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Dear Mark

AQW 23364 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 23364/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

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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:

“Please see below tables detailing the number of claimants receiving Discretionary Housing Payments in each of the last five financial years which are broken down by payment brackets from £5 up to £20 per week by local council area.

Year 2019/20				
Council area	No of cases paid £5.00 to £9.99	No of cases paid £10.00 to £14.99	No of cases paid £15.00 to £19.99	No of cases paid £20.00 or more
Antrim / N'abbey	294	353	142	150
Ards / N Down	298	329	191	217
Armagh	612	912	109	80
Belfast	1110	1379	99	279
Causeway	575	554	248	174
Derry / Strabane	872	1018	494	425
Fermanagh	727	437	169	58
Lisburn / C'reagh	176	206	134	191
Mid / East Antrim	444	435	163	110
Mid Ulster	445	424	181	118
Newry / Mourne	514	757	187	165

Year 2020/21				
Council area	No of cases paid £5.00 to £9.99	No of cases paid £10.00 to £14.99	No of cases paid £15.00 to £19.99	No of cases paid £20.00 or more
Antrim / N'abbey	381	281	133	142
Ards / N Down	268	284	182	244
Armagh	723	654	162	110
Belfast	881	1150	149	346
Causeway	576	491	246	140
Derry / Strabane	862	869	426	394
Fermanagh	984	427	166	115
Lisburn / C'reagh	189	200	122	235
Mid / East Antrim	477	318	150	77
Mid Ulster	673	441	151	129
Newry / Mourne	628	541	211	246

Year 2021/22				
Council area	No of cases paid £5.00 to £9.99	No of cases paid £10.00 to £14.99	No of cases paid £15.00 to £19.99	No of cases paid £20.00 or more
Antrim / N'abbey	482	471	249	264
Ards / N Down	301	391	249	332
Armagh	659	866	328	210
Belfast	724	1631	199	588
Causeway	628	603	428	261
Derry / Strabane	972	1067	634	354
Fermanagh	643	463	452	265
Lisburn / C'reagh	196	268	187	287
Mid / East Antrim	549	496	282	213
Mid Ulster	521	501	283	177
Newry / Mourne	572	627	322	439

Year 2022/23				
Council area	No of cases paid £5.00 to £9.99	No of cases paid £10.00 to £14.99	No of cases paid £15.00 to £19.99	No of cases paid £20.00 or more
Antrim / N'abbey	237	566	379	434
Ards / N Down	266	420	303	451
Armagh	306	671	592	1132
Belfast	430	479	427	1509
Causeway	342	650	570	403
Derry / Strabane	814	1023	606	256
Fermanagh	143	491	659	1180
Lisburn / C'reagh	150	258	150	335
Mid / East Antrim	295	613	407	444
Mid Ulster	211	340	539	581
Newry / Mourne	318	494	375	928

Year 2023/24				
Council area	No of cases paid £5.00 to £9.99	No of cases paid £10.00 to £14.99	No of cases paid £15.00 to £19.99	No of cases paid £20.00 or more
Antrim / N'abbey	808	709	366	179
Ards / N Down	437	509	425	559
Armagh	517	900	934	1190
Belfast	650	733	986	1825
Causeway	715	1092	643	141
Derry / Strabane	1866	721	311	86
Fermanagh	799	1076	490	852
Lisburn / C'reagh	224	307	277	360
Mid / East Antrim	920	780	372	168
Mid Ulster	704	615	432	385
Newry / Mourne	469	562	767	1036"

Annex A

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