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Dear Michelle,

AQW 35666/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 35666/ 22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours Sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Improvements to Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) stock are funded through the Housing Executive and Affordable warmth scheme (AWS) works in private sector housing are funded by the Department for Communities (DfC) and administered by NIHE on their behalf.

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:

“A – NIHE Stock Improvements (financed by NIHE)

Table 1 below outlines the value of NIHE retrofit schemes initiated during each of the past five financial years, broken down by:

- *Measure type*
- *Area Office*

Please note: Some schemes include expenditure not solely attributable to retrofit measures but necessary to enable installation and, spend cannot be fully disaggregated by measure or component within the timeframe available, as this would require a manual review of 59 schemes that are not electronically recorded at that level of detail.

Key terms:

- ***EWI – External Wall Insulation***
- ***CWI – Cavity Wall Insulation***
- ***LCP (Low Carbon Programme)*** – *The properties in this innovative scheme have benefitted from low carbon heating systems, ‘fabric first’ measures such as new cavity wall insulation and upgraded loft insulation, and renewable technology to provide power generation and storage*
- ***Various – refers to two schemes undertaken by the Housing Executive:***
 - *2022/23, South West Area: RULET pilot installing fabric improvements and air-source heat pumps*
 - *2024/25, West Area: Refurbishment of a vacant block including ground-source heat pumps, new CWI, loft insulation, solar PV and enhanced ventilation systems*

Table 1 – Value of NIHE-funded Retrofit Schemes (Started in each financial year, by measure, and by Area Office)

Year	Measure	South & East Belfast	North Belfast	West Belfast	Causeway	Mid & East Antrim
2020/21	<i>EWI</i>					
2021/22	<i>EWI</i>		£6,196,953	£724,270		
2022/23	<i>EWI</i>	£5,755,306		£8,497,495	£2,307,890	
2022/23	Various					
2023/24	<i>EWI</i>				£340,364	
2023/24	<i>LCP</i>			£1,413,892		
2023/24	<i>Loft Insulation</i>				£157,838	£162,398
2024/25	<i>CWI</i>	£215,391		£66,036	£132,376	£138,331
2024/25	<i>EWI</i>	£4,090,156				
2024/25	<i>LCP</i>			£3,651,576	£816,396	
2024/25	Various					

Year	Measure	South Antrim	West	Ards & North Down	Mid Ulster	South	South Down	South West
2020/21	<i>EWI</i>					£373,311		
2021/22	<i>EWI</i>	£1,278,426	£1,807,492	£331,094		£1,002,115		
2022/23	<i>EWI</i>					£6,467,303		£237,674
2022/23	Various							£224,454
2023/24	<i>EWI</i>	£5,032,640	£120,160		£309,324	£3,037,839	£484,845	
2023/24	<i>LCP</i>		£1,491,802	£705,294				
2023/24	<i>Loft Insulation</i>	£154,400	£95,802			£39,657		
2024/25	<i>CWI</i>			£296,288				
2024/25	<i>EWI</i>		£3,187,00	£3,858,174				
2024/25	<i>LCP</i>	£596,339		£589,787				
2024/25	Various		£414,494					

B - Private Stock – Affordable Warmth Scheme (AWS) – (funded by the Department for Communities (DfC) and administered by NIHE)

Table 2 below outlines Affordable Warmth Scheme expenditure in each of the last 5 financial years, by council area.

Table 2 - Affordable Warmth Scheme Expenditure (Private Sector, funded by DfC, administered by NIHE)

AWS Expenditure by financial year	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	2024/25 £000's	Total £000's
Antrim & Newtownabbey	549	829	1,115	1,211	689	4,393
Mid & East Antrim	728	1,016	1,359	1,150	574	4,827
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	523	1,049	1,849	1,145	914	5,480
Belfast	841	1,164	1,652	1,661	1,008	6,326
Causeway Coast & Glens	561	1,392	1,523	1,562	719	5,757
Derry & Strabane	788	1,681	1,513	1,352	945	6,279
Fermanagh & Omagh	464	769	1,575	1,536	514	4,858
Mid Ulster	554	886	1,366	1,470	679	4,955
Newry, Mourne & Down	532	1,155	1,831	1,172	913	5,603
North Down & Ards	526	843	1,148	1,122	544	4,183
Lisburn & Castlereagh	611	1,032	1,270	984	505	4,402
*Total (£000's)	6,677	11,816	16,201	14,365	8,005	57,063"

*Totals are subject to rounding's, rounded to £000's.