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**Dear Housing Strategy Manager,**

**National Register of Social Housing (NROSH) and your Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA)**

You may be aware of the Department's project to establish a national database containing up to date information on the stock of social housing in England.

The database is populated with information about each individual dwelling which is provided by automated uploads from landlords' housing management systems. For more information on this and how to access the data please consult the NROSH website at [www.communities.gov.uk/nationalregisterofsocialhousing](http://www.communities.gov.uk/nationalregisterofsocialhousing)

One of the major potential benefits of NROSH to local authorities is that, once the necessary data has been provided by landlords, the Department will use it to complete parts of the local authorities' annual housing statistics returns.

The cells which can be populated from NROSH will be highlighted in your 2008 HSSA form and, where sufficient valid NROSH data has been provided, they will be filled with statistics aggregated from them by the Department. As last year you will have the option of using the NROSH derived figures or overwriting them.

When all social landlords are participating in NROSH and the data are complete and accurate, these benefits will be fully realised. You may therefore wish to consult the housing associations in your area on their readiness for this. A guideline which may help you in raising this with your housing associations is attached. The Housing Corporation is aware of this initiative and has written to all housing associations advising them. It might be useful to check on NROSH-Online to see what data the housing associations in your area are currently providing.

The slides from the 2007 regional seminars are now available on the NROSH website. These contain some examples of the possible uses of NROSH data which I hope you will find useful.

Thanks again for all your help with NROSH. I hope that you will now begin to get some of the benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Guideline On LA Consultation with Housing Associations re Provision of NROSH Data to Assist Completion of Parts A and N of the HSSA**

As part of the annual process of completing the HSSA you will normally contact all housing associations with stock in your area and ask them to update their figures on total stock, vacancies and hard to lets for part A and on new provision of affordable housing for Part N. The National Register of Social Housing is designed to produce these statistics from the address level data that both local authorities with stock and housing associations provide for it. Once HAs have provided the necessary data through NROSH the Department's advice to them is that they will not be required to provide it again in a duplicate data collection. It is suggested therefore that when you contact the HAs this year you ascertain whether valid data on their stock will be available from NROSH. It would probably help both you and the HAs if you are able to be a bit more specific than this so it is suggested that you might ask the following questions.

1. Has your organization submitted NROSH data yet?
2. If so do you know:
  - a. Whether the data submitted covers all of your social rented and affordable housing stock?
  - b. Whether it includes the fields necessary for the HSSA?(See table below)
  - c. Whether there will be a data upload that relates to the stock as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008?
3. If the answer to Question 1 is NO, when do you expect your organization to begin providing data to NROSH?

Where a local authority owns social housing the same questions apply to the part of the organization that is responsible for providing NROSH data.

## NROSH Fields Required for Sections A & N of the HSSA

FIELD PRIORITY	FIELD NUMBER		FIELD NAME
	Data Standards Release 3	Data Standards Release 4	
Mandatory	1	1	Address
	-	1.1	Local Authority in which the Dwelling is Located
	3	3	Data Provider's Property Reference Number
	7.1	7.1	Confirmation of Ownership
	-	7.2	Code of the Owner
	-	8	Confirmation of Manager
	13	13	Reference Number of the Data Provider
	14	14	Report Date
Required for the HSSA	15	15	Date that the Data Relate to
	23	23.1	Social Rented Housing
		23.2	Non-Social Rented Housing
		23.3	Low Cost Home Ownership
	26*	26*	Funding of dwellings developed or acquired after 31.3.2005
	24	24	Self Contained or Not Self Contained
	31	31	Type of Dwelling
	32	32	Form of Structure
	44	44	Number of Bedrooms
	45	45	Number of Bed Spaces
	-	87	Vacancy Status
	89	89	Vacant Bedspaces in Dormitories
	90*	90*	Dates Occupied
	91*	91*	Dates Vacated
	94	94	Choice Based Lettings
	-	95	Tenure Type
107*	107*	Stock Flow	
108*	108*	Stock Flow Date	

**\* To provide useable data for the HSSA it is essential that Fields 26, 90, 91, 107 and 108 include complete historic data back to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007**