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Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information dated 15th November 2022 and detailed below.

1. How much money has Stormont spent on combatting modern slavery with a breakdown per year between 2018-2022?
2. Breakdown on what the money was spent on?
3. What money has the Stormont earmarked for helping to combat Modern slavery?

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Please be advised that the figures provided in relation to this FOI request are solely for the Department of Justice who has legislative responsibility to provide assistance and support to all adult potential victims/victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. It does not include the cost of resourcing the PSNI Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Team, which is an operational matter for the PSNI.



This does not include any expenditure for other Departments on this issue.

1. How much money has Stormont spent on combatting modern slavery with a breakdown per year between 2018-2022?

Between the 1st April and 31st of March in each of the financial years 2018-2022 DoJ has spent on combatting modern slavery:

In Period	Total Spent
2018-2019	£194,434
2019-2020	£391,404
2020-2021	£694,852
2021-2022	£987,528

2. Percentage breakdown on what the money was spent on?

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Assistance and Support for victims/potential victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking	75%	89%	95%	96%
Annual Contribution to the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner	15%	8%	4%	3%
Sponsorship linked to raising awareness	1%			
Awareness Raising	1%			<1%
Venue Hire and Hospitality	<1%	<1%		<1%
Funding for project work	6%	3%		
Funding of work with other police forces (Joint Investigation Team)	2%			
MSHT Conference Participation			<1%	<1%
Publications			<1%	

The Assets Recovery Community Scheme (ARCS) has provided funding for a number of community projects that looked at ways to improve issues around modern slavery and human trafficking within our society between 2018 and 2022. ARCS funding does not come directly from the DoJ budget and hence has not been included in the percentage funding for project work above. Through the scheme, £13250 in total has been awarded to community projects.



3. What money has the Stormont earmarked for helping to combat Modern slavery?

The opening/indicative budget for DOJ support between April 2022 and March 2023 is £1.613million - as support is demand led this can fluctuate.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

