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**Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister**

**Victims and Survivors**

Mr S Hamilton asked the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to confirm whether or not sufficient funding has been made available for victims and survivors.  
(AQO 1735/08)

Rt Hon I Paisley and Mr M McGuinness: The needs of victims and survivors are one of the highest priorities for this Executive. In the recent budget announcement we committed more than £33 million over the next three years which will support and make a real difference to the lives of victims and survivors. This includes an additional amount of £6 million which we secured following the consultation on the draft budget. This represents an increase of more than 100% over that committed in the 3 years since 2005/2006.

We recognise the pressures that those involved in the sector have been facing and we hope that this increase in spending will go some way to facilitate continuing work and to demonstrate the commitment of this administration to the issues facing victims and survivors.