

I am writing in response to your request of 8 June 2011 for information about funding to organisations under the Preventing Violent Extremism strategy. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the Department for Communities and Local Government does hold the information that you have requested and that I am able to provide you with the following information:

Please see the attached tables at Annexes A-D listing organisations who received Prevent funding from the Department in support of work to tackle violent extremism, covering each of the financial years 2007-08 to 2010-11.

Local authorities undertaking Prevent activity were funded through non-ring-fenced Area Based Grant. In line with arrangements for non-ring-fenced funding, the previous Administration did not require local authorities to inform Government Departments of their local funding decisions on Prevent. Local authorities receiving Prevent Area Based Grant are included in the attached annexes.

Prevent Area Based Grant to local authorities ended on 31 March 2011. In March 2010 the Department noted the criticisms of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee over the monitoring and evaluation of the Prevent programme. Following the Prevent Review and the launch of the Prevent Strategy on 7 June 2011, the Home Office is now the lead Department for Prevent.

It should be noted that, for an interim period during 2008-09 and 2010-11, funding for the Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board (MINAB) was routed through the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), one of MINAB's founding members, as MINAB had not then acquired independent charitable status, and as a result did not have its own bank account. Funding for MINAB was made directly to them as soon as they became an independent organisation. Funding provided to MCB was used by MINAB to improve standards in mosques (£116,000 in 2008/09 and £58,000 in 2009/10) and was subject to a work plan agreed with the Department, which included the delivery of MINAB's constitution and standing orders ahead of their first Annual General Meeting in May 2009.

If you would like any more information on specific entries I would be happy to provide more information where it is appropriate.