



Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

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Dear Jeremy,

Spring Supplementary Estimates 2021-22

Thank you for providing an [Estimates Memorandum](#) in relation to your Department's supplementary estimate 2021-22. Our Committee has a few follow-up questions on this:

1. The Supplementary Estimate includes a reduction in the budget for Covid-19 measures due to surrenders of £274 million under Business Rate reliefs, £191 million under the Tax Income Guarantee and £75 million under the Sales, Fees and Charges scheme. Is the Department expecting further income from these surrenders? If so, how much?
2. The Department's Capital DEL budget has decreased in part due to delays and slow progress on its capital programmes, including on Affordable Housing Supply and Building Safety. Are these delays likely to persist in 2022-23? What is the Department doing to reduce delays on its capital programmes?
3. The Chancellor announced a further £500 million for the Household Support Fund in the 2022 Spring Statement. How many households will benefit from this additional funding? How will the Department support local authorities to deliver an additional £500 million to households most in need?
4. As inflation is higher than was forecast at the 2021 Spending Review, the Department's nominal DEL allocations will be affected. How will the Department cope with this reduced real-terms budget? Are there any areas of the Department which may face reduced resources?

Best wishes,

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee