

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide the following information with regards to the budget allocated to the Reading Recovery Plan –

- (a) a breakdown of how the £196,000 allocated to the Plan in 2020 has been spent to date;
- (b) how the remainder of the money allocated to reading recovery in 2020 is due to be spent; and
- (c) what plans, if any, exist for spending the money allocated for reading recovery in the remaining years of the Government Plan 2020-23?

**Answer**

- (a) £137,054 to cover the staff costs, including mileage reimbursement payments

£1,216 spent on IT devices to continue teaching during school closure

- (b) The forecast cost of salaries and mileage for the rest of the year is included in the figures at (a)

Due to Covid-19 challenges and leadership changes there was a delay in the recruitment/availability of the third Reading Recovery teacher, there is a forecast underspend of £57,746. The remaining balance of the 2020 budget has been re-allocated to cover departmental Covid-19 costs as it was not possible to complete the recruitment process for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Recovery teacher during lockdown.

- (c) The following plans are proposed for 2020-2023:

- A third Reading Recovery (RR) teacher has been seconded initially to bring up the complement of specialist teachers
- Government Plan money will support three RR teachers in the future