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AQW 3223/11

Mr J Craig (Lagan Valley): To ask the First Minister and deputy First Minister, for each Department, to (i) list each Arms-Length body which was in existence five years ago; (ii) list each Arms-Length body which currently exists; (iii) detail the annual cost of each Arms-Length body which was in existence five years ago; (iv) detail the annual cost of each Arms-Length body which is in existence today; (v) detail the number of staff employed in each Arms-Length body which was in existence five years ago; (vi) detail the number of staff employed in each current Arms-length body; and (vii) to detail the departmental Arms-Length bodies which are in the process of being set up, including those for which legislation is currently progressing.

ANSWER

The information requested was not all readily available and departments have had to collate the details and we apologise for the delay in answering.

Information on many of the Arms length Bodies (ALBs) in existence five years ago and currently is published in the Public Bodies 2006 report and the Public Bodies and Public Appointments Annual Report 2009/10 publications, which are available on the internet at:

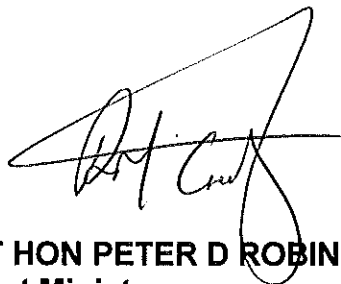
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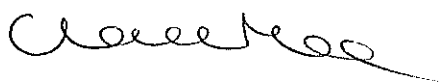
http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/microsoft_word_ofl_10_0152180_public_bodies_annual_report_-_pdf.pdf

Information on ALBs not included in the publications above and lists of those ALBs in the process of being set up have been placed in the Assembly Library.

The Department of Justice (DoJ) came into existence on 12 April 2010. DoJ has indicated that details of expenditure and staff numbers relating to ALBs before that date are a matter for the previous department. DoJ is therefore unable to provide an answer to parts (i), (iii) and (v) of the Question.



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First Minister



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deputy First Minister

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AND SIGNED IN THEIR ABSENCE

TABLE 1: Arms-Length Bodies in existence at 31 March 2006 in addition to those listed in the Public Bodies 2006 report

Department / Name of Body	Annual Cost* (* total gross expenditure at 31 March 2006 unless otherwise indicated)	Number of Staff Employed
DARD (see also Note 1 below)		
NI Rural Development Council	£1,373,521 Please note this figures includes £112,950 of programme related costs including programme promotions and training costs paid to final beneficiaries through the RDC account.	37
DRD		
Belfast Harbour Commissioners	Nil	131
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority	Nil	57
L'Derry Port & Harbour Commissioners	Nil	40
Coleraine Harbour Commissioners	Nil	5
DCAL		
Armagh Observatory	£ 979,138	17 ¹
Armagh Planetarium	£ 2,567,202	8 ¹
Northern Ireland Events Company	£ 3,923,638	11 ¹
Northern Ireland Screen	£ 8,458,222	24 ² <small>¹ Average throughout year ² Full-time equivalents</small>
DEL (see also Notes 2 and 3 below)		

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Armagh College of Further and Higher Education	£7.8m	Figures unavailable
Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education	£45.0m	Figures unavailable
Castlereagh College of Further and Higher Education	£8.4m	Figures unavailable
Causeway Institute of Further and Higher Education	£7.8m	Figures unavailable
East Antrim Institute of Further and Higher Education	£11.0m	Figures unavailable
East Down Institute of Further and Higher Education	£9.0m	Figures unavailable
East Tyrone College of Further and Higher Education	£7.9m	Figures unavailable
Fermanagh College of Further and Higher Education	£10.9m	Figures unavailable
Limavady College of Further and Higher Education	£7.2m	210
Lisburn Institute of Further and Higher Education	£8.0m	Figures unavailable
Newry and Kilkeel Institute of Further and Higher Education	£15.4m	Figures unavailable
North Down and Ards Institute of Further and Higher Education	£16.4m	Figures unavailable
North East Institute of Further and Higher Education	£15.7m	Figures unavailable
North West Institute of Further and Higher Education	£26.2m	740
Omagh College of Further Education	£7.5m	Figures unavailable
Upper Bann Institute of Further and Higher Education	£11.7m	Figures unavailable
DE		
NI Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal	£129,279	2 Full time (secretariat)
DOJ		
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Note 1: DARD public bodies 2005

The following changes to DARD-sponsored bodies listed in Public Bodies 2005 have subsequently occurred:–

- (1) The Agricultural Research Institute of NI was abolished with effect from 1 April 2006 and its activities subsumed within the newly established Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute which came in to operation on that date (see Table 2).
- (2) Pig Production Development Committee was wound up with effect from 31 Mar 2008 and its powers transferred to a new private company Pig REGEN Ltd.
- (3) The status of the Rural Development Council as a non-departmental public body ended with effect from 1 April 2007.

Note 2: DEL comments re the governing bodies of Further Education Colleges.

Regarding parts (i), (iii) and (v) of AQW 3223/11, the (DEL) bodies which were in existence five years ago are as listed in Public Bodies 2005, with the exception of the governing bodies of Further Education Colleges.

DEL has recently been advised of the Office of National Statistics (ONS) decision to re-classify all Further Education Colleges throughout the United Kingdom as public sector bodies, with retrospective affect in Northern Ireland from 1989. The implications of this decision are currently being considered by the four jurisdictions. Consequently, DEL is examining the current legislative position of the six Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland to consider the extent to which the current operational model of incorporation, as contained in The Further Education (Northern Ireland) 2007, aligns with this re-classification.

Although the future status of the Further Education colleges is still under consideration, information related to the Further Education sector is provided above. The DEL entry in Table 1 above provides details of each of their governing bodies, their expenditure and, where possible, the number of staff employed by each. These have since been amalgamated into six regional governing bodies (see Table 2).

Note 3: DEL comments re Enterprise Ulster

Enterprise Ulster's details are noted in the Public Bodies 2005 report. A decision to wind up Enterprise Ulster was, however, announced by the then Secretary of State in March 2006 when the outcome of the Review of Public Administration was announced. The formal cessation of the Corporation was on 30 June 2007.

TABLE 2: ALBs in existence at 31 December 2010 by Department, excluding those for which the information is listed in the Public Bodies and Public Appointments Annual Report 2009/10

<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - OFMDFM</u>		
Name of Body	Annual Cost* (* figure for total gross expenditure at 31 March 2010 unless otherwise indicated)	Number of Staff Employed
Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission#	£1,592,287	18
Sustainable Development Commission	£120, 000	3
Northern Ireland Memorial Fund	£284,398	4 NICS plus 4 (on avg) temp/salaried staff
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland	£7,398,169	138 FTE's
Northern Ireland Community Relations Council	£8,771,831* *£3,534,178 Good Relations Funding, £5,237,653 Victims Core Funding	52.8 Full Time Equivalents and 3 temporary staff

OFMDFM assumed sponsorship of NIJAC in April 2010. It is intended that NIJAC will be included in the 2010/11 Public Bodies and Public Appointments Annual Report.

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<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DOE</u>		
None other than those listed in Public Bodies report	-	-

<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DARD</u>		
None other than those listed in Public Bodies report	-	-

<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DHSSPS</u>		
None other than those listed in Public Bodies report	-	-

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<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DRD</u>		
Name of Body	Annual Cost*	Number of Staff Employed
Belfast Harbour Commissioners^	Nil	128
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority^	Nil	47
L'Derry Port & Harbour Commissioners^	Nil	63
Coleraine Harbour Commissioners	Nil	4

^ Included in the Table because the Public Bodies publications do not give the staffing figures for these ALBs.

<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DSD</u>		
None other than those listed in Public Bodies report	-	-

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<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DCAL</u>		
Name of Body	Annual Cost*	Number of Staff Employed
Armagh Observatory	£1,361,170	19.7 ¹
Armagh Planetarium	£700,720	10.5 ¹
Northern Ireland Events Company	£166,484+	0 ³
Northern Ireland Screen	£12,619,494	23 ²

Notes:

¹ Average throughout year

² Full-time equivalents

³ Full-time equivalents (09/10 financial year)

+ Draft accounts 2008/9

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<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DEL</u>		
Name of Body	Annual Cost*	Number of Staff Employed
Belfast Metropolitan College	£65.1m	1,495
North West Regional College	£34.5m	831
Northern Regional College	£33.7m	1,019
South Eastern Regional College	£40.4m	1,055
South West College	£37.1m	752
Southern Regional College	£40.8m	1,118

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<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DFP</u>		
None other than those listed in Public Bodies report	-	-

<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DETI</u>		
None other than those listed in Public Bodies report	-	-

<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DE</u>		
Name of Body	Annual Cost*	Number of Staff Employed
NI Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal# #	£195,733	3 Full time Secretariat
Exceptional Circumstances Body	New Body created in June 2010. Therefore, information is not available on annual cost and the number of staff employed at 31 March 2010.	

Included because the Public Bodies and Public Appointments 2009/10 Annual Report only lists details of the public appointments to the ALB

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<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DOJ</u>		
Name of Body	Annual Cost* Information unavailable until after June 2011	Number of Staff Employed
EXECUTIVE NDPBs		
Police Service Northern Ireland		10,051
Probation Board Northern Ireland		409.4
Northern Ireland Policing Board		63
Office of the Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland		144
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland		16
Northern Ireland Police Fund		4.5
RUC George Cross Foundation		2
Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission		169
Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel NI		8
ADVISORY NDPBs		
Independent Assessor for PSNI Recruitment Applications		1
Northern Ireland Law Commission		11.6
NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS SERVING HOUSEHOLDS		
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust		63

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	<u>Arms Length Bodies 2010 - DOJ</u> (continued)	
INDEPENDENT STATUTORY OFFICE HOLDER		
Parole Commissioners		13
Prisoner Ombudsman		9
Commissioner for Hearings Under Prison Rule 109B		0
Remission of Sentences Commissioners		0
VOLUNTARY SUPPORT BODIES		
RUC Widows Association		0
INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARDS		
Independent Monitoring Board		4
OTHERS		
Prison Service Trust		5
Northern Ireland Prison Service Sports Association		1
Central Benevolent Fund		4
Judicial Appointments Ombudsman		0.7

TABLE 3: Arms-Length Bodies being set up as at 31 December 2010

Department / Name of Body	Role / Type of Body
OFMDFM	
Commissioner for Older People	The Commissioner will have advocacy, educational, research, advisory, promotional and legal powers to act on behalf of older people. Additionally he or she will have powers to carry out investigations in relation to complaints raised by older people about public bodies (and all nursing and residential care homes) and to carry out reviews of the internal procedures of public bodies to reduce the incidence of complaints.
Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation	The soon to be formed Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation will seek to maximise the economic, historical and reconciliation potential of the site for the benefit of all and in doing so intend to foster the many and varied historical aspects of the site.
DHSSPS	
Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Budget - £750K • Consideration Stage completed at Assembly on 14 December 2010 – Further consideration stage due 17 January 2011. • SBNI due to be established April 2011 • Chair and less than five staff 	Un-incorporated Statutory Body
DCAL	
The 2013 World Police and Fire Games Ltd	Company limited by guarantee
DE	
Education and Skills Authority	NDPB