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Dear Jonathan,

AQW 32394/22-27- TO ASK THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES TO OUTLINE THE NUMBER OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION THAT HAVE BEEN LICENSED, IN EACH OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BROKEN DOWN BY LOCAL COUNCIL AREA.

As per my response to AQW 32394/22-27, due to the volume of information you requested, tables have been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Annex A

The following information has been provided by NIHMO Unit in Belfast City Council.

Council Area	New Licences April 2020 - March 2021	Renewal Licences April 2020 - March 2021	Total by Council Area April 2020 - March 2021
Antrim and Newtownabbey	11	2	13
Ards and North Down	0	0	0
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	4	6	10
Belfast	79	795	874
Causeway Coast and Glens	29	63	92
Derry City and Strabane	8	38	46
Fermanagh and Omagh	0	2	2
Lisburn and Castlereagh	0	0	0
Mid and East Antrim	0	2	2
Mid Ulster	0	3	3
Newry Mourne and Down	1	2	3
Grand Total	132	913	1045

Council Area	New Licences April 2021 - March 2022	Renewal Licences April 2021 - March 2022	Total by Council Area April 2021 - March 2022
Antrim and Newtownabbey			
Ards and North Down		1	1
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	3	9	12
Belfast	114	429	543
Causeway Coast and Glens	6	36	42

Derry City and Strabane	11	18	29
Fermanagh and Omagh		2	2
Lisburn and Castlereagh	1	3	4
Mid and East Antrim	2		2
Mid Ulster		5	5
Newry Mourne and Down	4	7	11
Grand Total	141	510	651

Council Area	New Licences April 2022- March 2023	Renewal Licences April 2022 - March 2023	Total by Council Area April 2022 - March 2023
Antrim and Newtownabbey	0	1	1
Ards and North Down	1	2	3
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	3	4	7
Belfast	158	423	581
Causeway Coast and Glens	10	26	36
Derry City and Strabane	25	26	51
Fermanagh and Omagh	0	2	2
Lisburn and Castlereagh	0	2	2
Mid and East Antrim	1	0	1
Mid Ulster	0	1	1
Newry Mourne and Down	0	6	6
Grand Total	198	493	691

Council Area	New Licences April 2023 - March 2024	Renewal Licences April 2023 - March 2024	Total by Council Area April 2023 - March 2024
Antrim and Newtownabbey		1	1
Ards and North Down	1	3	4

Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	6	5	11
Belfast	106	572	678
Causeway Coast and Glens	14	15	29
Derry City and Strabane	29	20	49
Fermanagh and Omagh		1	1
Lisburn and Castlereagh	1	1	2
Mid and East Antrim	1	1	2
Mid Ulster	5		5
Newry Mourne and Down	1	2	3
Grand Total	164	621	785

Council Area	New Licences April 2024 - March 2025	Renewal Licences April 2024 - March 2025	Total by Council Area April 2024 - March 2025
Antrim and Newtownabbey	12	0	12
Ards and North Down	2	2	4
Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon	6	11	17
Belfast	160	527	687
Causeway Coast and Glens	28	21	49
Derry City and Strabane	34	21	55
Fermanagh and Omagh	0	0	0
Lisburn and Castlereagh	1	0	1
Mid and East Antrim	3	0	3
Mid Ulster	0	6	6
Newry Mourne and Down	0	1	1
Grand Total	246	589	835