

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th MARCH 2018**

Question

In relation to the running of the AquaSplash swimming pool on the Waterfront, will the Minister –

- (a) advise how much has been paid to Serco in operational subsidies in each year since 2001, indicating in which years the agreement with Serco was revised;
- (b) advise whether or not these figures include a £100,000-a-year maintenance grant, or whether such a grant has been paid in addition to the operational subsidy, and whether or not the whole of this maintenance grant has been spent in each of the years listed; and
- (c) indicate what work, if any, he has undertaken to confirm that this is an effective use of public money?

Answer

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The Agreement between Serco & WEB was signed in August 2001, however AquaSplash itself did not open until July 2003 with the subsidy payments commencing in 2005.

Details of subsidy payments are included in the Tables below:

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
States Subsidy (£)	0	0	218,000	276,000	298,000	343,000	348,000	362,000
Developer Subsidy (£)	0	0	87,813	99,897	103,148	103,120	107,822	107,822

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
States Subsidy (£)	369,000	376,000	383,000	391,000	291,000	291,000	291,000	291,000	291,000
Developer Subsidy (£)	107,822	107,822	107,822	107,822	109,137	203,661*	136,332		

The main 20 year contract between Serco & WEB allows for renegotiation of Terms on a five yearly basis and this was achieved via revised Heads of Terms with Commencement Dates as follows;

1st January 2010

1st January 2015

- (b) advise whether or not these figures include a £100,000-a-year maintenance grant, or whether such a grant has been paid in addition to the operational subsidy, and whether or not the whole of this maintenance grant has been spent in each of the years listed;**

No Maintenance Grant is paid by the States to Serco in respect of Aquasplash

When new HoT were put in place by ESC in 2015, in return for a reduction in the level of subsidy, a Minor Capital budget of **up to £100,000 per annum** was agreed, intended to fund an annual, mutually agreed programme of maintenance works.

The Programme is agreed by both parties, the schedule of works tendered and contracted, payments being made by Serco then re-charged to the States via the Department

Payments from the Minor Capital Budget since 2015 are indicated below:

Year	2015	2016	2017
Minor Capital Expenditure (£)	91,264	85,842	68,994

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When the current HoT was put in place by ESC in 2010, a significant amount of financial evaluation was undertaken, prior to the current model being developed, exploring the use of public finances.

In terms of going forward, the Department is due to meet with Serco in April for an annual review, at which point discussions will begin regarding a new HoT Agreement to commence in January 2020, until the 2023 lease end-date.

As part of the preparations for these discussions, EDTSC has engaged specialist external input, in order to advise on the current Terms and Conditions, levels of subsidy (compared with similar pools in the UK) and any proposed new T&C's that may come forward.

This preparatory work is already under way