ANNEX A

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Request

March 2024 Jeremy Hunt announced a £20 million "Towns Fund" for the Londonderry/Coleraine area.

1. Please advise by return how this money is managed?
2. Who manages said monies and how are audits carried out and by who?
3. Who, where and what specifically is the monies aimed for?

Woven Housing Association announced last year they were investing £63 million across the North West as part of a wider £150 million boost into new developments, stock upgrades and enhanced housing services over the next five years to help address the growing need for more homes across NI.

1. Please advise by return what parts of the North West will benefit from this money?
2. How many families who's children have a disability or even themselves benefit from this funding?
3. Who manages said monies and how often are audits carried out and by who?
4. How is fairness demonstrated when allocating houses?

Michelle O'Neill and Emma Little-Pengelly confirmed that they have signed off on a further £9 million investment to allow for the urban villages initiative to develop.

1. What areas are defined as urban villages in order to receive help from this funding?
2. Who manages said monies and how often are audits carried out and by who?
3. How is fairness demonstrated when distributing monies to urban villages?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.
I can confirm that for the Towns fund and Woven Housing Association, that we do not hold this information.

1. What areas are defined as urban villages in order to receive help from this funding?

Annex B

2. Who manages said monies and how often are audits carried out and by who?

No information held.

3. How is fairness demonstrated when distributing monies to urban villages?

No information held.