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Den Jeremy,

PQ on the cost of the BIG website

I am writing to provide information following the Parliamentary Question that you tabled on 28 October 2009:

Parliamentary Question

To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much has been spent on the Big Lottery Fund website in each year since the website's establishment [297114]

The table below shows how much was spent on the Big Lottery Fund (BIG's) website each financial year since our inception on 1 June 2004.

Financial Year	**Value**
2004/05	£27,471.50*
2005/06	£72,323.68
2006/07	£82,846.03
2007/08	£154,772.29
2008/09	£148,148.92

Notes
* This figure only includes costs since BIG's inception on 1 June 2004

These figures include direct expenditure on the website at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk. _They exclude staff costs._

Since the Big Lottery Fund's inception, we have improved the site's design and functionality based on feedback from our users in order to make the site as accessible, usable and useful as possible. This is to ensure that the site:

- Is easily accessible by people with disabilities without loss of functionality;

- Is not confusing for people to use;

- Presents the information people require effectively.

Given the range and scale of programmes and awards we make we have, since 2007/08, had to invest in an advanced content management system, search engine and accessibility software. This increased our licensing, hosting, development and support costs from 2007/08.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yrs sincerly.

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Chief Executive