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**Our Ref: FOI 297**

## **Request**

We received your request on 06 February 2024 for the following information:

*By FOI 22-23 010 of 12 May 2022 you sent us the 2021/22 figures for (1) the cost of housing benefit contributions to the private rented sector in Northern Ireland and (2) the total spend on new build social housing in Northern Ireland.  
Please provide the same data for 2022/23.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

## **Our response**

1. The 2022/23 cost of housing benefit contributions to the private rented sector in Northern Ireland is £303.4m.
2. The total spend on new build social housing in Northern Ireland in 2022/23 is £184.3m.  
**Please note this figure only represents NIHE's contribution to the New Build programme in the form of Housing Assistance Grant (HAG) provided to Housing Associations.**

This concludes our response.