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## Information relating to the provision of Single Lets

### Request

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Outline the total paid for the provision of single let properties in the past five years.

List how many tenants are living in single let accommodation across Northern Ireland.

Provide a breakdown of the number of tenants in single let accommodation by Northern Ireland Assembly Constituency.

### Response

#### 1. Outline the current amount paid in rent to individual landlords for provision of single let properties

The Housing Executive cannot provide this data as the Housing Executive considers that the information requested comprises personal data and is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 (2) Personal Information of the FOI Act.

#### 2. Outline the total paid for the provision of single let properties in the past five years.

The Housing Executive paid £25,208,107 for the provision of single let properties for the period April 2017 to March 2022. It should be noted this figure is net of any Housing Benefit for Retained Single Lets.

Retained Single Lets are retained by the Housing Executive on a block booking basis. Gross weekly charges are paid direct to the Landlord and are included in the figures. For those properties acquired on a block booking basis the Housing

Executive receives Housing Benefit income in respect of eligible tenants.

**3. List how many tenants are living in single let accommodation across Northern Ireland**

As of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 a total of 2,477 household were placed in single let accommodation across Northern Ireland. It should be noted that such households are placed on a licence to occupy and are therefore not tenants of their respective properties.

**4. Provide a breakdown of the number of tenants in single let accommodation by Northern Ireland Assembly Constituency**

The table below outlined the number of households placed in temporary accommodation as of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It should be noted that such households are placed on a licence to occupy and are therefore not tenants of their respective properties. Additionally, it should be noted that the Housing Executive do not record placements by Northern Ireland Assembly Constituency and the figures therefore refer to council area. The figures also refer to the council area to which the household presented i.e. a household may present to one council area but be placed in a single let in another council area, in such cases the table below will record the council area to which the household presented rather than the council area to which they were placed.

| Council Area                  | Number of Households in Single Lets<br>(As of 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Antrim & Newtownabbey         | 43                                                                           |
| Ards & North Down             | 134                                                                          |
| Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon | 172                                                                          |
| Belfast                       | 1,284                                                                        |
| Causeway Coast & Glens        | 27                                                                           |
| Derry & Strabane              | 301                                                                          |
| Fermanagh & Omagh             | 93                                                                           |
| Lisburn & Castlereagh         | 133                                                                          |
| Mid & East Antrim             | 96                                                                           |
| Mid Ulster                    | 42                                                                           |
| Newry, Mourne & Down          | 152                                                                          |
| Total                         | 2,477                                                                        |