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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information received on 29 March 2016.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Please advise the current number of people on the social housing waiting list for the borough.

As at 1 March 2016 there were 23,170 in the housing list (including existing tenants seeking a transfer).

2. Please advise how regularly this list is updated including the removal from the list of those who have been housed by Lambeth.

The list is constantly updated throughout the day. People are removed from the list automatically as soon as they are housed.

3. Please also show the number of people in each priority banding and the average waiting time in each band for the allocation of housing.

Housing is not allocated based on waiting time alone. The amount of time you wait depends on the size of property you need, your priority band and what you bid for. For instance, someone in high priority band who bids selectively for a small number of properties will wait longer than someone in a low priority band who is prepared to accept whatever is available. Of those who bid successfully, the average time they had spent on the list before being housed is shown below. Note that the number housed in Band D is very small (seen lettings data provided in answer to question 5), and therefore the waiting time for this Band is not representative.

	Number on list	Average time on list of those housed
Band A - Under-occupiers	1,315	6.3 years
Band A – Other Emergencies and Strategic Priorities	407	3.7 years
Band B	2,845	5.1 years
Band C1	1,298	4.4 years
Band C2	11,678	9.0 years
Band D	5627	5.6 years
TOTAL	23,170	

4. Please provide dates where the housing list has been updated and the numbers in each banding accurate at the point of update.

As stated above, the housing list is continuously updated. New applications are added every day, and existing applications closed when people have been housed or move away. The exact numbers on the list will therefore change on a daily basis.

5. Please provide details of allocated housing per annum going back to 2010, including the number of properties, type of property, including no. of bedrooms, how many on the waiting list were housed in Lambeth housing stock, and how many were housed by Lambeth in privately owned accommodation.

Lettings data is attached. Please note that the current band-based scheme (Band A, B, C and D) was introduced in November 2013. Prior to that we had a more complicated scheme with different allocation groups. Note that the lettings figures for 2013/14 therefore includes lettings under the old scheme (pre-November 2013) and the new scheme (post-November 2013). Also note that figures for 2015/16 are provisional.

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Thank you for your interest in Lambeth Council.

Yours faithfully

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