Mr Tom Watson (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many Arts Council England employees received finance loans to buy (a) a car, (b) a scooter and (c) a bicycle in each of the last three years; and what the cost of providing such loans was in each of those years. (309822)

Answer:

The scheme is provided at no cost to Arts Council England. The numbers taking up the offer are as follows:

	Car Loan	Bike/Scooter Loan
2006 - 07	70	6
2007 - 08	75	11
2008 - 09	52	9