

From: The Minister

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Dear Andy,

AQW 40220/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detailed required to answer AQW 40220/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Annex A

See the table below for social homes started and completed in each of the past 5 years.

Year	SHDP Starts	SHDP Completions
2020/21	2,403	1,304
2021/22	1,713	835
2022/23	1,956	1,449
2023/24	1,508	1,403
2024/25	1,504	1,410
TOTAL	9,084	6,401

The Department's affordable/intermediate housing is primarily delivered through Co-Ownership. Apex and Clanmil previously delivered affordable homes as part of the Affordable Homes Loans Fund (AHLF) pilot scheme. These pilots are now closed. See below table for breakdown of these homes.

Financial Year	Co-Own	Co-Own Over 55s	Co-Own Rent To Own	Clanmil	Apex	Total
2020/21	1081	0	8	12	9	1110
2021/22	1144	0	10	14	22	1190
2022/23	739	6	2	28	2	777
2023/24	754	17	9	2	0	782
2024/25	858	28	3	0	0	889
Total	4576	51	32	56	33	4748

The number of households on the social housing waiting list and the average waiting time for applicants, in each of the last five years is an operational matter for the Housing Executive. I have sought the information requested from the Chief Executive who has advised me as follows:

“Please see tables 1 and 2 below, which provide information on:

- *the number of applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List by Mean & Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean & Median Points on the Waiting List as at 30/09/2020, 30/09/2021, 30/09/2022, 30/09/2023, 30/09/2024, 30/09/2025.*
- *the number of allocations from the Social Housing Waiting List to applicant households for each year in a 5-year period from 01/10/2020 to 30/09/2025, by Mean and Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean and Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation.*

Table 1: No. of applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List as at 30/09/2020, 30/09/2021, 30/09/2022, 30/09/2023, 30/09/2024, 30/09/2025, by Mean and Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean and Median Points on the Waiting List

Social Housing Waiting List (as at date):	No. of applicant households on the Waiting List	Mean Waiting Time (in months) on the Waiting List	Median Waiting Time (in months) on the Waiting List	Mean Points on the Waiting List	Median Points on the Waiting List
As at 30/09/2020	41,580	41.3	25.0	77.2	84.0
As at 30/09/2021	44,988	43.0	27.0	75.7	80.0
As at 30/09/2022	44,532	45.8	31.0	80.1	90.0
As at 30/09/2023	45,615	47.5	31.0	82.0	92.0
As at 30/09/2024	48,366	49.1	32.0	84.7	96.0
As at 30/09/2025	49,588	51.3	33.0	85.4	96.0

Table 2: No. of allocations to applicant households on the Social Housing Waiting List for each year within a 5-year period from 01/10/2020 to 30/09/2025 by Mean and Median Waiting Time (in months) and Mean and Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation

Allocations period	No. of allocations to applicant households	Mean Waiting Time (in months) on the Waiting List at the point of allocation	Median Waiting Time (in months) on the Waiting List at the point of allocation	Mean Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation	Median Points on the Waiting List at the point of allocation
<i>Allocations 01/10/20 - 30/09/21</i>	6,495	26.0	16.0	141.5	140.0
<i>Allocations 01/10/21 - 30/09/22</i>	6,042	28.0	17.0	145.7	146.0
<i>Allocations 01/10/22 - 30/09/23</i>	5,583	29.8	19.0	147.8	148.0
<i>Allocations 01/10/23 - 30/09/24</i>	5,862	31.7	20.0	151.8	150.0
<i>Allocations 01/10/24 - 30/09/25</i>	6,073	35.3	23.0	149.1	150.0”

The criteria for affordable housing differs from Social Housing and does not operate a waiting list.