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AQW 18839/17-22

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The Minister for Communities, pursuant to AQW17715/17-22, for a breakdown of the cancellations outlined by housing district.

Answer

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 18839/17-22, the information has been placed in the Assembly Library.

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AQW 18839/17-22 INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail provided by the Housing Executive in answer to AQW 18839/17-22, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

As per AQW 17715/17-22, the Housing Executive provided a breakdown of the number of housing applications that had been cancelled from the social housing Waiting List in the last 5 years, presented by the reason which was recorded on the Housing Executive's Housing Management System. The tables below provide an additional breakdown of those reasons by year and by Housing Executive Area locations.

Due to this being historic data, the Housing District outlined is that of the owning office (i.e. the office to which the applicant made their housing application) rather than the location that the applicant wished to be re-housed in.

In 2016 / 2017 the Housing Executive restructured its reporting geographies to ensure that its reporting was coterminous with Local Government Districts. This resulted in its Belfast offices being amalgamated into one 'Belfast Area'. The Belfast data in this report therefore reflects the composite Belfast Area.

It should also be noted that there were 74 cases incorrectly recorded against housing associations and so cannot be attributed to a Housing Executive Housing Area. These have been grouped under 'Housing Associations'.

The following notes were included in the original request and are still applicable to this dataset:

- A number of applicants are 'temporarily' removed from the waiting list for a period of a time following a 'Deferral' in line with policies and procedures and the statutory rules of the Housing Selection Scheme. Once the deferral period has expired these cases are automatically added back on to the Waiting List. Those cases are not included in this table.
- A number of cases have been identified as having an incorrect cancellation reasons and are included in the final row of the table under 'Incompatible Code'. These cases are currently being investigated.
- Some applicants who are removed from the Waiting List may subsequently re-apply for social housing at a later date and are therefore re-included on the Waiting List.
- Following the first lockdown in March 2020, changes were made to the Waiting List annual renewals process and procedures to accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions. These changes were in place throughout 2020/2021 and may have resulted in a number of applicants being retained on the Waiting List who would otherwise have been removed as a result of the No Reply to Renewal Reminder process under normal operational activity.

I hope this information is useful.

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ANNEX A

2016 / 2017													
CANCELLATION REASON	BELFAST AREA	CAUSEWAY AREA	HOUSING ASSOCIATION	LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH AREA	MID AND EAST ANTRIM	MID ULSTER AREA	NORTH DOWN AND ARDS AREA	SOUTH ANTRIM AREA	SOUTH AREA	SOUTH DOWN AREA	SOUTH WEST AREA	WEST AREA	Total
Applicant withdrawn	327	34	10	66	36	37	37	97	33	56	51	279	1063
Applicant appear on more than one application	28	<10	<10	15	38	<10	19	15	19	12	<10	<10	170
Applicant's request	317	120	<10	103	219	156	123	162	174	112	132	108	1728
ASB eligibility	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	43
Bought house	11	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	32
Deceased	73	<10	<10	18	25	<10	<10	16	15	19	13	18	222
Left address known	15	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	53
Left address unknown	214	30	<10	16	40	14	14	17	43	19	29	27	463
No access	270	10	<10	88	294	71	161	111	177	65	98	118	1463
No connection to NI eligibility	30	<10	<10	28	12	21	<10	24	44	<10	<10	10	188
No reply to renewal reminder	1922	425	<10	579	568	494	654	517	845	530	378	681	7593
Person From Abroad	70	<10	<10	<10	21	17	<10	<10	79	10	19	<10	231

(PFA) eligibility													
Private Rented Access Scheme Tenancy	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	11
Rehoused other	34	13	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	<10	12	111
Rehoused private sector	39	28	<10	10	18	10	18	15	51	20	20	13	242
Under 18 eligibility	16	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	13	53
Incompatible Code	29	<10	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	16	102
Total	340	700	20	941	1310	849	1076	993	1515	877	767	131	137
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Scheme Tenancy													
Rehoused other	34	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	11	114
Rehoused private sector	41	26	<10	25	12	<10	17	14	38	19	16	12	224
Under 18 eligibility	19	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	19	85
Incompatible Code	11	<10	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	43	93
Total	3073	674	14	786	1034	800	1118	978	1497	794	656	1216	12640

2018 / 2019													
CANCELLATION REASON	BELFAST AREA	CAUSEWAY AREA	HOUSING ASSOCIATION	USBURN & CASTLEREAGH AREA	MID AND EAST ANTRIM	MID ULSTER AREA	NORTH DOWN AND ARDS AREA	SOUTH ANTRIM AREA	SOUTH AREA	SOUTH DOWN AREA	SOUTH WEST AREA	WEST AREA	Total
Application withdrawn	225	20	<10	25	32	62	51	27	28	54	33	38	598
Applicant appear on more than one application	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	33
Applicant's request	264	126	<10	53	107	80	140	121	97	80	71	112	1251
ASB eligibility	10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	28
Bought house	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	48
Deceased	70	21	<10	<10	13	10	24	12	11	21	10	16	216
Left address known	18	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	39
Left address unknown	107	69	<10	15	26	17	<10	<10	15	<10	19	11	299
No access	107	<10	<10	22	22	17	142	16	19	35	22	<10	405
No connection to NI eligibility	21	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	<10	70
No reply to renewal reminder	1563	381	<10	356	544	470	826	427	781	381	348	576	6659
Person From Abroad (PFA) eligibility	102	16	<10	<10	18	27	<10	<10	47	27	<10	18	276
Private Rented Access Scheme Tenancy	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	22
Rehoused other	23	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	11	<10	<10	84
Rehoused private sector	29	18	<10	17	16	<10	42	<10	31	26	11	<10	205
Under 18 eligibility	18	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	17	59
Incompatible Code	22	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	57
Total	2607	691	11	518	815	695	1280	630	1065	673	542	822	10349

2019 / 2020													
CANCELLATION REASON	BELFAST AREA	CAUSEWAY AREA	HOUSING ASSOCIATION	LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH	MID AND EAST ANTRIM	MID ULSTER AREA	NORTH DOWN AND ARDS AREA	SOUTH ANTRIM AREA	SOUTH AREA	SOUTH DOWN AREA	SOUTH WEST AREA	WEST AREA	Total
Application withdrawn	179	58	<10	24	35	40	68	23	20	53	20	69	593
Applicant appear on more than one application	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	13
Applicant's request	208	96	<10	48	86	88	128	77	77	80	56	75	1019
ASB eligibility	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	18	33
Bought house	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	35
Deceased	51	25	<10	<10	17	13	10	12	15	<10	12	19	186
Left address known	20	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	16	<10	<10	44
Left address unknown	100	51	<10	28	11	29	<10	<10	10	15	<10	<10	268
No access	109	<10	<10	15	21	51	161	<10	<10	39	18	<10	430
No connection to NI eligibility	14	<10	<10	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	15	<10	<10	<10	66
No reply to renewal reminder	1390	366	<10	214	402	357	433	306	661	397	312	460	5302
Person From Abroad (PFA) eligibility	81	<10	<10	<10	<10	34	<10	<10	29	28	<10	15	221
Private Rented Access Scheme Tenancy	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Rehoused other	18	20	<10	<10	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	10	<10	<10	90
Rehoused private sector	25	16	<10	11	13	<10	12	<10	27	13	<10	<10	137
Under 18 eligibility	36	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	18	81
Incompatible Code	17	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	44
Total	2263	656	<10	360	619	639	861	450	876	678	445	711	8567

2020 / 2021

CANCELLATION REASON	BELFAST AREA	CAUSEWAY AREA	HOUSING ASSOCIATION	LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH AREA	MID AND EAST ANTRIM	MID ULSTER AREA	NORTH DOWN AND ARDS AREA	SOUTH ANTRIM AREA	SOUTH AREA	SOUTH DOWN AREA	SOUTH WEST AREA	WEST AREA	Total
Application withdrawn	233	23	10	49	88	53	100	40	33	53	13	52	747
Applicant appear on more than one application	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	31
Applicant's request	227	104	<10	55	107	114	182	96	68	95	76	123	1247
ASB eligibility	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	16	41
Bought house	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	34
Deceased	31	13	<10	<10	22	12	14	<10	<10	<10	<10	10	140
Left address known	32	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	45
Left address unknown	72	28	<10	<10	<10	20	<10	<10	16	11	<10	14	179
No access	140	<10	<10	19	58	78	173	14	<10	93	30	11	620
No connection to NI eligibility	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	<10	38
No reply to renewal reminder	247	46	<10	31	159	142	159	140	73	344	173	80	1600
Person From Abroad (PFA) eligibility	66	<10	<10	<10	10	32	<10	<10	37	12	<10	<10	181
Private Rented Access Scheme Tenancy	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Rehoused other	17	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	65
Rehoused private sector	19	26	<10	10	13	11	17	<10	24	<10	13	<10	153
Under 18 eligibility	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	24	55
Incompatible Code	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	32
Total	1114	264	20	195	488	486	675	332	295	645	338	360	5212