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**REQUEST**

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. The information relates to tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their Housing Benefit reduced under the provisions related to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy.

1/ How many tenants do you have in your area who are renting in the social sector – including those renting housing association properties / council properties / or through a social landlord?

2/ How many of the tenants in your area are having their housing benefit reduced because they are under-occupying their property under the government's spare room subsidy policy?

3/ Of the above, how many (or they and their partner / former partner / child/ non-dependent who has died, or left the property or served a prison sentence) have been on housing benefit continuously since the 1st January 1996 (with certain gaps allowed) under the Consequential Provisions Regulations?

4/ How many tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated pursuant to paragraph 4(1)(a) of Schedule 3 of the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2006 (Consequential Provisions Regulations) rather than the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy since its introduction in April 2013?

5/ Of the tenants who , who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy – how many have had their housing benefit reduced by 14%?

6/ Of the tenants who , who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy – how many have had their housing benefit reduced by 25%?

7/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy – how much money in total have these tenants, in your jurisdiction, had their housing benefit reduced by?

8/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulation but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how many, in total, HAVE BEEN paid money through the discretionary housing payment scheme?

9/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions

which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how many, in total, ARE STILL CONTINUING to be paid money through the discretionary housing payment scheme?

10/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how much money, in total, HAS BEEN paid to them, to date, in discretionary housing payment scheme?

11/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how much money in total IS CONTINUING to be paid to them in discretionary housing payment scheme, while you investigate the matter

12/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, How long do you estimate it will take to investigate these matters?

13/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how many, in total, have contacted the council to enquire about receiving arrears in their housing benefit?

14/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how much money in total does the council owe these tenants in housing benefit arrears?

15/ How much money, in total, does the council calculate will have to be written off in Discretionary Housing Payments that have been paid to tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy?

16/ How much money, in total, does the council calculate will have to be written off in Discretionary Housing Payments that is continuing to be paid to tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy?

17/ How much money to date, in total, has been paid back to tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy?

18/ Has the council kept records of tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations?

19/ If the council has not kept records of tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, how much money are you proposing to set aside to deal with this matter?

## **RESPONSE**

I write further to your Freedom of Information Request dated 22 January, to answer as follows:

1/ How many tenants do you have in your area who are renting in the social sector – including those renting housing association properties / council properties / or through a social landlord?

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2/ How many of the tenants in your area are having their housing benefit reduced because they are under-occupying their property under the government's spare room subsidy policy?

**457**

3/ Of the above, how many (or they and their partner / former partner / child/ non-dependent who has died, or left the property or served a prison sentence) have been on housing benefit continuously since the 1st January 1996 (with certain gaps allowed) under the Consequential Provisions Regulations?

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4/ How many tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated pursuant to paragraph 4(1)(a) of Schedule 3 of the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2006 (Consequential Provisions Regulations) rather than the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy since its introduction in April 2013?

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5/ Of the tenants who , who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy – how many have had their housing benefit reduced by 14%?

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6/ Of the tenants who , who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy – how many have had their housing benefit reduced by 25%?

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7/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy – how much money in total have these tenants, in your jurisdiction, had their housing benefit reduced by?

**Question is not clear. An average weekly figure would be £10.00**

8/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulation but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how many, in total, HAVE BEEN paid money through the discretionary housing payment scheme?

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9/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how many, in total, ARE STILL CONTINUING to be paid money through the discretionary housing payment scheme?

**Nil**

10/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how much money, in total, HAS BEEN paid to them, to date, in discretionary housing payment scheme?

**£3890**

11/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how much money in total IS CONTINUING to be paid to them in discretionary housing payment scheme, while you investigate the matter

**Nil**

12/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, How long do you estimate it will take to investigate these matters?

**All cases have been completed**

13/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how many, in total, have contacted the council to enquire about receiving arrears in their housing benefit?

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14/ Of the tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy, how much money in total does the council owe these tenants in housing benefit arrears?

**£24500**

15/ How much money, in total, does the council calculate will have to be written off in Discretionary Housing Payments that have been paid to tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy?

**£3890**

16/ How much money, in total, does the council calculate will have to be written off in Discretionary Housing Payments that is continuing to be paid to tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy?

**Nil**

17/ How much money to date, in total, has been paid back to tenants, who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations, but who have had their housing benefit reduced under the provisions which relate to the Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy?

**LA has not refunded any at this time. We have no knowledge re the policy taken by the RSLs**

18/ Has the council kept records of tenants who are entitled to have their eligible rent calculated under the Consequential Provisions Regulations?

**Yes**