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Dear *Kevin*

JUNE MONITORING ROUND – NIHE MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION

Your letter of 3 June to the Departmental Assembly Liaison Officer regarding the above refers.

NIHE have assured the Department that they anticipate spending their maintenance budget in full. They did not identify any under-spend in their Planned Maintenance Budget at June monitoring.

The Committee will wish to note that Minister has stressed to both the Chair and Chief Executive of the Housing Executive that they must ensure their maintenance budget is fully spent. They have assured him that they are working with contractors to make sure this happens, this is something that he will continue to monitor closely.

Contractors for double glazing and planned maintenance have been appointed. Double glazing contracts were signed in late January 2014 and planned maintenance contracts were signed in early May 2014. Work is underway to enable the contractors to commence delivering schemes on site. Double glazing contractors are expected to deliver their first schemes on site before the end of this month and planned maintenance contractors are expected to commence work on site in the Autumn.

The Housing Executive has informed the Department that:

“We are currently working with the newly appointed planned maintenance contractors and the managing consultants to agree what spend can be achieved this year. Once we have this information we will be able to construct the spend profile requested by the Committee”.

The Housing Executive will therefore be able to provide a full response to the Committee’s query in due course.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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