

From: The Minister

Date: 30 March 2026

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Northern Ireland Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Ballymiscaw
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Dear Pádraig,

AQW 42084/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 42084/ 22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

AQW 42084 22-27 – Annex A

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:

“The Housing Executive has provided details for the last five financial years, broken down by Council area and grant type of:

a) *The number of Home Improvement Grants approvals issued:*

Approvals issued						
Council	Grant Type	Financial Year 2021-22				
		<i>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</i>	<i>Renovation</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Home Repair Assistance (HRA)</i>	<i>Repair Grant</i>
<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey</i>		52	1	-	3	1
<i>Ards & North Down</i>		37	5	-	3	14
<i>Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon</i>		80	10	1	8	36
<i>Belfast</i>		74	20	-	11	95
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>		84	10	-	6	1
<i>Derry City & Strabane</i>		134	4	-	2	2

<i>Fermanagh & Omagh</i>	62	18	-	19	66
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh</i>	19	2	-	1	4
<i>Mid & East Antrim</i>	56	2	-	5	11
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	76	17	-	11	29
<i>Newry Mourne & Down</i>	82	14	1	3	32
Total	756	103	2	72	291

Approvals issued						
Council	Grant Type	Financial Year 2022-23				
		<i>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</i>	<i>Renovation</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Home Repair Assistance (HRA)</i>	<i>Repair Grant</i>
<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey</i>		56	-	-	-	2
<i>Ards & North Down</i>		67	1	-	4	20
<i>Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon</i>		73	2	-	3	35
<i>Belfast</i>		76	7	-	4	92
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>		68	1	-	-	-
<i>Derry City & Strabane</i>		123	2	-	1	2
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh</i>		84	2	-	2	49
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh</i>		25	1	-	-	1
<i>Mid & East Antrim</i>		56	1	-	1	8
<i>Mid Ulster</i>		89	2	-	3	25

<i>Newry Mourne & Down</i>	105	6	1	2	25
Total	822	25	1	20	259

Approvals issued						
Council	Grant Type	Financial Year 2023-24				
		<i>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</i>	<i>Renovation</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Home Repair Assistance (HRA)</i>	<i>Repair Grant</i>
<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey</i>		53	-			-
<i>Ards & North Down</i>		51	1			24
<i>Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon</i>		110	1			24
<i>Belfast</i>		86	2			106
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>		62	-			-
<i>Derry City & Strabane</i>		119	1			5
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh</i>		81	1			56
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh</i>		31	-			-
<i>Mid & East Antrim</i>		55	-			15
<i>Mid Ulster</i>		76	-			17
<i>Newry Mourne & Down</i>		81	-			23
Total		805	6	-	-	270

Approvals issued						
Council	Grant Type	Financial Year 2024-25				
		<i>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</i>	<i>Renovation</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Home Repair Assistance (HRA)</i>	<i>Repair Grant</i>
<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey</i>		45	-			-
<i>Ards & North Down</i>		36	2			17
<i>Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon</i>		98	-			36
<i>Belfast</i>		110	-			102
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>		76	1			-
<i>Derry City & Strabane</i>		140	-			5
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh</i>		79	1			40
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh</i>		27	1			6

<i>Mid & East Antrim</i>	48	-			30
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	67	1			28
<i>Newry Mourne & Down</i>	86	1			22
Total	812	7	-	-	286

Approvals issued						
Council	Grant Type	Financial Year 2025/09-03-26				
		<i>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</i>	<i>Renovation</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Home Repair Assistance (HRA)</i>	<i>Repair Grant</i>
		<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey</i>	54	-		
<i>Ards & North Down</i>	38	-			13	
<i>Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon</i>	93	-			42	
<i>Belfast</i>	108	1			80	
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>	85	2			-	
<i>Derry City & Strabane</i>	88	-			2	
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh</i>	57	-			32	
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh</i>	39	-			7	
<i>Mid & East Antrim</i>	56	1			15	
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	49	-			8	
<i>Newry Mourne & Down</i>	90	-			23	
Total	757	4	-	-	223	

Discretionary Grants (Renovation, Replacement and Home Repair Assistance)

From 2022/23 to date, funding constraints have been applied to the Private Sector Grants programme, mostly impacting the discretionary Home Improvement Grants - Renovation, Replacement and Home Repair Assistance. Since then, funding constraints have meant that no new discretionary grants can be considered unless the application is directly linked to the delivery of a mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant. Consideration will be given only where there are significant health and safety risks and where funding is available at the time of application.

The Housing Executive has provided details for the last five financial years, broken down by Council area and grant type of:

b) The number of Affordable Warmth Scheme and Boiler Replacement scheme approvals issued:

Approvals issued										
Council	<i>Affordable Warmth Scheme (AWS)</i>						<i>Boiler Replacement Scheme (BRS)*</i>			
	<i>Financial Year 2021-22</i>	<i>Financial Year 2022-23</i>	<i>Financial Year 2023-24</i>	<i>Financial Year 2024-25</i>	<i>25/26~ Q1-Q3</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>Financial Year 2021-22</i>	<i>Financial Year 2022-23</i>	<i>Financial Year 2023-24</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
<i>Antrim & Newtownabbey</i>	221	294	207	153	81	956	156	75	15	246
<i>Ards & North Down</i>	229	294	223	125	57	928	217	134	12	363
<i>Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon</i>	273	306	269	233	117	1198	243	113		356
<i>Belfast</i>	274	324	309	347	154	1408	509	263	33	805
<i>Causeway Coast & Glens</i>	256	308	277	213	112	1166	94	43	15	152
<i>Derry City & Strabane</i>	289	296	252	242	115	1194	172	70	4	246
<i>Fermanagh & Omagh</i>	211	299	230	154	89	983	53	13	4	70
<i>Lisburn & Castlereagh</i>	258	291	166	88	47	850	165	85	11	261

<i>Mid & East Antrim</i>	248	299	202	147	72	968	136	93	21	250
<i>Mid Ulster</i>	234	300	252	196	100	1082	63	17	1	81
<i>Newry Mourne & Down</i>	290	290	287	220	130	1217	203	134	3	340
Total	2783	3301	2674	2118	1074	11950	2011	1040	119	3170

**The Boiler Replacement scheme closed with effect on 21 September 2023.*

~ 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. Information for Q4 of 2025-26 is likely to be made available in June 2026. All figures provided therefore reflect the period 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2025.”