

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 30th JUNE 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister state the estimated average cost of –

- (a) building and fitting out a new public toilet block;
- (b) building and fitting out a new public toilet block with self-cleaning functionality; and
- (c) refurbishing a public toilet block;

and will he also state the average annual cost of maintaining a public toilet block (including, but not limited to, general maintenance, repairs, cleaning and insurance)?”

Answer

- (a) Construction of a new toilet block is difficult to estimate. Two key cost variables will be the land, (whether it is owned or needs to be acquired) and the availability of infrastructure and utilities. Construction costs are roughly £4,500 per m2, but this will also depend on the level of specialist provision, and accessibility that will be required in the facility.
- (b) We have not priced self-cleaning lavatories.
- (c) The cost of refurbishing a toilet block is dependent on the level of works required. The latest works at West Park were required to meet accessibility requirements and were provided with fittings that were more vandal resistant. The cost of the West Park works was £316,000. The works at the toilets at Bel Royal were £270,000.

There is no average annual cost to the maintenance of toilets – this is heavily dependent on the level of vandalism that occurs. On average, if a toilet is required to be opened and closed and routinely cleaned daily, then that is in the order of £1200 per month. However, in the last 6 months more than £10, 000 has been spent at Green Island repairing vandalism, which is not an isolated situation. There are a number of other sites where anti-social behaviour is commonplace.