

**From: The Minister**

6 January 2026

Daniel McCrossan MLA  
Northern Ireland Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
Ballymiscaw  
Stormont

Dear Daniel,

**AQW 35963/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY**

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 35963/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA  
Minister for Communities**

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

*“The tables below detail the number of applications received for the Affordable Warmth Scheme and the number of approvals issued in the last five financial years, broken down by Council area. The information is not available by constituency.”*

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FINANCIAL YEAR	2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023*	
COUNCIL AREA	Applications Received	Approvals Issued	Applications Received	Approvals Issued	Applications Received	Approvals Issued
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABEY	204	190	299	221	260	294
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN	259	238	341	229	255	294
ARMAGH CITY BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	211	165	373	273	260	306
BELFAST	220	223	361	274	260	324
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	254	236	382	256	260	308
DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	297	315	366	289	260	296

FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	218	170	338	211	237	299
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH	251	206	350	258	219	291
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	297	279	371	248	261	299
MID ULSTER	210	157	293	234	260	300
NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN	208	145	354	290	260	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>2629</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>3828</b>	<b>2783</b>	<b>2792</b>	<b>3301</b>

<b>FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		<b>2024-2025</b>		<b>2025-2026~</b>	
<b>COUNCIL AREA</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Approvals Issued</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Approvals Issued</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Approvals Issued</b>
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABEY	283	207	241	153	89	45
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN	223	223	158	125	73	28
ARMAGH CITY BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON	376	269	336	233	142	45
BELFAST	499	309	445	347	164	91
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS	367	277	299	213	114	54

DERRY CITY AND STRABANE	333	252	322	242	138	76
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH	295	230	236	154	74	57
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH	139	166	134	88	46	31
MID AND EAST ANTRIM	259	202	202	147	85	36
MID ULSTER	333	252	284	196	143	56
NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN	387	288	317	220	125	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>3494</b>	<b>2675</b>	<b>2974</b>	<b>2118</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>572</b>

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**“Supporting Notes:**

*\* For the period 1 April 2020 to 31 August 2023 Affordable Warmth was a targeted scheme. Local councils had responsibility for targeting, assessing eligibility and referring customers to the Housing Executive. The scheme’s enquiry process changed in 2023. Since 1 September 2023, all private sector households who contact the Housing Executive’s freephone Energy Advice Service are assessed for potential eligibility. Those who present as eligible, and therefore may benefit from the Affordable Warmth scheme, are transferred to the grants team to pursue a possible application.*

*The information requested includes Affordable Warmth Scheme figures which forms part of the quarterly and annual compendium publication of*

*housing statistics. 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 the statistics.’ Provision of this data before publication of the National / Official Statistic to which it relates would be a failure to comply with the Code in respect of T3: Orderly release. In both tables the figures provided for 2025/2026 reflect the periods Q1 01 March – 30 June 2025 and Q2 01 July – 30 September 2025. Therefore, information for Q2 of 2025-26 should not be made available until after the publication of the Housing Bulletin on 27th November 2025.”*