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Dear Mr Carroll,

AQW 31800/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 31800/ 22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours Sincerely,

Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities

Information is available in relation to Northern Ireland Housing Executive homes and private sector homes which have received Affordable Warmth Scheme grants. Information is not available for Housing Associations, Private Rented Sector or other homes.

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 following information has been extracted from the Housing Executive’s Housing Management System (HMS), to identify properties that have had relevant response maintenance works completed as per the works categories identified below:

<i>Table i) Cavity Wall Insulation (CWI)</i>						
<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Financial Year</i>					<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>2020/2021</i>	<i>2021/2022</i>	<i>2022/2023</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>	<i>2024/2025</i>	
<i>BELFAST WEST</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>

<i>Table ii) Damp Proof Course (DPC)</i>						
<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Financial Year</i>					<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>2020/2021</i>	<i>2021/2022</i>	<i>2022/2023</i>	<i>2023/2024</i>	<i>2024/2025</i>	
<i>BELFAST WEST</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>124</i>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>124</i>

<i>Table iii) Ventilation Works</i>						
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Constituency	Financial Year					Grand Total
	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	
BELFAST WEST	43	45	54	90	147	379
Grand Total	43	45	54	90	147	379

Table iv) Dehumidifiers or Damp Sealant						
Constituency	Financial Year					Grand Total
	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	
BELFAST WEST	39	25	8	27	28	127
Grand Total	39	25	8	27	28	127

The following information details relevant planned maintenance works completed in West Belfast as per the works categories identified below:

	2024/25	Notes
(i) CWI installed	114	Cavity wall scheme and as part of Low Carbon Works.
(ii) DPC treatment	28	As part of Multi Element Improvements, existing dwellings are solid brick and have had dpcs injected
(iii) Improved ventilation	89	As part of Low Carbon Works
(iv) Dehumidifiers or damp sealant applied		

Additionally, the Housing Executive administers grant aid for privately owned properties on behalf of the Department for Communities (DfC) through Energy Efficiency (Affordable Warmth Scheme) and Home Improvement (Disabled Facilities, Repair, Renovation and Home Repair Assistance) Grants.

The table below details the number of privately owned properties in West Belfast that have, in the last five financial years, benefitted through grant-aid for:

- *cavity wall insulation*
- *damp course treatment*
- *improved ventilation to reduce damp and mould;*

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>(i) Cavity Wall Insulation (CWI) installed</i>	<i>(ii) Damp Course Treatment</i>	<i>(iii) Improved Ventilation to reduce damp & mould</i>
<i>2020 – 2021</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>336</i>
<i>2021 – 2022</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>171</i>
<i>2022 – 2023</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>238</i>
<i>2023 - 2024</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>228</i>
<i>2024 – 2025</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>141</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1,114</i>

Please note, there is no provision for grant aid to be paid on dehumidifiers or damp sealant for privately owned properties.”

