

Departments: Common Purpose

Philip Davies: To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government how much her Department paid to Common Purpose in each of the last five years; for what purpose; and what the outcome of the expenditure was. [147604]

Mr. Iain Wright: Over the last five financial years the Communities and Local Government has spent the following with Common Purpose:

<b>Financial year Commencing</b>	<b>Spend (£)</b>
2002	20,930
2003	53,874
2004	39,018
2005	58,846
2006	134,324

The purpose of the expenditure was to procure management training in leadership for senior managers and others within the Department, with the objective of enhancing their capability as potential leaders, both within their own organisation and in society as a whole.

The outcome of the expenditure should be that participants will gain new skills and competencies for leadership development and the Department will benefit from stronger, more inspired leaders who are more outward looking and closer to the community.