

How much has the Key Persons Protection Scheme cost the Government in each year since the 1994 ceasefires?

Government policy requires Departments to retain financial information of this type for a period of seven years. The expenditure recorded below represents all the information held by the Northern Ireland Office.

Financial Year	1998/99	£5.2m
Financial Year	1999/00	£6.6m
Financial Year	2000/01	£4.9m
Financial Year	2001/02	£4.9m
Financial Year	2002/03	£11m
Financial Year	2003/04	£13m
Financial Year	2004/05	£7.5m
Financial Year	2005/06	£4.6m*

***(Anticipated expenditure)**

Though no records are retained for the period 1994 to 1998, the NIO estimates that the annual expenditure for KPPS was between £4m and £5m.

By way of clarification, the figures recorded above comprise new works, maintenance and running costs, removal costs, some staffing costs and expenditure associated with travel.

The increased expenditure incurred during the period 2002 to 2005 reflects the need to provide physical home security measures for

those whose personal details were compromised during the former year.