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**LOCAL MSP SLAMS LABOUR PFI SCHOOL SHAME AS FIFE COUNCIL COUNTS COST  
£425M TO BE PAID THIS YEAR ACROSS SCOTLAND – ROBBING MONEY FROM VITAL SERVICES**

David Torrance MSP has expressed his frustration as new figures show Labour's disastrous PFI schools scheme continues to cost Fife Council millions of pounds every year, as revealed by analysis from the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

The duff deals made by Labour during their time in power at Holyrood will cost local authorities across Scotland £426.8 million in this financial year – with Fife Council facing an estimated £15.7 million bill.

David Torrance, MSP for the Kirkcaldy Constituency, has slammed the toxic PFI legacy, which continues to rob the local authority of vital funding for education and other public services. The total nationwide cost of the toxic PFI legacy across all projects topped £1 billion in 2015/16, with this figure continuing to rise.

Commenting, David Torrance MSP, said:

“The toxic legacy that Labour's PFI deals have left our schools and Fife Council continues to cost millions of pounds every year.

“While Labour complain incessantly about the SNP Scottish Government's record, it is clear that we are still paying for the mess that Labour left over a decade ago – with payments in 2017/18 to be as high as £426.8 million across all our council areas, and Fife Council facing an estimated bill of £15.7 million.

“Labour's spendthrift and reckless handling of our public finances continues to rob Fife Council of funds which could be put towards delivering better local services.

“It's high time that Labour owned up to this toxic legacy that they've left for our schools, Fife Council and local authorities across the country.”

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **Operational PFI/NPD Schools Projects**

Source: HM Treasury Current projects as at March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Schools developed under PPP1 and PPP2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/private-finance-initiative-and-private-finance-2-projects-2016-summary-data>

<b><i>Project Name</i></b>	<b><i>Procuring authority</i></b>	<b><i>2017/18</i></b>
Aberdeenshire Schools PPP1	Aberdeenshire	4.2
Aberdeenshire Schools PPP2	Aberdeenshire	7.9
Angus Schools	Angus	6.2
Edinburgh Schools PPP2	Edinburgh	22.7
Edinburgh Schools PPP1	Edinburgh	17.7
Glasgow Schools	Glasgow	54.0
Clackmannanshire Schools	Clackmannanshire	8.0
Dumfries & Galloway Schools	Dumfries and Galloway	14.6
Dundee Schools	Dundee	11.5
East Ayrshire Schools	East Ayrshire	10.2
East Dunbartonshire Schools	East Dunbartonshire	14.4
East Lothian Schools	East Lothian	8.8
East Renfrewshire Schools PPP1	East Renfrewshire	3.3
East Renfrewshire Schools PPP2	East Renfrewshire	9.0
Falkirk Schools PPP1	Falkirk	13.2
Fife Schools PPP1	Fife	7.7
Fife Schools PPP2	Fife	8.0
Highland Schools PPP2	Highland	21.1
Highland Schools PPP1	Highland	3.8
Inverclyde Schools	Inverclyde	10.0
Midlothian Schools PPP1	Midlothian	5.0
Midlothian Schools PPP2	Midlothian	5.4
North Ayrshire Schools	North Ayrshire	12.7
North Lanarkshire Schools	North Lanarkshire	22.5
Perth & Kinross Schools	Perth and Kinross	16.0
Renfrewshire Schools	Renfrewshire	16.4
Scottish Borders Schools	Scottish Borders	8.7
South Ayrshire Schools	South Ayrshire	10.9
South Lanarkshire Schools	South Lanarkshire	33.2
Balfron Schools	Stirling	3.3
Stirling Schools	Stirling	11.5
West Dunbartonshire Schools	West Dunbartonshire	11.4
West Lothian Schools PPP2 (PPP3)	West Lothian	7.5
West Lothian Schools PPP1	West Lothian	6.2

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