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MEARS HOUSING PROPERTIES

Thank you for your request of 12 May 2025 where you asked us for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

“Detail the number of properties Mears Housing has purchased in Northern Ireland in each of the last five years. To outline the number of properties Mears Housing have rented in Northern Ireland in each of the last five years.

To provide a breakdown of the number of properties

(i) purchased and

(ii) rented by Mears Housing in each constituency, in each of the last five years.

To detail the total cost of the properties purchased by Mears Housing in each constituency in Northern Ireland, in each of the last five years.”

We have considered your request in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and I can confirm that we do not hold any of the information you have requested.

It might be helpful to explain that the NAO has no remit or powers to look into matters concerning Mears Housing. Our function is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements of government departments and other government bodies, and to carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which government departments and other public sector bodies utilise their resources in England. Our remit does not extend to properties in Northern Ireland.

I hope this information is helpful and you are happy with the way we have handled your request. Our policy is to respond to requests as helpfully and promptly as possible. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at FOI@nao.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely

NAO FOI Team