

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 001751  
Date            30 November 2017

### *Housing Benefit*

#### Request:

For the last two tax years please provide the following information

- a)    Whats was the total amount paid out in housing benefit to private sector landlords

	£
2015/2016	32,439,490
2016/2017	30,593,784

- b)    What was the total amount paid out in housing benefit to social housing providers

	£
2015/2016	81,371,052
2016/2017	78,999,335

Please note that in addition to the above there were housing benefit payments of £1,274,593 (2015/16) and £1,238,420 (2016/17) where the data held does not distinguish between private and social sector landlords.

For future reference this is published information available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/housing-benefit-expenditure-and-subsidy-data>

- c)    What was the total amount of overpayments to

(A) Private Sector Landlords and (B) Social Housing Providers

From the total amount of over payments to both social and private sector housing providers how much has (A) been and collected and (B) outstanding and (C) Written off

In response to the above question, the information you have requested falls under Section 21 of The Act which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

This exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/housing-benefit-recoveries-and-fraud-data>