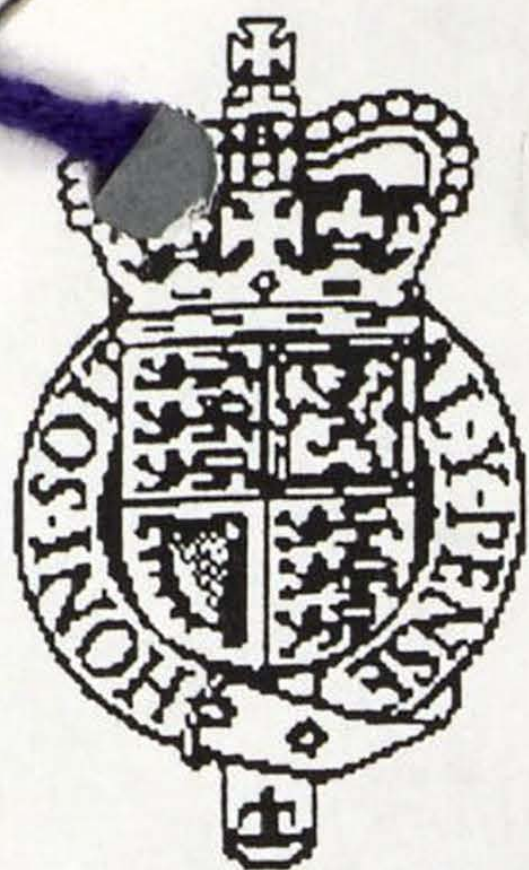


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THE PEACE PROGRAMME: LETTER OF 3 NOVEMBER FROM MS JANE MORRICE, MEMBER OF THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY (DFP89/99)

Summary

**Issue:** A request from Ms Jane Morrice, Member of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, for information on the total value of funding distributed through each Government Department for projects under the Peace Programme and the process used to evaluate projects.

**Timescale:** Routine.

**Recommendation:** To respond in terms of the attached draft.

Background

1. Ms Jane Morrice, Member of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, wrote to Mr Ingram on 3 November 1999 seeking a detailed breakdown of the total value of European funding for Peace and Reconciliation projects distributed through Government Departments and the process used to evaluate projects.
2. All funding under the Programme is channelled through the respective Government Department responsible for the day to day management of the various Sub-programmes which make up the overall Programme. Each Sub-programme is



broken down into a series of Measures which may be implemented by Government Departments, Intermediary Funding Bodies, Sectoral Partners or, in the case of Sub-programme 6, District Partnerships. Each Government Department is fully accountable for expenditure by the various funding bodies involved within the respective Sub-programmes. This expenditure, which is borne on the Votes of Northern Ireland Departments, is subject to the normal requirements of Government accounting and to audit by the Northern Ireland Audit Office and by the European Court of Auditors. Contracts between the Departments, the Intermediary Funding Bodies and the Northern Ireland Partnership Board set out stringent conditions for the effective control and accountability of grants. Annex A sets out details of Programme allocations, by Measure and Funding Body, for each Sub-programme.

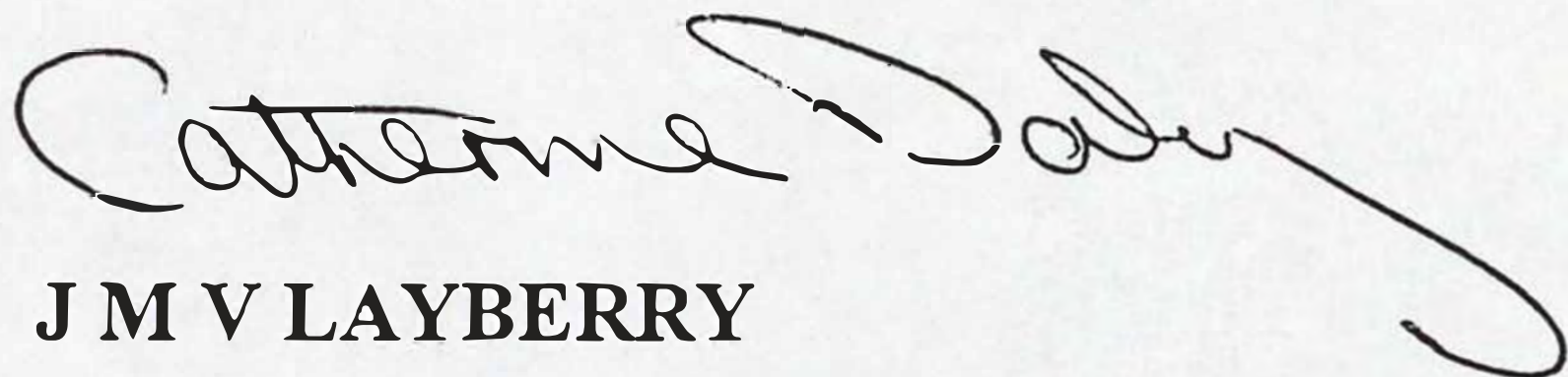
3. Allocation of funding to individual projects is the responsibility of the various funding bodies who are responsible for managing the implementation of the funding. The actual evaluation procedures used will vary according to the type of project and the amount of funding sought. In general, project applications are initially evaluated in accordance with the objectives and selection criteria, as agreed by the Programme Monitoring Committee, for each Measure under the Programme. In addition, all applications are subjected to the principles of economic appraisal in order to promote good decision-making and accountability. The degree of appraisal of a project is determined by the scale of proposed expenditure.
4. Generally, for projects with expenditure up to £20k the completion of the official application form is considered adequate to meet appraisal requirements. For projects costing between £20k and £100k assessments of project additionality, project viability, economic impact and cost effectiveness will be required in addition to the application form. Where a project is likely to cost in excess of £100k, it is subject to a detailed economic appraisal, including identification of alternative options, risks and uncertainties, and assessment of the net cost of each option. Guidance giving a broad indication of the minimum appraisal information required has been issued to funding bodies and a copy of the guidance is attached at Annex B.
5. Depending on the extent of the evaluation required, funding bodies may engage independent consultants to carry out the evaluation on their behalf. However, as this is



a matter for the funding bodies, information on the use of consultants in the current programme is not held centrally and would have to be obtained from the individual funding bodies. A list of relevant contacts is attached at Annex C.

### Recommendation

6. Against this background, it is recommended that the Minister should write to Ms Morrice, enclosing the information at Annexes A and B and inviting her to contact those organisations listed at Annex C should she require more detailed information. A draft response along these lines is attached.

  
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**Our ref: DFP89/99**

**November 1999**

**DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE BY MINISTER OF STATE**

Thank you for your letter of 3 November requesting information about the total value of European funding distributed through each Department under the Peace Programme and the process used to evaluate projects.

The allocation of funding to individual projects and the evaluation of those projects is the responsibility of the various funding bodies who are responsible for managing the implementation of funding. The attached table (tabbed A) indicates the amount of funding allocated to the various funding bodies for each Measure under the relevant Sub-programmes.

With regard to the evaluation of projects, the extent of the evaluation is largely determined by the cost of the project. For example, projects costing less than £20k meet the appraisal requirements through completing details required on the official application form, whereas projects costing in excess of £100k are subject to a rigorous economic appraisal including identification of alternative options, assessments of risks and uncertainties and an assessment of the cost of each option. Guidance giving a broad indication of the minimum appraisal information required has been issued to funding bodies and a copy of the guidance is attached (tabbed B).

Depending on the extent of the evaluation required, funding bodies may engage independent consultants to carry out the evaluation on their behalf. However, as this is a matter for the funding bodies, information on the use of consultants in the current programme is not held



centrally but can be obtained from the individual funding bodies. A list of relevant contacts is attached (tabbed C).

I hope that you find this reply helpful.

**THE RT HON ADAM INGRAM JP MP  
MINISTER OF STATE**



**EU SPECIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION:  
IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

**SUB-PROGRAMME 1: EMPLOYMENT  
TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT AGENCY**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
1.	Boosting Growth and Retraining for Peace	T&EA PROTEUS THTC TWN NIVT	1.644665 6.550000 3.000000 5.028500 <u>2.100000</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		18.323165
2.	Action for Jobs	T&EA PROTEUS LEDU	1.785110 13.750000 <u>3.300000</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		18.83511
3.	Improving the Accessibility and Quality of Training, Education and Employment Services	T&EA Childhood Fund EGSA	0.000300 4.857000 <u>4.697000</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		9.554300
4.	Accompanying Infrastructure and Equipment Support (ERDF)	T&EA PROTEUS NIVT Childhood Fund EGSA TWN THTC LEDU DENI	2.705425 1.945000 0.030000 0.650000 0.290000 0.204000 0.090000 0.765000 <u>2.500000</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		9.179425
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>55.892000</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 2(A): URBAN REGENERATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
1.	Urban Regeneration for Peace and Reconciliation - Belfast and Londonderry	MBW LDO	10.404000 <u>3.600000</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		14.004000
2.	Urban Regeneration for Peace and Reconciliation - Regionwide	DOE - Regionwide	12.441000
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>26.445000</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 2(B): RURAL REGENERATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR NI**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
1.	Community Based Actions	RDC/RCN	8.644500
2.	Rural Economic Development	DANI	15.392100
3(A)	Water-based Tourism	DANI	5.174250
3(B)	Fisheries and Aquaculture	DANI	0.233150
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>29.444000</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 3: CROSS-BORDER DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
1.	Business and Cultural Linkages	Co-Operation North	10.138000
2.	Infrastructure	DOE / NIO	6.801224
3(A)	Co-Operation between Public Bodies (ERDF)		4.699584
3(B)	Co-Operation between Public Bodies (ESF)		3.132192
3(C)	Co-Operation between Public Bodies (EAGGF)	DANI	1.041000
3(D)	Co-Operation between Public Bodies (FIFG)	DANI	1.041000
4(A)	Cross-border Community Reconciliation (ESF)	NIVT	10.264000
4(B)	Cross-border Community Reconciliation (ERDF)	NIVT	0.386000
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>37.503000</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 4: SOCIAL INCLUSION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
1.	Developing Grass Roots Capacities and Promotion the Inclusion of Women	NIVT	14.575000
2.	Preventing Exclusion	DHSS	1.546900
		Childhood Fund - DENI	1.095600
		Childhood Fund - DHSS	<u>10.986500</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		13.629000
3.	Promoting the Inclusion of Children and Young People	YOUTHNET	8.417300
		DENI	11.720550
		Childhood Fund	<u>1.139150</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		21.277000
4.	Promoting the Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups and Improving the Accessibility and Quality of Services aimed at these Groups	NIVT	15.888000
5.	Promoting Pathways to Reconciliation	CRC	7.221000
6.	Accompanying Infrastructure & Equipment Support	DHSS (SIB)	1.825350
		DHSS (SPB)	2.469850
		NIVT	1.661950
		DENI	11.241950
		CRC (DFP)	0.187850
		YOUTHNET	0.569550
		Childhood Fund	<u>2.785500</u>
	TOTAL FOR MEASURE		20.742000
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>93.332000</b>



**SUB-PROGRAMME 5: PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
1.	Investment Promotion	DED	29.008000
2.	New Industrial Development Services	DED	19.708000
3.	Trade Development	DED	6.673000
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>55.389</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 6: PARTNERSHIPS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
	ERDF	NIPB	29.984800
	ESF	NIPB	50.820500
	EAGGF	NIPB	3.399700
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>84.205000</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 7: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
	Technical Assistance	DFP	14.312000
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>14.312000</b>

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**SUB-PROGRAMME 8: FLAGSHIPS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL**

	MEASURE	Responsible body	EU Allocation MEURO
	Flagships	DENI	0.630000
		DHSS	2.850000
		T&EA	2.520000
	<b>SUB-PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>		<b>6.000000</b>

<b>PROGRAMME TOTAL</b>	<b>402.522000</b>
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