

## Emergency Housing Expenditure

1. How much money is paid out per year for emergency housing in the Ballymena area.
2. How much of this is paid out to private landlords.
3. What is the exact amount paid to private landlords.
4. Which private landlord in the Ballymena area has received the most and how much he got.

The Housing Executive holds the information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because information is not held in a geographical area basis and single temporary accommodation providers can provide accommodation in numerous locations across Northern Ireland. To retrieve payments for all emergency accommodation currently in use, identify and extract information in the scope of your request would involve each individual payment made being retrieved, allocated to a geographical region, compiled and verified, which would entail at least 280 hours of staff time, attracting an overall cost of £7,000 to provide the information.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for the Housing Executive is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Housing Executive holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting it.