

Response to: FOI 168

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## **Energy Efficiency Schemes: Boiler Replacement**

1. Could I please request the number of grants made to homeowners each year per year for the last five years under the Boiler Replacement Scheme, broken down by Council area and by NIHE Grants Office areas?

Financial Year	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		
<b>Grants Office</b>	Nr Boilers Installed					
Belfast Grants Office	1,071	980	731	918		
Derry Grants Office	258	186	160	184		
North East Grants Office	608	439	421	414		
South Grants Office	601	430	358	479		
West Grants Office	152	126	103	97		
Total	2,690	2,161	1,773	2,092		

Financial Year	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022		
Council	Nr Boilers Installed					
Antrim & Newtownabbey	212	169	175	157		
Mid & East Antrim	231	157	147	161		
Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon	316	217	185	279		
Belfast	607	572	426	516		
Causeway Coast & Glens	170	117	103	96		
Derry & Strabane	257	185	161	184		
Fermanagh & Omagh	55	48	40	36		
Mid Ulster	95	71	62	60		
Newry Mourne & Down	295	213	172	197		
North Down & Ards	255	246	191	225		
Lisburn & Castlereagh	197	166	111	181		
Total	2,690	2,161	1,773	2,092		

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The information requested for the financial year 2022-23 forms part of the quarterly and annual compendium publication of housing statistics that is scheduled for release December 2023.

As this relates to material still in the course of completion the exception at 12(4)(d) of the Environmental Information Regulations has been applied.

Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007, states that 'the person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to the statistics'.

Provision of this data before publication of the National / Official Statistic to which it relates would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of <u>T3: Orderly release</u>. For this reason the balance of the public interest favours withholding this information at this time.

2. Could I also request the quantum of grants awarded to homeowners each year per year for the last five years under the Boiler Replacement Scheme, broken down by Council area and by NIHE Grants Office areas?

## Please note:

- for the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20, the Housing Executive did not allocate grants payment by Council area.
- Allocating grant payments by Council area took effect early 2020/21 consequently some monies for this financial year have had to be classified as 'unallocated'.
- During 2020/21 the South East Grants office merged with Belfast Grants

Grants Office	Council	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Grand Total
Belfast	Antrim & Newtownabbey*	1	-	1,900	-	1,900
	Belfast City		-	267,800	388,300	656,100
	Lisburn & Castlereagh	ı	-	67,300	104,800	172,100
Grants	Ards & North Down	-	-	120,500	150,000	270,500
	Not Allocated	527,600	679,400	27,000	-	1,234,000
	Total	527,600	679,400	484,500	643,100	2,334,600
South East Grants <sup>∞</sup>	Lisburn & Castlereagh	-		500	-	500
	Ards & North Down	-		2,500	-	2,500
	Not Allocated	219,900	36,700	500	-	257,100
	Total	219,900	36,700	3,500	-	260,100
North West	Derry & Strabane	ı	-	77,900	125,600	203,500
North West Grants	Not Allocated	173,000	121,800	-	-	294,800
	Total	173,000	121,800	77,900	125,600	498,300
North East Grants	Antrim & Newtownabbey	1		87,000	102,400	189,400
	Causeway Coast & Glens	1		55,100	58,400	113,500
	Mid & East Antrim	-		87,200	109,500	196,700
	Not Allocated	399,300	293,000			692,300
	Total	399,300	293,000	229,300	270,300	1,191,900

Grants Office	Council	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Grand Total	
South Grants	Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon	-		118,300	180,000	298,300	
	Lisburn & Castlereagh*	-		1,000	3,100	4,100	
	Newry Mourne & Down	1		115,300	140,300	255,600	
	Not Allocated	397,300	291,700	-	-	689,000	
	Total	397,300	291,700	234,600	323,400	1,247,000	
West Grants	Derry City & Strabane	1		400*	-	400	
	Fermanagh & Omagh	-		21,800	24,000	45,800	
	Mid Ulster	-		31,900	36,200	68,100	
	Ards & North Down*	-		400	700	1,100	
	Not Allocated	97,100	80,500	-	-	177,600	
	Total	97,100	80,500	54,500	60,900	293,000	
	Total spend (£)	1,814,200	1,503,100	1,084,300	1,423,300	5,824,900	

<sup>\*</sup>Where a member of Grants office staff, or anyone with whom they have a relevant family or personal relationship, apply for the Boiler Replacement Scheme the case is transferred to a different Grant office. This is for transparency and to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. \*Payments detailed in 2020/21 reflect closure of cases opened before the office merger.

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