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Dear Cefin,

Further to my holding response in relation to the WQ95490 (e) you tabled on 16/01/2025, please find below an itemised breakdown of spending under the Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy, outlining the specific costs of relevant programmes, projects and actions under this BEL, for the financial year 2024-25, and under the draft budget for 2025-26. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding to you, due to an administrative error.

2024/25

The table below outlines the Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy (RECE) Divisional spend for 2024/25: -

Revenue Budget	£ Spend	
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	16,400,000	Supporting Local Authorities to take improvement action associated with the move to a circular economy
Delivery Partner Organisations	10,443,768	The delivery of the work on a circular economy is heavily dependent on work by delivery partners who provide crucial expertise and capacity
Repair and Reuse Programme	1,572,268	Supporting Local Authorities and the third sector to roll-out repair & reuse in line with the Programme for Government commitments
Circular Economy Data, Evidence and Project Funding	1,094,669	Fund allocated to action in the following areas: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flexible plastics trialWaste data flows

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness raising campaign for Extender Producer Responsibility, Digital Waste Tracking and Deposit Return Scheme Research on Deposit Return Schemes Evaluation of grant funding provided to Fareshare Translation costs Hosting of the International Circular Economy Hotspot Event
Programme staffing costs	2,180,270	Annual staffing costs
Total	31,690,975	

Capital Budget		
Circular Economy Fund		<p>Supporting Local Authorities to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Upgrades: Assist local authorities in enhancing recycling and reuse infrastructure Fleet Transition: Facilitate the transition of local authority recycling and waste fleets to ultra low emission collection vehicles (ULEVs) for both recycling and residual waste Decarbonisation initiatives: Provide funding for proposals aimed a decarbonising recycling and waste management operations in alignment with the 2030 Net Zero target. This includes projects such as the installation of solar or wind energy systems to power sites or vehicles and the expansion of Anaerobic Digestion facilities Climate Resistance: Provide funding to enhance the climate resilience of circular economy infrastructure <p>Supporting Businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition to a circular economy: by for example adapting processes to use recycled content
Total	6,463,149	

2025/26

The table below outlines RECEs budget for 2025/26: -

Proposed Revenue Budget subject to Cabinet Secretary Approval	£
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	16,400,000
Delivery Partner Organisations	11,641,000
Repair and Reuse Programme	1,945,000
Circular Economy Data, Evidence and Project Funding	2,114,000
Programme staffing costs	3,700,000
Total	35,800,000
Proposed Capital Budget subject to Cabinet Secretary Approval	
Capitalisation of revenue work	786,000
Circular Economy Fund for Businesses	5,000,000
Circular Economy Fund for Local Authorities	36,067,000
Total	41,853,000

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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