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Acknowledgement from DUP Junior Minister that £230,000 was administered to sodomites by First Minister's Office

The official report of Stormont proceedings, Hansard, has this record dated 6th June 2011. You can view the official record [here](#).

The one line at the bottom of the record has once again made it clear that the DUP were involved in the administering of funds allocated to sodomite organisations.

This fact has been surreptitiously denied on repeated occasions. To this day there are DUP "faithful" who refuse to believe that their party was involved in such funding for they cannot believe that professing Christians within their party could have allowed or acquiesced in such a thing.

We have highlighted in colour the relevant exchange between Mr Jim Allister and DUP Junior Minister, Jonathan Bell.

Sexual Orientation Strategy

1. **Mr Byrne** asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister when the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister will receive the draft proposals for a sexual orientation strategy for consideration. (AQO 1/11-15)

Mr P Robinson (The First Minister): With your permission, Mr Speaker, I will ask junior Minister Jonathan Bell to answer that question.

Mr Bell (Junior Minister, Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister): I thank the honourable Member for West Tyrone for his question. We have been friends for a long time. I welcome him back to his position.

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister has made it clear publicly that it will proceed with the publication of a sexual orientation strategy. However, it has indicated that that will not happen before 2012. We have taken into account the views expressed during consultation on the cohesion, sharing and integration strategy. We have also instructed officials to meet organisations from the sector and other Departments. The final consultation process will take place during early 2012 with a view to publishing a sexual orientation strategy later that year. We are confident that we will meet the timescale of publication in 2012 that was previously outlined in the Chamber.

Mr Byrne: I thank the Minister for his answer. Will he inform the House whether any strategic reference group will be set up to facilitate consultation with a wide range of people and interests?



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Mr Bell: As I said, we have instructed officials to meet organisations from the sector and other Departments. We will take all views into consideration.

Mr Spratt: How does that fit in with the overall cohesion, sharing and integration strategy?

Mr Bell: The cohesion, sharing and integration strategy is designed to tackle racism and sectarianism. It was in the wider context of legal obligation, with regard to measures to tackle discrimination and the Government's section 75 obligations, that OFMDFM's recently published consultation document on cohesion, sharing and integration undertook to publish the sexual orientation strategy.

Mr Molloy: Go raibh maith agat. Will the junior Minister comment on the provision of funding for the sector, which ceased in 2009? Will that be part of the consultation process?

Mr Bell: All matters will be taken into consideration during the consultation process. We will respond on the basis of that.

Mr Allister: As there is already a plethora of statutory protections for the so-called gay community and generous financial provision from the junior Minister's Department for various organisations therein, why do the junior Minister and the First Minister, who once campaigned to save Ulster from sodomy, now want to introduce a sexual orientation strategy? Why do they now think it necessary?

Mr Bell: Peter Hain announced the funding package under direct rule. It amounted to £230,000, which OFMDFM administered to the sector.