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Dear Nick,

Further to Jane Davidson's interim reply of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009, I am responding to your Written Assembly Question (WAQ54605).

You requested an outline of the cost to the Assembly Government budget of the Affordable Housing LCO.

My best estimate of the amount spent by the Assembly Government in relation to the Affordable Housing LCO between 1 May 2007 and 16 June 2009 is £87,783. As you will be aware, I announced on 16 June 2009 my intention to seek more wide ranging legislative powers to modernise social housing. Consequently, work on the Affordable Housing LCO ceased on that date. My officials are currently working to develop a new Order with wider powers.

The £87,783 figure is the staffing cost for officials designated to work specifically on this Order within the Housing Directorate and funded through the reallocation of resources from existing Assembly Government staff budgets. This figure does not include the cost of other Assembly Government officials from various departments, including the Housing Directorate, the Office of Welsh Legislative Counsel, Legal Services, Constitutional Affairs and Legislation Management and Cabinet Secretariat, who have been working on the LCO for varying periods as part of their day-to-day business.

Yours sincerely,

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