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Dear Mark

**AQW 23146/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY
LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 23146/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours Sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Annex A

This is an operational matter for the Housing Executive. I have sought information from the Chief Executive, and she has advised as follows:

(i) the total number of applications to the Affordable Warmth Scheme, for each local council area in the last five years.

The table below details the number of referrals received by the Housing Executive from local councils under the partnership arrangement.

The figures are for 01 April 2020 and 31 August 2023 and are broken down by local council area:

Council	Number of Referral Received by financial year			
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	01 Apr – 31 Aug 2023*
Antrim and Newtownabbey	204	291	260	137
Ards and North Down	259	338	255	117
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	210	358	261	132
Belfast	220	361	260	239
Causeway Coast and Glens	254	364	260	156
Derry City and Strabane	296	360	260	142
Fermanagh and Omagh	218	330	237	124

Lisburn and Castlereagh	251	335	219	92
Mid and East Antrim	297	353	261	131
Mid Ulster	209	279	260	145
Newry Mourne and Down	208	338	260	150
Total referrals	2,626	3,707	2,793	1,565

The table below details the number of application forms issued - under the single provider model - by the Housing Executive between 01 September 2023 and 31st December 2024, broken down by local council area:

Council	Number of Application Forms Issued	
	01 Sep 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	01 April – 31 Dec 2024[∞]
Antrim and Newtownabbey	580	364
Ards and North Down	435	263
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	754	524
Belfast	1037	730
Causeway Coast and Glens	680	403
Derry City and Strabane	671	500
Fermanagh and Omagh	640	380
Lisburn and Castlereagh	265	179
Mid and East Antrim	409	342
Mid Ulster	668	414
Newry Mourne and Down	752	512

Total applications	6,891	4,611
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The table below details the number of application forms returned - under the single provider model - by the Housing Executive between 01 September 2023 and 31st December 2024, broken down by local council area:

Council	Number of Application Forms Received	
	01 Sep 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	01 April – 31 Dec 2024[∞]
Antrim and Newtownabbey	140	155
Ards and North Down	99	105
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	253	216
Belfast	225	280
Causeway Coast and Glens	194	183
Derry City and Strabane	177	206
Fermanagh and Omagh	165	160
Lisburn and Castlereagh	50	85
Mid and East Antrim	121	132
Mid Ulster	167	192
Newry Mourne and Down	232	208
Total applications	1,823	1,922

Notes

*During the financial year 2023/24 the Department for Communities changed the delivery model for the Affordable Warmth Scheme. From 1

September 2023 the scheme became application based, all applications are made directly to the Housing Executive.

∞Details for Q1, Q2 and Q3 of the current financial year (2024-25) have been provided only. Information for Q4 (1 January – 31 March 2025) forms part of the quarterly and annual compendium publication of [housing statistics](#) that is scheduled for release in May 2025.

(ii) the number of successful applications, for each local council area in the last five years;

The table below details the number of applicants to receive an approval from the Housing Executive in each of the last five financial years, broken down by local council area:

Council	Number of approvals issued				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 [∞]
Antrim and Newtownabbey	190	221	294	217	103
Ards and North Down	238	229	294	229	94
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	165	273	306	277	134
Belfast	223	274	324	324	214
Causeway Coast and Glens	236	256	308	295	128
Derry City and Strabane	315	289	296	259	148

Fermanagh and Omagh	170	211	299	235	127
Lisburn and Castlereagh	206	258	291	168	66
Mid and East Antrim	279	248	299	207	98
Mid Ulster	157	234	300	254	124
Newry Mourne and Down	145	290	290	295	132
Total	2,324	2,783	3,301	2,760	1368

It should be noted that grant approvals are issued to successful applicants within the budget that is available for the Scheme in any given period.

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(iii) the waiting times from approval to payment, for each local council area in the last five years:

Approvals may cover multiple energy efficiency measures, and these measures may not be completed concurrently. Once the applicant receives the grant approval, they find their own contractor and complete the work at their own pace. The grant is validity period is 4 months however this is often extended.

Instructions to issue final payment is dependent on all measures being completed and the applicant and / or their contractor(s) returning all necessary documentation.

The table below shows the average number of calendar days between the cases in part (ii) that had received formal approval and the ***first*** payment request being sent to Finance for payment in each of the last five financial years, broken down by local council area:

Council	Average number of calendar days between approval to first payment				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 [∞]
Antrim and Newtownabbey	168	165	133	108	109
Ards and North Down	142	148	140	107	91
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	181	179	166	134	113
Belfast	147	154	130	96	109
Causeway Coast and Glens	163	185	160	129	120
Derry City and Strabane	177	150	131	109	105
Fermanagh and Omagh	243	217	176	126	129
Lisburn and Castlereagh	157	147	132	110	115
Mid and East Antrim	168	178	147	123	94
Mid Ulster	210	164	137	103	108

Newry Mourne and Down	194	191	150	134	116
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The table below shows the average amount of days between the cases in part (ii) that had received formal approval and the ***final*** payment being sent to Finance for payment in each of the last five financial years, broken down by local council area:

Council	Average number of calendar days between approval to final payment				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25[∞]
Antrim and Newtownabbey	207	196	171	134	121
Ards and North Down	185	188	176	144	107
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	230	221	204	161	125
Belfast	184	211	183	124	124
Causeway Coast and Glens	225	230	197	162	136
Derry City and Strabane	214	184	149	127	122
Fermanagh and Omagh	293	253	201	148	137
Lisburn and Castlereagh	203	192	183	140	131
Mid and East Antrim	220	216	185	147	108
Mid Ulster	242	200	162	123	125
Newry Mourne and Down	257	222	183	160	135

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