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Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Dame Meg,

Public Accounts Committee: Starter Homes inquiry – Affordable Housing statistics

As part of the Public Accounts Committee's inquiry into the Starter Homes programme in 2020, Homes England committed to writing to the committee every six months to provide a breakdown of delivery across different tenure types through the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme (2016 – 2021) (SOAHP). As you will be aware, the SOAHP ended on the 31 March 2021; however, partners delivering through the programme are still able to claim affordable housing starts up to the end of the financial year 2021/22.

The SOAHP uses the definition of an affordable home contained within the National Planning Policy Framework. There are five affordable housing products delivered through the programme – shared ownership, rent to buy, affordable rent, specialist housing and social rent. The latest delivery data that we have available for total allocations made through the programme goes up to the end of March 2022. This shows that Homes England has supported the delivery of 142,861 affordable homes through the programme. This is broken down as follows:

Tenure	SOAHP Delivery
Shared Ownership	46,604
Rent to Buy	5,253
Affordable Rent	65,202
Specialist Housing	11,514
Social Rent	14,288
Total	142,861

The data does show some slight changes to allocations (both increases in some tenures and decreases in others) when compared to the update provided in December 2021. This is due to external factors impacting on delivery, such as the effects of the pandemic and wider market conditions. However, changes of this nature are expected with 2021/22 being the last year to achieve an affordable housing start – tenure numbers may change further as a result of changes in schemes and continuous systems reconciliations (i.e. data assurance).

Further allocations have been made under the AHP 2021-26 details which can be found here [Homes England's Strategic Partnerships for the Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/homes-england-strategic-partnerships-for-the-affordable-homes-programme-2021-26).

Yours sincerely,

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