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I refer to your Assembly Question (AQW/5018/09) about the number of full time jobs there were in local government in (i) 1980; (ii) 1990; (iii) 2000; and (iv) 2008; and to provide an estimate of the number of jobs that could be lost when the new local government authorities come into existence.

In my response of 23 March 2009, I provided an answer to the second part of your question and informed you that my Department does not hold central records relating to the numbers of full time jobs in local government. I undertook to contact councils to obtain details of full time jobs in the relevant years and to write to you when I had received the information. I apologise for the delay in responding, however it took some time to receive responses from all councils.

Unfortunately the records of some councils do not cover all the years for which you requested information. Details are set out in the following table:

<b>Council</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>
Antrim BC	N/A	N/A	N/A	264
Ards BC	N/A	313	360	381
Armagh City & DC	N/A	235	244	250
Ballymena BC	N/A	N/A	217	270
Ballymoney BC	N/A	78	87	105
Banbridge DC*	N/A	N/A	150	205
Belfast CC	N/A	2875	2362	2796
Carrickfergus BC	N/A	N/A	N/A	180
Castlereagh BC	N/A	353	425	316
Coleraine BC	N/A	N/A	218	262
Cookstown DC	N/A	N/A	200	250
Craigavon BC	N/A	N/A	355	539

Derry CC	N/A	N/A	421	525
Down DC	N/A	N/A	266	328
Dungannon & South Tyrone BC	N/A	143	195	290
Fermanagh DC	N/A	228	250	281
Larne BC	N/A	143	135	168
Limavady BC	N/A	N/A	122	133
Lisburn CC	N/A	N.A	360	400
Magherafelt DC	83	136	121	190
Moyle DC	N/A	N/A	95	109
Newry & Mourne DC	N/A	295	352	450
Newtownabbey BC	N/A	N/A	256	342
North Down BC	295	269	273	344
Omagh DC**	N/A	174	225	253
Strabane DC	N/A	N/A	133	206

\* Banbridge District Council figure for 2000 refers to 01/01/2001 and for 2008 refers to 01/01/09.

\*\*Omagh District Council was Group Employer Council for the Western Group Environmental Health Services, comprising Omagh District Council, Strabane District Council, Derry City Council and Limavady Borough Council. In 1990 it employed 43 Group Environmental Health staff, in 2000, 23 staff and in 2008, 36 staff.

\*\*Omagh District Council was also the Group Employer Council for the Western Group Building Control Services, comprising Omagh District Council, Cookstown District Council, Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council, Fermanagh District Council and Strabane District Council. In 1990 it employed 23 Group Building Control staff, in 2000, 3 staff and in 2008, 2 staff.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely



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