

Table 120a **Assistance with housing costs for homeowners, council and private tenants in Great Britain**

£ million

|                                | 1980/81 | 1985/86 | 1990/91 | 1995/96 | 2000/01 | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>General subsidies</b>       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Homeowners                     | 1,925   | 4,690   | 7,600   | 2,660   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| + Council tenants              | 2,130   | 868     | 1,195   | - 486   | - 1,185 | 409     | 332     | 313     | 124     | 283     | 132     | 22      | - 235   | - 143   | - 495   | - 711   | - 6     | - 8     | - 13    | 0       | 0       |
| + Private tenants              | 0       | 0       | 105     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| = Total                        | 4,055   | 5,558   | 8,900   | 2,174   | - 1,185 | 409     | 332     | 313     | 124     | 283     | 132     | 22      | - 235   | - 143   | - 495   | - 711   | - 6     | - 8     | - 13    | 0       | 0       |
| <b>Means-tested assistance</b> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Homeowners                     | 71      | 300     | 539     | 1,016   | 521     | 453     | 337     | 313     | 340     | 381     | 392     | 437     | 427     | 563     | 517     | 374     | 357     | 319     | 291     | 280     | 278     |
| + Council tenants              | 841     | 2,296   | 3,368   | 5,430   | 5,258   | 5,282   | 5,405   | 5,027   | 5,200   | 5,263   | 5,370   | 5,454   | 5,368   | 5,470   | 5,405   | 5,578   | 5,870   | 5,949   | 5,997   | 5,972   | 5,814   |
| + Private tenants              | 145     | 705     | 1,388   | 3,804   | 2,851   | 2,824   | 3,032   | 3,028   | 3,354   | 3,716   | 4,276   | 4,698   | 5,624   | 7,572   | 8,672   | 9,216   | 9,272   | 9,275   | 9,098   | 8,783   | 8,405   |
| = Total                        | 1,057   | 3,301   | 5,295   | 10,250  | 8,630   | 8,559   | 8,774   | 8,368   | 8,894   | 9,360   | 10,038  | 10,589  | 11,419  | 13,605  | 14,594  | 15,168  | 15,499  | 15,543  | 15,386  | 15,035  | 14,497  |
| <b>All forms of assistance</b> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Homeowners                     | 1,996   | 4,990   | 8,139   | 3,676   | 521     | 453     | 337     | 313     | 340     | 381     | 392     | 437     | 427     | 563     | 517     | 374     | 357     | 319     | 291     | 280     | 278     |
| + Council tenants              | 2,971   | 3,164   | 4,563   | 4,944   | 4,073   | 5,691   | 5,737   | 5,340   | 5,324   | 5,546   | 5,502   | 5,476   | 5,133   | 5,327   | 4,910   | 4,867   | 5,864   | 5,941   | 5,984   | 5,972   | 5,814   |
| + Private tenants              | 145     | 705     | 1,493   | 3,804   | 2,851   | 2,824   | 3,032   | 3,028   | 3,354   | 3,716   | 4,276   | 4,698   | 5,624   | 7,572   | 8,672   | 9,216   | 9,272   | 9,275   | 9,098   | 8,783   | 8,405   |
| = Total                        | 5,112   | 8,859   | 14,195  | 12,424  | 7,445   | 8,968   | 9,106   | 8,681   | 9,018   | 9,643   | 10,170  | 10,611  | 11,184  | 13,462  | 14,099  | 14,457  | 15,493  | 15,535  | 15,373  | 15,035  | 14,497  |

Sources: See Tables 108, 109 and 113.

Notes: 1. All figures are for Great Britain.

2. Figures for means-tested assistance to private tenants exclude estimated costs of rent allowances to housing association tenants (for the years from 1994/95 they are provided by DWP).

3. General subsidies for homeowners are based solely on mortgage tax relief. They do not include the value of right to buy discounts or the value of capital gains tax and rental value tax relief (see Chapter 6 Commentary).

4. Private sector improvement grants cannot be included in this table as at different times they have been more or less extensively subjected to means-testing.

5. General subsidies for council tenants are now set to zero following reforms to the Housing Revenue Accounts in England (from 2012/13) and Wales (from 2015/16). However the ending of the previous subsidy regimes came at a cost of £7.6 billion in England and £919 million in Wales. If this cost was spread over 30 years this would be equivalent to an annual negative subsidy of some £430 million a year (based on a 30-year repayment annuity at 2.94% and based on PWLB rates for standard annuities).

Table 120b **Assistance with housing costs for homeowners, council and private tenants in Great Britain**

£ million at 2016/17 prices

|                                | 1980/81       | 1985/86       | 1990/91       | 1995/96       | 2000/01        | 2001/02       | 2002/03       | 2003/04       | 2004/05       | 2005/06       | 2006/07       | 2007/08       | 2008/09       | 2009/10       | 2010/11       | 2011/12       | 2012/13       | 2013/14       | 2014/15       | 2015/16       | 2016/17       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>General subsidies</b>       |               |               |               |               |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Homeowners                     | 7,893         | 12,898        | 15,857        | 4,694         | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| + Council tenants              | 8,733         | 2,387         | 2,493         | - 858         | - 1,831        | 621           | 496           | 454           | 175           | 388           | 175           | 28            | - 288         | - 176         | - 582         | - 795         | - 7           | - 8           | - 13          | 0             | 0             |
| + Private tenants              | 0             | 0             | 219           | 0             | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| <b>= Total</b>                 | <b>16,626</b> | <b>15,285</b> | <b>18,569</b> | <b>3,836</b>  | <b>- 1,831</b> | <b>621</b>    | <b>496</b>    | <b>454</b>    | <b>175</b>    | <b>388</b>    | <b>175</b>    | <b>28</b>     | <b>- 288</b>  | <b>- 176</b>  | <b>- 582</b>  | <b>- 795</b>  | <b>- 7</b>    | <b>- 8</b>    | <b>- 13</b>   | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Means-tested assistance</b> |               |               |               |               |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Homeowners                     | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| + Council tenants              | 291           | 825           | 1,125         | 1,793         | 805            | 688           | 503           | 454           | 479           | 522           | 521           | 557           | 523           | 693           | 608           | 418           | 387           | 336           | 299           | 285           | 278           |
| + Private tenants              | 3,448         | 6,314         | 7,027         | 9,582         | 8,123          | 8,019         | 8,071         | 7,295         | 7,328         | 7,212         | 7,132         | 6,946         | 6,575         | 6,734         | 6,360         | 6,240         | 6,363         | 6,258         | 6,163         | 6,078         | 5,814         |
| + Private tenants              | 595           | 1,939         | 2,896         | 6,712         | 4,405          | 4,287         | 4,527         | 4,394         | 4,726         | 5,092         | 5,679         | 5,983         | 6,889         | 9,322         | 10,204        | 10,309        | 10,051        | 9,757         | 9,350         | 8,939         | 8,405         |
| <b>= Total</b>                 | <b>4,334</b>  | <b>9,078</b>  | <b>11,048</b> | <b>18,087</b> | <b>13,333</b>  | <b>12,994</b> | <b>13,101</b> | <b>12,144</b> | <b>12,534</b> | <b>12,826</b> | <b>13,332</b> | <b>13,485</b> | <b>13,987</b> | <b>16,750</b> | <b>17,172</b> | <b>16,967</b> | <b>16,802</b> | <b>16,351</b> | <b>15,813</b> | <b>15,303</b> | <b>14,497</b> |
| <b>All forms of assistance</b> |               |               |               |               |                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Homeowners                     | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| + Council tenants              | 8,184         | 13,723        | 16,982        | 6,487         | 805            | 688           | 503           | 454           | 479           | 522           | 521           | 557           | 523           | 693           | 608           | 418           | 387           | 336           | 299           | 285           | 278           |
| + Private tenants              | 12,181        | 8,701         | 9,520         | 8,724         | 6,292          | 8,640         | 8,566         | 7,749         | 7,503         | 7,600         | 7,307         | 6,974         | 6,287         | 6,558         | 5,777         | 5,444         | 6,357         | 6,250         | 6,150         | 6,078         | 5,814         |
| + Private tenants              | 595           | 1,939         | 3,115         | 6,712         | 4,405          | 4,287         | 4,527         | 4,394         | 4,726         | 5,092         | 5,679         | 5,983         | 6,889         | 9,322         | 10,204        | 10,309        | 10,051        | 9,757         | 9,350         | 8,939         | 8,405         |
| <b>= Total</b>                 | <b>20,959</b> | <b>24,362</b> | <b>29,617</b> | <b>21,923</b> | <b>11,502</b>  | <b>13,615</b> | <b>13,597</b> | <b>12,598</b> | <b>12,708</b> | <b>13,214</b> | <b>13,507</b> | <b>13,513</b> | <b>13,699</b> | <b>16,574</b> | <b>16,590</b> | <b>16,172</b> | <b>16,795</b> | <b>16,342</b> | <b>15,799</b> | <b>15,303</b> | <b>14,497</b> |

Sources and Notes: As Table 120a. Cash figures adjusted by the ONS 'all items' retail price index (CHAW).