

From: The Minister

Date: 27 October 2026

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Dear Claire,

AQW 52520/22-27 - INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of detail required to answer AQW 52520/22-27, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Temporary Accommodation Expenditure:

Please see Table 1 below which provides NIHE expenditure on temporary accommodation, in each of the last ten financial years, including (i) total expenditure; (ii) expenditure on non-standard temporary accommodation; (iii) average monthly expenditure; and (iv) average daily expenditure.

TABLE 1	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Temporary Accommodation Expenditure	5,843	6,789	7,605	9,299	16,162	21,164	26,089	36,949	43,010	48,882
Non-Standard Accommodation Expenditure	0	668	912	1,932	5,092	5,767	7,621	12,222	15,951	14,832
Avg Monthly Expenditure	487	566	634	775	1,347	1,764	2,174	3,079	3,584	4,074
Avg Daily Expenditure	16	19	21	25	44	58	71	101	118	134

Please Note:

1. The figures above represent the gross cost payable by NIHE and do not reflect any income NIHE received for same such as Housing Benefit or personal contributions.
2. The above figures include expenditure on temporary accommodation and associated costs (e.g. transport and storage costs).
3. NIHE did not incur non-standard expenditure in 2016/17.

Please see below Table 2 which provides expenditure on temporary accommodation, in each of the last ten financial years, (v) in each local council are

TABLE 2	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Council Area	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Antrim & Newtownabbey	186	153	211	181	336	237	504	717	2,318	4,154
Ards & North Down	481	518	722	584	574	645	974	1,098	1,623	1,891
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	187	199	385	411	480	479	742	1,040	2,437	3,650
Belfast	2,270	2,742	2,978	3,298	4,645	4,414	5,398	8,939	19,648	18,135
Causeway Coast & Glens	129	147	154	171	259	162	347	482	697	2,080
Derry & Strabane	676	897	1,182	2,179	2,469	2,482	5,258	6,884	9,033	9,504
Fermanagh & Omagh	125	221	272	427	403	331	513	617	1,583	2,059
Lisburn & Castlereagh	681	566	655	709	656	705	838	1,020	1,858	1,486
Mid & East Antrim	218	241	117	309	278	158	239	261	1,201	2,530
Mid Ulster	159	188	403	444	789	466	656	644	859	1,173
Newry, Mourne & Down	517	477	539	511	723	755	886	995	1,677	2,054
Block Booked Single Lets	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,082	14,073	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0	4,141	9,949	0	0	0	0
Undefined	213	440	(13)	73	408	382	652	178	76	166
Grand Total	5,843	6,789	7,605	9,299	16,162	21,164	26,089	36,949	43,010	48,882
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,073	1,898	1,255	14,498

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1. The figures above represent the gross cost payable by NIHE and do not reflect any income NIHE received for same such as Housing Benefit or personal contributions.
2. The above figures include expenditure on temporary accommodation and associated costs (e.g. transport and storage costs).
3. Undefined costs represent temporary accommodation placements where data was not recorded to identify the geographical area.
4. Accounting Standards (specifically IFRS 16 Leases) requires costs associated with property leases which are for a period of more than

12 months to be capitalised in full in the year which the lease commences. This new standard was implemented from 2022/23, with costs provided separately above.

5. Capital expenditure represents a number of leases which cover the costs of temporary accommodation over a leasing period of between 3-5 years.

Leasing Agreements recorded as Capital Expenditure can include a number of units of accommodation spread across Northern Ireland, and as a result it is not possible to identify the location to which these properties relate within our finance systems