

## **Departments: Common Purpose**

**Philip Davies:** To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland how much his Department paid to Common Purpose in each of the last five years; for what purpose; and what the outcome of the expenditure was. [147597]

**Paul Goggins:** The Northern Ireland Office paid £4,395 to Common Purpose during the 2006-07 financial year as part of the Department's Leadership Development Programme for senior managers. The outcome will be evaluated later this year to determine the extent to which the Common Purpose Programme met the identified development needs and contributed to meeting NIO business objectives.