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Dear Rhun,

I am responding to two written questions you tabled on 16 February and I apologise for the delay in providing the information you requested. I am now able to provide a more substantive response following my holding reply on 23 February.

In 2021-22, the Minister for Climate Change increased local authorities' Enable grant by £1 million to ensure the means test is no longer applied to small and medium Disabled Facilities Grants. The grant is being increased by a further £1 million in 2022-23. The means test can be a cause of delays and frustration. This injection of funding is intended to speed up delivery for all disabled people, including those with MND.

The Minister for Climate Change has also given Regional Partnership Boards the discretion to fund the additional costs of larger adaptations over £36,000 from their Integrated Care Fund capital funding. It's worth noting that major adaptations are time consuming and involve significant disruption in the home. They are not always the best solution for people with MND. Alternatives such as equipment, care and support, and rehabilitation to slow deterioration may be a better alternative given the speed of onset and impact of the condition.

These developments are a significant step forward to ensure disabled people, including those with neurological and neuromuscular conditions, can receive adaptations more quickly.

Yours sincerely,

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