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I refer to your Assembly Question (AQW 6089/09) about the number of employees that have disabilities in each of the local councils and what percentage of the total workforce it reflects. As you are aware I have now taken over responsibility for the Department of the Environment.

As stated in the response provided on 24 March 2009 by my predecessor, Sammy Wilson, my Department does not hold records relating to this matter. However, Minister Wilson undertook to contact councils and write to you when he had received the information.

Apologies for the delay in responding, as, it took some time to obtain the details from each of the 26 councils.

Details are set out in the following table:

Council	Total number of employees	Number of employees with disabilities	% of council workforce with disabilities
Antrim BC	300	18	6
Ards BC	371	9	2.4
Armagh City & DC	330	2	0.61
Ballymena BC	322	4	1.24
Ballymoney BC	153	6	3.92
Banbridge DC	261	10	3.83
Belfast CC	2556	57	2.23
Carrickfergus BC	177	6	3.39
Castlereagh BC	357	6	1.68
Coleraine BC	360	1	0.28
Cookstown DC	250	0	0
Craigavon BC	520	1	0.20
Derry CC	638	8	1.26
Down DC	341	6	1.76

Dungannon & South Tyrone BC	364	6	1.65
Fermanagh DC	288	4	1.39
Larne BC	187	2	1.07
Limavady BC	184	6	3.26
Lisburn CC	504	13	2.58
Magherafelt DC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Moyle DC	117	2	1.71
Newry & Mourne DC	407	6	1.48
Newtownabbey BC	417	1	0.24
North Down BC	480	3	0.63
Omagh DC	392	7	1.79
Strabane DC	217	4	1.85

Please note a copy of this letter will be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely



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