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Dear Mr Gaston

You previously tabled a Priority Written Question (AQW 35794/22-27) to the Assembly Commission:

To ask the Assembly Commission to detail the number of times that the services of a plumber has been required in Parliament Buildings since the restoration of the Executive in February 2024, including (i) the reason for each call out; and (ii) the total cost to the public purse.

On 21 November 2025, you received an initial answer which set out that since the restoration of the Executive in February 2024, plumbing services have been requested 92 times (until the end of October 2025). However, it was not possible to provide a breakdown of the incidents and the total cost within the deadline provided and the Assembly Commission therefore committed to provide more detail and place it in the library when available.

I now attach a table in Annex 1 setting out the number of times that the services of a plumber was required in Parliament Buildings between 1 February 2024 and 31 October 2025 grouped by the nature of the issue. The total cost of the services required was £42,161.

I would ask you to note that while you were originally advised that there were 92 occasions when a plumber was required, further analysis of the detail clarified that we had omitted February to April 2024, due to a change in contractor, and one of the call outs was subsequently cancelled, this brings the total to 103.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ST BAXTER".

STEVEN BAXTER
Director of Corporate Services

ANNEX 1

Nature of Issue	Number of Call Outs
Taps - Maintenance or Replacement	28
Toilet Seats - Maintenance or Replacement	9
Toilets, Sinks, Urinals and Showers - Blockage or Drainage Problems	28
Leaking Pipes - Repair or Replacement	27
Toilet Flush – Repairs	6
Miscellaneous	5
Total	103