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Dear Mr Khan,

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Please quote our reference: E30539**  
**Subject: Bidding Statistics**

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We trust that the information provided is satisfactory. You are free to use the information for your personal use only. For future reference we publish information on our website, including the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.

It is important to note that under the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 the Council asks not to receive unsolicited marketing communication.

### Request and Response

1. How many applicants are currently registered to bid in total?

**As of 07/03/2018 there are 25807 applicants are on the housing register.**

2. How many applicants under the type 'Homeseeker with priority' are currently registered to bid?

**As of 07/03/2018 there are 16470 applicants under the type Homeseeker with Priority or Priority Homeseeker band.**

3. What is the average time taken to house an active bidder?

**Between 19/03/2017- 20/03/2018**

**Overall average waiting time for all categories of applicant = 7 years, 4 months**

4. How many bids - on average - are placed per week?

**Between period 19/03/2017-20/03/2018, there were on average 5177 bids per week.**

5. How many properties -on average - are available for bidding per week?

**Between period 19/03/2017-20/03/2018, there were on average 12 properties advertised per week.**

As of 2011 or so, there was a change in the priority of when someone is housed. i.e. those who are in employment are of higher priority.

6. Does this still stand?

**Our allocations policy has not changed since this time. It should be noted that verified employed is not the highest category and for full details of our allocations policy please see on-line <https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/Housing-allocations.aspx>**

7. What is the average time for an employed bidder to be housed vs an unemployed bidder?

**Average waiting times for all applicants housed between 19/03/2017-20/03/2018**

**Verified employed = 9 years and 4 months**

**All other categories = 4 years and 6 months**

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at [information.governance@newham.gov.uk](mailto:information.governance@newham.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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