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Dear Mark

I write in response to the queries you raised in Plenary on 2 July in relation to the £2m Social Housing Grant to support housing for Armed Forces personnel.

The funding was specifically made available to support housing for those leaving the Armed Forces. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO) advertised the scheme through their various Armed Forces channels as part of their existing MOD Referral Scheme. This resulted in 29 expressions of interest for accommodation under this initiative. As part of the process, applicants were able to identify up to three authorities, in terms of preferred areas to live in, together with specific towns.

Funding has been allocated across nine authorities and ten housing associations in line with the expressions of interest. While the funding has been matched to specific schemes which are all currently on site, every attempt will be made to find alternative accommodation if the location ultimately proves to be unsuitable.

The local authorities will be assessing the applicants in terms of eligibility for affordable housing and then working in partnership with the associations to formally allocate the properties once complete.

My officials have met with the authorities to agree the assessment approach and have advised the housing associations of the schemes that benefitted from the funding.

I hope that this satisfies your queries.

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