

From: The Minister

Date: 08 May 2026

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Dear Michelle,

AQW 43728/22-27– INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 43728/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

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:

“(i) The table below shows:

- the number of Succession Review requests since 1 October 2022 (when NIHE started to collate this data set), broken down by the Financial Year in which the decision was made; and*
- the average time (in calendar days) from receipt of the Review request to the Review decision and issue of the decision letter to the customer or agreed representative, also broken down by the Financial Year in which the decision was made.*

Case	Total cases Oct 22 - Mar 26 (Q3 22/23 - Q4 25/26)	Average days taken from receipt of Review request to decision Q3 22/23 - Q4 22/23	Average days taken from receipt of Review request to decision 23/24	Average days taken from receipt of Review request to decision 24/25	Average days taken from receipt of Review request to decision 25/26	Total Average Days from receipt of Review request to decision Oct 22 - Mar 26 (Q3 22/23 - Q4 25/26)
<i>Review decision issued to customer/ agreed representative</i>	194	49	131	137	144	137

(ii) The table below shows:

- the number of Decrees obtained from Succession Review decisions made since October 2022, broken down by Financial Year (Q3 2022/23 to 2025/26)
- the average time (in months) taken to obtain a Decree from the commencement of possession proceedings where the succession decision has been challenged.

Total Decrees Oct 22 - Mar 26 (Q3 22/23 - Q4 25/26)	Decrees obtained 24/25	Average Months Taken 24/25 (Decree)	Decrees obtained 25/26	Average Months Taken 25/26 (Decree)
26	14	11	12	14

* Earliest Decree from Succession Review decision (effective from October 2022) challenge obtained 14 May 2024

** These figures do not include cases where a decision was challenged and subsequently withdrawn and vacant possession given”