

EIR Request (received 14 July 2025) - Reference: DFI/2025-0329

I am writing about the A5 Road in Northern Ireland, and seeking the following information:

1. Please provide the expenditure to date on the A5 WTC project
2. Please provide a breakdown, indicating the main reasons for expenditure and how much was spent in each case
3. Please provide a list of companies/firms who have received this expenditure. This can be restricted to firms receiving £1m and over. Please state the reasons for expenditure.
4. In terms of the companies/firms who have received £1m+ expenditure, please indicate how much in total each have received

Response (issued 17 October 2025)

Thank you for your email dated 14 July 2025 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), the following information held by the Department:

- 1. Please provide the expenditure to date on the A5 WTC project*
- 2. Please provide a breakdown, indicating the main reasons for expenditure and how much was spent in each case*
- 3. Please provide a list of companies/firms who have received this expenditure. This can be restricted to firms receiving £1m and over. Please state the reasons for expenditure.*
- 4. In terms of the companies/firms who have received £1m+ expenditure, please indicate how much in total each have received*

In considering your request on behalf of the Department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information. EIR gives rights of public access environmental information held by public authorities.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at: [Guide to the Environmental Information Regulations](#).

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department does hold information relating to part of your request and being suitable for disclosure, is as follows:

1. Expenditure on the A5WTC from inception in 2007 until March 2025 is £153.7million.
2. The breakdown of spend and reasons for expenditure is as follows:

A5 WTC Expenditure to March-2025	
Reason for Expenditure	Amount
Consultant Fees	£80.6m
Geotechnical & Archaeology Investigations	£5.8m
S1 Joint Venture Contractor	£11.3m
S2 Joint Venture Contractor	£24.9m
S3 Joint Venture Contractor	£20.1m
Land Costs	£5.7m
Utility Services (BT, NIE, etc)	£3.5m
Public Consultation, PI & Legal	£1.9m
Total	£153.7m

3. The following table shows both the companies/firms who have received £1m+ and the amounts they have received:

Companies/Firms	Amount Paid	Reason for Expenditure
Mouchel Limited (acquired by WSP)/WSP Group	£63.8m	Consultant Fees
BBM Joint Venture	£11m	S1 JV Contractor
Roadbridge Sisk McWilliams Joint Venture/John Sisk & Son (Holdings) Ltd./John Sisk & Son Ltd.	£20.5m	S2 JV Contractor
Graham Farrans Joint Venture	£16.5m	S3 JV Contractor
British Telecom Plc.	£2.3m	Utility Services
Glover Site Investigations Ltd.	£1.1m	Geotechnical
Soil Mechanics	£2.4m	Geotechnical

(All figures have been rounded)

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