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Dear Michelle

AQW 16637/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 16637/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

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This issue is an operational matter for the Housing Executive.

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

“In relation to the number of social houses lost as a result of “dereliction”, it should be noted that the Housing Executive do not record void properties with such a definition.

Please see Table 1 below, which details the number of domestic void properties at the end of September 2024 currently recorded as Void ‘DB – Pending Demolition (Uninhabitable)’ and ‘DP – Pending Demolition (Habitable)’, categorised by NI Assembly Constituency. These properties have received approval for demolition. It should also be noted that there are a small number of these properties that were purchased from private owners to progress demolition.

Table 1:

Constituency	Properties
<i>BELFAST EAST</i>	252
<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>	130
<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>	92
<i>BELFAST WEST</i>	1
<i>EAST ANTRIM</i>	101
<i>EAST LONDONDERRY</i>	0

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<i>FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>FOYLE</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>LAGAN VALLEY</i>	<i>106</i>
<i>MID ULSTER</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>NEWRY AND ARMAGH</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>NORTH ANTRIM</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>NORTH DOWN</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>SOUTH ANTRIM</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>SOUTH DOWN</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>STRANGFORD</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>UPPER BANN</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>WEST TYRONE</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>730</i>

Furthermore, Table 2 below sets out the number of actual demolitions of Housing Executive stock over the past 5 years (NB. These do not include the small number of privately owned properties that NIHE would have acquired to demolish as part of the schemes).

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Table 2:

	2019/20*	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<i>North Antrim</i>	0	7	8		
<i>East Antrim</i>	0	1			
<i>Belfast West</i>	0		27	22	
<i>Belfast South</i>	0		30		
<i>Foyle</i>	0		1		
<i>Belfast North</i>	0				72

**There were no demolitions in 2019/20*

Table 3 below details the number of houses sold under the right to buy scheme over the last 5 financial years. It should be noted that the Housing Executive's House Sales System records sales using NIHE Local Office boundaries which are broadly coterminous with Local Council/LGD boundaries. The House Sales System does not record sales by Parliamentary Constituency.

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Table 3: House Sales by Financial Year and LGD

LGD	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Total
<i>Antrim and Newtownabbey</i>	38	15	40	54	36	183
<i>Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon</i>	60	15	30	77	42	224
<i>Belfast</i>	110	80	171	114	63	538
<i>Causeway Coast and Glens</i>	27	18	21	40	28	134
<i>Derry and Strabane</i>	59	35	38	99	45	276
<i>Fermanagh and Omagh</i>	19	9	12	24	22	86
<i>Lisburn and Castlereagh</i>	20	13	36	19	11	99
<i>Mid and East Antrim</i>	30	14	23	46	21	134
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	26	15	27	27	38	133
<i>Newry, Mourne and Down</i>	24	15	21	20	30	110

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<i>North Down and Ards</i>	35	10	25	34	20	124
<i>Grand Total</i>	448	239	444	554	356	2041

For any future queries relating to operational matters, you may wish to contact the Housing Executive directly. Making direct contact with them will ensure that you receive the information in the shortest possible timeframe and make best use of public resources.