service to the most vulnerable and sick in our community in extremely risky and dangerous driving conditions.

Revenue Budget 2010-11: DHSSPS

Mr J McCallister asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for an assessment of his Department's revenue budget for 2010/11.

(AQO 858/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: My department's revenue budget for 2010/11 currently stands at £4,308m. This is after my budget suffered entirely unexpected cuts of £130m including a cut of nearly £17m due to last year's swine flu. These further cuts left my department facing over £280m of immediate pressures that I did not have funding for.

In order to balance my budget I have had to apply a whole range of measures; cancelling or deferring over £94m of new services planned for this year; I have had to reduce funding to vital primary care services including pharmacy and GPs by nearly £50m; I have made cuts in other departmental budgets and regional services of a further £78m; trusts are delaying recruitment of many key posts in order to save £40m on staff costs and all of my department's central budgets have been cut to the bare minimum.

My budget for 2010-11 is inadequate – right around NI people are not getting the services they need. The draft Budget would see it cut again next year by another £200m and I simply can't accept health continuing to be recklessly cut in this way.

Craigavon Area Hospital: Weather-related Falls

Mr S Moutray asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many patients have been treated to date this winter in Craigavon Area Hospital for weather-related falls.

(AQO 859/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I have been advised by the Southern Trust that 353 patients were treated in Craigavon Area Hospital for falls or slipping between 1 December and 7 January 2011. The vast majority of patients will be treated in A&E however many people will also be treated or have continuing care provided in outpatients departments, or by primary, community and personal social services.

Naturally this all brings additional costs to an already pressurised health service.

I want to commend the efforts of all health service staff who despite all the recent crises stepped up to the mark when it counted and continued to deliver care to the highest standards.

capital Budget 2010-11: DHSSPS

Rev Dr R Coulter asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for his assessment of his Department's capital budget for 2010/11.

(AQO 860/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: My capital budget for 2010/11 is £204m having been reduced by £21.5m as a result of having to meet pressures across the NI Block. This level of funding is still insufficient to meet all the demands being placed on the health service.

The situation will become even more difficult based on the proposed allocations for both revenue and capital under the draft budget. I submitted bids for £1.8bn of capital to address the legacy of under investment and I have received less than half of that for the next four year period. The impact on the health capital programme will be disastrous, with serious implications in terms of our ability to deliver a modern health service. Some very difficult decisions are going to have to be made.

Care Responsibilities: Children and Young People

Mr A Bresland asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for his assessment of the support available to children and young people with caring responsibilities.

(AQO 861/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: The support available to young carers is emphasised through initiatives such as the Regional Young Carers Service, the Caring for Carers Strategy and the Review of Support Provision for Carers, as undertaken by my Department and the Department for Social Development. Statutory obligations under the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 ensure that young carers are subject to an assessment of need and appropriate services are provided for them to support them in their role as carers. It is the policy of the Department to treat all children who are providing care as children first and carers second.

Acute Hospitals: Elderly Patients

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to outline the steps he has taken to expedite the discharge from acute hospitals of elderly patients with complex needs.

(AQO 862/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: I have set stringent targets for delayed discharge, which mean that, from April 2010, all non-complex cases should be discharged within 6 hours of being declared medically fit and 90% of complex cases should be discharged within 48 hours of being declared fit. These targets are subject to rigorous monitoring arrangements and I can report that in December 2010 84% of complex discharges from hospital took place within 48 hours and 95% of non-complex discharges from hospital took place within 6 hours.

In tandem with improving systems within hospitals, we are also working to expand the range of flexible and responsive intermediate care services in the community. This will ensure that those who need it can be discharged safely and promptly into an appropriate service in the community

Mental Health

Ms M Anderson asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many people have been sectioned under the Mental Health Act since April 2010.

(AQO 863/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Information is not available centrally on the number of people detained under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986.

Figures for the number of detentions under the Order since April 2010 are only available up to 30 September 2010. In that period there were 1,105 detentions. The figure includes both detentions under the Order and changes in status from voluntary to detained patient. As an individual may be detained more than once under the Order the figures relate to the number of detentions rather than to the number of individuals detained.

Hospital Admissions: Adverse Weather Conditions

Mr S Hamilton asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety how many hospital admissions, attributed to adverse weather conditions, were recorded in December 2010.

(AQO 864/11)

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: It is not yet possible to give an accurate assessment of the number of hospital admissions during December 2010 which can be attributed to adverse weather conditions.

Our hospitals work as a network to ensure that services, particularly in an emergency, are available to all of our people. As with every winter, the increased demand placed on our hospital services including A&E services, by flu, fractures and the weather – and this winter in particular there has been the impact of exceptionally cold weather - remains challenging. However, our health service is responding and will continue to respond effectively to this increase in demand thanks to robust escalation plans which Trusts have in place.

Department of Justice

Separated Prisoners

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice to detail the number and cost of staff allocated to the Prison Service for separated prisoners in each of the last three years.

(AQW 3267/11)

Minister of Justice (Mr D Ford): The table below shows the number and cost of staff allocated to the Prison Service for separated prisoners in each of the last full years.

Financial Year	Number of Staff	Cost
2007-2008	84	£3,408,417
2008-2009	84	£3,548,594
2009-2010	84	£3,890,037

Prisoner Assessment Unit, Belfast

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice to detail (i) the annual running costs; and (ii) the number of staff currently employed at the Prisoner Assessment Unit, Belfast.

(AQW 3313/11)

Minister of Justice: In the financial year to 31 March 2011 it is estimated that it will cost £885,018 to run the Prisoner Assessment Unit.

There are currently 13 staff employed within the Unit.

Prisoner Education Provision

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice to detail the current education provision for (i) separated prisoners; and (ii) the remaining prison population.

(AQW 3406/11)

Minister of Justice: Table A below sets out the current education provision for (i) separated prisoners; and (ii) the remaining prison population in all establishments:

Table A

Separated Prisoners	Remaining Prison Population
Essential Skills – Literacy and Numeracy	Essential Skills – Literacy and Numeracy
GCSE English	GCSE English
GCSE Maths	GCSE Maths
Irish	
German	German
Drama	Drama
Art	Art
Information Technology	Information Technology
Music	Music
Fly Tying	Fly Tying
Craft	Craft
Leathercraft	Leathercraft
Hairdressing	Hairdressing
Various Open University courses	Various Open University courses
	Ceramics/pottery
	Cookery
	Creative writing
	Criminal Justice System
	English for Speakers of Other Languages
	Money Management
	Preparation for employment

Prisoner Search Procedures

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice (i) whether all prisoners, both sentenced and on remand, are subject to the same search procedures when going to and from visits; and (ii) what procedures are followed when a prisoner refuses to be searched.

(AQW 3410/11)

Minister of Justice: The search procedures for prisoners going to and from visits, whether remand or sentenced vary according to a number of factors.

In Magilligan Prison - all prisoners are routinely rub-down searched on leaving their residential area and again on arrival at visits. In addition a ratio of 1:6 prisoners are subject to a random full body search (the list is generated by computer to ensure random selection), although additional searches can be conducted if there is reason to believe that a prisoner may be concealing illicit items on his person. The same procedure is employed on the return from visits.

The same procedure is again applied to all integrated prisoners going to and from visits within Maghaberry Prison.

All separated prisoners leaving the separated accommodation areas in Maghaberry Prison are required to pass through the purpose built search facility. They will all be subject to a rub-down search, pass through airport style metal archways, footwear and jackets etc will be passed through a RAPISCAN and be required to sit on the BOSS chair. If at any stage any of the technology gives an indication, or if there is reason to believe they may have concealed prohibited items on their person, then they will then be subject to a Full Body Search. The return from visits follows the same procedure.

In Hydebank Wood YOC - all inmates are routinely rub-down searched on leaving their residential area; on arrival at visits all are rub-down searched and a ratio of 1:5 inmates are subject to a full body search if the passive drug dog is in attendance at the visitors entrance (if not in attendance the ratio is 1:3). Again, additional searches can be conducted if reasonable suspicion exists. The return from visits follows the same procedure.

All women at Hydebank Wood are routinely rub-down searched on leaving their residential area, and if the passive drug dog is in attendance at the visitors entrance a ratio of 1:5 are subject to a full body search, although additional searches can be conducted if reasonable suspicion exists. (If the passive drugs dog is not in attendance the ratio is 1:3.) The return from visits follows the same procedure.

Due to the high numbers of young people being remanded into custody at Hydebank Wood for drug and substance abuse the ratio had been set at a more frequent rate. This is currently under review in light of greater use of technology and the Prison Drug Dogs.

- (ii) In the event that any prisoner refuses a full body search they will be cautioned and given a further opportunity to comply, continued refusal will result in the search being carried out under control and restraint.

Prisoner Assessment Unit, Belfast

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice how many prisoners have been moved to the Prisoner Assessment Unit, Belfast, in each of the last three years; and of these, how many were returned to standard prison facilities.

(AQW 3412/11)

Minister of Justice:

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Office of the Prisoner Ombudsman

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice to outline the cost of the Office of the Prisoner Ombudsman since it was established.

(AQW 3446/11)

Minister of Justice: The Office of the Prisoner Ombudsman was established in May 2005. Until 2008/09 its costs were included with the costs for the Independent Monitoring Boards and cannot be provided separately. In 2009/10 the cost was £687,000.00 and in 2010/11 (to 31 Dec) the cost was £475,000.00

Devidas Paliutis

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice, in relation to the erroneously released prisoner, Devidas Paliutis, whether assistance has been sought from authorities in his native country or Interpol.

(AQW 3462/11)

Minister of Justice: As I indicated in my statement on 4 October 2010, the PSNI sought assistance from Interpol with their operation to return Devidas Paliutis to custody. Interpol are responsible for liaising with police services in other jurisdictions.

Prisoners Who Failed to Return to Custody

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice how many prisoners have failed to return to custody after being granted leave in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3463/11)

Minister of Justice: Table A below sets out the number of prisoners in each of the last five years who have failed to return to custody after being granted leave.

TABLE A

Calendar Year	Total no. of periods of leave granted.	No. of prisoner who have returned late.	Maghaberry	Magilligan	Hydebank Wood
2006	2043 *	36	14	18	4
2007	2146	26	4	13	9
2008	2043	35	10	21	4
2009	1871	20	13	5	2
2010	2113	23	7	13	3

* The computerised system which has produced the total number of periods of leave granted was not fully operational in all establishments until 2007 and therefore the 2006 figure is an estimate based on the average between 2007 and 2010.

Court Fines

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice how much revenue has been raised from court fines in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3467/11)

Minister of Justice: I would refer the Member to the reply I gave on 6th January 2011 to AQW 3158/11.

Arrests at Sport Stadiums

Mr K Robinson asked Minister of Justice, pursuant to AQW 2703/11, to detail (i) the sources of the incidents mentioned in his reply; and (ii) in relation to the incidents of chanting, (a) the words that were chanted; (b) who made note of the chanting and wording; and (c) whether any arrests were made.

(AQW 3489/11)

Minister of Justice: The incidents provided in the answer to AQW 2703/11 were provided by the PSNI and, via the Department of Culture, Arts, and Leisure, from the Safety at Sports Grounds Overseeing Body within Sport NI. A number of arrests were made in relation to the incidents, however none of

these related to chanting, as indecent chanting is not currently an offence. No official record was made of the words chanted.

Arrests at Sport Stadiums

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Justice, pursuant to AQW 2703/11, whether the pursuit of the offenders relating to the incidents of urinating in private gardens would fall under legislation relevant to indecent exposure or outraging public decency; and whether the offenders have been pursued under this legislation.

(AQW 3490/11)

Minister of Justice: The prosecution of offences is a matter for the Public Prosecution Service, however I understand that urinating in a garden would generally be prosecuted as indecent behaviour in a public place.

With such incidents it can be difficult to identify the perpetrator and I understand that no arrests have been made.

Justice Bill

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Justice to outline his Department's rationale for limiting Clause 44 of the Justice Bill to alcohol on vehicles and not to extend it to railway passenger vehicles.

(AQW 3491/11)

Minister of Justice: Translink byelaws already provide that: "A person shall not take, or attempt to take, any intoxicating liquor or substance into, or onto, any railway vehicle, or have in his or her possession any intoxicating liquor or substance in or on any railway vehicle, in respect of which railway vehicle notice is given prohibiting the taking of intoxicating liquor or substance therein or thereon."

Prisoners Returning Late from Temporary Release or Leave

Mr T Burns asked the Minister of Justice to detail for each prison, in each of the last five years, (i) how many prisoners returned late from temporary release or leave from prison; (ii) the nature of, or reasons for, their leave or release; (iii) for a breakdown of the length of time these prisoners were late returning; and (iv) how many prisoners never returned from leave.

(AQW 3496/11)

Minister of Justice:

(I)

Calendar Year	Total no. of periods of leave granted.	No. of prisoners who have returned late.	Maghaberry	Magilligan	Hydebank Wood
2006	2043 *	36	14	18	4
2007	2146	26	4	13	9
2008	2043	35	10	21	4
2009	1871	20	13	5	2
2010	2113	23	7	13	3

* The computerised system which has produced the total number of periods of leave granted was not fully operational in all establishments until 2007 and therefore the 2006 figure is an estimate based on the average between 2007 and 2010.

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	Breakdown of nature of leave				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Home Leave	18	14	26	12	18
Pre-release	9	2	0	4	2
Compassionate Temporary Release	3	2	0	1	1
Christmas Home Leave	2	3	3	1	0
Town Visit	0	1	1	0	1
Special Privilege Home Leave	2	0	0	0	0
Resettlement Leave	2	1	3	2	1
*Prison Rule 27	0	3	2	0	0

* In addition to the above types of leave under Prison Rule 27 a Governor can approve (subject to risk assessment) medium or low risk prisoners temporarily release to enable them to have medical treatment. High Risk cases have to be decided at NIPS HQ.

(III)

Time taken to return to custody	Breakdown length of time prisoners were late in returning					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
1 Day or less	8	8	18	9	16	59
More than 1 Day Less than a week	8	7	8	7	6	36
1 week to a month	7	6	6	3	1	23
1 month to 6 months	6	2	2	0	0	10
6 months to a year	2	2	1	0	0	5
Over 1 year	3	1	0	1	0	5
Total	*34	26	35	20	23	138
	* Please note that in 2006 two prisoners died while on leave and therefore have not been included in the return to custody figures.					

(IV)

Two prisoners remain unlawfully at large, one prisoner who failed to return from a period of Home Leave in 2006 and the second who failed to return in 2009.

Think First Course as Part of a Probation Order

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice how many people have completed a Think First course as part of a Probation Order in the last 12 months, broken down by court division.

(AQW 3557/11)

Minister of Justice: During 2010, 90 Offenders completed Think First as part of a Probation Order supervised by the Probation Board for Northern Ireland. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of this information by Court District.

TABLE 1: THINK FIRST COMPLETIONS BY COURT DISTRICT

Court District	2010 Think First Completions
EX Northern Ireland	1
Antrim	4
Ards	9
Armagh & South Down	6
Belfast	19
Craigavon	10
Fermanagh & Tyrone	19
Londonderry	22
Total	90

Prison Weddings

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice, pursuant to AQW 3224/11, to detail (i) the cost incurred to facilitate the prison weddings; and (ii) of those weddings where both spouses were in custody, in which prison was each spouse incarcerated.

(AQW 3567/11)

Minister of Justice:

- (i) The total estimated cost incurred to facilitate these five weddings for six prisoners over a three year period was £342.64.
- (ii) In the one wedding where both parties were in custody, both were in Hydebank Wood.

Separated Prisoners

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice, pursuant to AQW 3264/11, (i) when the definition of a separated prisoner was drawn up: and (ii) whether it replaced any other such definition and when it was last reviewed.

(AQW 3568/11)

Minister of Justice: On 8 September 2003 the Government accepted the Steele Review recommendation that Republican and Loyalist prisoners with paramilitary affiliations should be accommodated separately from each other and from the rest of the prison population, on a voluntary basis, within Maghaberry Prison. The first Compact for Separated Prisoners, which set out the criteria for separation, was published immediately thereafter.

- (ii) This was the first such compact and no definition existed prior to this. The Compact was reviewed in January 2006 and a revised version published in July 2006.

Independent Tribunal Service

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister of Justice to detail the number of times the Independent Tribunal Service has hired space in courthouses to conduct benefit appeals in the last 12 months; and the income generated.

(AQW 3579/11)

Minister of Justice: The Appeals Service hired accommodation in courthouses to conduct benefit appeals on 170 occasions in the last 12 months.

The income generated in the 3 months prior to devolution of justice was £1,965. Since devolution there has been an administrative management fee.

Prisoner Ombudsman

Ms C Ní Chuilín asked the Minister of Justice whether he intends to give statutory powers to the Prisoner Ombudsman.

(AQW 3594/11)

Minister of Justice: I refer the Member to AQO 868/11 which was answered on 25 January 2011 and is available in Hansard.

Banning Orders for Football

Mr K Robinson asked the Minister of Justice to provide an estimate of the annual cost of the introduction of banning orders for football.

(AQW 3621/11)

Minister of Justice: I expect the cost of Football Banning Orders to be low, particularly since I am not creating a Football Banning Order Authority, such as exists in England, Wales and Scotland. PSNI administration and enforcement costs will depend on the number of Orders made, and will be met from existing resources. There may be additional training costs for the IFA / clubs but I expect these to be minimal.

Human Trafficking

Mr R McCartney asked the Minister of Justice to outline how human trafficking will be addressed through the Cross Border Policing Strategy.

(AQW 3623/11)

Minister of Justice: The Governments north and south of the border, and our law enforcement agencies, have longstanding and effective links at all levels to tackle cross border organised crime including human trafficking.

The Cross Border Policing Strategy, which was published jointly by the PSNI and An Garda Síochána on 13 December 2010, reinforces the two police services' commitment to the highest level of policing cooperation. The Strategy seeks to enhance the policing capabilities of both police services and identifies further opportunities to strengthen cross border investigations, operations and intelligence sharing. This will further enable the PSNI and the An Garda Síochána, working together, to detect and prevent human trafficking and to protect the victims of this appalling crime. That approach will complement existing structures. For instance, An Garda Síochána attend the Organised Crime Task Force's Human Trafficking and Immigration subgroup. Human trafficking is also one of the areas examined at the annual Cross Border Crime Seminar.

Separated Prisoners

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice how many times the Prisoner Ombudsman, or associated staff, have met with separated prisoners in (i) Roe House; and (ii) Bush House in Maghaberry Prison, in each of the last 12 months.

(AQW 3626/11)

Minister of Justice: I have been advised by the Prisoner Ombudsman that her office's records are not held in a way as to provide the number of times that her staff met with separated prisoners in Roe House and Bush House. When in the prison, the Ombudsman and her staff may visit a number of houses and these visits are not individually recorded.

Domestic Violence

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice to detail the number of convictions for incidents of domestic violence in each of the last three years, broken down by court division; and of these, to provide statistics on the age groups of (i) victims; and (ii) offenders.

(AQW 3627/11)

Minister of Justice: I regret the information requested is not available. Court conviction data do not contain background or victim information in relation to offences committed and it is therefore not possible to separate out the number of convictions for offences, such as assault, which had a domestic motivation.

Reform of Legal Aid

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice to detail the proposed timetable for the reform of Legal Aid.

(AQW 3631/11)

Minister of Justice: The Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS) is presently taking forward a programme of criminal legal aid reform. In parallel with this, the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission (NILSC), which has policy responsibility for civil legal aid, is taking forward a programme of civil legal aid reform.

A number of the reform proposals are dependent on the passage of the Justice Bill and the subsequent enactment of subordinate legislation. Other reform proposals are dependent on the passing of subordinate legislation only and some require no legislation. I have set out the various reform proposals in the tables below with an indicative implementation time. Not all of the proposed reforms will deliver savings. I would emphasise that the indicative implementation times set out in the first two tables are dependent on the approval of the necessary legislation by the Assembly. If approval were not forthcoming, significant delay could result and necessary savings might not be made.

Legal Aid Reforms dependant on the Justice Bill and subsequent subordinate legislation	
Financial eligibility for criminal legal aid - means testing (NICTS)	Late 2011
Recovery of defence costs orders (NICTS)	Late 2011
Litigation funding agreements (an alternative to funding money damages cases) (NILSC)	Spring 2012

Legal Aid Reforms dependant on Subordinate Legislation	
Remuneration of defence representation in the Crown Court (NICTS)	March 2011
Representation provided by way of criminal legal aid at the Crown Court – (two counsel) (NICTS)	March 2011
Statutory Charge – recovery of legal aid costs were property or money has been recovered or preserved. (NILSC)	Spring 2012
Funding code – a replacement of the current merits test for civil legal aid. (NILSC)	Spring 2012
Financial eligibility for civil legal aid – means testing. (NILSC)	Spring 2012

Legal Aid Reforms dependant on Subordinate Legislation	
Awarding costs – reform of the current procedures for costs against a legally assisted person and the NILSC. (NILSC)	Spring 2012
Registration scheme – registration of providers of publicly funded services. (NILSC)	Spring 2013

Legal Aid Reforms requiring no legislative process	
Mixed model of service delivery – the provision of legal services by both the private and voluntary sector. (NILSC)	Spring 2012

I have also commissioned a Review of Access to Justice in Northern Ireland. The review commenced on 13 September 2010 and is due to report by early summer 2011. The aim of the review is to develop proposals on how best to secure access to justice while achieving value for money in the use of public funds. It is not possible to provide a timetable for proposals which may arise from that review.

Courts Service

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice how much of the draft budget has been allocated to the courts service, in each of the next four years.

(AQW 3633/11)

Minister of Justice: The Department of Justice published its draft Budget 2010 allocations on 23 December 2010. This information is available via the following link www.dojni.gov.uk/index/publications/doj_budget_2010_draft_budget_tables.htm

For information, the NI Courts and Tribunals Service draft budget is as follows:

£m	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Resource DEL	54.8	56.0	55.0	55.2
Capital DEL	4.5	2.3	1.8	2.2

Review of the Youth Justice System

Mr L Cree asked the Minister of Justice for an update on the review of the Youth Justice System; and what bearing did the need to replace a member of the Team, due to a perceived lack of independence, have on the extension of the Review Team's timetable for completion.

(AQW 3658/11)

Minister of Justice: The Independent Review Team has begun its work with an intensive series of meetings and briefings with a wide range of stakeholders including the judiciary, young people, Departmental officials and representatives of the statutory, voluntary and community sectors. The Team plans to continue this process of engagement through February and March to ensure that they capture all relevant evidence to inform their deliberations.

The replacement of a member of the Team early on in this process had no bearing on the timescale for the completion of the Review. I made the decision to extend the timeframe to June 2011 following correspondence with the Review Team as originally constituted. Given the extent of the work required, the range of consultations and views to take on board and the wider linkages which would need to be made, they felt they could not produce an adequate report for publication by early March. I was content to agree to an extension on that basis.

Manufacture and Storage of Explosives

Mr I McCrea asked the Minister of Justice if he can confirm that his Department will grant a licence to businesses selling fireworks without planning permission, under the 28-day rule set out in the Planning (General Development) Order (NI) 1993.

(AQW 3659/11)

Minister of Justice: I can confirm that the Department will grant a licence or registration under the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 for a period of 28 days. The applicant must comply with the requirements of the Regulations and with Schedule 1, Part 4 of the Planning (General Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993.

Drug Dealing Offences

Mr A Maginness asked the Minister of Justice how many people charged with drug dealing offences are currently on bail.

(AQW 3673/11)

Minister of Justice: Drug dealing is not a statutorily defined offence. Information has therefore been collated on the basis of offences involving supplying, manufacturing/producing, exporting and importing drugs.

As of 24 January 2011, 314 defendants charged with these types of offences were on bail.

Note:

1Data has been extracted from a live operational IT system and may change on a daily basis.

Physical Abuse of Partners

Ms C Ní Chuilín asked the Minister of Justice how many people have been imprisoned for physical abuse of their partners since April 2010; and what sentences did they receive.

(AQW 3685/11)

Minister of Justice: I regret the information requested is not available. Court conviction data do not contain background or victim information in relation to offences committed and it is therefore not possible to separate out the number of convictions for assault offences which had a domestic motivation.

Staff Transferred from the NIO

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice what policy was followed when staff, who were transferring from the NIO to his Department, were moved on to NI Civil Service pay scales.

(AQW 3698/11)

Minister of Justice: Following devolution of justice functions, all NICS staff in the DOJ were given the option of retaining their former NIO grade and salary. Staff were also given the option of transferring to the analogous NICS pay scales on the following basis:

SCS staff will have the option of transferring to NICS terms on their existing salary;

Staff at Grades C to A had the option to transfer at the equivalent or next highest point in monetary terms; and

Staff at Grades D2 and D1 had the option to transfer in line with the length of service provisions as outlined in the terms of the NICS Equal Pay settlement.

PSNI Staff Transferring to DOJ

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice whether he intends to review the current policy on reckonable service for former, or seconded, PSNI staff transferring to his Department.

(AQW 3699/11)

Minister of Justice: On devolution, staff working in the former NIO transferred to the Department of Justice which resulted in the NIO pay delegation being rescinded and pay authority for all DOJ staff transferring to DFP. I am aware that discussions are on-going between DFP and PSNI in respect of the legal arguments put forward by PSNI in the draft business case on the extension of the NICS Equal Pay settlement to PSNI support staff. The outcome of these discussions may impact on whether DFP considers periods of service in the PSNI for staff as eligible for equal pay purposes. My officials are following developments on this issue. If a decision is taken by DFP to include PSNI service, my staff will implement those changes, and pay any arrears due to staff, as quickly as possible.

Staff Transferred from Access NI

Mr P Weir asked the Minister of Justice how many staff transferred from Access NI to his Department when it was created.

(AQW 3700/11)

Minister of Justice: Fifty six staff transferred with Access NI to the Department of Justice when it was established on 12 April 2010.

Court Interpreters

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice what is the standard fee paid to court interpreters for each court appearance; and whether the fee is paid per hour or per defendant.

(AQW 3723/11)

Minister of Justice: The Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS) is party to a contract with Connect-NICEM, who supply interpreters in a wide variety of languages for the criminal justice agencies.

NICTS is also a party to a similar contract with RNID for the provision of sign language interpretation services.

The rates under both contracts are exclusive of VAT.

Connect-NICEM

There are different rates depending on the type of court appearance and interpreter booked.

Local Interpreter

For all hearings other than a Crown Court trial one local interpreter is booked. The fees are as set out below and apply whether there are one or more individuals requiring an interpreter at a particular court venue.

Minimum Fee (3 hour session)	Hourly Fee thereafter	Booking Fee	Fixed Travel Fee	Mileage Rate
£75.00	£25.00 per hour	£50.00*	£6.00	£0.45

*If less than 24 hours notice is given then an enhanced booking fee of £70.00 is charged.

There is also a £10.00 waiting fee between interpreting sessions if this is necessary.

National Register Interpreter

For all Crown Court trials two nationally registered interpreters are booked per case, these may either be local interpreters or may be sourced from outside the jurisdiction. The rates below are per interpreter.

Minimum Fee (6 hours)	Hourly Fee thereafter	Booking Fee	Fixed Travel Fee	Mileage Rate
£240.00	£40.00 per hour	£50.00	£6.00	£0.45

Where the interpreter has to be sourced outside Northern Ireland all flights, accommodation and other travel costs are also invoiced and paid for. There is also a daily meal allowance of £15.00 paid per interpreter.

RNID

The sign language interpretation rates applicable are dependant on the type of interpreting services required. The rates below are per interpreter and, where necessary, 2 sign language interpreters may be booked. The fees apply whether there are one or more individuals requiring an interpreter at a particular court venue.

Type of Interpreting Services	Minimum Fee	Hourly Fee thereafter
British Sign Language Deaf Blind Interpreters	£175.00 for up to 3 hours	£49.00 per hour
Irish Sign Language Lipspeakers Speech to Text Reporters	No fixed fee, charged at cost plus £15.00 administration fee	N/A

All rates are inclusive of travel expenses.

Prisoner Ombudsman

Lord Morrow asked the Minister of Justice how much his Department has allocated annually to the Prisoner Ombudsman, through the Northern Ireland Prison Service's budget.

(AQW 3764/11)

Minister of Justice: The Prisoner Ombudsman's budget is not allocated through the Northern Ireland Prison Service: it is provided direct from the Department of Justice's budget. The Prisoner Ombudsman's budget for 2010/11 is £670,000.

Police and Prison Officers: Suspension

Mr A Ross asked the Minister of Justice to outline any proposals his Department has to reduce the cost of suspended police or prison officers.

(AQO 873/11)

Minister of Justice: In both the PSNI and the Northern Ireland Prison Service, the decision to suspend an officer is only taken in exceptional circumstances. Managers are actively encouraged to consider alternatives to suspension, where appropriate, such as the redeployment of staff, so that the facility to suspend is only used when it is essential.

The factors considered in coming to a decision, whether in relation to a police officer or a prison officer will include:

- the nature and seriousness of the alleged offence;
- the nature of the post held and potential associated risk;

- public interest;
- reputation and public confidence;
- organisational effectiveness; and
- the risk of compromising any investigation.

Where suspension is considered necessary this will normally be on full pay because the measure is not a punishment, nor is it a presumption of guilt. The suspension is usually pending the outcome of a disciplinary process or court proceedings and so the duration of this process will therefore impact directly on its cost.

The PSNI has been working with officials from my Department to develop a policy for the reform of police conduct and performance procedures for Northern Ireland which will address (amongst other things) a reduction in the time a police officer remains suspended. The Department is currently reviewing the legislation to consider what amendments to primary and secondary legislation would be required.

Within NIPS there is recognition that the disciplinary process is complex and can be subject to delay and NIPS too has plans in place to take forward a review of its Code of Conduct and Discipline. Where the disciplinary procedures are internal to NIPS every effort is made to expedite matters. However, where a prison officer has been suspended pending police investigation or court proceedings the length of time taken to complete the process is beyond the control of NIPS.

Youth Conferences

Mr F McCann asked the Minister of Justice if there is a limit to the number of times an individual can participate in a youth conference.

(AQO 874/11)

Minister of Justice: There is no statutory limit to the number of times an individual can participate in a youth conference. The legislation allows for repeat conferences and to impose a limit would deny victims of subsequent offences an opportunity to have an input into the process.

The restorative conference is only the starting point which gives the victim the opportunity to be involved, allows for detailed discussion around the offence committed, and leads to a plan encompassing up to 9 requirements which may include restrictions on conduct or whereabouts, performing unpaid work within the community, reparation and payment to the victim, as well as a custodial option.

During 2009-10, 88.5% of young people referred for youth conferences received no more than 2 referrals.

Public Prosecution Service

Mr M McLaughlin asked the Minister of Justice how his Department ensures that the Public Prosecution Service is accountable to the public without interfering with its independence.

(AQO 875/11)

Minister of Justice: As members will be aware, the Department of Justice has no formal responsibility for the Public Prosecution Service. As Minister of Justice, I am nevertheless mindful of the importance of the criminal justice system as a whole working effectively and of proper regard to independence of decision-making.

While the current arrangements for the PPS have been in place only since 12 April last year, concerns have been expressed by a number of members about accountability arrangements for the PPS. Following discussions, the First Minister, deputy First Minister and I have agreed that we will consult on options for accountability arrangements for the future.

My officials aim to be in a position to discuss a draft consultation paper with the Justice Committee soon.

Department for Regional Development

NI Water: Meetings

Mr P J Bradley asked the Minister for Regional Development whether he initiated pre-Christmas meetings with NI Water to discuss the arrangements in place to address the impending thaw. (AQW 3232/11)

Minister for Regional Development (Mr C Murphy): I did not initiate pre-Christmas meetings with NI Water to discuss its arrangements for dealing with the impending thaw. Managing, maintaining and operating its water and sewerage networks and assets is an operational matter for the Company.

Warrenpoint, Mayobridge and Rostrevor: Mains Water Supply

Mr P J Bradley asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) for his assessment of the two-week breakdown in the mains water supply to Warrenpoint, Mayobridge and Rostrevor, including Burren; and (ii) to outline what plans he has to ensure that these areas will not experience the same problem in the immediate and long-term future. (AQW 3233/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Northern Ireland Water (NIW) experienced problems from 27 December to 6 January. I have been advised by NIW that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Shinn Road, Newry: Mains Water Supply

Mr P J Bradley asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) the specific reasons why residents of Shinn Road, Newry were without a mains water supply for 13 days from 20 December to 1 January 2011; (ii) why updates, promised by NI Water, were not given to residents; and (iii) why drinking water was not made available to the residents during this time. (AQW 3234/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that (i) according to its records, the Shinn Road area of Newry was not without mains water supply, but individual properties may have encountered problems with frozen pipes. Some customers may have experienced intermittent supply from 26 December 2010 to 3 January 2011 as the service reservoir level fell to approximately 1.2 metres.

(ii) It is acknowledged that NIW's processes for communicating with customers were overwhelmed by the volume of enquiries received due to the unprecedented nature of the incident. Restoring customers to supply during what has probably been the single biggest supply incident the organisation has ever faced was a major challenge. I have been assured by NIW that it has learnt from the mistakes made and is striving to improve its processes and to develop its partnerships with local Councils and other agencies to reduce the risk of a recurrence in the future.

(iii) Alternative water supplies were available in the following locations from 28 December 2010:-

The Square and Upper Dunmore Road, Warrenpoint

The Square, Rosstrevor

Community Centre, Mayobridge

The Square, Hilltown

NIW Office and Newry & Mourne Leisure Centre, Newry.

Damaged Roads

Mr P J Bradley asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of the cost to repair roads damaged by the recent frost.

(AQW 3235/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no doubt that the coldest month for over 120 years has had a damaging effect on our road network. The repeated freezing and thawing cycles caused many carriageways to split and potholes to form. This is especially prevalent on local rural roads which are more vulnerable to this type of damage.

Well maintained roads in good condition will, by and large, suffer relatively little damage from frost. However, where the surface is ageing, or has been damaged by excavation and reinstatement, water can penetrate into small cracks and other defects in the surface. When the water freezes, often overnight, it expands to open up these cracks. During daytime thaws, the ice melts and more water seeps in, before the next freeze. Repeated freeze thaw cycles gradually open up such cracks and create cavities, and the surface deteriorates very quickly. Traffic soon displaces the loose aggregate and potholes form.

It is anticipated that the amount of damage caused will be considerable, and well in excess of the additional £2 million estimated repair costs for last winter. That said, the total cost of the damage caused solely by the cold weather may never fully be known, as it would not be practical, or indeed possible, to diagnose every failure that has already led, or is likely to contribute to damage in the future.

It will take some time for all of the damage to be identified, however, the additional £8.5 million allocated for roads maintenance since October 2010 will help to deal with the effects of the damage caused by recent frost.

NI Water

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development if, on 23 December 2010, NI Water was aware, via the long range weather forecast, that the thaw was due to take place on 26 December 2010.

(AQW 3238/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development, given the expected thaw on 26 December 2010, what actions NI Water took from 23 December onwards in preparation for any difficulties that the thaw would bring.

(AQW 3240/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water: Call Handling Capacity

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) what steps NI Water took to increase call handling capacity in 2010; (ii) whether NI Water approached any call centre companies about increasing capacity; and (iii) whether any call centre companies offered NI Water enhanced call handling services, and if so, what was the response from NI Water.

(AQW 3244/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water: Employees

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development how many of the 1415 employees of NI Water were in work each day from 22 December to 31 December 2010 inclusive, broken down by (i) industrial; and (ii) non-industrial staff.

(AQW 3245/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water: Emergency Meeting

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development when did NI Water have its first emergency meeting, either in person or by teleconference, in December 2010.

(AQW 3246/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water: Additional Contractors

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development how many additional contractors NI Water employed on 27 and 28 December 2010 to address the mains water supply shortage.

(AQW 3247/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water's Website

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development why information on NI Water's website in relation to the mains water supply shortage was not updated in a timely manner until 29 December 2010.

(AQW 3248/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Waterline Phone Line

Mr Pól Callaghan asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail, for each of the last three years, (i) how much revenue has been generated by NI Water from charges for its Waterline phone line; (ii) the cost incurred by NI Water for the operation of this phone line; and (iii) any payments made to third parties in relation to this phone line.

(AQW 3249/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that (i) it does not generate any income from inbound calls received on Waterline 08457 440088 and has received no income from this line in the last three years. (ii) Operation of the Waterline is undertaken by a third party, on behalf of NIW, under a contract which includes the provision of a range of customer

contact and billing services. The cost of operating Waterline is not identified separately in the contract and is therefore not available. (iii) NIW is required to pay for the telecommunications infrastructure which needs to be in place to support the various phone lines offered (Waterline, Leakline, Billing Line, etc.). In each of the last three years there has been a fixed annual cost for the provision of telephone line capacity and maintenance and support of telephony infrastructure. These services have been competitively tendered.

Gritting Policy in Rural Areas

Ms M Ritchie asked the Minister for Regional Development whether he will undertake a review of the gritting policy in rural areas, given the impact of the recent severe weather conditions on rural communities.

(AQW 3251/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The winter service policy and procedures operated by Roads Service follow the well-established practice of targeting the limited resources available for this service on the busier main through routes. In general, this means that Roads Service salts the main through routes that carry more than 1,500 vehicles per day and, in exceptional circumstances, roads with difficult topography that carry between 1,000 and 1,500 vehicles per day. The application of this policy ensures that 28% of the total road network, which carries around 80% of traffic, is salted, at an annual cost of approximately £5 million. Any extension of the schedule to cover 90% or 100% of traffic volumes would increase the cost to approximately £10 million or £20 million per annum, respectively.

I fully understand and appreciate the concerns of those who use the remaining more lightly trafficked roads, which are not on the salted network. However, I am sure that you will appreciate that there is a fine balance to be drawn between putting even more funds into salting, or continuing to spend it on the many other worthwhile demands on Roads Service's limited resources, many of which are also safety related. During the next four years, there will be even greater pressures on the Roads Service budget; therefore it is highly unlikely that additional funding will be made available to salt additional roads, including those in rural areas.

That said, while the aim of this policy is to target the limited resources available for this service on the busier main through routes, the policy also makes provision for unscheduled and emergency requests. For example, additional salting may be undertaken in the case of an emergency, to provide access for the emergency services, or some other unforeseen occurrence, such as a funeral.

In addition, small settlements in rural areas, containing 100 dwellings or more, have salted links to roads on the main salted network and over 40,000 salt bins and grit piles are provided for use by the public, on a self help basis, on roads that do not qualify for inclusion on the gritting schedule. Roads Service has also introduced enhanced communication arrangements and priority "secondary" salting to a number of rural schools that are most affected by weather conditions.

In light of the significant resources already deployed by Roads Service and the budget cuts that my Department is facing during the next four years, I currently have no plans to review the winter gritting policy and schedule in rural areas at this stage. That said, as with all such significant weather events, Roads Service will examine the operational effectiveness of its response this season and take on board any lessons learnt, and as a result, it may be necessary to reassess the situation at some point in the future.

Roads Infrastructure

Ms M Ritchie asked the Minister for Regional Development, in light of the impact of the severe weather conditions on the road infrastructure, what plans he has to improve the roads infrastructure.

(AQW 3252/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no doubt that the coldest month for over 120 years has had a devastating effect on the road network. The repeated freezing and thawing cycles caused many carriageways to split and potholes to form. This is especially prevalent on local rural roads which are

more vulnerable to this type of damage. As a result, it will be some time before the full extent of the damage caused to the road network can be identified, fully assessed and repaired, subject to the availability of sufficient funds.

I would emphasise that if the roads had been in better condition to start with, the amount of damage caused by the recent wintery weather would have been much less. By and large, relatively little damage is caused to well maintained roads, in good condition, during these weather conditions.

Since October 2010, an additional £8.5 million of funding has been allocated for road maintenance which is particularly timely given the recent extreme weather we have been experiencing. It is also hoped that Roads Service's structural maintenance budget will benefit from the redistribution of funds as a result of the December Monitoring Round. The money will be used to assist in dealing with the effects of the recent cold spell, including the purchase of salt to replenish stocks and progressing pre-determined programmes of work, which will target the worst affected roads.

It is evident that if more funding was available, more maintenance work would be carried out and I can assure you that Roads Service will continue to make strong bids for additional funding for structural maintenance.

In the meantime, Roads Service will continue to make the best use of resources available to it to develop and maintain the road network.

Salt and Grit Stock

Mr A Easton asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) whether his Department had enough salt and grit stock to cope with the severe weather conditions in December 2010; and (ii) whether his Department had to buy additional salt and grit stock from abroad due to low stockpiles.

(AQW 3254/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that as part of its pre-season preparations, salt barns were filled to capacity and carried around 65,000 tonnes of salt. During an average winter, Roads Service would expect to use around 50,000 tonnes. Roads Service has arrangements in place to replenish salt stocks on a regular basis and sufficient stocks were available to deal with the extreme weather conditions experienced during December 2010.

Roads Service has sourced all of its salt supplies from one provider, Irish Salt Sales, which is supplied with salt from a number of sources, including from abroad.

Grit Boxes in Bangor

Mr A Easton asked the Minister for Regional Development why grit boxes in Bangor were not filled for days at a time during the severe weather in December 2010.

(AQW 3255/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Firstly, I should explain that my Department's Roads Service has no statutory obligation to salt public roads or footways. However, to assist the safe movement of traffic in wintry conditions, sufficient funding is set aside to salt the main traffic routes across the North.

The winter service policy and procedures, operated by Roads Service, follow the well-established practice of targeting the limited resources available for this service on the busier main through routes. Its primary aim is to keep the strategic road network open during periods adverse weather, and despite the longest uninterrupted sub-zero spell experienced in the North since 1881 and the accompanying periods of snow, it managed to do so.

On roads in urban areas that are not part of the salted schedule, consideration is given to the placing of salt bins on lightly trafficked roads. The salt is intended for use by the public on public roads and footways, on a self-help basis. Roads Service has devised a criteria-based point scoring system to determine when provision of a salt bin is deemed appropriate, which takes account of traffic volume,

road gradient and geometry, available alternative routes and other community related facilities such as hospitals and schools.

There are presently 167 salt bins in North Down. The frequency of the replenishment of the salt bins is dependent on weather conditions and the availability of staff resources. During December 2010, which was the coldest for over 120 years, salt bins were allocated the highest priority with a salt replenishment cycle of two to three days.

The demand on this source of salt was very high, and a number of reports were received of salt being used inappropriately i.e. not on public roads and footways. As a consequence some members of the public at certain locations were denied access to salt until stocks had been replenished. As you will appreciate, Roads Service does not have the resources to monitor each bin but every effort was made to respond to requests from the public in so far as resources permitted.

Housing Estates in Bangor: Gritting

Mr A Easton asked the Minister for Regional Development why some (i) bus routes; and (ii) housing estates in Bangor were not gritted during the severe weather in December 2010.

(AQW 3256/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Firstly I should explain that my Department's Roads Service has no statutory obligation to salt roads or footways. However to assist the safe movement of traffic in wintry conditions, sufficient funding is set aside to salt the main traffic routes across the North.

The winter service policy and procedures, operated by Roads Service, follow the well-established practice of targeting the limited resources available for this service on the busier main through routes. In general, this means that Roads Service salts the main through routes that carry more than 1,500 vehicles per day and, in exceptional circumstances, roads with difficult topography that carry between 1,000 and 1,500 vehicles per day. The application of this policy ensures that 28% of the total road network, which carries around 80% of traffic, is salted, at an annual cost of approximately £5 million.

Roads Service prepares a salted road schedule using these criteria, and there are some bus routes and roads within estates which do not qualify for inclusion within the schedule.

On roads that are not part of the salted schedule, consideration is given to the placing of salt bins on lightly trafficked roads. The salt is intended for use by the public on public roads and footways, on a self-help basis. Roads Service has devised a criteria-based point scoring system to determine when provision of a salt bin is deemed appropriate, which takes account of traffic volume, road gradient and geometry, available alternative routes and other community related facilities such as hospitals and schools.

Extending the schedule, for example to include all bus routes and housing estates and cover 90% or 100% of traffic volumes would increase the cost to approximately £10 million or £20 million per annum, respectively. In the current economic climate and with the proposed reductions in the Department's overall budget, such an approach would not be affordable.

Damage to the Roads System

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of the damage to the roads system as a result of the severe weather conditions in late 2010.

(AQW 3258/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no doubt that the coldest month for over 120 years has had a damaging effect on our road network. By and large, well maintained roads in good condition suffer relatively little damage but where the surface is ageing, or has been damaged by excavation and reinstatement, water can penetrate into small cracks and other defects in the surface. The repeated freezing and thawing cycles then cause many carriageways to split and potholes to form. This is especially prevalent on local rural roads, which are more vulnerable to this type of damage.

It is anticipated that the amount of damage caused to the road network will be considerable, and well in excess of the estimated £2m of additional repair costs for last winter. However, the total cost of the damage caused solely by the cold weather may never fully be known as it would not be practical, or indeed possible, to diagnose every failure that has already led to, or is likely to contribute to, damage in the future.

Regrettably, it will take some time for all of the damage to be identified and repaired, as this will be dependent upon the availability of funds.

Constraints on NI Water

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development if there are any constraints on NI Water in relation to interrupting the water supply to any area.

(AQW 3259/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that it is required, except in an emergency, to serve reasonable notice on consumers where it proposes to interrupt the water supply to carry out necessary work. Where the supply of water to domestic premises is interrupted for more than 24 hours NIW is required to provide an emergency supply, whether or not in pipes, within a reasonable distance of those premises.

During the recent freeze / thaw incident, my Department gave a general direction under the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 which enabled NIW to interrupt, with or without notice, any water supply to any premises to deal with the emergency.

Road Maintenance and Repairs

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the spend, per mile, on road maintenance and repairs in (i) each of the last four years; and (ii) 2010/11 to date.

(AQW 3261/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that details of structural maintenance spend per mile in each of the last four years are set out in the Table below. Structural maintenance includes resurfacing, strengthening, surface dressing, structural drainage and patching.

Length (miles) *	Spend 06 - 07		Spend 07 - 08		Spend 08 - 09		Spend 09 - 10	
	£k	£k/mile	£k	£k/mile	£k	£k/mile	£k	£k/mile
25,576	65,565	2.5	77,370	3	62,982	2.5	85,189	3.5

* Road length as at 1 April 2010

Figures of £k/mile have been rounded

At present, I am unable to provide details of 2010/11 spend, as the current financial year's figures are subject to audit and may change. This information will not be available until after the end of this financial year.

Roads with Insufficient Lighting

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) for his assessment of roads with insufficient lighting; and (ii) whether he has had any contact with the PSNI in relation to the contribution of roads with insufficient lighting to road accidents.

(AQW 3262/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that it aims to conform to the standards and recommendations in the latest Codes of Practice for the Design of Road Lighting BS 5489 / BS EN 13201, and in the Well-lit Highways Code of Practice for Highway Lighting Management. In addition, Roads Service aims to provide and maintain street lighting systems in line with its Policy and Procedures Guidelines. In all cases, the need for additional or improved street lighting is assessed against the relevant policies and criteria.

With regard to contact with the PSNI and extent to which insufficient lighting on roads might be a contributory factor in accidents, I can advise that Roads Service is in regular contact and shares data with the PSNI on possible contributing factors associated with collisions on the road network.

Roads Service is committed to considering measures which have the potential to reduce collisions in all aspects of its work. This applies to both new road schemes and at locations on the existing road network where there may be a poor safety record.

Roads Service undertakes analysis, as part of its Collision Remedial programme, of selected collision sites for the purposes of identifying possible remedial measures. Street lighting is one aspect of this analysis which is assessed along with other factors, when determining if remedial action is required.

Upgrading the Water and Sewage Infrastructure

Mr J Craig asked the Minister for Regional Development how much money the Executive secured from London during the previous mandate for upgrading the water and sewage infrastructure; and how the money was spent.

(AQW 3273/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Budget settlements received from London are not hypothecated and do not make specific allocations for particular functions or services such as water and sewerage. The Budget Allocations for water and sewerage (including capital investment) are made by the Executive from the NI DEL.

Snow Ploughs Owned by Roads Service

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) the number of snow ploughs owned by Roads Service; (ii) where they are located; and (iii) the cost of utilising one of these ploughs.

(AQW 3280/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service owns 238 snow plough attachments and details of numbers and their location are provided in the table below:

Location	Snow Ploughs	Location	Snow Ploughs
Belfast	14	Craigavon	7
Armagh	9	Banbridge	8
Arvalee	8	Larne	4
Bangor	8	Limavady	23
Ballymena	12	Magherafelt	19
Ballymoney	23	Dungannon	5
Ballyvadden	4	Newry	7
Coleraine	12	Lisburn	12
Antrim	10	Strabane	7
Seaforde	12	Derry	22

Location	Snow Ploughs	Location	Snow Ploughs
Enniskillen	12		

Snow plough attachments are fitted to various types of vehicles including 26 and 18 tonne dual function gritter/tipper lorries, 17 tonne multi function Unimogs, 14 tonne tipper lorries, Roads Service agricultural tractors and agricultural tractors of various sizes utilised under contract by contractors and farmers. Due to the varied type and nature of vehicles on which snow plough attachments are utilised, it is not possible to provide a definitive cost for the utilisation of a snow plough.

Board of NI Water

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister for Regional Development whether the Board of NI Water voted unanimously to approve the settlement package for the outgoing CEO.

(AQW 3285/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the decision to approve the settlement package for the outgoing CEO was carried by the Board. It is not the practice of the Board to record whether votes are carried unanimously or otherwise.

NI Water: Procurement Breaches

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister for Regional Development how many procurement breaches were found at NI Water between (i) July 2009 to July 2010; and (ii) August 2010 to date.

(AQW 3287/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that (i) the scope of the Contracts Approval and subsequent deep dive internal audit reviews covered the period from April 2007 to February 2010 only. These reviews found a total 74 procurement breaches, 54 of which had incurred expenditure in the period from July 2009 to February 2010. A subsequent Northern Ireland Audit Office examination of procurement breaches in NIW included a review of expenditure across the 74 procurement breaches up until August 2010. This found that 45 of the 74 procurement breaches had incurred expenditure in the period from February 2010 to August 2010.

(ii) There have been no independent investigations into procurement breaches covering the period post August 2010. However, NIW's Procurement Compliance Officer has identified one additional procurement breach from August 2010 to date.

Drinking Water Dispensers in NI Water Offices

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the number of drinking water dispensers in all NI Water offices and premises; and of these, how many dispense (i) bottled water; and (ii) tap water.

(AQW 3303/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that it has 25 drinking water dispensers in its premises, used as offices or with office accommodation, and all dispense tap water.

NI Water: Bottled Water

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail, for each of the last five years, (i) which companies have provided NI Water with bottled water for use in its water dispensers and for hospitality in its premises; (ii) how much bottled water has been provided; and (iii) the cost of this bottled water.

(AQW 3304/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that it has not provided bottled water for use by staff, except in the Duncrue Street Incinerator control room where welfare and health and safety considerations require the availability of drinking water but restrict the introduction of mains water in close proximity to sensitive electronic equipment. Responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Incinerator transferred to a Private Finance Contractor in March 2010, when the requirement for NIW to provide bottled water for staff ceased. Bottled water was supplied under contract by Rocwell Natural Mineral Water and the table below details the amounts spent in each of the past five years.

Year	Amount
2006/07	£380.25
2007/08	£298.25
2008/09	£299.55
2009/10	£329.55
2010/11	Nil.

Bottled Water Dispensed to the Public

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development how much bottled water was dispensed to the public during the recent water shortage.

(AQW 3305/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water: Catering and Hospitality

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development how much NI Water has spent on catering and hospitality in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3306/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that the amounts spent on catering and hospitality in the past five years, by NIW and its predecessor DRD Water Service, were as follows:-

Year Ended 31 March	Amount	Entity
2010	£53,000	NIW
2009	£68,000	NIW
2008	£63,000	NIW
2007	£62,000	DRD Water Service
2006	£34,000	DRD Water Service

All amounts are exclusive of VAT.

Water Sent to Northern Ireland

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) how much water was sent to Northern Ireland from (a) Scotland; (b) England; (c) Wales; (d) the Republic of Ireland; and (e) elsewhere

during the recent water shortage; (ii) on what date the water was requested by his Department; and (iii) whether the Department paid for the water; and if so, to detail the total cost and the cost per litre.

(AQW 3307/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Parking Tickets

Mr S Hamilton asked the Minister for Regional Development how many parking tickets issued to Republic of Ireland registered vehicles, since the commencement of the NCP contract and the NSL Services Group Traffic attendants, remain outstanding.

(AQW 3315/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that, since the commencement of the current parking enforcement contract in November 2006 to the end of October 2010, 47853 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued to Southern registered vehicles. Of that total, the number of PCNs outstanding, and which remain subject to ongoing processing and debt recovery procedures, is 2,600 (5.4%). However, you should note that figures relating to outstanding PCNs can, and do, change on a daily basis.

In March 2010, a new pilot agreement was implemented between both licensing authorities. This has enabled Roads Service's Parking Enforcement Processing Unit to pursue payment of PCNs issued since then to Southern registered vehicles.

Under-Road Water Network

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development, in light of the water shortage crisis in December 2010, whether his Department has a co-ordinated response plan with Roads Service and NI Water to ensure cost effective access to the under-road water network with minimal traffic disruption; and for an estimate of the cost of developing the plan.

(AQW 3318/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and the associated regulations and codes of practice provide the framework within which NI Water's (NIW), and other undertakers, statutory right to carry out works is balanced with the rights of road users to expect the minimum disruption from such works. This framework includes provision for minimum notice periods when carrying out works of different categories within traffic sensitive and non-traffic sensitive situations, and covers emergency and urgent works, in addition to planned works.

The central aspect of the framework, developed to coordinate street works and keep traffic disruptions to a minimum, is the Northern Ireland Street Works Register and Notification System (NISRANS). NIW uses this system to inform Roads Service of all openings in public footpaths and carriageways, such as those associated with the recent severe weather events. The cost of these arrangements is not unduly influenced by the events in December.

NISRANS was procured by Roads Service on behalf of the NI Road Authority and Utilities Committee (NIRAUC), with the costs shared between Roads Service and all the utility providers. For example, the 2010/11 charge for provision of NISRANS is £275,000, with NIW's share of this cost in the order of £77,000.

Major Incident Response Plan

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development at what time on 26 December 2010 NI Water initiated the Major Incident Response Plan.

(AQW 3319/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water's Major Incident Response Plan

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development on how many occasions NI Water's Major Incident Response Plan has been revised, amended or updated since 1 April 2007; and to detail any changes.

(AQW 3320/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that its Major Incident Response Plan has been reviewed, amended or updated a total of 7 times since 1 April 2007. The table below outlines the date and description of the changes.

Date	Change
April 2007	All benchmarks reviewed and amendments made to the following benchmarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Drinking Water Quality ■ Discoloured Water ■ Loss of Supply ■ Internal Sewage Flooding
August 2007	References to Water Service updated to Northern Ireland Water
October 2008	The following Chapters were added to the Major Incident Response Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Public Private Partnership (PPP) Alpha Section (Water Supply PPP Partner) - Volume 1 Chapter 6 ■ ICT Section - Volume 1 Chapter 6. All benchmarks reviewed and amendments made to the following benchmarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Public Relations Additional benchmarks for ICT & Customer Contact added.
March 2009	The following Chapter was added to the Major Incident Response Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ PPP Omega Section (Waste Water PPP Partner) - Volume 1, Chapter 6 Amendments made to Volume 1 Chapter 2 – Definitions.
October 2009	Volume 1 Chapter 4: The Major Incident Plan - Amendments to Roles & Responsibilities of Incident Teams. Volume 1 Chapter 6: Specific Events – Amendments to Injuries & Fatalities section.
August 2010	Volume 1 Chapter 6: Special Events – Amendments to PPP contact details.
Sept 2010	Volume 1 Chapter 5: Tasks – Responsibility Guidance Notes added for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work Control Centre (WCC) ■ Operations Contract Partner.

Water Shortage Crisis

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development whether he will consider his position as a result of the water shortage crisis in December 2010.

(AQW 3322/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I refer to my statement to the Assembly on Monday 17 January 2011 in which I dealt with this point.

Water Shortage Crisis

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of the impact of the water shortage crisis in December 2010 on NI Water's aspiration to be the number one utility company in the UK by 2014.

(AQW 3323/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The Executive review of the response to the recent emergency, which will report at the end of February, will cover the types of issues you have raised.

Waterline Phone Line

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development how much revenue NI water generated from the Waterline phone line during the water shortage crisis.

(AQW 3326/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Budget

Mr T Clarke asked the Minister for Regional Development when he intends to publish his Budget.

(AQW 3336/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Budget was published on 13 January 2011. I would refer you to my Department's website where there is a link to DRD's Draft Budget 2011-15 Spending and Savings Proposals.

Concessions for Water Leakages

Mr T Elliott asked the Minister for Regional Development, given the recent severe weather conditions, (i) whether businesses will be offered any concessions for leakages which passed through their water meter; and (ii) what steps he intends to take to ensure that these customers will not be overcharged.[R]

(AQW 3340/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that non-domestic customers who are billed on a metered basis will be charged for all of the water that has been recorded by the meter, whether used or lost through leakage within the property. Metered customers who have experienced a leak, and who are connected to the public sewer, can apply for a reduction of the sewerage bill in recognition that the leaked water would not have returned to the sewer.

NIW has no responsibility for supply pipes within customers' property but encourages the property owners to protect and maintain their private pipes and to regularly check consumption through the meter to quickly identify any leakage. There is a cost associated with the treatment and distribution of all water supplied to customers and the cost of wastage arising from bursts on private supply pipes should not be borne by other customers or the taxpayer generally.

Board of NI Water

Ms A Lo asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the current composition of the Board of NI Water; and how each member is remunerated.

(AQW 3351/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The Board of NI Water currently comprises an interim Non Executive Chair; 3 Interim Non-Executive Directors; 1 Non-Executive Director; and 3 Executive Directors.

Remuneration for the Chair is approximately £40,000 per annum based on anticipated attendance of 4 business days per month, with scope for an additional 5 days (maximum) remunerated at £ £1,000 per day. Remuneration for the Non-Executive Directors is approximately £18,000 per annum based on anticipated attendance of 2 business days per month, with scope for 4 additional days (maximum) at £750 per day. One Executive Director is paid an annual salary of circa £120,000 and the two other Executive Directors are paid an annual salary of circa £108,000.

Allocated Budget for Roads Maintenance

Ms M Ritchie asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) the allocated budget for roads maintenance in each Roads Service division; (ii) how much of each budget has been spent to date; (iii) what bids have been made through monitoring rounds for additional resources in this financial year; and (iv) whether he intends to request additional funds for improvements to the roads infrastructure. **(AQW 3353/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: Details of the opening structural maintenance allocations and spend to the end of November 2010, for each of the four Roads Service Divisions during 2010/11, are set out in the table below:

	Northern Division	Southern Division	Eastern Division	Western Division
Opening Budget (£k)	14,062	17,812	14,921	18,467
Spend at November (£k)	9,394	13,640	9,377	14,788

Since October 2010, an additional £8.5 million has been allocated to Divisions for road maintenance, which is particularly timely given the affects of the recent prolonged spell of extreme weather. The additional money will be used to purchase salt and progress pre-determined programmes of work, targeting the worst affected roads.

The table below shows details of the bids which were made during the year, as part of the various monitoring rounds. All bids were for additional Capital funding.

	June Monitoring Round	September Monitoring Round	December Monitoring Round
Value of bid (£k)	41,000	34,000	12,000

Roads Service's structural maintenance budget received an additional £3 million in December's Monitoring Round, which will also be used to progress pre-determined programmes of work, targeting the worst affected roads.

I can assure the Member that if more funding was available, more maintenance work would be carried out, and that Roads Service will continue to make strong bids for additional structural maintenance funds. In the meantime, Roads Service will continue to make the best use of resources available to it to develop and maintain the road network.

Additional Staff Employed by NI Water

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development how many additional staff were employed by NI Water during the recent severe weather and the water shortage crisis, broken down by post and role; and to detail the cost of employing additional staff. **(AQW 3356/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Mains Water Supply

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) the mains water supply connections between Northern Ireland and (a) the Republic of Ireland; (b) Scotland; (c) England; and (d) Wales; (ii) whether he plans to upgrade any of these connections; (iii) whether any significant upgrades have taken place in the last five years; and (iv) whether he has any plans to create new connections.

(AQW 3357/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that (i) there are 16 cross-border watermain connections with the South and no connections with Scotland, England or Wales. (ii) NIW currently has no plans to upgrade these connections. (iii) No significant upgrades have taken place within the last five years. (iv) At present, NIW has no plans to create new connections with the South, Scotland, England or Wales.

Reservoirs in Craigtlet Hills, North Down

Mr A Easton asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail any plans he has for the reservoirs in Craigtlet Hills, North Down.

(AQW 3372/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that it currently owns the 6 impounding reservoirs in the Craigtlet Hills area (Church Road, Creighton's Green, Ballysallagh Upper and Lower, plus Conlig Upper and Lower Reservoirs). All 6 impounding reservoirs are currently out of service and NIW is in the process of formally declaring them as no longer required for future use. Any disposal will be in accordance with NIW's disposal strategy which will entail placing these reservoirs on the open market.

NI Water's Website

Mr P Weir asked the Minister for Regional Development why Holywood was not listed as an area with problems on NI Water's website for several days during the recent water shortage crisis.

(AQW 3376/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Gritting of Roads or Footpaths

Mr P Weir asked the Minister for Regional Development what indemnification is available for councils that are assisting or carrying out the gritting of roads or footpaths.

(AQW 3377/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has a power to take reasonable and practicable measures to prevent snow and ice from interfering with the safe public passage over the public highway. Under its current winter service policy and procedures and due in large part to financial considerations, Roads Service does not treat all roads and footways, but follows the well established practice of targeting the limited resources available for this service on the busier main through routes. In addition to this, we offer an agreement to Councils, under which Roads Service provides salt to them, for treating an agreed schedule of their busiest footways. Roads Service's indemnity relates to its treatment policy.

I can advise that under the proposals put forward by my Department, Councils, or groups of traders acting on their behalf, will have the same indemnity benefits as Roads Service.

Water and Sewerage Infrastructure at Slievemore Park, Derry

Mr Pól Callaghan asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of the capacity of water and sewerage infrastructure at Slievemore Park, Derry; and to outline any planned upgrades.
(AQW 3385/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that it is not aware of any significant problems with the water mains infrastructure within the Slievemore Park housing development. There are no records of burst mains in the area and a Mains Zonal Study carried out in the city did not identify any hydraulic or water quality issues. There are no capacity issues in this area and consequently no upgrades of the water main infrastructure are planned.

In response to a number of recent complaints from customers regarding blockages on the sewer network at Slievemore Park, NIW plans to carry out a CCTV survey of the local network to determine the source of the blockages and whether any repairs are needed to the fabric of the sewers. It is expected that the survey and the analysis of the results will be completed within the next three months.

Vandalism to Traffic Signs

Mr D Kinahan asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the number of instances of vandalism to traffic signs that Roads Service has responded to in each of the last four years, broken down by the type of vandalism, such as, graffiti or alterations to town name signs.
(AQW 3392/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that it does not maintain details of the number of instances of vandalism to Roads Service traffic signs. I am therefore unable to provide the information requested by the Member.

NI Water's Performance

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of NI Water's performance during the water shortage crisis in December 2010.
(AQW 3394/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive review of the response to the recent emergency, which will report at the end of February, will cover the types of issues you have raised.

Water Shortage Crisis

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development on what date NI Water informed his Department of the water shortage crisis.
(AQW 3395/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and will cover the details raised in your question.

NI Water Staff

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development how many NI Water staff have left the organisation under severance or redundancy arrangements in each of the last three years; and how many of these posts have not been filled to date.
(AQW 3397/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the number of employees that have left the organisation under severance or redundancy arrangements within each of the last 3 years is as detailed in the table below.

Year	Number of Employees
2007/08	32
2008/09	173
2009/10	77
Total	282

In each case where an employee was released under the terms of the Severance schemes there was a corresponding reduction in the number of employees within the company.

Ministerial Diary Commitments

Mr C McDevitt asked the Minister for Regional Development to provide details of his ministerial diary commitments from 1 December 2010 to 5 January 2011.

(AQW 3414/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I do not think it appropriate to provide details of my Ministerial diary commitments.

Grit Boxes

Mr P Weir asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the number of grit boxes in each constituency.

(AQW 3415/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that it does not record the number of salt bins provided in each constituency. However, the table below details the number of salt bins within each Council Area:

NUMBER OF SALT BINS IN EACH COUNCIL AREA

Council Area	No of salt boxes
Belfast	251
Lisburn	282
Newtownabbey	204
Carrickfergus	78
North Down	167
Castlereagh	202
Ards	163
Banbridge	248
Newry & Mourne	273
Craigavon	75
Armagh	151
Down	312
Antrim	134
Ballymena	222
Larne	48

Council Area	No of salt boxes
Ballymoney	52
Moyle	53
Coleraine	252
Limavady	174
Londonderry	220
Dungannon	122
Omagh	148
Fermanagh	180
Cookstown	90
Magherafelt	110
Strabane	70
Total	4281

Former CEO of NI Water

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the professional bodies of which the former CEO of NI Water, Laurence MacKenzie, was a member; and what contact his Department had with these bodies (i) before; (ii) during; and (iii) after his appointment to NI Water.

(AQW 3423/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that its former CEO, Laurence MacKenzie was a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. However as membership of this professional body was not a requirement for the role of Chief Executive, there was no requirement for NIW to make contact with this professional body, before, during or after Mr MacKenzie's period of employment with the company. Because the appointment process was handled by NIW, the Department would have had no contact (or reason to contact) this professional body.

Former CEO of NI Water

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail (i) what declarations in relation to prior convictions, spent or otherwise, are required to be made on job application forms for his Department and its agencies; (ii) which spent convictions are required to be declared; (iii) what checks are carried out by his Department ; and (iv) whether these procedures were followed in relation to the appointment of the former CEO of NI Water, Laurence MacKenzie in July 2009.

(AQW 3425/11)

Minister for Regional Development: As far as posts in DRD and other Departments are concerned, the NICS-wide policy is that there is no requirement for information on convictions to be declared on job application forms. Only when candidates have been deemed suitable for appointment are they asked to complete a security form in order that appropriate security clearance can be carried out.

In the case of a post deemed to be of basic security level, only details of unspent convictions are obtained from suitable candidates. For a post of a higher security level, checks into both spent and unspent convictions are carried out, with security forms requiring suitable candidates for such posts to declare details of all convictions.

Security checks are arranged by HRConnect on behalf of all Departments.

NI Water was established as a government-owned company under the Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006 and therefore sits outside the NICS and my Department and operates its own HR and employment procedures. I have been advised by the company that pre-employment references were taken up in respect of Laurence MacKenzie, in line with the usual procedure for roles of this type, and that NI Water was not aware of any conviction.

Proposed South West Distributor Road in Ballymena

Mr P Frew asked the Minister for Regional Development what consideration has been given to the proposed South West Distributor Road in Ballymena; and what information has been made available to him for consideration.

(AQW 3426/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The proposed Ballymena South West Distributor Road was included in the area plans dating as far back as 1966, and more recently, included in my Department's Sub-Regional Transport Plan 2015 for Ballymena, which I launched in 2007.

Following enquiries from a number of developers, my Department's Road Service undertook to carry out a scheme appraisal, to determine the most favourable alignment for the proposed road. This Assessment is ongoing and, at present, the land required for the scheme has been identified for the majority of the route.

Whilst a Ballymena South West Distributor Road would undoubtedly provide benefits, by serving as a local distributor and link road between the five arterial routes into Ballymena, funding is currently not available for the completion of this scheme. However, some sections of the route may be constructed earlier by prospective developers wishing to open up access to development land.

Water Shortage Crisis

Mr P Frew asked the Minister for Regional Development if there are any plans to introduce a compensation scheme for businesses that depend on water to operate and that suffered a loss of income due to the recent mains infrastructure failure.

(AQW 3427/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no statutory compensation scheme under which compensation may be paid to customers for interruption of their water supply.

In normal circumstances Northern Ireland Water (NIW) has a duty under the Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006 to supply water to premises. Supplies for non-domestic purposes are covered by Article 94 of the Order, which recognises that there will be circumstances where supply is interrupted.

In the recent emergency 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. The Direction overrides the supply and other duties.

NIW is responsible for handling claims in respect of its duties and if business owners feel that they still wish to pursue actions against NIW they should contact the company directly.

Water Reserves

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) what contingency plans are in place in the event of water reserves in all reservoirs and other sources fall below critical levels and water has to be imported; and (ii) whether he will make these plans available to MLAs.

(AQW 3429/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water [NIW] that it operates 25 impounding reservoirs with a total capacity of 56,923 million litres. Where there is a potential risk to security of supply NIW can implement its Drought Management Plan [DMP] which

is in place for all these reservoirs and which aims to deal with water resource issues and to ensure security of supply. In particular, it aims to provide a structured and flexible framework to manage droughts and their changing severity; and to set out a system of monitoring and reporting to identify and track the onset, progress of and recovery from droughts. At a high level the DMP comprises 2 elements - "Demand Side Options" covering issues such as escalated forecasting, enhanced leakage detection and the efficient use of water; "Supply Side Options" including supply balancing, rezoning and temporary abstractions.

The volume of water in store at impounding reservoirs is recorded and analysed on a regular basis throughout the year and Control Curves prepared for each site to monitor actual storage against typical storage level for the time of year. Integral to the overall DMP is a series of "triggers and actions" to protect sources from falling below critical levels, taking in to consideration factors such as normal or forecasted patterns of rainfall and anticipated consumer demand. For the month of December 2010 the total average storage across all impounding reservoirs was 93.98% and currently Silent Valley is at 98.74%

Article 73 of The Water and Sewerage Services [Northern Ireland] Order 2006 requires that a drought plan shall address, inter alia, measures required to restrain the demand for water within its area and measures required to obtain extra water from other sources. The nature and extent of such measures, covering as they do reference to specific strategic resources and assets are deemed to be confidential and not disclosable in the public domain.

Water Shortage Crisis

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development what financial arrangements he intends to put in place to compensate households affected by (i) no water supply; and (ii) flooding during the recent adverse weather and water shortage crisis.

(AQW 3430/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no statutory compensation scheme under which compensation may be paid to customers for interruption of their water supply.

In normal circumstances Article 91 of the Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006 places a domestic water supply duty on Northern Ireland Water (NIW). It also recognises that supply may be interrupted in certain circumstances. If a person sustains loss or damage as a result of any unreasonable breach of the supply duty they are entitled to take legal action against NIW (under Article 93).

In the recent emergency 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. The Direction overrides the supply and other duties.

Where a householder sustains loss or damage as a result of out-of-sewer flooding they may be entitled to take legal action against NIW. These claims are dealt with by the company's legal team and internal claims unit. Where there is no indication that NIW was negligent or failed to carry out its statutory duties it will not accept liability.

Once the position on liability is confirmed the Executive could consider making exceptional payments to those affected by flooding.

Water Shortage Crisis

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development what financial arrangements he intends to put in place to compensate businesses affected by the water shortage crisis.

(AQW 3432/11)

Minister for Regional Development: There is no statutory compensation scheme under which compensation may be paid to customers for interruption of their water supply.

In normal circumstances Northern Ireland Water (NIW) has a duty under the Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006 to supply water to premises. Supplies for non-domestic purposes are covered by Article 94 of the Order, which recognises that there will be circumstances where supply is interrupted.

In the recent emergency 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. The Direction overrides the supply and other duties.

NIW is responsible for handling claims in respect of its duties and if business owners feel that they still wish to pursue actions against NIW they should contact the company directly.

NI Water

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development how many (i) households; and (ii) businesses NI Water currently supplies with water; and how many of these businesses pay for water.

(AQW 3434/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that it currently supplies approximately 704,000 domestic properties and 111,000 non-domestic properties with water. Non-domestic customers include those engaged in industry, commerce, public services, charities, churches etc.

All occupied non-domestic properties are billed for water, either on the basis of meter readings (Measured) or on the Net Annual Valuation of the property (Unmeasured). However, because some of the billed customers, such as the health and education sectors, have multiple properties, the number of billed customers does not equate to the number of non-domestic properties supplied. There are approximately 82,500 non-domestic customers billed for water.

Grit Boxes for Housing Estates

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development if he plans to provide grit boxes for housing estates which are not covered by the Roads Service gritting routes, given that it would cost his Department an additional £15 million to grit the roads not currently on gritting routes.

(AQW 3435/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The current policy operated by my Department's Roads Service provides for the provision of salt bins or grit piles for use by the public, on a self help basis, on public roads and footways which do not qualify for inclusion on the gritting schedule, provided the necessary criteria are met. With regard to housing estates, Roads Service will consider the provision of a salt bin when the following criteria are met:

the location in question must be on the publically maintained road network;

the gradient of the road in question must be over 5%;

no reasonable alternative route shall be available; and

the subject road attains a minimum overall score, derived using a specific formula, where points are awarded depending on road geometry, residential usage, community welfare and commercial usage.

There is no limit placed on the number of salt bins which may be provided, however, they will not normally be provided within 100 metres of another salt bin. New bins are not provided unless requested by a member of the public, who agrees to spread the salt provided.

Airports: Prolonged Cold Spells

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) what discussions he has had with representatives from the International and the George Best Belfast City Airports in relation to the arrangements in place to ensure that the airports are fully operational during prolonged cold spells;

and (ii) whether he intends to review these arrangements in light of events which occurred during the recent adverse weather.

(AQW 3436/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I do not intend to review the operational arrangements of Belfast International and George Best Belfast City Airports. Audit of their “snow plans” or winter operation plans is a matter for the Civil Aviation Authority under its responsibilities for the licensing of aerodromes. My officials have met the management of the three commercial airports in the North and have received assurances that their “snow plans” have been reviewed following the recent adverse weather and that necessary improvements have been identified and are being addressed.

Performance During the Recent Adverse Weather

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of his Department’s performance during the recent adverse weather; and what new procedures, if any, he intends to introduce.

(AQW 3437/11)

Minister for Regional Development:

Water and Sewerage

I updated the Assembly on Monday 17 January on the major interruption to water supplies arising from the recent severe weather. The Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency with regard to water and sewerage services. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference will cover the types of issues you have raised.

Public Transport

During the recent severe weather conditions, Translink experienced major disruptions to all its services. Translink contracted its network to focus on its Goldline and inter-urban services and continued to operate on major routes while it was safe to do so.

In Belfast it was also able to maintain services on the main Metro corridors.

During this difficult period Translink worked closely with other agencies including Roads Service to make best use of limited resources.

Translink made extensive use of its web-site to provide information to its customers. The use of Twitter as a means of disseminating up-to-date information proved successful. The NITHC Board regularly consider Emergency Response Planning and Communications Strategy.

Roads Service

My Department’s Roads Service kept the strategic road network open during the recent unprecedented adverse weather. Roads Service’s winter service staff, at all grades, had to work very long hours to keep operations continuing around the clock in very dangerous conditions to help drivers cope with road conditions.

A key factor in keeping the strategic road network open was the pre-season preparation undertaken by Roads Service and its effective management of the resources available to it. During a normal winter, Roads Service’s winter gritting service is a massive logistical undertaking involving around 300 personnel on standby every night. Across the North approximately 7,000 kilometres of roads are treated with salt in just over three hours, at a cost of around £80,000 per treatment. As part of the pre-season preparations, salt barns, which are strategically placed in depots throughout the North, were filled to capacity and carried around 65,000 tonnes of salt – enough for a normal winter season, plus a level for contingences. In the past, Roads Service has on average used around 50,000 tonnes.

So far this year, Roads Service has used over 80,000 tonnes of salt and initiated over 85 full salting treatments, equating to almost 9200 individual salting treatments. Roads Service also directed

significant resources towards salting the rural road network. Almost 17% (14,000 tonnes) of the total amount of salt used to date was applied to local roads which that were not on the salted network to help alleviate conditions. Roads Service also utilised its contracts with farmers and contractors to help clear snow from local roads and committed significant resources to maintaining approximately 3,500 salt bins, and almost 40,000 grit piles, on roads not included in the salting schedule. Arrangements were in place to replenish salt stocks on a regular basis and sufficient stocks were available to deal with the extreme weather conditions in December 2010.

In the earlier part of 2010, Roads Service also introduced enhanced communication arrangements and priority "secondary" salting to a number of rural schools affected most by weather conditions. In addition, following proposals put forward by Roads Service, the majority of Councils are now proposing to work with Roads Service to salt the main footpaths in their respective areas.

New Procedures

The findings of the review of the response to the emergency will be taken into account across all of our functional areas. In addition, all areas will be examining the operational effectiveness of their responses to take on board any lessons learnt.

Climate Survey

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development whether he has been in contact with the Secretary of State for Transport in relation to obtaining details of the Climate Survey that was recently commissioned, to address investment and decision-making on preparedness for prolonged periods of severe weather.

(AQW 3438/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that as an active member of the UK Roads Liaisons Group, it will receive details of the Climate Survey that was recently commissioned by the Secretary of State for Transport.

Salt and Grit Reserves

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the current levels of salt and grit reserves; and how much stock has been replenished since the severe weather in December 2010.

(AQW 3439/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that it currently has salt reserves of approximately 17,000 tonnes. Roads Service has received approximately 19,000 tonnes of salt since the start of January 2011.

Proposed A5 Aughnacloy to Londonderry Road Development

Mr R Beggs asked r the proposed A5 Aughnacloy to Londonderry road development justifying a spend of £700 million.

(AQW 3449/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that the Full Economic Appraisal for the A5 Western Transport Corridor will be finalised once the details of the scheme have been confirmed, following the consideration of issues arising from the Public Inquiry, which I anticipate will be held in May/June this year.

I can advise that the Preliminary Option and Preferred Option Reports have been produced as part of the scheme development process. These reports set out the economic position at each of these key decision points. At the Preferred Option Stage, the ratio of benefits to costs was 1.74.

Financial Allocation: DRD

Mr D McNarry asked the Minister for Regional Development, for each of the last six financial years, and this year to date, to detail (i) the total financial allocation to his Department; (ii) the amount received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and (iii) his Department's actual spend in each year. **(AQW 3458/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: The tables below sets out the total Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL) allocations to my Department; the amounts received or deducted through in-year monitoring; and the actual spend in each of the last six financial years, and this year to date.

	2010-11 £m	2009-10 £m	2008-09 £m	2007-08 £m	2006-07 £m	2005-06 £m	2004-05 £m
Opening Baseline	1,073.5	780.9	1,122.6	811.8	785.7	858.9	753.3
Received / (Deducted) at in year monitoring	(47.7)	201.9	(89.3)	90.5	11.1	(29.5)	(1.2)
Closing Baseline	1,025.8	982.8	1,033.3	902.3	796.8	829.4	752.1
Actual Spend	665.4	977.1	1,051.7	893.5	789.5	785.5	734.5

Notes to Table

2004-05 to 2009-10 (last six financial years)

- Opening Baseline: This is the allocation at the start of each financial year;
- Received / (Deducted) at in year monitoring: This is the net movement arising from the outcome of all the monitoring rounds in each year;
- Closing Baseline: This is the budget position at the outcome of the February monitoring round; and
- Actual Spend: This is the Final Outturn position which reflects the actual expenditure at each year end.

2010-11 (this year to date)

- Opening Baseline: This is the allocation at the start of each financial year;
- Received / (Deducted) at in year monitoring: This is the net movement from the outcome of all the monitoring rounds up to the December monitoring round;
- Closing Baseline: This is the budget position at the outcome of the December monitoring round; and
- Actual Spend: This is the actual expenditure up to 30 November 2010

NI Water

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development, pursuant to AQW 59/11, to outline which public sector controls are currently absent within NI Water. **(AQW 3459/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: In my response to AQW 59/11, I confirmed that, if necessary, I would propose legislation to ensure that public sector controls were in place in the short-term. The Executive has agreed to the drafting of a Bill to give legislative effect to my proposals.

NI Water

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development, pursuant to AQW 1536/11, when NI Water will begin its periodic business planning process.

(AQW 3461/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that its current business plan (PC10) for the price control period from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2013 was submitted to the Utility Regulator in June 2009 and agreed in December 2010. The Utility Regulator has launched a consultation process to determine when the work on the business planning process, for the period post-March 2013, should commence. This consultation process is ongoing.

Households in Holywood Affected by the Recent Water Shortages

Mr P Weir asked the Minister for Regional Development how many households in Holywood were affected by the recent water shortages.

(AQW 3464/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Grit used by Roads Service

Mr P McGlone asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the total amount of grit used by Roads Service in this financial year to date.

(AQW 3474/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I assume that the Member is referring to the total amount of salt used by Roads Service. My Department's Roads Service has advised that, as at 9.00am on 25 January 2011, it had used approximately 84,000 tonnes of salt in this financial year.

Content and Materials used by Roads Service

Mr P Frew asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the content and materials used by Roads Service to (i) repair pot-holes; (ii) resurface roads; and (iii) surface dress roads; and how these materials and contents compare to those used in England, Scotland and Wales.

(AQW 3479/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that all materials specified for road maintenance purposes are in accordance with the guidelines contained within the Design Manual for Roads & Bridges (DMRB), Volume 7, Pavement Design and Maintenance. The materials specified within the DMRB are in accordance with the appropriate UK and European standards.

The DMRB contains a large number of sub-sections, for example, HD31/94 Maintenance of bituminous roads and HD36/06 Surfacing materials for new and maintenance construction. Each sub-section is specific to the nature of work being carried out, that is, patching, surface dressing etc.

The DMRB is produced and updated by the Department for Transport and is the recognised industry standard which is used throughout the UK.

Content and Materials used by Roads Service

Mr P Frew asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) to detail the materials, and their make-up, used by Roads Service to grit the roads in anticipation of icy conditions; (ii) how this material compares to that which is used in England, Scotland and Wales; and (iii) what content and materials Roads

Service used to grit roads during the weeks commencing the 13th and 20th December at the height of the snowy weather.

(AQW 3480/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that, in general, the material used for treating roads in anticipation of icy conditions is primarily Rock Salt. This is produced to industry standards and is the same specification as that used in England, Wales and Scotland.

However, it is important to note that there are circumstances, such as when layers of ice or compacted snow are present, or when the temperature falls below -8 degrees Celsius, that salt is not effective. In those conditions, a salt/grit mix, or indeed grit on its own, is a more effective material. On these occasions, the type of grit used is normally an angular grit of between three and six millimetres in size.

I can confirm that Roads Service utilised both straight salt and salt/grit mixes, as conditions dictated, to treat the roads during weeks commencing the 13 and 20 December 2010.

Distribution Centres Supplied Bottled Water

Mr G Campbell asked the Minister for Regional Development how many distribution centres were available and supplied bottled water to members of the public during the water supply disruption on 29 December 2010.

(AQW 3484/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

Availability of Bottled Drinking Water

Mr G Campbell asked the Minister for Regional Development what mechanism was used to advertise the availability of bottled drinking water to members of the public during the water supply disruption of December 2010.

(AQW 3485/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive review of the response to the recent emergency, which will report at the end of February, will cover the types of issues you have raised.

Bottled Water from Scotland

Mr G Campbell asked the Minister for Regional Development what cost, if any, was incurred in the supply of a large quantity of bottled water from Scotland during the recent water supply disruption.

(AQW 3486/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water that the Executive has initiated a review of the response to the recent emergency. It will report at the end of February and the terms of reference cover the issues you have raised.

NI Water: Telephone Helplines

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development (i) how many telephone helplines NI Water currently has in operation; (ii) the purpose of each helpline; (iii) the rate at which calls are charged to each helpline; and (iv) the amount of income generated by each helpline in each of the last five years.

(AQW 3495/11)

Minister for Regional Development: I have been advised by Northern Ireland Water (NIW) that the following telephone helplines are available:-

Telephone Line	Purpose	Call Charges
Waterline 08457 440088	To enable customers to report any water related issues or interruptions to their water supplies.	0845 local rate number
Leakline 0800 028 2011	To enable customers to report leaks from the public water mains	Free phone number, no call charges.
Billing Line 0845 877 0030	To enable customers to enquire about bills for water and sewerage services.	0845 local rate number
Collections Line 0845 877 0050	To enable customers to discuss issues related to the collection of debt.	0845 local rate number
New Connections Line 08457 440088	To enable customers and developers to request, or obtain an update on, a New Supply Connection application	0845 local rate number
Elected Representatives Line (Circulation of this number is restricted)	To enable direct access to the Customer Relations Centre for MP's, MLA's and Councillors.	0845 local rate number

Calls to 0845 numbers cost no more than 3 pence per minute from BT residential landlines. Charges from other networks may vary. Calls to 0845 numbers from mobile telephones are usually charged at the mobile network provider's standard rate.

Northern Ireland Water does not generate any income from customer calls made to telephone numbers beginning with 0845 and has received no income from any of these lines in the last 5 years.

Grit Boxes

Mr A Ross asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the number and location of grit boxes in (i) Larne; (ii) Carrickfergus; and (iii) Newtownabbey.

(AQW 3499/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that there are 49 salt bins located within the Larne Borough Council area, 78 salt bins within the Carrickfergus Borough Council area and 204 salt bins within the Newtownabbey Borough Council area.

Locations of the salt bins in these Council areas are shown in the tables below:

LARNE BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA

Carmond Drive	Hunters Buoy - 2 No
Cuillin Heights	Ballyboley Road
Forest Lodge	Ballyhampton Road
Duniera Park	Graham Road
Knocklayde Crescent	Gleno Village
Parkmount Avenue	Gordonstown Meadows
Wilmuir Crescent	Portmuck
Dunboyne Park	Portmuck
Dunboyne Avenue	Churchlands

The Whins	Rinka
Bute Gardens	Woodlands
Argyle View	Woodlands
Blackcave North	Gransha
Croft Heights	Hillhead & School B'carry - 2 No
Croft Park	Springhill, Glenarm
Casements Brae - 2 No	Fire Station, Carnlough
Exchange Road Carpark	Croft Road, Carnlough
Whitlas Brae - 3 No	Lansdowne Crescent
Cairnbeg Crescent	Linden Crescent
Forthill, Bentra	Wheatfield Heights
InverbegCcourt	Mill Brae Fold
Inver Heights	
Invergarden Mews	

CARRICKFERGUS BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA

CARRICKFERGUS – LOCATIONS

Brackenridge Green	Milebush Park – 2 No
Bradford Heights	Minorca Place
Broadland Drive	New Line
Broadlands – 2 No	O'Rourkes Row
Broadlands Gardens	Paisley Road
Broadlands Park	Plantation Avenue
Cairn Road – 3 No	Prospect Grove
Carrick Depot	Prospect Link
Copperwood Close	Red Fort Park
Copperwood Drive	Rose Gardens
Coronation Road	Sandringham Green
Councillors Road – 2 No	Sunnylands Avenue
Dairylands Road	Tardree Heights
Gorman Close	Taylor's Avenue
Hawthorne Grove	Tudor Park
Kingsland Park	Unity Street
Knockagh Road	Victoria Rise
Liberty Road – 4 No	Victoria Road – 2 No

Lisglass Road	Woodburn Avenue
Loughmourne Rd – 3 No	Woodburn Road – 2 No
Milebush Close	

GREENISLAND - LOCATIONS

Farmlodge Grove	Silverstream Banks
Farmlodge Road	Upper Station Road
Shorelands	Woodgrove
Silverstream	

WHITEHEAD – LOCATIONS

Alexandra Avenue	Hillside Rise
Balfour Avenue - 2 No	Kings Road
Brooklands Close	Prince Of Wales
Brooklands Crescent - 2 No	Rapael Road
Chester Avenue	Raw Brae Road – 3 No
Donegall Avenue - 2 No	Windsor Parade
Fairview Drive	

NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA**BALLYCLARE – LOCATIONS**

Ballynashee Road	Marvista Avenue
Bellevue Street	Meadow Drive -2 No
Braepark Road -2 No	Merion Avenue
Charles Drive	Rashee Drive
Clare Heights -2 No	Rashee Park
Collinview	Rathmena Avenue
Collinview Drive	Riverdale Park -2 No
Doagh Road	Russell Court
Elizabeth Gardens	Sixmile Manor
George Avenue	The Square
Grange Drive	Thornhill Drive
Greenwood Avenue	Tildarg Road
Henryville Court	Tildarg Road South
Henryville Manor – 2 No	Victoria Close
Hillmount Avenue	Victoria Manor – 2 No

Knowehead Road	Victoria Road
Market Square	

BALLYEASTON – LOCATIONS

Main Street	
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BALLYNURE – LOCATIONS

Castle Road -3 No	Riverside
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BURNSIDE - LOCATIONS

Ballybracken Road	Drumadarragh Road
Breckenhill Road	Lower Rashee Road
Brookfield Heights	Old Ballybracken
Cogry Rise	Orpinsmill Road
Cogry Road	Springvale Road – 2No

NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA**CARNMONEY – LOCATIONS**

Archvale Drive	Hillcrest Park
Ballyfore Parade – 2 No	Kimberly Drive
Beverley Gardens	Knockview Drive
Beverley Park	Knockview Park
Beverley Road	Knockview Road
Birch Dale	Manse Rise
Braeside Avenue	Manse Way
Cairnhill Avenue	Pembrook Court
Carnhill Road	Ravelston Drive
Carnvue Court	Ravelston Way – 2 No
Fairhill Crescent	Ravensdale
Fairhill Gardens	Richmond Road
Fairview Park – 2 No	Sharonmore
Forthill Gardens	Sharonmore Park
Glebe Gardens	The Brackens – 2 No
Glebe Road – 4 No	The Cairn
Glenkyle Crescent	Waverley Avenue
Glenkyle Park Avenue	Waverley Drive
Glenvarna Walk	Woodford Road – 2 No

Greenhill Road	
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DOAGH – LOCATIONS

Anderson Park	
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GLENGORMLEY – LOCATIONS

Ballyclare Road	Hollybrook Avenue – 2 No
Carwood Drive	Hightown Road
Cedar Hill	Hollybrook Crescent
Church Drive	Hollybrook Grove
Church Way	Hollybrook Heights – 2 No
Collinbridge Drive	Longlands Park
Collingbridge Gardens	Mayfield Avenue
Collinward Park	Mayfield Court
Elmfield Drive	Mayfield Dale
Elmwood Grove	Mayfield Drive
Glebe Road East	Mayfield Gardens

NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA**GLENGORMLEY – LOCATIONS**

Glengormley Park	Mayfield Road
Glenvarna Drive	Mayfield Village
Glenwell Avenue	Queens Avenue – 2 No
Glenwell Gardens	Sherwood Avenue – 2 No
Glenwell Grove	Tobarcooran Avenue
Glenwell Park	Vaddegan Avenue
Glenwell Road	Vaddegan Road
Hightown Drive	
Hightown Rise	

JORDANSTOWN – LOCATIONS

Clonaslea	Old Manse Road
Glen Road	The Grange
Mount Pleasant Road	Woodfield

MALLUSK – LOCATIONS

Antrim Road	Lowtown Road
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Ballycraig Road	Millbank Road
Boghill Road – 5 No	Millbank Road (Salt Pile)
Clarke Lodge Road	Sealstown Road – 2 No
Lower Rogan Manor	

MONKSTOWN – LOCATIONS

Bramble Road	Hillside View
Cherrylands	Knockagh Road – 2 No
Cullyburn Road – 2 No	Mulberry Crescent
Hillcrest Drive	Oaklands Drive

MOSSLEY – LOCATIONS

Mossbank	Uppertown Drive
Reahill Road – 2 No	

RATHCOOLE – LOCATIONS

Ardranney Drive	Grainion Way
Drumcree Place	

NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA**STRAID – LOCATIONS**

Irish Hill Road – 3 No	Seskin Park
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WHITEABBEY – LOCATIONS

Abbots Cross	Lismara Court
Altnacreeve Park	Rathfern Way
Bleach Green	Station Road Link
Dillons Ave	Tulleevin Drive

WHITEABBEY – LOCATIONS

Fernagh Road	Wood Grange
Kings Road – 2 No	Woodland Crescent

WHITEHOUSE – LOCATIONS

Merville Gardens – 2 No	
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NI Water

Mr G Savage asked the Minister for Regional Development, pursuant to AQW 59/11, to clarify the meaning of 'public sector controls'.

(AQW 3522/11)

Minister for Regional Development: In my response to AQW 59/11 I confirmed that, if necessary, I would propose legislation to ensure that public sector controls were in place in the short-term. By 'public sector controls' I mean the requirements commonly placed on public sector bodies in their management of resources.

The Executive has agreed the drafting of a Bill to give effect to this.

Bus and Rail Services

Mr T Burns asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the decrease in (i) passenger numbers; and (ii) revenue across bus and rail services as a result of the recent severe weather.

(AQW 3535/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Translink have provided the following details. Comparing December 2009/10 with December 2010/11, bus passenger numbers decreased by 5.9%, with revenue showing a 4.3% decrease.

For the same comparison period, rail passenger numbers experienced a 3.8% increase, with revenue showing a 12.4% increase.

Rail Services

Mr J Dallat asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the number and routes of rail services cancelled in the last 12 months, as a result of (i) mechanical failure; and (ii) personnel difficulties.

(AQW 3582/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Translink have provided me with the following. The table shows that there were 431 cancellations in 2010 against 110,974 services operated. This equates to 99.61% reliability across all lines. The Passenger Charter target for reliability is 99.2%. Passenger Charter targets are agreed between my department, the Consumer Council and Translink.

ALL CANCELLATIONS BETWEEN 1ST JANUARY 2010 & 31ST DECEMBER 2010

Line	Mechanical Cancellations	Train Crew Cancellations	Total No. of Services Operated
Bangor	200	11	29,988
Portadown/Newry	56	3	30,492
Larne	116	15	23,211
Derry	2	0	8,691
Portrush	19	0	13,102
Dublin	9	0	5,490
Total:	402	29	110,974

Fraudulent Use of a Half Fare SmartPass

Mr G Robinson asked the Minister for Regional Development to detail the number of prosecutions for the fraudulent use of a Half Fare SmartPass since the return journey option was introduced in March 2009.

(AQW 3743/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Translink informs me that there have been no such prosecutions.

DRD: Budget

Mr D McKay asked the Minister for Regional Development for his assessment of the impact of his Department's draft Budget on roads, water and public transport services.

(AQO 884/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The Executive's priority in this Budget is to stimulate the economy, tackle disadvantage, protect the most vulnerable in our society and protect front line services. As historically the largest capital department, DRD has a lead role to improve the infrastructure to support this within the available funding.

However with a 40% reduction in the Executive's overall capital funding from Treasury over the budget period, this has had a significant impact on the draft budget available to DRD for infrastructure investment - and difficult choices have had to be considered as part of this process.

Nevertheless the DRD Draft Budget has allocated almost £2 billion to capital investment over the budget period. This includes over £1.1 billion for roads, around £185 million for public transport and over £665 million for water and sewerage services.

On roads, the allocations would allow the Department to continue development work on the A6 Dungiven to Derry scheme and begin construction of:

- the A32 in Enniskillen, improving access to the new acute hospital in Enniskillen;
- the 85km dual carriageway on the A5 between Derry and Aughnacloy; and
- the 14km dual carriageway on the A8 between Belfast and Larne.

Structural maintenance would on average be at current levels totalling around £280 million over the four year period. In the first year of the new draft budget, a record £94 million will be spent on structural maintenance - which should help to address the impact of recent severe winter weather on roads throughout the north. Roads Service will also continue to give priority to road safety when planning and carrying out its maintenance activities.

In relation to public transport the draft budget allocations would allow for the delivery of the 20 new trains and the necessary platform extensions and stabling facilities.

There would also be funding to commence the upgrade of the Coleraine to Derry track upgrade in 2014-15 and £11 million provision for bus replacement and bus service delivery.

My Department has protected the Concessionary Fares Scheme for the most vulnerable in our community in the draft Budget. It has restricted the savings required from NITHC to £9.5 million and also proposes to allocate around an additional £13 million to fund the railways public service obligation.

In relation to Sustainable Transport, the capital available in 2011-12 would cover the cost of implementing the "Belfast on the Move" proposals which were announced last September. There would also be funding in the draft budget for the continuation of the development of the pilot Rapid Transit network for Belfast.

On water, my Department has moved money from other programmes in the Draft Budget to bolster water and sewerage infrastructure investment to total over £665 million over the period.

DRD will have to produce additional savings of £15.7 million / £28.8 million / £56.4 million / £62 million over the four years of the Draft Budget period totalling almost £163 million and these reductions will be challenging to manage.

The Draft Budget proposes that most of the savings will be achieved in Roads Service. However the Winter Service provision has been protected and the proposals also include generating additional income by increasing car parking charges and parking fines.

On Ports, my Department will be working with the Belfast Harbour Commissioners to explore the options for generating the receipts set out in the draft budget. Any increased allocation from this exercise will allow the department to reconsider how quickly other capital projects can be taken forward over this budget period.

My Department's proposals represent a balanced way of dealing with difficult financial pressures we face.

A5 and A8 Road Projects: Funding

Mr B Armstrong asked the Minister for Regional Development when, exactly, his Department expects to receive the first payment pledged by the Irish Government to assist with the A5 and A8 road projects. **(AQO 885/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: A schedule of the anticipated key milestones and related payments from the Irish Government has been agreed. The first payment, to the value of €9M, was made in November 2009 to the N.I Consolidated Fund.

It is anticipated that a further payment will be made this year.

Roads: Gritting

Mr A Bresland asked the Minister for Regional Development what action he intends to take to ensure that grit boxes are kept filled during any future cold spells. **(AQO 886/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that arrangements are already in place to maintain approximately 3,500 salt bins at pre-agreed strategic locations on public roads across the North. These boxes, which are filled with road salt for use on public roads and footways by the public on a self help basis, are subsequently monitored on a regular basis, including during the cyclical highway inspections.

During hazardous wintry weather conditions, the replenishment of salt boxes is given a high priority. Depending upon the prevailing weather conditions, and the quantity of salt used by the public, Roads Service will endeavour to maintain these boxes with salt supplies, and any requests for salt replenishment are duly actioned, as resources permit.

During the recent exceptional period of cold weather in December 2010, Roads Service deployed all of its available manpower to replenish salt boxes. Roads Service received a large number of requests to refill salt boxes during this period. Unfortunately after boxes had been refilled, in a number of instances all of the salt was subsequently removed, frequently on the same day and often by people for use in other areas. This made it very difficult for Roads Service staff to keep up with the demand for replenishment.

A5 Western Transport Corridor

Mr T Buchanan asked the Minister for Regional Development, given the savings required by his Department, whether it is feasible to continue with the proposed A5 Western Transport Corridor or whether the upgrading of the existing A5 would be a more cost effective option. **(AQO 887/11)**

Minister for Regional Development: The A5 project will upgrade the Western Transport Corridor to dual carriageway standard from Derry to the South, and complements the Southern Government's plans to complete the dualling of the route to Dublin.

This project, which will facilitate economic growth, provides good value for money to the people of the North, particularly in view of the Irish Government's £400M contribution towards it and the A8 scheme.

It is my view that the A5 should remain as a high priority and this is reflected in the draft budget which was published on 13 January 2011.

The option of upgrading the existing A5 has been raised before however, it is not considered to be a more cost effective solution due primarily to the difficulties of widening through the urban areas, dealing with the junctions and accesses and the many properties adjacent to the existing A5.

In addition, the alignment of the existing road does not meet the standard necessary for a dual carriageway over most of its length. There would also be significant problems associated with the alteration of services, traffic delays and disruption and safety during construction.

Road Maintenance

Mr T Lunn asked the Minister for Regional Development whether his Department plans to accelerate the roads maintenance package as a result of damage caused by the recent severe weather.

(AQO 888/11)

Minister for Regional Development: My Department's Roads Service has advised that following the coldest month for over 120 years, the repeated freezing and thawing cycles have caused many carriageways to split and potholes to form. This is especially prevalent on local rural roads which are more vulnerable to this type of damage.

I can advise that since October 2010, an additional £8.5 million has been allocated for road maintenance, which is particularly timely given the extreme weather we have recently experienced. In addition, it is hoped that Roads Service's structural maintenance budget will benefit from the redistribution of funds as a result of the December Monitoring Round. Any additional money will assist in dealing with the effects of the recent cold spell, including the purchase of salt to replenish stocks and progressing pre-determined programmes of work, which will target the worst affected roads.

I can advise that Roads Service will continue to make strong bids for additional funding for structural maintenance and make the best use of available resources to develop and maintain the road network.

Regional Development Strategy: Consultation

Ms M Anderson asked the Minister for Regional Development how the Regional Development Strategy consultation exercise will be carried out at a sub-regional level, including the North-West region.

(AQO 889/11)

Minister for Regional Development: The public consultation on the 10 Year Review of the Regional Development Strategy will run from 6 January until 31 March 2011. My Department is holding a total of 13 public consultation events across the region from 24 January to 3 February, one in each of the 9 Sub-Regional Centres proposed within the RDS consultation document.

In addition 2 events will be held in each of our principal cities. In Belfast these will take place on the afternoon and evening of 26 January in the Waterfront Hall and in Derry on the afternoon and evening of Monday 31 January at the Millennium Forum. The purpose of all these events is to provide information and clarification on the review and to encourage contributions to the consultation exercise.

In addition my Department will be offering to meet with key stakeholders such as local councils, regeneration groups, umbrella organisations and interest groups.

Details of all the public consultation events were advertised in the local press, the DRD website, the NI Direct Website and on the NI Direct Facebook Page.

I would encourage all my colleagues to participate in the consultation and to help shape the final document.

Price Control 2010

Mr D Bradley asked the Minister for Regional Development whether his current budget will enable his Department to meet the obligations set out in the Price Control 2010 Agreement between his Department, NI Water and the Utility Regulator.

(AQO 890/11)

Minister for Regional Development: Through its Final Determination (published in February 2010) the Utility Regulator determined NIW's revenue and investment requirements over the 2010-13 period.

For the first year of PC10, I can confirm that my Department's current budget provision for NIW (2010/11) is consistent with the Regulator's proposed PC10 funding requirements. The proposals allocated in the DRD draft budget will also allow PC10 to be met in 2011/12.

Unfortunately, the budget proposals put to me in December 2010 are lower than the Regulator's Determination of the water and sewerage investment levels needed in 2012/13 (year 3 of PC10; year 2 of the budget).

To partially address this I am proposing that additional funding is reallocated from within the Department's draft budget. My proposals would mean that over £665 million would be invested in our water and sewerage infrastructure during the budget period.

Transport Bill

Mr C Boylan asked the Minister for Regional Development when he expects the new arrangements provided in the Transport Bill to come into effect.

(AQO 891/11)

Minister for Regional Development: It is expected that the Transport Bill will complete its passage through the Assembly Stages and receive Royal Assent by spring 2011. Thereafter, the Act will come into effect in stages as it will be necessary for the Department to finalise policy development and make regulations by way of subordinate legislation to support the powers taken in the Act.

Clauses 35, 37, 41 and 47 will come into effect immediately on Royal Assent. The Department envisages that it will be a further 12 to 18 months before it will either require or be in a position to commence the remaining provisions of the Act. During this time the Department will work with stakeholders on the provisions of any necessary subordinate legislation.

Department for Social Development

Funding from the Areas at Risk Programme

Mr M Storey asked the Minister for Social Development what action his Department will take to assist communities such as Harryville when funding from the Areas at Risk Programme comes to an end.

(AQO 715/11)

Minister for Social Development (Mr A Attwood): After it comes to an end, my department will continue to monitor future developments in the Harryville area and, where appropriate, make further interventions to help support the work of tackling disadvantage.

Additional Revenue by Accessing Housing Association Reserves

Ms A Lo asked the Minister for Social Development how he intends to realise the proposal in the draft budget to raise additional revenue by accessing Housing Association reserves, given that the Associations are independent organisations.

(AQW 3271/11)

Minister for Social Development: As I set out in the DSD Draft Budget, I do not accept the level of additional revenue which is available from Housing Association reserves. These reserves are a part of the Associations ability to fund major repairs, repay private finance and be in a position to cope with unexpected events.

While I believe there is scope to make better use of Housing Association reserves, it is important that any action we take does not jeopardise the Associations ability to access future borrowing which supplements the public grants provided as I believe that the Housing Association movement requires positive reform around internal costs, procurement and numbers.

However while I believe there are reserves that can be used for newbuild the £80 million over four years in the draft budget is arbitrary and produced without consultation I am working to identify what is the level of reserve that can be used and I will inform DFP of my conclusion.

Home Energy Conservation Report 2010

Mr R McCartney asked the Minister for Social Development how many of the houses outlined in the Home Energy Conservation Report 2010 as having (i) no loft insulation; (ii) no wall insulation; and (iii) no double glazing are in the Foyle constituency.

(AQW 3283/11)

Minister for Social Development: The information is not available in the format requested. The figures in the Home Energy Conservation Report are sourced from the 2009 House Condition Survey, which was based on a sample of approximately 3,000 properties across Northern Ireland. The sample only permits disaggregation to the 11 proposed new Council areas and a breakdown can only be provided to cover the Derry City and Strabane areas. The figures suggest that, in the Derry City and Strabane area, approximately 1,300 have no loft insulation, 9,500 have no wall insulation and 3,400 have no double glazing. As the House Condition Survey is a sample survey the figures provided are estimates.

Home Energy Conservation Report 2010

Mr R McCartney asked the Minister for Social Development whether any of the dwellings listed in the Home Energy Conservation Report 2010 as having a SAP rating of less than 20 are in the Foyle constituency.

(AQW 3284/11)

Minister for Social Development: The information is not available in the format requested. The figures in the Home Energy Conservation Report are sourced from the 2009 House Condition Survey, which was based on a sample of approximately 3,000 properties across Northern Ireland. The sample only permits disaggregation to the 11 proposed new Council areas and a breakdown can only be provided to cover the Derry City and Strabane areas. The figures suggest that, in the Derry City and Strabane area, approximately 600 properties had a SAP rating of less than 20. As the House Condition Survey is a sample survey the figures provided are estimates. Through the Housing Executive and the Warm Homes Scheme, progress is being made on improving energy efficiency. It is hoped to protect these budgets going forward. In addition, I have argued for Green New Deal and it has been agreed that my Department will lead on working up the proposal. All of this confirms my Department's commitment to energy efficiency and addresses Fuel Poverty.

Neighbourhood Renewal

Ms C Ní Chuilín asked the Minister for Social Development whether he has put a four year bid into his budget for the continuation of Neighbourhood Renewal from 2011-2015.

(AQW 3296/11)

Minister for Social Development: I have sought in the Budget 2010 process to secure the best deal possible to continue the existing worthwhile investment in neighbourhood renewal areas. My predecessor Margaret Ritchie made a £60m commitment for the 3 years to 2010-11 and I intended to replicate that level of resource funding by seeking to secure at least £80m of resource for the 4 years to 2014-15. In addition, I placed capital bids of approximately £44m over the 4 years in the budget to enhance physical facilities in neighbourhood renewal areas.

I have published my draft budget proposals for consultation and you will have seen that the allocation of the proposed Departmental budget reflects my commitment to maintain Neighbourhood Renewal at its current level, indeed a potential increase is being considered. As regards capital I have so far secured some £32 million for community investment over the next 4 years. More generally, I have made my position clear in these proposals that there should be no reduction in vital programmes which target the most vulnerable households, including revenue and capital programmes to address fuel poverty (Warm Homes), supported housing (Supporting People), new build housing, and disadvantaged communities (Neighbourhood Renewal).

There is no basis for past and current mischief making around the Department's commitment to Neighbourhood Renewal. The fact that my proposal for a £30 million plus per annum hardship fund has been reduced to £20 million and for 2011/12 only, whilst at the same time £80 million has been identified for a Social Investment Fund, around which there is all but no details, tells a story.

Social Security Benefit Fraud

Mr S Hamilton asked the Minister for Social Development how many foreign nationals have been prosecuted for Social Security benefit fraud in each of the last 5 years.

(AQW 3332/11)

Minister for Social Development: My Department does not routinely record the nationality of persons prosecuted for Social Security benefit fraud as nationality has no bearing on either the benefit fraud investigation or the overall determination as to whether a benefit fraud offence has occurred.

Disability Living Allowance

Lord Morrow asked the Minister for Social Development what was the total amount of Disability Living Allowance paid out to claimants in each of the last three years.

(AQW 3402/11)

Minister for Social Development: The total amount of Disability Living Allowance paid out to claimants in each of the last three years is detailed below.

Financial Year	£000
2007-08	£646,062
2008-09	£679,452
2009-10	£728,373

* The extracted figures show Disability Living Allowance expenditure for the last three full financial years.

Damage to Properties Caused by the Recent Cold Spell

Mr M Storey asked the Minister for Social Development to detail the number of Housing Executive tenants in the (i) Ballymoney; (ii) Moyle; and (iii) Ballymena Housing Districts who had to be temporarily re-housed, or given alternative provision, due to damage to their properties caused by the recent cold spell.
(AQW 3501/11)

Minister for Social Development: Five Housing Executive tenants in the Ballymena District Office area were provided with temporary accommodation due to damage to their properties caused by the recent cold spell; no Housing Executive tenants within the Ballymoney or Moyle District Office areas had to be temporarily re-housed.

Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Social Development which neighbourhoods in the Upper Bann constituency have benefited from the Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme in each of the last four years; and how much money was allocated to each project in each year.
(AQW 3528/11)

Minister for Social Development: There are 3 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in Upper Bann – Lurgan, Brownlow and North West Portadown. Funding has been allocated to projects as follows:

LURGAN PROJECTS

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
CLAN NA GAEL GFC	Sports Development Officer	£50,266.28	£43,478.42	£45,398.38		£139,143.08
	Clan Na Gael Multi Use Games Area and pitch refurbishment			£315,072.00	£152,366.16	£152,366.16

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
NIHE	Kilwilkie Access Road	£16,500.00				£16,500.00
	Mourneview & Grey Estates community office			£71,500.00		£71,500.00
	Mourneview Community House furnishing				£8,454.50	£8,454.50
	Beaumont Square & Prospect Way		£35,000.00	£6,000.00		£41,000.00
	Taghnevan & The Willows Fencing		£34,000.00			£34,000.00
	Shankill Community Centre (demolition)		£10,000.00			£10,000.00
	Wakehurst Alleygating			£22,361.44	£3,569.50	£25,930.94
	Environmental Improvements - Kilwilkie / Lurgantarry			£5,500.00		£5,500.00
	Manor Park car parking				£6,000.00	£6,000.00
	Lurgantarry improvements				£29,500.00	£29,500.00
SHANKILL & WAKEHURST COMMUNITY DEV ASS	Community Office including refurbishment	£61,087.97	£8,381.18			£69,469.15
	Provision of youth facility	£15,000.00	£420,963.75			£435,963.75
THE UNDERGROUND ECF LINKS						
ALBERT STREET & LOUGH ROAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Community office running costs	£8,068.80	£7,012.00	£7,012.00	£2,004.00	£24,096.80

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
SHANKILL (LURGAN) COMMUNITY PROJECTS LTD	Equipment for Mount Zion - computers			£20,469.00		£20,469.00
	Zion's Den – covered playground	£35,804.26	£8,600.00			£44,404.26
TAGHNEVAN SPORTS LTD	Provision of sports facility			£423,700.00	£57,186.00	£480,886.00
CLANN EIREANN GFC	Provision of fencing		£26,585.08			£26,585.08
	External site improvements		£90,000.00	£50,389.70		£140,389.70
SPRINGWELL CENTRE	Site acquisition and new facilities		£51,893.00	£55,007.20		£106,900.20
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	Craigavon Industrial Development Organisation (CIDO) - Exploring Enterprise Programme			£6,757.50		£6,757.50
	Education Other Than At School (EOTAS)				£15,025.00	£15,025.00
SOUTHERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD	Naiscoil Chois Lochá			£52,689.67		£52,689.67
Total		£186,727.31	£735,913.43	£766,784.89	£274,105.16	£1,963,530.79

BROWNLOW PROJECTS 2008-2011

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
NIHE	Drumbeg physical improvements - fencing of gables		£33,200.00	£2,096.00		£35,296.00
	Meadowbrook additional car parking	£51,500.00				£51,500.00
	Brownlow additional car parking		£71,083.11	£81,214.96		£152,298.07
	Rosmoyle and Russell Drive fencing				£14,000.00	£14,000.00
	Brownlow Estates - entrance features		£12,780.00	£19,420.00		£32,200.00
	Parkmore beacon				£9,500.00	£9,500.00
	Bluestone Business Park		£101,675.00	£715,057.00	£12,470.00	£829,202.00
CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL	Watersports - outdoors instructors	£25,000.00	£24,100.00	£1,000.00		£50,100.00
	Brownlow Estates - signage		£5,500.00			£5,500.00
	Drumbeg Community Arts Project			£85,000.00		£85,000.00
	Brownlow Linear Park Arts Project		£50,000.00			£50,000.00

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
DEPT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Brownlow - Footways improvements		£374,931.00			£374,931.00
	Brownlow - Drumgask 2 footways improvements 2			£50,000.00	£155,551.00	£205,551.00
	Brownlow - Parkmore roundabout		£15,000.00			£15,000.00
BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY	Brownlow - Adopt a School			£15,118.50	£5,039.50	£20,158.00
TOTAL		£76,500.00	£688,269.11	£968,906.46	£196,560.50	£1,930,236.07

NW PORTADOWN PROJECTS 2008 - 2011

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
DRUMCREE COMMUNITY TRUST	Learning through Play	£14,066.88	£11,278.80	£11,844.86		£37,190.54
	Physical enhancement of Drumcree Community Centre		£17,000.00	£16,867.05		£33,867.05
NIHE	Woodside access road			£49,500.00		£49,500.00
	Woodside Darby & Joan Club		£10,163.72			£10,163.72
MAYFAIR BUSINESS CENTRE LTD	Refurbishment of business units	£120,647.88	£45,437.10			£166,084.98
	Community learning facility		£13,259.70			£13,259.70
SOUTHERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD	Naiscoil na Banna			£84,710.02		£84,710.02
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	Developing charitable enterprise		£12,277.74			£12,277.74

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
EDGARSTOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	Edgarstown youth & community complex	£0.00	£7,395.99	£2,765.00		£10,160.99
DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Park Road/ Edgarstown Footbridge			£155,000.00		£155,000.00
CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL	Arts development – Shared history of Garvagh				£15,000.00	£15,000.00
ST MARY'S YOUTH CENTRE	Boxing Club equipment				£6,290.70	£6,290.70
TOTAL		£134,714.76	£116,813.05	£320,686.93	£21,290.70	£593,505.44

CRAIGAVON PROJECTS 2008-2011*

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend	
CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL	Craigavon Partnerships Building the Capacity		£10,250.00	£4,750.00		£15,000.00	
	Craigavon Technical Assistance 1		£19,350.00			£19,350.00	
	Craigavon Neighbourhood Renewal Officer		£16,564.07	£80,647.59	£109,764.56	£206,976.22	
	Craigavon Multi use games areas - Ardowen, Parkmore and Kilwilkie	£319,683.81	£65,896.19			£385,580.00	
	Craigavon multi use games areas - Churchill Pk, Taghnevan and Clonmeen			£335,632.46		£335,632.46	
	Craigavon community sport programme				£49,272.00	£49,272.00	
	Craigavon - Graffiti removal				£29,000.00	£29,000.00	
	Craigavon - Pest control				£24,413.33	£24,413.33	
	SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE	Education and social exclusion	£39,300.00	£158,520.00	£50,520.85	£29,569.15	£277,910.00
		Success to employment in the Health Trust				£44,491.27	£44,491.27
	Craigavon - Steering to success				£135,150.75	£135,150.75	
SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST	Craigavon health and well-being programme	£0.00	£197,411.08	£13,242.82	£216,430.99	£427,084.89	

Applicant	Project	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	Total Spend
SOUTHERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD	Social renewal educational programme	£130,000.00	£142,614.20			£272,614.20
	Social renewal educational programme 2			£255,333.00	£227,210.00	£482,543.00
	Schools Capital Infrastructure		£308,154.12			£308,154.12
TOTAL		£488,983.81	£918,759.66	£740,126.72	£865,302.05	£3,013,172.24

* These are projects which, in the interests of efficiency, are developed and implemented across the 3 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The costs can be apportioned in accordance with the size of the 3 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas at an estimated ratio of Lurgan 51%, Brownlow 35% and NW Portadown 14%

Incapacity Benefit

Mr S Gardiner asked the Minister for Social Development how many people are currently in receipt of incapacity benefit in the (i) Upper Bann constituency; (ii) Craigavon council area; and (iii) Banbridge council area.

(AQW 3531/11)

Minister for Social Development: The information requested is set out in the table below*:

	Incapacity Benefit recipients	Incapacity Benefit credits only customers	Total Incapacity Benefit Customers
Upper Bann Assembly Area	4212	1891	6103
Craigavon Local Government District	3335	1531	4866
Banbridge Local Government District	1495	589	2084

*In producing this analysis, individual records were attributed to Assembly Area and Local Government District on the basis of their postcode. Not all records can be correctly allocated to an area using this method, and some cannot be allocated at all. Past investigation has demonstrated that mis-allocations and non-allocations do not necessarily occur randomly between areas. At present, it seems likely that a higher than average proportion of the records that cannot be attributed to an area are in Fermanagh District Council, Derry District Council and parts of Belfast City Council.

urban Regeneration and Communities Development Policies

Ms A Lo asked the Minister for Social Development when the findings of the stocktake exercise on the Urban Regeneration and Communities Development policies will be published.

(AQW 3675/11)

Minister for Social Development: The stock take exercise was an informal piece of work intended to stimulate debate internally among policy makers and senior management within the Department. A brief summary of the findings, conclusions and recommendations was sent to the Social Development Committee by the Department on 02/06/09 (Ref. CSD/009/2008/JH). This brief summary is attached in the Appendix.

Appendix

Stock take of Urban Regeneration & Community Development Policies

In April 2008, the Urban Regeneration and Community Development Group in the Department for Social Development commissioned an internal stock take of its urban regeneration and community development policies.

This stock take was posited as the first stage in developing an urban regeneration framework which will determine how the Group will operate in the future. This framework will be particularly relevant in the context of the Review of Public Administration, which will see the operational aspects of many of the Group's policies devolved to local councils.

The key components of the internal stock take were:

- an inventory of the current suite of urban regeneration and community development policies and programmes (attached);
- a discussion of this inventory, intended to inform further debate; and
- consultation with the Directors of URCDG and, in some cases, their senior management teams.

These were supplemented by:

- an overview of the Group's financial position and resources; and
- an indication of the types of activities that are supported by the Group's programmes and initiatives.

The proposed methodology was as follows:

- to use a range of qualitative and quantitative sources of information;
- to review published sources and internal records; and
- to conduct structured interviews with staff from across all Directorates.

Findings

Qualitative research and discussions with both policy and operational staff resulted in a greater awareness of the broad range of areas in which the Group operates. They also suggested several key areas in need of urgent attention as URCDG works towards establishing a policy framework and the transfer of selected functions to local councils.

The initial focus of the exercise was on the policies and programmes; however, it soon became apparent that, whilst it was fairly straightforward to compile an inventory, examining and valuing the Group's policies and programmes was a task beyond the scope of the exercise. Evaluation at policy and programme level is an issue within URCDG. This inevitably made any comprehensive discussion and analysis unfeasible, as it would be limited, subjective and unsubstantiated. More time and additional resources would be required to facilitate this level of detailed investigation.

Conclusions

Three main conclusions can be drawn from the qualitative research and structured interviews with URCDG Directorates:

- 1 Policy making is not always evidence based
- 2 Strong monitoring and evaluation structures are absent from policy development
- 3 No strategic framework exists to determine the direction of the Group's policies and programmes

Recommendations

The following recommendations were put forward:

- that URCDG adopts a more thoroughly researched and evidenced-based approach to policy development as part of the ongoing process to establish an urban regeneration policy framework;
- that all urban regeneration and community development policies and programmes undergo evaluation as a matter of priority as part of the ongoing process to establish an urban regeneration policy framework;
- that the Urban Regeneration Policy Unit (URPU) be refocused and resourced to lead on the research, horizon-scanning and preliminary evaluation work that is necessary to drive forward the work of the Group, not just over the next three years but beyond RPA;
- that the opportunity and forum is provided for the discussion of the strategic issues that affect the Group;
- that a strategic vision and more corporate approach to planning is adopted and disseminated throughout the Group; and
- that networks be established to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practice across policy and operational areas within URCDG.

Policy	Programmes	Legislation
Urban Regeneration	Urban Regeneration	Urban Regeneration
<p>People and Place - A Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal 2003</p> <p>The Heart of the City: Urban Design Strategy for Derry 2003</p> <p>Belfast City Centre Regeneration Policy Statement 2004</p> <p>People and Place: Reflections of a City – Public Realm Strategy for Belfast City Centre 2005</p>	<p>Environmental Improvement 1970s</p> <p>Comprehensive Development 1973</p> <p>Urban Development Grant 1982</p> <p>Strategic Regeneration Frameworks 2008</p>	<p>Social Need (Northern Ireland) Order 1986</p> <p>Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991</p> <p>Miscellaneous Transferred Excise Duties Act (NI) 1972</p> <p>Licensing (NI) Order 1996</p> <p>Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996</p> <p>Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985</p> <p>Shops (Sunday Trading &c.) (NI) Order 1997</p> <p>Street Trading Act (NI) 2001</p> <p>Unauthorised Encampments (NI) Order 2005</p>
Community Development	Community Development	Community Development
<p>Compact between the Government and the Voluntary and Community Sector 1998</p> <p>Opening Doors: The Strategy for the Delivery of Voluntary Advice Services to the Community 2007</p> <p>Volunteering Strategy (Currently under development)</p> <p>Support Services Strategy (Currently under development)</p>	<p>Community Support Programme 1975</p> <p>Volunteer Bureau Initiative 1980s</p> <p>Community Volunteering Scheme 1980s</p> <p>Local Community Fund 2003</p> <p>Modernisation Fund 2005 (revenue) & 2007 (capital)</p> <p>Community Investment Fund 2006</p> <p>Areas at Risk Pilot Programme 2006</p> <p>Regional Infrastructure Programme 2006</p> <p>Community Capacity Building Programme (Revised) 2007</p>	<p>Charities (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (Draft Order)</p>

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