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Mr Lunn, a chara,

Following my statement to the Assembly on 13 September 2011 on the North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) meeting in Language format held on 7 July 2011 you asked for what this costs relating to the Agencies 450 funded events and if there are plans to make them more self-sustaining.

All events funded by both Agencies are met from their approved annual budgets which equates annually to £18.3m for Foras na Gaeilge and £3.3m for the Ulster-Scots Agency.

Of the 450 events not all are exclusively funded by the Agencies as a range of projects will already have funding from other sources through partnership schemes.

If the member is interested in any specific events this information can be supplied directly from the Agencies.

I trust this answers your question.

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