
NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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Written Answer to Question No: 4889

DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr K Robinson to ask the Minister for Social Development how much funding has the Citizens Advice Bureau received from her Department in each of the last five years: and if funding will be increased due to the current economic conditions.

(AQW 4889/09)

Margaret Ritchie: DSD funding allocated to Citizens Advice Bureaux including the Regional Office and Local Bureaux for 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 totals £9,701,299.76. This has been detailed in an excel spreadsheet with data table notes and placed in the Assembly Library.

DSD funding for local voluntary advice is distributed to local Councils through the Community Support Programme. Local Councils then allocate funding to voluntary advice providers within their area. During 2007/08 and 2008/09 I ensured an additional £1 million was ring fenced specifically for voluntary advice within the Community Support Programme budget.

At present I am taking forward "Opening Doors" The Strategy for the Delivery of Voluntary Advice Services to the Community. It sets out a plan for the future of voluntary advice within Northern Ireland focussing on the best use of available resources and will ensure that high quality advice services are delivered to those who need them most.

In addition Citizens Advice has been involved in the delivery of the Social Security Agency's Benefit Uptake Programme since 2006. To date £554,282.15 has been paid to Citizens Advice Regional Headquarters with further payments likely to be made in May 2009.

In January I also announced plans to recruit 150 new staff to the Social Security Agency frontline. This is a direct result of the economic downturn, with many more people claiming benefits. Most of the new staff will be posted to the front line Jobs & Benefits Offices with some working in the new Employment & Support Allowance Centre. This is a proactive response to the current difficult economic situation. By recruiting extra staff into the front line, we will ensure customers continue to receive the best possible service.


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Minister for Social Development

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CAB Funding Data Table 2004 -09

Councils	DSD Funding to CAB 04/05			DSD Funding to CAB 05/06			DSD Funding to CAB 06/07		
	CSP	Neighbourhood Renewal	Totals	CSP	Neighbourhood Renewal	Totals	CSP	Neighbourhood Renewal	Totals
Antrim	£6,000.00		£6,000.00	£14,325.00		£14,325.00	£15,000.00		£15,000.00
Ards	£26,000.00		£26,000.00	£34,068.00		£34,068.00	£41,634.00		£41,634.00
Armagh	£20,000.00		£20,000.00	£9,954.00		£9,954.00	£37,044.00		£37,044.00
Ballymena	£14,310.00		£14,310.00	£15,400.00		£15,400.00	£25,440.00		£25,440.00
Ballymoney	£4,073.00		£4,073.00	£7,546.00		£7,546.00	£4,651.00		£4,651.00
Banbridge	£30,000.00		£30,000.00	£38,116.00		£38,116.00	£41,325.00		£41,325.00
Belfast	£160,177.00	£20,430.54	£180,607.54	£386,892.00	£118,557.06	£505,449.06	£160,728.45	£80,195.00	£240,923.45
Carrick	£10,842.00		£10,842.00	£16,155.00		£16,155.00	£10,668.00		£10,668.00
Castlereagh	£9,450.00		£9,450.00	£9,900.00		£9,900.00	£16,189.00		£16,189.00
Coleraine	£15,918.00		£15,918.00	£25,100.55		£25,100.55	£32,354.50	£10,669.44	£43,023.94
Cookstown	£35,000.00		£35,000.00	£57,046.39		£57,046.39	£58,475.00		£58,475.00
Craigavon	£11,330.00		£11,330.00	£34,426.00		£34,426.00	£28,930.00		£28,930.00
Derry	£0.00	£4,636.16	£4,636.16	£223,413.00	£93,113.93	£316,526.93	£253,148.00	£113,332.99	£366,480.99
Down	£25,251.00		£25,251.00	£36,410.00		£36,410.00	£36,159.00		£36,159.00
Dungannon	£15,917.00		£15,917.00	£33,861.00		£33,861.00	£33,861.00	£12,815.18	£46,676.18
Fermanagh	£22,000.00		£22,000.00	£26,000.00		£26,000.00	£38,003.00		£38,003.00
Larne	£8,655.00		£8,655.00	£25,000.00		£25,000.00	£17,740.29		£17,740.29
Limavady	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Lisburn	£46,000.00		£46,000.00	£34,072.00		£34,072.00	£73,928.00		£73,928.00
Magherafelt	£24,000.00		£24,000.00	£24,500.00		£24,500.00	£31,914.00		£31,914.00
Moyle	£3,387.00		£3,387.00	£8,050.00		£8,050.00	£8,050.00		£8,050.00
Newtownabbey	£30,000.00		£30,000.00	£40,714.00		£40,714.00	£40,714.00		£40,714.00
Newry and Mourne	£18,695.00		£18,695.00	£10,000.00		£10,000.00	£37,000.00	£24,617.00	£61,617.00
North Down	£26,105.00		£26,105.00	£32,148.00		£32,148.00	£43,318.00		£43,318.00
Omagh	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Strabane	£25,750.00		£25,750.00	£48,999.00		£48,999.00	£25,750.00		£25,750.00
Totals	£588,860.00	£25,066.70	£613,926.70	£1,192,095.94	£211,670.99	£1,403,766.93	£1,112,024.24	£241,629.61	£1,353,653.85

CAB Funding Data Table 2004 -09

DSD Funding to CAB 07/08			DSD Funding to CAB 08/09			Funding 04/05 - 08/09
CSP	Neighbourhood Renewal	Totals	CSP	Neighbourhood Renewal	Totals	Overall Totals
£23,558.00		£23,558.00	£16,883.00		£16,883.00	£75,766.00
£54,912.00		£54,912.00	£57,573.00		£57,573.00	£214,187.00
£47,044.00		£47,044.00	£49,470.00		£49,470.00	£163,512.00
£38,229.00		£38,229.00	£38,229.00		£38,229.00	£131,608.00
£12,244.00		£12,244.00	£7,014.00		£7,014.00	£35,528.00
£42,487.00		£42,487.00	£45,987.00		£45,987.00	£197,915.00
£238,509.00		£238,509.00	£246,090.00		£246,090.00	£1,411,579.05
£12,614.00		£12,614.00	£9,386.00		£9,386.00	£59,665.00
£27,596.00		£27,596.00	£27,596.00		£27,596.00	£90,731.00
£48,315.04	£17,013.61	£65,328.65	£59,377.00		£59,377.00	£208,748.14
£64,430.00		£64,430.00	£64,430.00		£64,430.00	£279,381.39
£47,699.00		£47,699.00	£35,509.00		£35,509.00	£157,894.00
£307,635.00	£118,372.68	£426,007.68	£318,799.00	£121,105.57	£439,904.57	£1,553,556.33
£47,631.00		£47,631.00	£47,882.00		£47,882.00	£193,333.00
£38,060.00	£17,907.25	£55,967.25	£54,814.00	£17,122.34	£71,936.34	£224,357.77
£46,744.00		£46,744.00	£48,744.00		£48,744.00	£181,491.00
£17,740.29		£17,740.29	£20,536.00		£20,536.00	£89,671.58
£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
£109,098.00		£109,098.00	£109,098.00		£109,098.00	£372,196.00
£37,994.00		£37,994.00	£0.00		£0.00	£118,408.00
£12,844.00		£12,844.00	£12,844.00		£12,844.00	£45,175.00
£22,320.00		£22,320.00	£69,922.00		£69,922.00	£203,670.00
£56,423.00		£56,423.00	£56,423.00		£56,423.00	£203,158.00
£42,653.00		£42,653.00	£42,653.00		£42,653.00	£186,877.00
£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
£48,999.00		£48,999.00	£47,149.00		£47,149.00	£196,647.00
£1,445,778.33	£153,293.54	£1,599,071.87	£1,486,408.00	£138,227.91	£1,624,635.91	£6,595,055.26

Data Table Notes

Citizens Advice Bureau funding from DSD for 2004-09

1. Shaded boxes = the Community Support Programme, Letter of Offer amounts for advice services. Until claims are submitted by each council these figures should be regarded as estimates.
2. There are currently no CAB advice services in Limavady, Magherafelt and Omagh council areas as these councils are contracted with independent advice providers.
3. A number of councils namely: Belfast, Carrickfergus, Craigavon and Derry fund CAB and other independent advice provision via CSP.
4. Derry City Council CSP figure covers funding to CAB as a lead partner/contractor for delivery of advice services along with independent advice providers. The figure in the table is the DSD contribution to the total contract value secured for the total service (provided by CAB and other advice providers) by CAB as a result of a competitive tender.
5. The table does not include DSD funding provided to CAB regional office in respect of Regional Infrastructure, Modernisation Fund, Community Volunteering Scheme, Local Community Fund and Executive Programme Funds. The funding for the period 2004-09 is as follows:

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
RIP	£401,767.94	£414,367.64	£552,267.31	£480,613.17	£644,210.21
Modernisation Fund			£33,748.80	£52,617.31	£141,652.38
Community Volunteering Scheme			£40,441.00	£61,110.00	£56,306.00
Local Community Fund	£8,330.28	£22,401.27	£13,764.00	£6,650.00	
Executive Programme Funds	£175,997.19				
Annual Total	£586,095.41	£436,768.91	£640,221.11	£600,990.48	£842,168.59
Total 2004/09				£3,106,244.50	