



## Response to Request for Information

**Reference**      **WCC/FOI/111584**

**Date**            **17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

### ***Empty Public Buildings***

**Request:** Please will you kindly tell me (A) how many empty public buildings are under your control & (B) how many of them will you open them up for the homeless to use this winter?

### **Response:**

Under our control we have 35 empty buildings and these are being managed as part of our surplus assets management regime.

We will not open these for the homeless to use this winter, as we have other provisions in place, for example, if the temperature drops to Zero degrees centigrade for 3 days in a row, we will accommodate all those who are sleeping on the streets. We do not consider void commercial properties suitably safe to accommodate people.