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Northern Ireland: Teaching of Spanish

Lord Kilclooney asked Her Majesty's Government:

In what way the teaching of Spanish is promoted in schools in Northern Ireland; whether there has been an increase in the number of pupils learning Spanish; and how many schools provide Spanish as a taught language. [HL2075]

Lord Rooker: Modern Languages is compulsory for all post-primary pupils and Spanish is one of the options schools can choose to offer. The figures available show that in 2004, 111 schools entered pupils for GCSE Spanish and in summer 2005 there were 3,294 entries for GCSE Spanish, an increase of 7 per cent on 2004.

Northern Ireland: Victims' Groups

Lord Laird asked Her Majesty's Government:

What funding has been given to victims' groups in Northern Ireland since 1998; what groups have received such funding; and how much they have received in each case. [HL1747]

Lord Rooker: Records show that funding detailed in the table below has been allocated to organisations involved in providing funding for victims between 10 April 1998 and including 31 March 2005. In addition to the amounts shown, victims' groups may also apply for funding from any programme or scheme, such as the District Council Community Relations Programme or European Union funding through the Local Strategy Partnerships, for which they can satisfy the relevant eligibility criteria.

Victims' Organisation	Amount Allocated £
123 House	158,746
Aisling Centre	131,486
Alanna Consultancy	1,790
An Crann	63,500
Ardoyne Commemoration	14,900
Armagh Voluntary Welfare Group	16,226
Ashton Community Trust	1,912,513
Association for Family Therapy NI	6,100
Ballybone, Belfast	2,100
Ballymoney District Partnership (Victims)	16,000
Ballymurphy Centre	319,930
Bannside Community Group	17,844
Barnardo's	70,050
Base 2	25,375
Befriending and Counselling	4,397
Belfast Cognitive Therapy Centre	56,215
Breaking the Silence	4,998
Community Action for Locally Managed Stress (CALMS)	575,762
Centre for Creative Energy, Londonderry	5,180
Claudy	12,027
Co Tyrone Frontier Relief Fund	2,000

Coleraine/Ballymoney UDR	118,060
Colleague Support Group	3,100
Columba Community	148,682
Combat Stress	4,000
Community Council	2,240
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland	12,500
Community Relations Council	38,357
Conflict Trauma Resource Centre	84,277
Contact Youth	84,129
Conway Education Centre	2,500
Cookstown Colleague Support	2,165
Corpus Christi Services	461,277
Corrymeela Community	7,500
Cost of the Troubles Study	97,251
CRUSE (Foyle)	35,000
CRUSE Bereavement (NI)	74,915
CRUSE Bereavement Care (Belfast)	36,227
CRUSE (Causeway)	2,500
Cumann Tar Abhaile	22,171
Cunamh	491,298
Dairy Farm Jobclub	111,394
Democratic Dialogue	7,485
Derry and Raphoe Action	61,000
Derry City Council	2,500

Derry Well Women	70,260
Disabled Police Officers Association (DPOA)	180,610
Divis Centre	1,005
Eastern Health and Social Services Board Trauma Advisory Panel	158,567
Families of the Displaced, Dispersed and Disappeared (FODDD)	120,384
Families Achieving Change Together (FACT)	566,542
Families Acting for Innocent Relatives (FAIR)	743,329
Families for Truth and Justice	800
Family Trauma Centre	704,062
Fermanagh College	69,600
Fermanagh South Tyrone Terrorist Victims Association	96,738
Firinne	258,751
Friends of WAVE	2,304
Give Innocent Victims Equality (GIVE)	5,200
Glencree LIVE Programme - The Restorick Group	750
Greater Belfast Community Network	84,500
Greater Twinbrook and Poleglass Community Forum	10,000
Healing Through Remembering	10,000
Help and Advice with Victims Every Need (HAVEN)	143,931
Holy Trinity	169,965
Holywell Trust	16,329
Homes United by Ruthless Terrorism (HURT)	351,029
HOPE	500
Innocence, Truth and Justice	980

Institute for Counselling and Personal Development (ICPD)	596,173
Interact	5,000
Interchurch Group on Faith and Politics	600
Irish Peace Institute	11,000
Koram Centre	130,621
Lenadoon Community Counselling Project	231,457
Lifeline	14,000
Lifespring Health and Healing	10,000
Lifeways Psychotherapy and Counselling Centre	252,211
Lisburn Prisoners Support Project	133,423
Loughgall Truth and Justice Campaign	7,200
Lower North Belfast Community Group	2,000
Make Your Mark	57,838
Mid Ulster Survivors Trust	1,000
Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism (MAST)	147,641
New Life Counselling Service	317,006
Nexus Institute	22,392
NI Association for Mental Health	46,702
NI Memorial Fund	6,926,578
NI Music Therapy Trust	29,284
NI Prison Service	600
NICRA	1,000
North and West Belfast Trust	20,000
Northern Health and Social Services Board Trauma Advisory Panel	155,158

NI Centre for Trauma and Transformation (NICTT)	1,500,000
NOVA	345,598
Omagh Independent Advice Services	31,657
Omagh Support and Self Help Group	101,575
Passionist Youth	94,800
Pat Finucane Centre	17,863
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust	20,000
Positive Action	91,328
Prison Service Trust	64,160
RAFT-Restorative Action Following the Troubles	32,659
Regimental Association UDR	69,644
Relatives For Justice	820,416
Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID)	138,547
Rural Network	2,000
Seeds of Hope	2,500
Shankill Stress and Trauma Group	501,578
Sligo Presbyterian	7,500
SOLAS Victim Support	8,505
South Down Action for Healing Wounds (SDAHW)	216,006
South East Fermanagh Foundation	149,199
South Tyrone Empowerment Programme	9,995
South West Community Victims	10,000
South/North Armagh Victims Encouraging Recognition (SAVER/NAVER)	611,975
Southern Health and Social Services Board Trauma Advisory Panel	179,149

Sperrin Lakeland Trust	70,649
Springhill Community House	188,175
Springvale Training	106,262
Stepping Stone, Craigavon	55,000
Stewartstown and District Support Group	2,960
Strabane Befriending and Counselling Association	311,609
Streetbeat Youth Project	137,896
Sub Committee for Victims	216,121
Support, Training, Education, Employment, Research (STEER) Mental Health	149,119
Survivors of Trauma	674,879
Tar Anall	113,300
Tar Isteach	190,993
Tara Counselling and Personal Development Company Ltd	417,950
The Bloody Sunday Trust	84,765
The Church's Ministry of Healing	18,000
The Cross Group	11,395
The Ely Centre	283,007
The Royal British Legion (Upperlands Branch)	2,000
The Samaritans, Belfast	8,000
The Samaritans, Coleraine	7,000
The Wider Circle	176,314
Threshold	3,000
Towards Healing and Understanding	5,500
United Services Club	81,073

Victims Support (NI)	52,000
Victims and Survivors Trust (VAST)	404,994
VOICE	40,382
Voices Women's Group	17,054
WAVE Belfast *	2,990,066
WAVE Armagh *	85,684
WAVE Ballymoney *	62,127
WAVE Omagh *	76,122
WAVE Londonderry *	96,936
West Belfast Cross Community Partnership	48,700
West Tyrone Voice (WTV)	590,535
Western Enterprise Social Legal and Educational Victims Trust	3,950
Western Health and Social Services Board Trauma Advisory Panel	197,852
Women Together	11,641
Yes!	5,000
Total	31,237,591

* WAVE Trauma Centre has a network of five branches around Northern Ireland. Major amounts of funding, such as Peace II (£1.39 million) cannot be accurately allocated among the individual locations and have been credited to the Belfast office.

Note: The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (formerly NIVT) also received £1,123,324 through the EU Special Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (Peace I) which supported victims of violence. The foundation allocated these funds in support of a number of projects for both ex-offenders and victims. Persons from these groups could benefit from the same project and it is not possible to disaggregate the assistance between the two groups.

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Prisoners: Voting Rights

Lord Lester of Herne Hill asked Her Majesty's Government:

When they intend to publish their proposals to give prisoners the right to vote in parliamentary elections in accordance with their Convention rights as declared by the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. [HL1968]

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Constitutional Affairs (Baroness Ashton of Upholland): The Government are giving urgent consideration to the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of *Hirst v The United Kingdom* and will bring forward proposals in due course.

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