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Dear Justin

**AQW 30594/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 30594/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

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**Minister for Communities**

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

*“Table 1 provides a breakdown of waiting time in months of applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 30/06/2025 by Parliamentary Constituency. Table 2 provides data on allocations from the Social Housing Waiting List (WL) for a 5-Year Period from 01/07/20 - 30/06/25 by Parliamentary Constituency and Mean and Median Waiting Time in Months (Mths) at the Point of Allocation. The tables should be viewed in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**Table 1: No. of Applicant Households on the Social Housing Waiting List (WL) as at 30/06/25 by Parliamentary Constituency & Mean and Median Waiting Time in Months (mths) on the List.**

<b><i>Parliamentary Constituency</i></b>	<b><i>No.of Applicants on the WL as at 30/06/25</i></b>	<b><i>Mean Waiting Time (in mths) on the WL as at 30/06/25</i></b>	<b><i>Median Waiting Time (in mths) on the WL as at 30/06/25</i></b>
<i>Belfast East</i>	<i>2121</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>36.0</i>
<i>Belfast East/South</i>	<i>496</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>26.0</i>
<i>Belfast North</i>	<i>4627</i>	<i>53.4</i>	<i>36.0</i>
<i>Belfast South</i>	<i>3493</i>	<i>53.2</i>	<i>35.0</i>
<i>Belfast South/Strangford</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>39.0</i>
<i>Belfast West</i>	<i>4371</i>	<i>58.2</i>	<i>38.0</i>
<i>Belfast West/North</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>43.6</i>	<i>22.0</i>
<i>Belfast West/South</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>74.0</i>	<i>46.0</i>
<i>East Antrim</i>	<i>2044</i>	<i>45.5</i>	<i>26.0</i>
<i>East Londonderry</i>	<i>2723</i>	<i>49.8</i>	<i>37.0</i>
<i>Fermanagh South Tyrone</i>	<i>2255</i>	<i>42.4</i>	<i>25.0</i>
<i>Foyle</i>	<i>5193</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>37.0</i>
<i>Lagan Valley</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>53.3</i>	<i>38.0</i>

<i>Mid Ulster</i>	<i>1394</i>	<i>48.3</i>	<i>31.0</i>
<i>Newry &amp; Armagh</i>	<i>2326</i>	<i>54.0</i>	<i>34.0</i>
<i>North Antrim</i>	<i>2695</i>	<i>46.7</i>	<i>32.0</i>
<i>North Down</i>	<i>1947</i>	<i>50.5</i>	<i>32.0</i>
<i>South Antrim</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>44.3</i>	<i>29.0</i>
<i>South Down</i>	<i>2133</i>	<i>58.3</i>	<i>45.0</i>
<i>Strangford</i>	<i>1732</i>	<i>49.8</i>	<i>30.0</i>
<i>Upper Bann</i>	<i>3157</i>	<i>43.9</i>	<i>28.0</i>
<i>West Tyrone</i>	<i>2106</i>	<i>45.4</i>	<i>28.0</i>
<b><i>N. Ireland</i></b>	<b><i>49129</i></b>	<b><i>51.1</i></b>	<b><i>33.0</i></b>

**Table 2: Allocations from the Social Housing Waiting List (WL) for a 5-Year Period from 01/07/20 - 30/06/25 by Parliamentary Constituency and Mean and Median Waiting Time in Months (Mths) at the Point of Allocation**

<b>Parliamentary Constituency</b>	<b>No. of Allocations</b>	<b>Mean Waiting Time (in mths) at the Point of Allocation</b>	<b>Median Waiting Time (in mths) at the Point of Allocation</b>
<i>Belfast East</i>	1882	26.1	16.0
<i>Belfast East/South</i>	222	28.2	15.0
<i>Belfast North</i>	3413	29.1	19.0
<i>Belfast South</i>	1466	31.0	19.0
<i>Belfast South/Strangford</i>	71	30.9	17.0
<i>Belfast West</i>	2432	40.5	28.0
<i>Belfast West/North</i>	101	25.0	16.0
<i>Belfast West/South</i>	50	48.0	38.0
<i>East Antrim</i>	1582	27.5	16.0
<i>East Londonderry</i>	1461	30.7	20.0
<i>Fermanagh South Tyrone</i>	1284	25.8	16.0
<i>Foyle</i>	2986	34.0	23.0

<i>Lagan Valley</i>	<i>1612</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>18.0</i>
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>14.0</i>
<i>Newry &amp; Armagh</i>	<i>1375</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>23.0</i>
<i>North Antrim</i>	<i>1932</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>15.0</i>
<i>North Down</i>	<i>1311</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>14.0</i>
<i>South Antrim</i>	<i>1384</i>	<i>26.6</i>	<i>16.0</i>
<i>South Down</i>	<i>881</i>	<i>32.0</i>	<i>20.0</i>
<i>Strangford</i>	<i>1577</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>12.0</i>
<i>Upper Bann</i>	<i>1565</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>16.0</i>
<i>West Tyrone</i>	<i>1151</i>	<i>28.7</i>	<i>18.0</i>
<b><i>N. Ireland</i></b>	<b><i>30501</i></b>	<b><i>29.7</i></b>	<b><i>18.0</i></b>

**Notes:**

*The Following Common Landlord Areas (CLAs) within an NIHE District cross Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries:*

<b>NIHE CLA</b>	<b>Parliamentary Constituency</b>
<i>Cregagh Castlereagh</i>	<i>Belfast East/South</i>
<i>Willowfield/Upper Castlereagh Road</i>	<i>Belfast East/South</i>
<i>Bridge End / Rotherdam Court</i>	<i>Belfast East/South</i>
<i>Carryduff</i>	<i>Belfast South/Strangford</i>
<i>Ainsworth</i>	<i>Belfast West/North</i>
<i>Twaddell/Upper Woodvale</i>	<i>Belfast West/North</i>
<i>Carrick Hill / Unity Flats</i>	<i>Belfast West/North</i>
<i>Hamill St / John St</i>	<i>Belfast West/South</i>

*You will note we have recorded these CLAs separately to allow the reader to make a determination as to where to record them.*

- This response is based on the most recently published data from our Housing Management System (data up to 30/06/2025).*
- Waiting List data is a snapshot of the Social Housing Waiting List as it was on the last day of the specified quarter, in this case 30/06/2025.*

- *Allocations are aggregated over a 5-year period from 01/07/2020 to 30/06/2025 and include allocations to both Housing Executive and housing association properties.*
- *When a question of “average waiting times” or “average points” is asked, MEAN and MEDIAN averages are provided.*

*Reasons for this include:*

- *The MEAN (arithmetic average) is useful for understanding overall trends but can be heavily skewed by outliers (unusually high or low values) – for example, applicants who have been on the waiting list for a number of years or who have just joined the waiting list.*
- *The MEDIAN (middle value, a measure of central tendency) is less affected by outliers and represents a “typical” case better when the data is skewed.*

*By presenting both, we ensure that the analysis captures both central tendency and the potential impact of unusually high or low values.*

*We also note that when the number of applicants is small, statistical indicators become less reliable and have a much lower predictive value regarding the “typical” experience. In such cases, the figures may be more indicative of the specific circumstances of the individual applicant households rather than a broader trend. Caution must be exercised when interpreting the results.*

- *Section 13(1) of the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 states that ‘the person producing any official statistics which are designated under section 12 as National Statistics must ensure that the Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 continues to be complied with in relation to those statistics.’*  
*Provision of the requested figures before publication of the DfC Housing Bulletin in which the dataset from which they would be drawn is published would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of parts T3.3 and T3.4. The figures beyond the period already covered by the latest Housing Bulletin (after 30/06/2025) are therefore currently exempt from disclosure under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act – disclosure prohibited by other legislation, pending publication of the next Housing Bulletin.”*