

Housing Act 1961

1961 CHAPTER 65

PART I

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES

Miscellaneous

8 Reduction or withholding of subsidies in respect of housing provided in pursuance of special arrangements with Minister

- (1) If the Minister is satisfied that a housing association have made default in giving effect to the terms of special arrangements made with the Minister for the provision of dwellings he may reduce the amount of any exchequer subsidy in respect of the dwellings or suspend or discontinue the payment thereof as he thinks just.
- (2) Where any dwelling provided by a housing association under special arrangements made with the Minister becomes vested in a local authority—
 - (a) no further exchequer subsidy shall, after the time of the vesting, become payable by the Minister in respect of the dwelling, and
 - (b) the Minister may, if he thinks fit, pay out of money provided by Parliament to the local authority a sum equivalent to any exchequer subsidy which would, after the said time, have become payable to the housing association in respect of the dwelling if all conditions precedent to the payment of the subsidy had been at all material times observed,

and any payment which the Minister is authorised to make under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be included in the expression "exchequer payment" as defined in subsection (2) of section fifty-eight of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958.

(3) No exchequer subsidy shall be paid to a housing association in respect of a dwelling provided in pursuance of special arrangements made with the Minister if, before the payment is made, the Minister is satisfied that, during the whole or the greater part of the period to which the payment is referable, the dwelling in respect of which the payment would be made has not been available as a dwelling fit for habitation

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(according to the standards of fitness for habitation imposed by section four of the Housing Act, 1957):

Provided that this subsection shall not apply if the Minister is satisfied that the dwelling could not with reasonable diligence have been made available, during the whole or the greater part of the period to which the exchequer subsidy is referable, as a dwelling fit for habitation.

Any question under this subsection as to the period to which an exchequer subsidy is referable shall be determined by the Minister.