

## **Central expenditure spent on temporary accommodation**

- 1. A breakdown of where the expenditure defined as 'Central' was spent per constituency for the provision of temporary accommodation in 2020/21 and 2021/22.**
- 2. A breakdown of where the expenditure defined as 'Central' was spent per constituency for the provision of Emergency B&B and hotels temporary accommodation in 2020/21 and 2021/22.**

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 to locate, retrieve, extract and define the information within the scope of your request would involve the establishment of new data bases, the retrieval of files and examination of payment records and data being broken down into geographical/constituency areas which would involve at least 449 hours of staff time, attracting an overall cost of £11,225 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.

The Housing Executive may be able to provide some information in the scope of your request if you reduce or narrow the scope of your request and be more specific about the information required so that it might bring it under the fees limit.

The Housing Executive understand the importance of being able to provide information in the format requested, and will therefore re-evaluate how this information is captured in the future to aid Local Council reporting.