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Dear

ATISN 27236 – Budget breakdown for Nest programme 2025/26

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 July 2026. You asked for a financial update for the Warm Homes Nest programme for the financial year 2025/26, specifically:

1. Provisional total spend: the total actual expenditure (provisional capital and resource outturn) deployed within the Warm Homes / Nest contract during the 2025/26 financial year.
2. Budget variance / underspend: the total value of any unspent or under-deployed capital from the £37.5 million allocation for 2025/26, and whether any portion of this has been formally clawed back into the Wales reserve or designated for slippage into 2026/27.
3. Delivery vs Spend matrices: the total number of households that received physical installations (e.g. heat pumps, insulation, central heating systems) during 2025/26 funded by this budget allocation.
4. Contractor deliverables: the total amount paid to the primary delivery contractor (e.g. British Gas / Centrica) for mobilisation, management fees, or administration in 2025/26. If the fully audited outturn has not yet been finalized for publication, please provide the most recent provisional or un-audited figures utilised by the finance department for end-of-year portfolio reporting.

Our response

The information you requested is below.

1. The total spend for the Warm Homes Nest programme (Nest) during the 2025/26 financial year was £30.2 million. This figure represents the total actual expenditure reported across Welsh Government's three delivery agents. This is a provisional figure, with the final Nest total expenditure to be confirmed in the Nest Annual Report, which will be published later this year.
2. During 2025/26, £35.5m capital was allocated to Nest. An underspend of £606,000 against the budget was returned to the Wales Reserve through an in-year budget exchange for Financial Transactions Capital (FTC) to support the Green Homes Wales Scheme. Separately, during the 2025/26 financial year, in-year monitoring identified forecast underspends across a number of Housing and Regeneration capital budgets. Through the Second Supplementary Budget 2025-26, these budgets were reprofiled and repurposed within the Housing and Local Government portfolio to support

delivery in 2025/26. This included a reduction of £7.786 million to the Nest budget line, with funding redirected to other housing priorities, including the Optimised Retrofit Programme and the Major Repairs Allowance, to support delivery during the same financial year.

For completeness, the remaining £2 million of Nest capital funding was allocated to remediation schemes in Caerau, Bridgend and Bryn Carno, Caerphilly, and was fully spent.

3. Provisionally, Nest delivered home energy efficiency improvements, including central heating systems, boilers, insulation, solar panels, and air source heat pumps, to 1,437 households between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The final figure will be contained within the forthcoming Nest Annual Report.
4. £27.5 million was paid to the Nest primary delivery contractor, British Gas. This includes the running and installation costs. As above, this is a provisional figure with the final Nest total expenditure to be confirmed in the forthcoming Annual Report.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely