

Response to James Paice's PQs by Huw Irranca-Davies

Topic: Rural Development Programme

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Mr. Paice: To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs how many projects each regional development agency has funded under the (a) Axis 1, (b) Axis 3 and (c) Leader sections of the England Rural Development Programme since 1 January 2007, broken down by projects budgeted at (i) up to £5,000, (ii) £5,001 to £100,000, (iii) £100,001 to £1,000,000 and (iv) over £1,000,000. [229480]

Huw Irranca-Davies: Commitments to new projects under Axis 1, 3 and the Leader Axis of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) only commenced in January 2008 following EU approval of the new programme. Since 1 October 2006, payments have also been made by regional development agencies (RDAs) to projects that were the legacy of the previous England Rural Development Programme (ERDP), funding for which came from the new RDPE budget. That programme closed for new applications in June 2006.

It should also be noted that the RDAs are using a strategic investment approach to delivering the new programme, which includes supporting larger programmes of activity as well as individual projects. Some of the larger programmes will result in further project development and funding.

The following table gives the information on projects which have received, or been approved, for funding, and includes ERDP legacy payments made after 1 January 2007.

<i>Regional development agency</i>		<i>Up to £5,000</i>	<i>£5,001- £100,000</i>	<i>£100,001-£1 million</i>	<i>£1 million +</i>
Advantage West Midlands	Axis 1	17	29	6	0
	Axis 3	18	92	7	0
	Leader	—	—	—	—
East of England Development Agency	Axis 1	11	22	7	4
	Axis 3	1	27	5	0
	Leader	0	0	1	6
East Midlands Development Agency	Axis 1	16	28	8	1
	Axis 3	9	42	9	0
	Leader	0	0	0	4
North West Development Agency	Axis 1	12	35	8	3
	Axis 3	9	32	2	0
	Leader	0	0	0	2
One North East	Axis 1	5	14	7	2
	Axis 3	2	45	9	2

	Leader	0	0	0	4
South East England Development Agency	Axis 1	11	38	13	1
	Axis 3	0	41	5	0
	Leader	0	0	0	14
South West of England Development Agency	Axis 1	2	18	22	1
	Axis 3	1	20	10	0
	Leader	0	0	1	14
Yorkshire Forward	Axis 1	0	32	9	2
	Axis 3	9	69	9	1
	Leader	0	6	0	6

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Huw Irranca-Davies: Commitments to new projects under Axis 1, 3 and the Leader Axis of the Rural Development Programme for England only commenced in January 2008 following EU approval of the new programme. Since 1 October 2006, payments have also been made by regional development agencies to projects that were the legacy of the previous England Rural Development Programme (ERDP), funding for which came from the new RDPE budget. That programme closed for new applications in June 2006.

The following table gives the information requested and includes legacy commitments made since 1 January 2007. The figures in brackets give the percentage (rounded) of the commitment to be paid in programme years 2009-13.

<i>Regional Development Agency</i>		<i>Up to £5000</i>	<i>(%)</i>	<i>£5001 - £100,000</i>	<i>(%)</i>	<i>£100,001 - £1 million</i>	<i>(%)</i>	<i>£1 million +</i>	<i>(%)</i>
Advantage West Midlands	Axis 1	42,458	0	1,455,637	8	3,922,002	21	0	
	Axis 3	25,562	0	4,650,208	2	3,270,059	0	1,052,441	0
	Leader	0		0		0		0	
East of England Development Agency	Axis 1	0		58,026	53	611,565	82	11,630,023	93
	Axis 3	0		4,122	1	46,313	0	0	
	Leader	0		0		0		20,100,000	99
East Midlands Development Agency	Axis 1	21,950	0	849,080	25	2,598,363	0	1,487,205	
	Axis 3	26,602	0	1,130,369	2	1,165,546	39	0	
	Leader	0		0		0		7,980,300	100
North West Development Agency	Axis 1	26,231	0	907,641	0	2,107,641	52	5,400,000	93
	Axis 3	19,881	0	862,124	0	25,920	0	0	
	Leader	0		0		0		3,200,000	94
One North East	Axis 1	9000	11	643,000	87	1,480,000	81	2,370,000	100
	Axis 3	5000	0	1,874,000	0	1,235,000	12	3,350,000	100
	Leader	0		0		0		4,500,000	100
South East England Development Agency	Axis 1	23,654	0	1,641,631	15	4,298,306	23	2,400,000	70
	Axis 3	0		1,664,803	3	735,777	10	0	

	Leader	0		0		0		29,400,000	92
South West of England Development Agency	Axis 1	21,456	0	716,777	7	4,791,564	50	1,086,018	54
	Axis 3	20,452	0	1,162,532	10	689,143	9	0	
	Leader	0		0		500,000	100	32,550,000	100
Yorkshire Forward	Axis 1	0		890,000	52	2,420,000	68	4,860,000	83
	Axis 3	3000	100	1,830,000	50	1,690,000	27	3,620,000	79
	Leader	0		110,000	0	0		16,000,000	100

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Mr. Paice: To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs how much each regional development agency has received from the Regional Development Programme for England since the inception of the 2000 to 2006 programme, broken down by programme year. [229482]

Huw Irranca-Davies: The 2000-06 England Rural Development Programme was delivered by the then DEFRA Rural Development Service and, as such, no funding under that programme was allocated to regional development agencies (RDAs). Since 1 October 2006, RDAs have taken over delivery of the legacy spend on ERDP schemes which closed to new applicants in 2006.

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Mr. Paice: To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs which projects have received Rural Development Programme for England funding since 1 January 2007, broken down by regional development agency. [229483]

Huw Irranca-Davies: The number of projects funded under the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) since 1 January 2007 includes both new projects and programmes approved by regional development agencies, as well as projects that were the legacy of the previous England Rural Development Programme. Thus amounting to over 1,000 projects.

Details of all projects receiving funding through rural development programmes will be published annually on the DEFRA website, and those projects funded from 1 January 2007 to 15 October 2007 (linked to the European Community's financial year) can be found at

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Mr. Paice: To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs how much has been paid to regional development agencies for implementation of the Rural Development Programme for England. [230695]

Huw Irranca-Davies: The regional development agencies assumed responsibility for delivery of the social-economic measures of the Rural Development Programme for England from 1 October 2006. RDA operating costs for delivering the RDPE are funded by DEFRA. The amounts set out as follows have been transferred to RDAs:

	£
1 October 2006-31 March 2007	1,806,098
1 April 2007-31 March 2008	3,671,036
1 April 2008-31 March 2009	4,950,000

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Mr. Paice: To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what projects have been approved for the Rural Development Programme for England; on what date each was approved; and by which regional development agency in each case. [230696]

Huw Irranca-Davies: The following table provides details of the projects approved by regional development agencies since the programme was opened for applications under the socio-economic measures:

<i>Regional development agency</i>	<i>Project/Programme</i>	<i>Date approved</i>
Advantage West Midlands	Certainly Wood	28 August 2008
	RDPE Action Plan for Tourism and Leisure	15 May 2008
	RDPE Action Plan for Food and Drink	15 May 2008
	RDPE Action Plan for Livestock	15 May 2008
	RDPE Action Plan for Environmental Technologies	15 May 2008
	The Leader Approach for the West Midlands (preliminary expenditure)	28 February 2008
	The Leader Approach for the West Midlands (Programme approval)	28 February 2008
East of England Development Agency	Agri-Food Skills—Coordination project	19 June 2008
	Agri-Food Skills—Vocational Skills	19 June 2008
	Agri-Food Skills—Higher Level skills	19 June 2008
	Radwinter Game Handling Facility	5 June 2008
	Woburn Country Foods	9 June 2008
	Camgrain Advanced Processing Centre	4 January 2008
	Regional Woodfuel Supply Chain	6 August 2008
	Chilterns Cross-Border LAG	23 June 2008
	Greensand Ridge	21 May 2008
	The Eastern Plateau	21 May 2008
	Brecks	21 May 2008
	Waveney Valley	21 May 2008
	North Norfolk Coast and Broads	21 May 2008
	Fens Adventurers Partnership	21 May 2008
East Midlands Development Agency	Bolsover and North East Derbyshire	28 January 2008
	Coastal Action Zone Partnership	28 January 2008
	Lindsey Action Zone	28 January 2008
	Peak District Rural Action Zone	28 January 2008
	Acrelands	8 June 2008
	Biomass Glasshouse heating system	5 September 2008
	Bluebell Dairy	8 August 2008
	Centre of Renewable Energy	30 April 2008
	Provision of Production Unit Niche and Novel Crops	4 June 2008
	Pump Farm Day Nursery	18 April 2008

	Restoration of Coneygre Farm Quarry	2 September 2008
	Rural Holiday Let and Work/Studio area	18 July 2008
	South Rauceby Water Reservoir	14 October 2008
	Sustainable Water Resource Management System	1 July 2008
	Thorpe Latimer Farm Shop and Butchery	6 August 2008
	Woldgrain Integrated Combined Crop Storage	23 October 2008
North West Development Agency	Livestock Programme Cumbria	22 July 2008
	Fells and Dales Leader group	23 June 2008
	Solway Borders and Eden Leader group	23 June 2008
	Centralised Grains Store feasibility study	22 August 2008
One North East	Micro-enterprise Development	14 April 2008
	LANTRA	5 June 2008
	Bio-energy supply chains	22 April 2008
	Community and Business Assets	7 October 2008
	Wheelbirks ice cream	23 September 2008
	Cold Storage facilities	15 April 2008
	Catering Butchery	7 October 2008
	Egg processing and packaging	28 August 2008
	<i>LEADER—4 Local Action Groups</i>	20 May 2008
South East England Development Agency	Lidsey Reservoir	21 April 2008
	Style Place Farm Reservoir	21 April 2008
	Rbat/Lantra Consortium training project (Landskills SE)	21 April 2008
	Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes Leader	8 May 2008
	Chilterns Leader	8 May 2008
	Lodden and Eversley Leader	8 May 2008
	Isle of Wight Leader	8 May 2008
	Kent Downs and Marshes Leader	8 May 2008
	New Forest Leader	8 May 2008
	North Wessex Downs Leader	8 May 2008
	Surrey Hills Leader	8 May 2008
	Sussex Downs and Low Weald Leader	8 May 2008
	Three Harbours and a Coastal Plain Leader	8 May 2008
	Wealden and Rother Rural Partnership Leader	8 May 2008
	West Kent Leader	8 May 2008
	Winchester and South Downs Leader	8 May 2008
	Hidden Britain South East	29 May 2008
	Coldharbour Farm Diversification	29 May 2008
	Mansfields Fruit Packing and Storage Project	29 May 2008
	South Oxfordshire Leader	22 July 2008
	Livestock Health South East training	31 July 2008
	Bowley Farm Irrigation Project	31 July 2008
	Rough House Farm Reservoir	31 July 2008
	Colne Valley Park LAG	31 July 2008
	Newmafruit Fruit Storage and Packing Project	19 September

		2008
	Weald Granary Grain Storage	8 October 2008
	Whalley Forestry machinery	8 October 2008
	Torrey Hill Forestry Centre	8 October 2008
South West of England Development Agency	VTS Extension 2008-09 R of R 50 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS Extension R of R 50 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS Extension 2008-09 R of R 100 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS Extension 2008-09 R of R 100 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS Extension R of R 50 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS extension Cornwall 50 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS Extension 2008-09 Cornwall 100 per cent.	15 July 2008
	VTS Extension 2008-09 Cornwall 100 per cent.	15 July 2008
	South West Rural Development Gateway R of R 50 per cent.	22 April 2008
	South West Rural Development Gateway Cornwall 50 per cent.	22 April 2008
	South West Rural Development Gateway R of R 100 per cent.	22 April 2008
	South West Rural Development Gateway Cornwall 100 per cent.	22 April 2008
	South West Rural Development Gateway R of R 75 per cent.	22 April 2008
	South West Rural Development Gateway Cornwall 75 per cent.	22 April 2008
	Sustainable Woodlands South West—R of R	22 September 2008
	CPDS 111 Devon	7 October 2008
	CPDS 111 Gloucestershire	7 October 2008
	CPDS 111 Somerset	7 October 2008
	CPDS 111 Wiltshire	7 October 2008
	CPDS 111 Cornwall	7 October 2008
	CPDS 111 Dorset	7 October 2008
	Sustainable Woodlands South West—Cornwall	22 September 2008
	111 SWHLI Blue Tongue Cornwall	17 June 2008
	SWHLI Regional Advisory Panel—RoR—VM	3 June 2008
	111 SWHLI Blue Tongue VM	17 June 2008
	SWHLI Regional Advisory Panel—Cornwall	3 June 2008
Yorkshire forward	The Coniston Shooting Ground and Golf Target/Archery Range Facilities and Customer Care Project	December 2007
	Hutchinson Roots Farm Shop	December 2007
	YAS Growing Routes	December 2007
	Nostell Estate Office Conversion	December 2007
	Sutton Art Gallery	December 2007
	North Country Primestock Yorkshire Provenance Lamb	February 2008
	Price Dales Mountain Biking	February 2008
	Gemmell Clayton Hall Farm AD	February 2008
	Critchlow Dependable Productions Expansion	February 2008
	Burton/Yorkshire Farmers Yorkshire Outdoor Pork	February 2008
	Muntons Malt Supply Chain Ltd.	February 2008
	Hydrodemolition and Surface Preparation Using Robotic Techniques	February 2008

	Upper Denby DC Ltd.	February 2008
	Eggsell Supply Chain	February 2008
	Lyke Wake Walk Room at Ryedale Folk Museum	February 2008
	Share to Farm	February 2008
	Learning To Listen Development Plan	June 2008
	Hinchliffe's Butchers	June 2008
	Retro Ice Cream Parlour with adjoining Seattle-style Coffee Shop	June 2008
	Developing Givendale Prime Beef Brand	June 2008
	Ames Forestry Contracting	June 2008
	Drewton Manor Biomass Installation	August 2008
	Eastern Dales Visitor Centre—feasibility study	March 2008
	Westfields Livery	July 2008
	Robinsons Farm Shop	July 2008
	Free Range Eggs from Great Ayton	July 2008
	Chilburne Spring Expansion	September 2008
	St. Quintins Dairy	September 2008
	Godbold Blacksmith Expansion	September 2008
	Hare's Leap Farm Shop and Game Dealer	September 2008
	Broom House Guesthouse Expansion	September 2008
	Platt Potato Infrastructure	September 2008
	Forward Farming Storage	September 2008
	Tomlinson Potato Marketing—Whole Crop Marketing	September 2008
	Crowtrees Park Golf Course	September 2008
	Wharfe Valley Oils expansion	September 2008
	Birkwood Plant Training	September 2008
	Farmer Copleys Shop Expansion and Internet Venture	September 2008
	Expansion of Keighley Tree Services	September 2008
	Anaerobic digestion feasibility study at Langlands Farm Farexchange	September 2008
	Brookfield Wind Turbine	July 2008
	Hey Wind Turbine	July 2008
	Caville Hall water harvesting	July 2008
	Platts Rainwater Harvesting and Slurry Separation	July 2008
	Sharp slurry separator	July 2008
	Ewedale Model Village	August 2008
	Yorkshire Energy Solutions	August 2008
	Ryedale Vineyards Winery	August 2008
	Choc-affair	August 2008
	Flying shavings	September 2008
	Marton cum Grafton Village Shop	September 2008
	Farm Resource Efficiency Programme	March 2008
	Rural Business Start-Up	April 2008
	Rural Retail Programme	September 2008
	LandSkills	March 2008