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**Freedom of Information Request - SEEDA**

**Information requested**

**1 Please supply the latest assessment of the resident population of the Regional Development Agency area.**

The latest assessment (June 2007) estimates the population of SEEDA's area as 8,308,900.

**2 Please supply the total budget of the Regional Development Agency in each of the next five years for which figures are available.**

	2008/09 (£,000)	2009/10 (£,000)	2010/11 (£,000)
<b>Total budget:</b>	<b>166,009</b>	<b>167,295</b>	<b>150,450</b>

Figures are only available up to and including the 2010/11 financial year.

**3 Please supply the total anticipated expenditure by the Regional Development Agency in (a) 2008-09 (b) 2009-10, broken down by expenditure category.**

	2008/09 (£,000)	2009/10 (£,000)	2010/11 (£,000)
<b>Programmes</b>	137,309	139,295	124,650
<b>Administration</b>	23,200	22,500	20,300
<b>Non-cash expenditure</b>	5,500	5,500	5,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>166,009</b>	<b>167,295</b>	<b>150,450</b>

A detailed breakdown of proposed programme expenditure is set out in SEEDA's Corporate Plan 2008-11 (section 4). This is available on the SEEDA website ([www.seeda.co.uk](http://www.seeda.co.uk)).

**4 Please supply the total anticipated value of the Regional Infrastructure Fund in each of the next five years.**

The total anticipated funds available to the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) are up to £35 million over the current financial year (2008/09) and the next two financial years (2009/10 and 2010/11). £10.5 million of this funding would come from SEEDA and the rest from the Department for Transport. Figures are not available beyond this time period. Funds are not drawn down by the RIF until required.

**5 Please supply all financial modelling work relating to the Regional Infrastructure Fund undertaken by the Regional Development Agency.**

SEEDA does not itself carry out financial modelling work relating to the Regional Infrastructure Fund. Financial modelling work is carried out by Local Authorities prior to putting their business case for RIF funding for projects to the Investment Panel. The Investment Panel, which consists of members from the SEEDA Board, the Regional Assembly and other nominees, makes decisions on RIF expenditure.

**6 Please supply details of all assessments made by the Regional Development Agency of shortfalls in transport infrastructure capacity in the last three years.**

No technical, stand alone assessment, has been made by SEEDA of transport shortfalls in the South East.

**7 Please supply details of all transport infrastructure developments which are a (a) regional priority and (b) regional and national priority.**

Priorities are determined by the Regional Transport Board (RTB) which sits within the auspices of the South East Regional Assembly. SEEDA is represented on the RTB. The RTB programme to 2016 is set out on the attached project plan, Agenda Item 5a – annex1, and indicates the regional priorities. National priorities for transport infrastructure developments are determined by central government.

**8 Please supply a list of all the projects where finance for infrastructure development (a) has been committed and (b) is expected to be committed in each of the next five years, from the Regional Infrastructure Fund. Please supply details of the projects.**

Work is currently underway with the Local Authorities to identify potential projects for consideration for investment by the RIF. The Investment Panel has yet to meet; it is anticipated to meet early in 2009. At its first meeting the Panel will consider an initial business plan for the RIF.

**9 Please supply information on the total cost of developing the Regional Infrastructure Fund, including all consultancy costs, broken down by expenditure category.**

**Consultancy work:**

No monies have yet been spent but SEEDA and its partners (SWRDA, EP & the South East Regional Assembly) have commissioned consultancy work totalling £140,871 plus VAT and disbursements, of which SEEDA will be responsible for £41,436 plus VAT and disbursements.

**Other:**

**10 Please supply details of the anticipated contribution to the Regional Infrastructure Fund from (a) the Regional Funding Allowance (b) the Regional Development Agency budget, (c) business rates supplements, (d) the Community Infrastructure Levy, (e) other developer contributions, (f) utilities companies, and (g) other (please specify) in each of the next five years.**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Anticipated contribution</b>
Regional Funding Allowance / SEEDA	<p>£35 million spread over this financial year (2008/09) and 2009/10 and 2010/11. No funding commitment has been made beyond this period at this stage.</p> <p>The Regional Funding Allowance is now the Regional Funding Advice. This consists of three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Economic Development.</li> </ul> <p>SEEDA contributes to the Economic Development strand. As stated above, SEEDA's contribution to the £35 million is anticipated to be £10.5 million.</p>
Business rates supplements	Nil
Community Infrastructure Levy	Nil
Other developer contributions	Developer contributions will be recovered by the Local Authorities and used to repay the investment made by the RIF. A repayment schedule will be agreed between the Local Authority and the RIF as part of project funding

	approval by the RIF. No projects have yet been approved so no repayment schedules have been established.
Utilities companies	Nil
Other	Nil