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Dear Ms Jennings

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request received on 15th April 2022 about the cost of housing benefit contributions to the private rented sector in Northern Ireland and the total spend on new build social housing in Northern Ireland for 2021/22. I am dealing with your request under the terms of the above legislation.

I am writing to confirm that the Housing Executive has now completed its search for the information and would respond as follows;

1. The cost of housing benefit contributions to the private rented sector in Northern Ireland in 2021/22

The cost of housing benefit contributions to the private rented sector in 2021/22 for Northern Ireland was £317.4m.

2. The total spend on new build social housing in Northern Ireland in 2021/22.

The total expenditure on new build social housing in financial year 2021/22 was £172m. Please note this figure only represents NIHE's contribution to the New Build programme in the form of Housing Assistance Grant (HAG) provided to Housing Associations.

If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

You may write to:

Freedom of Information
Information Governance Team
Planning, Performance Risk & Governance
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
The Housing Centre
2 Adelaide Street
Belfast, BT2 8PB

or send an email to foi@nihe.gov.uk if you wish to make a complaint.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of our original decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact **Julia Jennings**
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Yours sincerely

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