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Dear Michelle

**AQW 22290 /22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 22290/ 22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours Sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA**  
**Minister for Communities**

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:

*“The Housing Executive does not hold the information in the format requested. Whilst NIHE’s current complaints management system can provide the number of repair- and maintenance-related formal complaints received, it does not currently allow NIHE to report on the specific detail you have requested. On this basis, NIHE has provided the below information which they trust you will find satisfactory.*

- *We currently don’t hold specific information on individual cases of ‘black mould’ within our records as reports are not categorised in this way.*
  
- *Table 1 details the number of damp-related reports received by the Housing Executive in each of the last five years, broken down by local council area. The following table figures represent:*
  - *Jobs with Mould/Damp/Condensation within the Job Description & initial customer report mentioned ‘black mould’ ‘black patch’ ‘black’.*
  - *Reported Date between 01/04/19 – 31/03/24 (inclusive of all Job Statuses)*

Table 1

<b>Council Area</b>	<b>Reported Date – Financial Year</b>					<b>Grand Total</b>
	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>	
<b>ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>ARDS AND NORTH DOWN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>ARMAGH CITY BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>BELFAST</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>DERRY CITY AND STRABANE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>FERMANAGH AND OMAGH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>MID AND EAST ANTRIM</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>MID ULSTER</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>1,423''</b>

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.

In relation to registered housing associations (RHAs), management of damp and mould is an operational matter for each association.

Registered housing associations reported that 2687 cases of damp and mould were found in homes in 2023/24. The Department does not hold information for previous years.