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Date: **8 February 2021**

Dear Mr Lisle,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 10107225

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 11 January 2021 and processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- "1. Up to 11/01/2021, how many applications have been registered on the Homes England's IT system?*
- 2. Up to 11/01/20210, how many applications have had their application cancelled?*
- 3. Up to 11/01/2021 how many property sales have completed and now owned by the tenant.*
- 4. How much of the allocated £200,000,000 has now been spent?*
- 5. When will the Midlands VRTB pilot report be completed?*
- 6. If the Midlands VRTB pilot reports deems it successful will there be a national rollout of the VRTB?"*

We can confirm that the information requested is held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Please find this information detailed below in the order you have posed.

1. Up to 11/01/2021, how many applications have been registered on the Homes England's IT system?

As of 11 January 2021, a total of 3,879 applications have been entered into the system.

2. Up to 11/01/20210, how many applications have had their application cancelled?

As of 11 January 2021, of the tenants who have made an application to their housing association, 2,035 have either cancelled their application or have their applications terminated by their housing association.

Reasons for termination may include a tenant not meeting the eligibility criteria for the pilot, or a tenant withdrawing their application for any reason, for example if they cannot afford the purchase.

3. Up to 11/01/2021 how many property sales have completed and now owned by the tenant.

As of 11 January 2021, there have been 1,808 sales under the pilot.

4. How much of the allocated £200,000,000 has now been spent?

As of 11 January 2021, a total of £117.1m has been spent under the Voluntary Right to Buy Midlands pilot.

This figure captures the discount amount from the sales that is paid to HAs, and the compensation paid to HAs for the allowable costs of administering the scheme.

5. When will the Midlands VRTB pilot report be completed?

This information is held by MHCLG, but we are not obliged to provide it under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. This information has been published at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/958999/VRTB_Evaluation_v5_FINAL.pdf

6. If the Midlands VRTB pilot reports deems it successful will there be a national rollout of the VRTB?

As set out in the 2019 manifesto, the Government will evaluate new pilot areas for the Voluntary Right to Buy. We will announce more details on this in due course.

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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Kind regards,

MHCLG FOI Team