

TREASURY

The Hon. Member for Glenfaba and Peel, Ms Lord-Brennan, to ask The Minister for the Treasury:

How much funding has been provided since 2018 by his Department to Manx Telecom in connection with the National Broadband Plan; and if he will list all such payments made stating in each case (1) the date; (2) what the payment was for; (3) to which planning application or other purpose and location the funds were allocated; (4) whether the payment was made for underground works, street cabinets, exchange equipment or other telecommunications infrastructure; and (5) who requested and authorised payment.

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The Minister for the Treasury (Mr Thomas):

The National Broadband Plan has been funded through a specific capital scheme within the Department for Enterprise, which was approved through the annual budget process.

The approvals provided within the Pink Books for the relevant years were:

Budget year	Approval £000
2019/20	2,000
2020/21	1,500
2021/22	1,707
2022/23	5,893
	11,100

The scheme is titled "Fibre Optic Network" within the relevant Pink Books.

Additional funding of £1.4m was approved from the Economic Recovery Fund during the 2020/21 financial year to accelerate the programme with the aim of connecting 75% of premises within 3 years and 99% of premises within 4 years.

Total approved funding was therefore

	Approval £000
Budget funding	11,100
ERF funding	1,400
	12,500

The National Broadband Plan programme has been managed by the Department for Enterprise.

As the Department for Enterprise was allocated budget approval for this scheme, all aspects of payments to Manx Telecom in respect of it have been reviewed and approved by them, including the nature and allocation of such payments.

Treasury Finance Shared Services have processed payments to Manx Telecom in relation to the National Broadband Plan, but only as a processing service provider and upon the instruction of the Department for Enterprise.