Table 78 Housing subsidy and housing benefit subsidy in Wales f million

	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Basic housing subsidy:														
Positive entitlements	17.8	7.6	5.2	3.8	3.2	2.3	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.9
 Negative entitlements 	10.5	17.4	25.5	41.2	54.2	69.7	76.5	80.8	91.8	93.1	87.8	87.2	91.9	83.7
= Net housing subsidy	7.3	- 9.8	- 20.3	- 37.4	- 51.0	- 67.4	- 75.9	- 80.1	- 91.8	- 93.0	- 87.4	- 86.7	- 90.8	- 81.8
Gross rent rebate subsidy Negative basic housing	165.9	184.4	210.7	228.2	245.9	258.1	265.8	261.6	260.4	261.2	263.5	267.5	274.0	269.0
subsidy entitlements	10.5	17.4	25.5	41.2	54.2	69.7	76.5	80.8	91.8	93.1	87.8	85.6	91.9	83.7
= Net rent rebate subsidy	155.4	167.0	185.2	187.0	191.7	188.4	189.3	180.8	168.6	168.1	175.7	181.9	182.1	185.3
Combined housing subsidy	173.2	174.6	190.4	190.7	194.8	190.7	189.9	181.5	168.6	168.2	176.1	182.4	183.5	187.2

Source: National Assembly for Wales, derived from housing subsidy claims.

Notes: The combined housing subsidy is conventionally presented as the sum of positive basic housing subsidy entitlements and net rent rebate subsidy. Alternatively it could be expressed as the sum of net basic housing subsidy entitlements and gross rent rebate subsidy. This would make the role of negative housing subsidy entitlements more explicit. Figures for 2002/03 and 2003/04 are provisional.