

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2007**

**Question**

Further to his written answers on 23rd of May 2006 to a question raised by Senator Perchard regarding green waste composting costs, would the Minister update those answers for the comparable cost in 2006, and so far in 2007, and advise of any other costs incurred that were not evident in the original scheme?

**Answer**

To enable direct comparison between the years is difficult as the chart of accounts for recycling was re-developed in 2006 and 2007 to better reflect the many areas of recycling now covered by the Department. A new Green Waste Shredder was purchased from a minor capital vote in 2007, the costs for this 'one off' purchase are shown separately.

The costs for to the green waste composting in 2005, 2006 and 2007 (end of October) are as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007 (as at 31/10/07)</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>£187,731</b>	<b>£195,000</b>	<b>£192,292</b>
<b>Non-Staff</b>			
Supplies & Services	£319,552	£321,043	£309,071
Administrative Costs	£ 26,486	£ 17,718	£ 9,390
Premises and Maintenance Expenses	£ 99,616	£ 83,967	£ 83,826
<b>Total Non- Staff</b>	<b>£445,654</b>	<b>£422,728</b>	<b>£402,287</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>(£52,255)</b>	<b>(£63,157)</b>	<b>(£45,804)</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>£581,130**</b>	<b>£554,571</b>	<b>£548,975</b>

\*\*Direct comparison to the answer given on 23rd May 2006, requires the depreciation amount to be added on to give £594,825 as shown on the original answer.

The staff expenditure covers three manual workers which includes weekend reception facilities which are paid at overtime rates, plus management time and departmental overheads.

The plant and equipment costs now form part of supplies and services, and are inclusive of depreciation and maintenance.

The cost of the new Green Waste Shredder was £230,000 which was funded from a minor capital allocation.

The capital cost for the concrete slab and leachate collection system was £456,000. This work was completed in August 2003.

The income from the sale of compost in 2006 was £63,157. The majority of this income was for fully matured PAS100 soil improver. In 2007, there were process problems at the beginning of the year due to frequent breakdown of the old shredder. This resulted in more compost being delivered to agricultural land and less being further processed to manufacture the high quality PAS 100 approved material that is sold in the garden centres.

