

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019**

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise the Assembly –

- (a) the amount of funding allocated to each of the Policy Development Boards since their inception;
- (b) the total funds allocated to the Policy Development Boards in 2019; and
- (c) the total funds allocated to the Policy Development Boards in the Government Plan for the next four years?

Answer

Policy Development Boards are supported by existing officials and utilise existing departmental budgets, in the same way as other policy projects. As outlined in the published terms of reference:

“The Boards will be supported by officials, to the same standards and applying similar practises, including around the production of evidence, options, and public engagement, as officials would apply in supporting individual Ministers.”

In noting this, where the existing approved resources of a Department are insufficient, additional funding has been allocated as follows:

- £99,000 has been allocated to the Housing Policy Development Board to meet the costs of external advice and guidance; and
- £200,000 has been allocated to support the work of the Early Years Policy Development Board across 2019 and 2020
- The Hospital Policy Development Board had expectations of being able to access a budget of up to £150,000 should it have been required. Nevertheless, on completion of their work they had spent under £15,000.

In addition, scoping work is underway on an Island Identity initiative, and while this will work across government utilising existing resource, it will also have its own programme of work and a process of allocating and determining funding will be needed, in line with commitments made in the Government Plan.

No other additional budget allocations have been made or are envisaged in 2019, or are proposed in the Government Plan.