

**AQW 983/10**

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**Question Tabled By:** Tom Elliott MLA

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**Tom Elliott has asked:**

*Tá tacaíocht airgeadais tugtha ag an Roinn tríd an chiste thiomnaithe d'fheabhsú scoile do chlár a bhfuil sé mar aidhm ghinearálta acu caighdeán sa litearthacht agus san uimhearthacht a ardú, agus trí thacaíocht do scoileanna tearcghnóthaithe. Léiríonn an tábla thíos an cistiú a tugadh faoin chiste d'fheabhsú scoile sna blianta ó 2005-06 go dtí 2008-09.*

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**ANSWER**

The Department has provided support through its dedicated school improvement fund for programmes aimed at raising standards in literacy and numeracy generally, as well as support for underachieving schools. The table below shows the funding disbursed from the school improvement fund in the years from 2005-6 to 2008-09.

<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
£10.4m	£9.4m	£7.2m	£9.0m

In previous years, the school improvement fund provided support for underachieving schools through the School Support Programme (SSP) and Group 1 funding. Schools were selected for these programmes following discussions between the Department, the Education and Library Boards, and, where appropriate, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS). These discussions were informed by end of key stage assessment results, Free School Meal Entitlement and other data. Following a review of the effectiveness of those programmes, funding for the School Support Programme and Group 1 schools ceased in August 2008.

The fund has also provided support for joint action plans from the Education and Library Boards for raising standards in literacy and numeracy, including through the Raising Achievement Programme (RAP) and the Raising Achievement in Numeracy Programme (RAIN). Schools in these programmes have been selected by the relevant Board on the basis of performance in end of key stage assessment results or, at post-primary, GCSE performance.

A list of the schools that benefited from funding under these programmes in the years 2005-06 to 2008-09 has been placed in the Library.

From 2008-09, the school improvement fund has also been used to support my targeted intervention programmes in Belfast and Derry – Achieving Belfast and Achieving Derry – Bright Futures. These programmes, whilst different in their scope and coverage, share the same objective of raising standards and closing the gap in achievement that has persisted for too long between our most affluent children and those from disadvantaged backgrounds or who

face other barriers to learning. The Achieving Belfast programme concentrates efforts on some of the lowest performing schools in the city. The Achieving Derry programme includes all schools, pre-schools and youth provision in the Derry City Council area. A list of the schools participating in both programmes has also been placed in the Library.

The funding available in 2009-10 is £8.3m. This funding is in addition to other funding programmes and schools' own delegated budgets and is being used to support a range of interventions, including the regional literacy and numeracy action plans and the Achieving Belfast and Achieving Derry programmes.

Turning to future years, given the current uncertainty in terms of future budget provision, it is simply not possible at this stage to determine the amounts that will be available for school improvement. Indeed, my focus, following the publication of my school improvement strategy, is first and foremost on ensuring that schools use their existing delegated budgets – which will, in future, be more reflective of the objective needs of schools – to improve outcomes for their pupils. Through the Education and Skills Authority, I will also expect underperforming schools to be identified early and to receive the support they need to effect improvement.

The following lists provide details of schools that received support during the 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years from the following school improvement programmes:

- School Support Programme
- Group 1 Schools
- Achieving Belfast
- Achieving Derry – Bright Futures
- Raising Achievement Programme (RAP)
- Raising Achievement in Numeracy (RAIN) Programme

**Schools Supported through the School Support Programme (SSP) - 2005/06**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Antiville PS, Larne	(closed August 2005)
Ashlea PS, Derry	
Aughnacloy HS	
Ballee Community HS	
Beechfield PS, Belfast	
Castle HS, Belfast	(closed August 2009)
Christ the King PS, Omagh	
Coleraine College	
Corpus Christi College, Belfast	
Drumcree College	
Edenbrooke PS, Belfast	
Fivemiletown & Community College	
Foley PS, Armagh	
Greenhaw PS, Derry	
Grove PS, Belfast	
Lakewood Special School, Bangor	
Larkfield (Balmoral) HS, Belfast	(closed August 2008)
Larne & Inver PS	
Linn PS, Larne	
Massereene Community College, Antrim	(closed August 2006)
Monkstown Community College	
Mount Gilbert Community College, Belfast	(closed August 2007)
Moyle PS, Larne	
Omagh HS	
Park Special School, Belfast	
Rathcoole PS	
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Sandelford Special School, Coleraine	
St Aidan's PS, Belfast	
St Bernadette's Girls' PS, Belfast	
St Brigid's PS Carnhill, Derry	
St Brigid's PS Downpatrick	
St Brigid's PS Mountfield	
St Gabriel's College, Belfast	(closed August 2008)
St Joseph's PS Strangford	
St Malachy's HS, Antrim	(amalgamated with St Olcan's HS Randalstown September 2006)
St Mary's PS Banbridge	

St Mary's PS Belfast	
St Mary's SS Belleek	
St Patrick's PS Carrickmore	
St Paul's Boys' PS Belfast	
St Peter's HS, Derry	
Taughmonagh PS, Belfast	
Tullycarnet PS, Belfast	
Tullygally PS, Craigavon	
William Pinkerton Memorial PS, Ballymoney	

**Schools Supported through the School Support Programme (SSP) - 2006/07**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Ballee Community HS, Ballymena	
Beechfield PS, Belfast	
Castle HS, Belfast	(closed August 2009)
Christ the King PS Omagh	
Coleraine College	
Corpus Christi College, Belfast	
Drumcree College	
Edenbrooke PS, Belfast	
Fivemiletown & Community College	
Foley PS, Armagh	
Greenhaw PS, Derry	
Grove PS, Belfast	
Lakewood Special School, Bangor	
Larkfield (Balmoral) HS	(closed August 2008)
Larne & Inver PS	
Linn PS, Larne	
Monkstown Community. College	
Mount Gilbert Community College, Belfast	(closed August 2007)
Moyle PS, Larne	
Park Special School, Belfast	
Parkhall High College, Antrim	
Rathcoole PS	
Sandelford Special School, Coleraine	
St Brigid's PS Carnhill, Derry	
St Brigid's PS	
St Gabriel's College, Belfast	(closed August 2008)
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
St Joseph's PS Strangford	
St Mary's PS Banbridge	
St Mary's PS Belfast	
St Mary's Secondary School Belleek	
St Patrick's PS Carrickmore	
St Peter's HS, Derry	
Tullycarnet PS, Belfast	
Tullygally PS, Craigavon	
William Pinkerton Memorial PS, Ballymoney	

### Schools Supported through the School Support Programme (SSP) - 2007/08

SCHOOL	COMMENTS
Ballee Community HS, Ballymena	
Beechfield PS, Belfast	
Castle HS, Belfast	(closed August 2009)
Christ the King PS, Omagh	
Coleraine College	
Corpus Christi College, Belfast	
Drumcree College	
Edenbrooke PS, Belfast	
Fivemiletown Community College	
Foley PS, Armagh	
Grove PS, Belfast	
Larkfield (Balmoral) HS	(closed August 2008)
Rathcoole PS	
Sandelford Special School, Coleraine	
St Brigid's PS	
St Gabriel's College, Belfast	(closed August 2008)
St Joseph's PS Strangford	
St Mary's PS Banbridge	
St Mary's PS Belfast	
St Mary's Secondary School, Belleek	
St Patrick's PS Carrickmore	
St Peter's HS, Derry	
Tullycarnet PS, Belfast	
Tullygally PS, Craigavon	
William Pinkerton Memorial PS, Ballymoney	

### Group 1 Schools - 2005/06 to 2007/08

Castle High School
Corpus Christi College
Mount Gilbert Community College
St Gabriel's College
St Peter's High School



### **Achieving Belfast - Primary Schools**

Beechfield PS
Blackmountain PS
Blythefield PS
Cliftonville PS
Harmony PS
Malvern PS
Nettlefield PS
St Mary's PS
St Kevin's PS
St Aidan's PS
St Joseph's PS
St Vincent de Paul PS
Taughmonagh PS
Vere Foster PS

### **Achieving Belfast - Post-Primary Schools**

Belfast Boys' Model School
Christian Brothers' School
Corpus Christi College
Orangefield High School

## **Achieving Derry – Bright Futures**

**(involves all schools within the Derry City Council area)**

### **Primary Schools**

Ashlea PS
Balloughry PS
Broadbridge PS
Bunscoil Cholmcille PS
Chapel Road PS
Craigbrack PS
Culmore PS
Cumber Claudy PS
Drumahoe PS
Ebrington Controlled PS
Eglinton PS
Fountain PS
Gaelscoil Éadain Mhóir
Glendermott PS
Good Shepherd PS
Greenhaw PS
Groarty Integrated PS
Hollybush PS
Holy Child PS
Holy Family PS
Lisnagelvin PS
Listress PS
Londonderry Model PS
Longtower PS
Mullabouy PS
Nazareth House PS
Newbuildings PS
Oakgrove Integrated PS
Rosemount PS
St Anne's PS
St Brigid's PS
St Colmcille's PS
St Columba's PS
St Eithne's PS
St Eugene's PS
St John's PS
St Mary's PS

St Oliver Plunkett PS
St Patrick's PS
St Paul's Slievemore PS
St Theresa's Lenamore PS
Steelstown PS
Trench Road PS

### **Post-Primary Schools**

Foyle and Londonderry College
Immaculate Conception College
Lisneal College
Lumen Christi College
Oakgrove Integrated College
St Brigid's HS
St Cecilia's College
St Columb's College
St Joseph's HS
St Mary's HS
St Patrick's & St Brigid's HS
St Peter's HS
Thornhill College

## Raising Achievement Programme (RAP) from 2003

*(The list details the year the school entered the scheme and where applicable the year the school exited the scheme)*

### Schools Entering the Scheme in 2003 to 2008 inclusive

School name	Year Entered	Year exited the Scheme (if applicable or known)
Euston Street PS, Belfast	2003	2006
Glenwood PS, Belfast	2003	2007
Holy Family PS, Belfast	2003	2006
Lisburn Central PS	2003	2006
Millisle PS	2003	2006
Oakwood Integrated PS, Dunmurry	2003	2006
St Joseph's PS, Strangford	2003	2006
St Kieran's PS, Dunmurry	2003	2006
Avoniel PS, Belfast	2004	2005
Ballygolan PS, Belfast	2004	2007
Hazelwood Integrated PS, Belfast	2004	2007
Seaview PS, Belfast	2004	2007
Springhill PS, Belfast	2004	2007
Star of the Sea Girls' PS, Belfast	2004	2007
Wheatfield PS, Belfast	2004	2007
Ballykelly PS	2004	2006
Holy Family PS, Derry	2004	2006
Limavady Central PS	2004	2006
Longtower PS, Derry	2004	2006
Ampertaine PS, Upperlands	2004	2007
Armoy PS	2004	2006
Carhill Integrated PS, Garvagh	2004	2006
Groggan PS, Randalstown	2004	2007
Maghera PS	2004	2007
Parkhall PS, Antrim	2004	2007
Rathcoole PS	2004	Ongoing
Silverstream PS, Greenisland	2004	2006
Newcastle PS	2004	2007
St Mary's PS, Portaferry	2004	2007
Tullycarnet PS, Belfast	2004	2007

School name	Year Entered	Year exited the Scheme (if applicable or known)
West Winds PS, Newtownards	2004	2007
St Joseph's PS, Caledon	2004	2006
St Mary's PS, Rathfriland	2004	2006
St Michael's PS, Newtownhamilton	2004	2006
St Patrick's PS, Armagh	2004	2006
Blackmountain PS, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
Blythefield PS, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
Cliftonville Integrated PS, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
Malvern PS, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
Nettlefield PS, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
St Joseph's PS, Slate Street, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
St Kevin's PS, Belfast	2005	Ongoing
Artigarvan PS, Strabane	2005	2007
Edwards PS, Castleberg	2005	2007
Sion Mills PS	2005	2007
St Colmcille's PS, Claudy	2005	2007
St Conor's PS, Omagh	2005	2007
St Patrick's PS, Castleberg	2005	2007
Tempo PS	2005	2007
Ballee PS, Ballymena	2005	2007
Harpur's Hill PS, Coleraine	2005	2008
Harryville PS, Ballymena	2005	2008
Straidhavern PS, Crumlin	2005	2007
William Pinkerton PS, Ballymoney	2005	2008
Carrowdore PS	2005	2008
St Mary's PS, Killyleagh	2005	2008
St Mary's PS, Dunsford	2005	2008
Aughncloy PS	2005	2007
St Colman's PS, Kilkeel	2005	2006
St Clare's PS, Belfast	2006	2008
Cumber Claudy PS, Claudy	2006	2008
Drumachose PS, Limavady	2006	2008
Largy PS ( <b>amalgamated August 2008</b> )	2006	2008
St Anthony's PS, Limavady	2006	2008
Downpatrick PS	2006	June 2009

School name	Year Entered	Year exited the Scheme (if applicable or known)
Seymour Hill PS, Dunmurry	2006	June 2009
St Luke's PS, Dunmurry	2006	June 2009
St Bronagh's PS, Rostrevor	2006	2007
St Malachy's PS, Armagh	2006	2007
St Patrick's PS, Crossmaglen	2006	Ongoing
Beechfield PS, Belfast	2007	Ongoing
Harmony PS, Belfast	2007	Ongoing
St Aidan's PS, Belfast	2007	Ongoing
St Mary's PS, Belfast	2007	Ongoing
Taughmonagh PS, Belfast	2007	Ongoing
Vere Foster PS, Belfast	2007	Ongoing
Drumahoe PS	2007	2009
Florencecourt PS	2007	2009
St Patrick's PS, Derrygonnelly	2007	2009
Greystone PS, Antrim	2007	Ongoing
Olderfleet PS, Larne	2007	Ongoing
St Mary's PS (Glenview), Maghera	2007	Ongoing
Knockmore PS, Lisburn	2007	June 2010
Redburn PS, Holywood	2007	June 2010
St Patrick's PS (Legamaddy), Downpatrick	2007	June 2010
The Good Shepherd PS, Dunmurry	2007	June 2010
Ballyoran PS, Portadown	2007	2008
Dromintee PS, (Killeavy), Newry	2007	2008
St Joseph's PS, Meigh	2007	2008
St Malachy's PS, Camlough	2007	2008
St Teresa's PS, Lurgan	2007	2008
Botanic PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Edmund Rice PS Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Knocknagoney PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
St Mary's Star of the Sea PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
St Vincent de Paul PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Wheatfield PS, Belfast*	2008	Ongoing
Cooley PS, nr Omagh	2008	Ongoing
St Ninnidh's PS, Derrylin	2008	Ongoing
St Paul's PS Irvinestown	2008	Ongoing
Abbot's Cross PS, Newtownabbey	2008	Ongoing

School name	Year Entered	Year exited the Scheme (if applicable or known)
Ballycraigy PS, Muckamore	2008	Ongoing
Ballykeel PS, Ballymena	2008	Ongoing
Carrickfergus Central PS	2008	Ongoing
Dunclug PS	2008	Ongoing
Glengormley Integrated PS	2008	Ongoing
Hollybank PS, Monkstown	2008	Ongoing
Round Tower Integrated PS, Antrim	2008	Ongoing
Sunnylands PS, Carrickfergus	2008	Ongoing
Thompson PS, Ballyclare	2008	Ongoing
Bloomfield Road PS, Bangor	2008	Jun-11
Clandeboyne PS, Bangor	2008	Jun-11
St Colmcille's PS, Downpatrick	2008	Jun-11
Tonagh PS, Lisburn	2008	Jun-11
Donacloney PS	2008	Ongoing
St Joseph's PS, Bessbrook	2008	Ongoing
St Mary's PS, Glassdrumman	2008	Ongoing
St Mary's PS, Pomeroy	2008	Ongoing
St Patrick's PS, Hilltown	2008	Ongoing

*\* indicates the school has re-entered the scheme*

### Schools Involved in the Raising Achievement in Numeracy Programme (RAIN) from 2005

School name	Year Entered	Year Exited (if applicable or known)
Beechfield PS, Belfast	2005	2006
Blackmountain PS, Belfast	2005	2006
Donegall Road PS, Belfast	2005	2006
Glenwood PS, Belfast	2005	2007
Nettlefield PS, Belfast	2005	2007
St Kevin's PS, Belfast	2005	2007
Drumlish PS, Dromore	2005	2007
Groarty PS, Derry	2005	2007
Langfield PS, Drumquin	2005	2007
Ballysally PS, Coleraine	2005	2008
Carhill Integrated PS, Garvagh	2005	2007
Harpur's Hill PS, Coleraine	2005	2008
Harryville PS, Ballymena	2005	2007
Maghera PS	2005	Re-entered
Silverstream PS, Greenisland	2005	2007
St Olcan's PS, Armoy	2005	2008
Straidhavern PS, Crumlin	2005	2008
Ballymacash PS, Lisburn	2005	2006
Belvoir Park PS, Belfast	2005	2007
Knockmore PS, Lisburn	2005	2007
St Patrick's PS (Legamaddy), Downpatrick	2005	2007
Abercorn PS, Banbridge	2005	2007
Cookstown PS	2005	2007
Cortamlet PS, (Altnamackin), Newry	2005	2007
Drumgor PS, Craigavon	2005	2007
Edenderry PS	2005	2007
Primate Dixon PS, Coalisland	2005	2007
Saints & Scholars Integrated PS, Armagh	2005	2007
St Brendan's PS, Craigavon	2005	2007
St Brigid's PS,	2005	2007
St John's PS	2005	2007
St Joseph's PS	2005	2007
St Patrick's PS	2005	2009
St Patrick's PS	2005	2007



School name	Year Entered	Year Exited (if applicable or known)
St Patrick's PS Dungannon	2005	2007
Botanic PS, Belfast	2006	2007
Bunscoil Phobal Feirste	2006	2007
St Matthew's PS, Belfast	2006	2007
Bunscoil an Traonaigh, Lisnaskea	2006	2008
Dromore PS	2006	2008
Shanmullagh PS (closed August 2008)	2006	2008
St Columban's PS	2006	2008
S Joseph's PS, Drumquin	2006	2008
St Matthew's PS, Drumsurn	2006	2008
St Patrick's PS, Gortin	2006	2008
Ballycraigy PS	2006	2008
Balnamore PS	2006	2009
Parkhall PS	2006	2009
St Joseph's PS (closed August 2007)	2006	CLOSED
Alexander Dickson PS	2006	2008
Barrack Boy's PS	2007	2009
Gaelscoil Úi Dhochartaigh, Strabane	2007	2009
St Anne's PS	2007	June 2009
St Mary's Boys' PS	2007	2009
St Mary's Girls' PS	2007	2009
Ballytober PS	2007	Ongoing
Bushmills PS	2007	Ongoing
Carnlough Controlled Integrated PS	2007	Ongoing
Fort Hill PS	2007	2008
Tonagh PS	2007	2008
Derrylatinee PS	2007	2009
Fivemiletown PS	2007	2008
Howard PS	2007	2009
St Francis of Assisi PS, Keady	2007	2009
St Joseph's PS, Ballymartin	2007	2009
St Malachy's PS, Ballymoyer	2007	2009
St Mary's PS, Pomeroy	2007	Ongoing
St Patrick's PS, Ballymaghery	2007	2009
St Patrick's PS, Crossmaglen *	2007	Ongoing

School name	Year Entered	Year Exited (if applicable or known)
Beechfield PS, Belfast *	2008	Ongoing
Blackmountain PS, Belfast *	2008	Ongoing
Cliftonville Integrated PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Harmony PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Malvern PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Nettlefield PS, Belfast *	2008	Ongoing
St Aidan's Christian Brothers PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
St Joseph's PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
St Kevin's PS, Belfast *	2008	Ongoing
St Mary's PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
St Vincent de Paul PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Taughmonagh PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Vere Foster PS, Belfast	2008	Ongoing
Ballinderry PS	2008	Ongoing
Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche, Caisleán Uidhilín	2008	Ongoing
St Malachy's PS	2008	Ongoing
Ballee PS	2009	Ongoing
Earlview PS	2009	Ongoing
Hollybank PS	2009	Ongoing
Rathcoole PS	2009	Ongoing
Ballyoran PS, Portadown	2009	Ongoing
St Bronagh's PS, Rostrevor	2009	Ongoing
St Patrick's PS, Annaghmore	2009	Ongoing

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