

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY, 23rd MAY 2006**

**Question**

Would the Minister –

- (a) provide a breakdown of the total costs relating to the Department's green waste composting operation for 2005 including the cost of the disposal of all material, depreciation of plant and machinery and all other associated costs?
- (b) inform members of the value, in monetary terms, of the Department's compost sales for 2005?"

**Answer**

- (a) The costs relating to the green waste composting site in 2005 are as follows:-

**Staff                    £187,731**

This cost covers three manual workers, one civil servant manager and 20% of the cost of a senior manager and additional staff to cover weekend reception facilities which are paid at overtime rates.

**Non-staff                £445,653**

This cost includes the following –

Haulage of compost from La Collette to farms undertaken by private contractors.	£78,146
Payment to land owners at a rate of £10 per Vergee.	£17,528
Hire of payloader, bagging of compost, handling and spreading equipment undertaken by private contractors.	£113,267
Lease and maintenance costs for shredder and screener.	£110,355
Laboratory testing and professional support.	£11,328
Advertising and publicity.	£18,039
Consumables including fuel, water, electricity, telephones etc.	£32,044
Mechanical, electrical and civil maintenance	£38,405
Miscellaneous items	£26,541
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>£13,696</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>(£52,255)</b>
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>£594,825</b>

The capital cost for the concrete slab and leachate collection system was £456,000. This work was completed in August 2002.

The plant and equipment costs form part of the Non Staff cost and are inclusive of depreciation and maintenance.

The depreciation cost shown is for the main shredder which was purchased in 2004 with a minor capital vote.

In 2005 approximately 80% of the compost produced was applied directly to land. There is no income generated from this compost and in 2005 land owners were paid £17,528 to put this compost onto their land.

- (b) The income from the sale of compost in 2005 was £52,255. 75% of this income was for fully matured PAS100 soil improver and 25% was for the sale of mulch.