

Question 3

Question	Answer from 2015	Answer for 2020
The average value of diocesan bishops' housing;	£2.26m (excl Lambeth Palace)	£2.26m excl Lambeth Palace ¹ See answer below re. maintenance costs;
The average cost of suffragan bishops' housing;	Suffragan bishops' housing is a matter for dioceses	Suffragan bishops' housing is a matter for dioceses
The average annual cost of maintaining bishops' housing;	£61,079 per house.	£70,310 per house
The number of bishops living in houses with more than 6 bedrooms	26 see houses have more than 6 bedrooms (excluding areas outside the bishops' demise which are let or occupied by staff).	26 see houses have more than 6 bedrooms (excluding areas outside the bishops' demise which are let or occupied by staff).
The number of bishops with chauffeurs, and the cost of providing them;	11 bishops have drivers (4 of these also act as gardener) at a total cost of £207,400p.a.	There are no staff employed solely as chauffeurs. A number of bishops have staff who will on occasion do some driving for them in particular situations.
The number of bishops with a gardener	Not asked	12 ²
The annual cost of bishops' private club members	Not asked	Not known
The average annual amounts given to bishops for expenses or hospitality, paid by the Commissioners?	Not asked	Average local spend: £36,976 Average spend on meetings and hospitality: £3,200 ³

¹ Valuation was carried out by Knight Frank LLP as at 31 December 2013.

² 12 Diocesan Bishops directly employ gardeners, although some of these roles are shared with other duties; others have external gardening contracts.

We have separately commissioned a review of See house sustainability because we know that See house gardens and the impact of these houses may prove vital in helping the Church meet Synod's target of achieving net zero by 2030.

³ In 2019, for a pre-Covid comparison, average local spend: £53,446; average spend on meetings and hospitality: £15,238.