

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA031219-8268

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 2 December 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for;

*...how much money has been given to the not for profit making company L&Q housing and how this money has been regulated. Also, why shared ownership companies like L&Q are allowed to charge quite extortionate rates for literally everything when it is supposed to be affordable housing and seemingly not have to be answerable to anyone, literally a license to print money.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

I confirm the GLA has agreed the following grant allocations to L&Q under the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme 2016-22:

| London & Quadrant - GLA Grant Allocations 2016-22 |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Programme:  | Grant allocation:   |
| Affordable Homes Programme (AHP) 2016-22          | £594,000,000        |
| <b>Total:</b>                                     | <b>£594,000,000</b> |

The Mayor's grant allocation to L&Q is conditional upon the provider delivering 15,000 new affordable homes starts in London by March 2022.

As a Private Registered Provider (also referred to as housing associations), L&Q is regulated by the Regulator of Social Housing and if you want to find out more about this I have included a link to their website below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/regulator-of-social-housing>

In response to the issue you've raised on extortionate service charges on shared ownership properties managed by L&Q I confirm that, as part of the g15 group of large Registered Providers, L&Q has signed up to the Mayor's Charter for Shared Ownership Service Charges. I have included a link to our website which provides more information on this here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/shared-ownership-charter-service-charges>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

  
**Area Manager, North East Team, Housing & Land**

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>