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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07934

Thank you for your request for information relating to Self-isolation support payment.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

Collectively, councils were given £40 million in self-isolation support. That £40 million was made up of two pots: 'programme costs' which is a £25 million pot and not discretionary. The second is a £15 million pot and is discretionary. For the purposes of this Fol, I am interested in the discretionary pot only.

Can you please answer the following:

A) How many applications have been considered under the discretionary pot We can advise that 502 have been assessed. Please note this does not include claims that have been received but have not yet been assessed

b) how many have been granted and

101 applications have been granted

c) how many have been rejected. 401 applications have been rejected

If you have already run out of discretionary funding

d) how long did the discretionary funding pot last. Please provide both a date when it ran out and the number of days from between when you had the funding and when it ran out (I appreciate that councils may have received funding at different times). We can advise that we still have funding left.

If you haven't yet run out of discretionary funding e) how long do you anticipate it lasting.

We estimate that with the number of outstanding claims to consider the funding will last up to the end of January.

Finally, if you have already spent the discretionary funding, f) have you spent more from your own budget and if so g) by how much? Not applicable – see question e) response

If you haven't yet spent all your discretionary funding - and bearing in mind the Government has said that councils will not be able to recoup on discretionary overspend -

h) have you or do you plan to allocate additional funding to support local residents?

No, we are estimating that the funding will last up to the end of the planned current scheme, therefore there are no plans to provide additional funding.

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Yours faithfully

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